

1880-81

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP

FIRST ROUND:

Bell's Life 25/9/80 : "Appended is the first draw for this trophy, in the 80-81 competition, tabulated in districts. The first round is to be completed on or before Nov 13."

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT:

FIRST DIVISION:

Reading v Hotspur

Henley v Weybridge

Clapham Rovers v Finchley

Swifts v Old Foresters

Upton Park v Mosquitoes

READING 5 (G.Sillence, C.G.Field, F.G.Fuller, T.H.Turner, W.Holbrook) HOTSPUR 1 (H.Mangham)
(H.T. 3-0)(SAT NOV 13th)(At Reading)

Reading Observer 20/11/80 P.3 /Reading Mercury 20/11/80 P.5/Berkshire Chronicle 20/11/80
P.6/Referee 14/11/80 P.6/Sporting Life 17/11/80 P.1/Windsor & Eton Express 20/11/80 P.3(No
teams):

RO: "The Hotspur Club travelled from London to Reading on Saturday last to play Reading for the 1st ties in the above competition. A large number of spectators were on the ground, who took a keen interest in the game, each (side) coming in for their share of applause whenever the play deserved it. A strong wind was blowing right across the ground from west to east, and Reading having won the toss elected to kick towards the river with the wind slightly in their favour. Hotspur kicked off and the ball was soon taken up by the Reading forwards, who on the whole passed the ball very fairly. Field frequently challenged the Hotspur goal-keeper, who defended his goal very well, and at length by good passing Sillence landed the ball under the tape, scoring the first goal for Reading. This event disheartened the visitors, and it was not long before Field obtained a second goal for Reading. Several good corner kicks were kicked by Jones at this period, but they produced no luck. Fuller and Grundy played well together in the centre, and by their joint exertion the former was able to shoot the third goal for the home team. Soon after this "half-time" was called, and it was thought by many on the ground that with the wind Hotspur would be enabled to make matters more equal, but this was not the case, for the Reading forwards still assumed the offensive and Turner from a good pass by Grundy scored the fourth goal, and shortly afterwards Holbrook got the fifth goal for Reading in fine style. Just before the end Hotspur played up much better and Mangham obtained a goal about five minutes before time. Reading consequently won a well-fought match by five goals to one. Sillence and Holbrook came in for great applause which they richly deserved on account of their good "passing" and "dribbling". Cripps and H.Field played in fine form as backs, and Hayward's goal keeping was, as it always is, unsurpassable. On the part of Hotspur, Kay, the captain, played in brilliant form, and Rees, Mangham, and Carr did their best to prevent defeat. McIvor hurt his ankle shortly after half time which prevented his playing forward."

RM: "Reading won the toss, and Hotspur kicking off, rather against the wind; after a short time Field got the ball up close to the visitors' goal, and Sillence gave it the final kick and scored the first goal for Reading. On the ball being kicked off again Grundy and Fuller passed the ball on to Field, who cleverly kicked a second goal for the home team. Hotspur continued playing with a great vigour, and nearly obtained a goal, which was, however, well saved by Hayward. Fuller, shortly afterwards, ably assisted by Grundy, rushed a third goal for Reading. At half time Hotspur had the wind in their favour, but failed to score, and the Reading forwards still continued in the offensive, Turner getting the 4th and Holbrook the 5th goal for their side. Towards the end Hotspur made a capital spurt and Mangham got a goal after some thorough good play. At call of time Reading were left victors by five goals to one."

REF: "This match, under Association rules, was played to-day, Saturday, at Reading, and resulted in favour of the home team by five goals to one. The Reading captain won the toss, and decided to play with the strong wind in his favour. For half an hour neither side appeared to have any advantage, the play being fast and determined. At the expiration of that time the home forwards, by some really good play, scored a goal. Directly afterwards, M'Ivor, one of the 'Spurs' forwards, who had been playing remarkably well, was unfortunate enough to sprain his ankle, and was obliged to leave the field, after vainly trying to keep goal. His loss was soon felt, and by half-time the home team had scored three goals to nothing. In the second half, with the wind in their favour, the 'Spurs managed to score a goal, kicked by Maughan, but their opponents scored two, thus winning by five goals to one. No doubt a different result might have marked the conclusion had the Hotspur had eleven men throughout. For the home team, Holbrook, Sillence, Grundy, and Cripps deserve especial mention, and Randall and Rees for the Hotspur."

SL: "The goals were obtained by Sillence, Fuller, Grundy, Turner, and Holbrook for Reading, whilst Maughan kicked that for the Hotspur."

Reading: S. Hayward (Goal); A. J. Cripps, H. Field (Backs); W. L. Franklin (Capt.), W. H. Jones (Half Backs); W. Holbrook, G. Sillence (Right), G. B. Grundy, F. G. Fuller (Centre), C. G. Field, T. H. Turner (Left).

Hotspur: W. Winter (Goal); John Kay (Capt.), G. Dowie (Backs); W. J. Roberts, S. Foster, J. Ibbertson (Half Backs); S. R. Carr, G. Randall (Right), H. Mangham (Centre), John Rees, + G. M' Ivor (Left) . + Retired hurt

Umpires: J. W. Martin (Reading) and G. J. Muir (Hotspur). Referee: H. R. Hewett (Marlow).

WEYBRIDGE SWALLOWS 3 (M. Cababé, H. H. Hayden, C. C. Clarke) HENLEY 1 (Not recorded)
(H.T.0-0) (SAT NOV 13th)(At Portmore Park, Weybridge)

Henley Advertiser 20/11/80 P.4/Surrey Advertiser 22/11/60 P.5(Blurred print):

HA: "The cup tie between Henley and Weybridge Swallows was played at Weybridge on Saturday. The ground was fairly rough and little pains were taken to make the visitors comfortable. After a good game the home party proved victorious by three goals to one. The following was the Henley team: (No Weybridge lineup):

SA: "The above tie was played off on Saturday, November 13th in Portmore Park, Weybridge, ending in a victory for the home team by three goals to one. Some splendid play was shown on both sides, and

the game generally was quite a treat to the large number of spectators who witnessed it. Weybridge, having won the toss, set the ball going with the wind in their favour, and Cababe scored first goal shortly after half time was called. The ball was quickly set rolling again, and although the visitors had the wind in their favour they were unable to score more than one goal. This made the Weybridge men play harder than ever, and Hayden, after a splendid run up, scored goal No 2. Shortly after Clarke kicked one, making total three for the home team."

Weybridge Swallows: A. Fricker (Goal); F. Eldridge, F. V. Hornby (Backs); A. P. Lucas, Rev W. B. Money (Capt.) (Half Backs); W. Battye, F. Wright (Rights), + E. Winterborne, M. Cababe (Centres), H. Hayden, C. C. Clarke (Lefts). (SA: Some Initials interpreted from next game)

+Print blurred for 1st syllable of name ++A. White in next round.

Henley: W. S. Palmer (Goal); C. R. Hodges, H. A. Lowther (Backs); J. F. Cooper, F. P. Ive (Capt.) (Half Backs); W. J. M. Hughes, J. S. McCullagh (Right), Hon. E. N. Rollo, B. Palmer (Centres), Hon. R. C. Jervis, W. Wing (Left). (HA) (SA: but different forward designations)

N.B. Sportsman 11/11/80 has same Henley team for the match (without B. Palmer: not named) with 2 extra initials (which have been added) and M' Culloch spelling of McCullagh and Hon. G. N. Rollo).

CLAPHAM ROVERS 15 (F. J. Sparks 4, E. A. Ram 3, F. Barry 3, C. H. R. Wollaston 3, A. J. Stanley, C. A. Lloyd-Jones) FINCHLEY 0 (H. T 4-0) (SAT NOV 13th) (At Wandsworth)

Barnet Press 20/11/80 P.5/Sporting Life 17/11/80 P.1/Referee 14/11/80 P.6:

BP: "This match, in the first round of the Association Challenge Cup, was decided on the Rovers' ground, at Wandsworth, on Saturday. The visitors, who were two short, were overmatched, and throughout the contest the home team had matters all their own way. During the first portion of the game the Rovers scored four goals against the wind. After half time eleven more goals were added to the score, the home team thus winning by fifteen goals to nil. The goals were kicked by Sparks (four), Ram, Barry, and Wollaston (three each), and Stanley and Lloyd-Jones (one each)."

SL: "This match, in the first round, was played, on Saturday at Wandsworth. The game needs but little description, as the visitors, who were two men short, were terribly overmatched. During the first half the Rovers scored four goals, and afterwards, eleven more were added to their score, the home team thus winning by fifteen goals to nil. The goals were kicked by Sparks (four), Ram, Barry, and Wollaston (three each), Stanley and Lloyd-Jones."

REF: "Played at Wandsworth to-day (Saturday), and resulted in a victory for the Clapham Rovers by fifteen goals to none, four in the first half of the game, against the wind, and eleven with the wind, kicked by Ram (three), Barry (three), Sparks (four), Wollaston (three), Stanley (one), Lloyd-Jones (one). Finchley played two short."

Lloyds Weekly News 14/11/80: "This match was decided upon the Rovers' ground at Wandsworth, when the Rovers won easily by fifteen goals (Sparks four, Ram, Barry and Wollaston three each, Stanley and Lloyd-Jones one each) to nil"

Clapham Rovers:R.A.M.M.Ogilvie(Capt.),Edgar Field,W.Tayloe,N.C.Bailey,V.Weston,C.H.R.Wollaston,
A.J.Stanley,F.J.Sparks,F.Barry,E.A.Ram,C.A.Lloyd-Jones.

Finchley:F.S.Hearn(Capt.),A.Hearn(Goal),N.L.Jackson,C.Cotton,R.Anderson,H.Perkins,
A.Boney,H.Chambers,W.B.Browne(9 men).

SWIFTS 1 (E.C.Bambridge) OLD FORESTERS 1 (E.Cazenove)(H.T. 1-1)(SAT NOV 6th)(At Kennington
Oval)

Sportsman 8/11/80 P.4/Bell's Life 13/11/80 P.4/Nottingham Evening Post 9/11/80 P.4/Sporting Life
10/11/80 P.1:

SM/NEP:"At a few minutes past three Cazenove kicked off against wind and hill,the Swifts having
won the toss,but the "gnat-catchers" were quickly on the alert,and before five minutes had elapsed
E.C.Bambridge had obtained a goal.On resuming hostilities the Swifts again advanced,but Savory
failed to score from a corner,the ball falling behind.The Foresters now played together with a
will,and succeeded in obtaining a corner,from which,however,they failed to score,and the result of
the free kick ended in a corner for Savory,but nothing came of it.Half-time was now approaching,
and "ye merry men"were determined to equalise matters,if possible,so led on by Cazenove and Day
they attacked full front,and the former succeeded in putting the ball through.At half-time,ends
having been changed,the contest was vigorously renewed by both sides,but no further score was
obtained,and at the call of time the game was declared drawn.For the Swifts,A.L.Bambridge,
J.H.Savory,W.Wild,E.C.Bambridge,and E.J.Wild did good service,while for the Foresters,E.Cazenove,
T.M.Day,A.W.Letts,and K.W.Elmslie were the most energetic."

BL:"A splendidly contested match was played between these two teams at Kennington Oval.Shortly
after the start-3 o'clock-the Swifts scored a goal,and,although the Old Foresters played with great
determination,they were unable to equalise matters for upwards of half an hour.During the
remainder of the game no other goals were obtained,and the battle will have to be fought over
again."

Swifts:W.G.Roff(Goal);A.L.Bambridge,H.Nicholls(Backs);J.H.Savory(Capt.),A.R.Aspinall(Half Backs),
W.Wild,E.J.Wild(Right Side),H.A.Chitty,A.Arnott(Centres),E.C.Bambridge,L.B.Keyser(Left Side).

Old Foresters:J.W.M.Guy(Goal);K.W.Elmslie,L.Horner(Backs);C.J.Fox,E.H.Topham(Half Backs);
B.J.Day,T.M.Day(Right Side),F.Woolley,A.W.Letts(Centres),E.Cazenove(Capt.),P.Fairclough(Left Side).

Umpires:E.H.Bambridge(Swifts) and H.Richmond for Old Foresters.Referee:J.R.Maclean.

REPLAY:SAT NOV 20th:At Kennington Oval

OLD FORESTERS 1(F.Woolley) SWIFTS 2 (A.G.Parke,A.J.Chitty)(H.T. 1-1)

Sportsman 22/11/80 P.4/Field 27/11/80 P.809/Sporting Life 24/11/80 P.1/Bell's Life 27/11/80 P.3/Referee 22/11/80 P.6/London Daily News 22/11/80 P.3/Nottingham Evening Post 22/11/80 P.3/Athletic News 24/11/80 P.7/Windsor & Eton Express 27/11/80 P.2:

SM/NEP:"These teams met at the Oval on Saturday last for the second time to decide their tie in the first round,the match played a fortnight previously having resulted in a draw.The Foresters won the toss and chose the home goal,and at about three E.J.Wild kicked off from the opposite side,the ball at the start being kept well in the centre.Cazenove at length made a run,and got well into foreign territory, when a scrimmage took place,and F.Woolley neatly put the ball through,drawing first blood for the Foresters.After starting again R.B+.Johnson did a capital run and looked like scoring,but E.C.Bambridge obtained possession and carried the ball right through the opposing ranks,sending Elmslie,among others,to do pennance to Mother Earth,and being well backed up by A.G.Parke,the latter's chance arrived,and he landed a goal for the Swifts amidst much applause.Nothing further occurred up to half-time,and the score being equal,both sides seemed determined to put forward their utmost strength.The Swifts had a bit the best of it,and pressed their opponents hard for some time,when Cazenove broke away,and after a splendid dribble,kicked the ball right over the Swifts' goal.Soon after E.C.Bambridge did another masterly run,and passing to A.J.Chitty,the latter kicked a second goal for the Swifts.Nothing further happened,and at the call of time the latter were winners by two goals to one." +Not Johnston

F:"The teams were evenly matched,for while the Foresters missed E.H.Topham,whose play at half back was the saving of his side,the Swifts had lost the services of three members who played in the earlier contest."

SL:"Drawn together in the first round,these clubs met on the 6th instant at Kennington Oval,when the result was a draw,each side scoring one goal.On Saturday they again met on the same ground, when a fast game was witnessed by a large number of spectators.The play on both sides was very equal,and it was doubtful until almost the last moment which side would secure victory,but despite the exertions of the Foresters(conspicuous amongst whom were Fairclough,Cazenove,Day,and Guy)the Swifts won by two goals to one.For the winners,the two Bambridges,Wild,Savory,and Keyser most distinguished themselves.Parke and Chitty kicked the goals for the Swifts,whilst Woolley kicked that for the Foresters."

Old Foresters:J.W.M.Guy(Goal);K.W.Elmslie,L.Horner(Backs);C.J.Fox,R.B.Johnson(Half Backs); T.M.Day,B.J.W.Grieve(Right),F.Woolley,F.G.Guy(Centres),E.Cazenove(Capt.),P.Fairclough(Left).

Swifts:W.Nicholls(Goal);A.L.Bambridge,H.Nicholls(Backs);J.H.Savory(Capt.),E.A.Everett(Half Backs); E.J.Wild,A.G.Parke(Right),W.Wild,A.J.Chitty(Centres),E.C.Bambridge,L.B.Keyser(Left).

Umpires:C.H.R.Wollaston(Wanderers)for Old Foresters and S.R.Bastard(Upton Park) for Swifts.Referee:Major Marindin,R.E.

UPTON PARK 8 (J.Barnard 3,C.Mitchell 2,O.T.Cooke,J.T.Weldon,S.R.Bastard)

MOSQUITOES 1(A.E.Denny)(H.T. 3-1)(SAT NOV 13th)(At Poplar Walk,Loughborough Junction)

Field 20/11/80 P.775/Referee 14/11/80 P.6:

F: "These clubs played their match in the first round of the competition for the Association Challenge Cup on Nov. 13, at Loughborough Junction. The half gale which was blowing detracted greatly from the science of the game. The Mosquitoes commencing with the wind directly behind them speedily worked the ball into their opponents' quarters, and within five minutes from the start Denny scored a goal for them, one of the Upton backs having made somewhat of a mis-kick in front of his posts, owing to the difficulty of steadying the ball in the high wind. For half an hour nothing further resulted, though the Mosquitoes were aided partly by luck and partly by the first rate goalkeeping of Carman in repelling shots at their goal by the Upton forwards. Mitchell then placed the ball in Barnard's power, and the latter scored Upton's first goal. Two corner kicks fell to Upton and one to the Mosquitoes, but the wind quite prevented accuracy of aim, and they came to nothing. A capital run up the left side by Barnard, Mitchell and Bastard nearly resulted in another goal for Upton from the foot of the latter, but the wind blew the ball across the posts, but the right wings were not backing up and lost the chance. Shortly afterwards, however, another good middle by Mitchell enabled Barnard, who backed up well throughout, to score a second goal. Some good play by Welldon and Bastard was followed by a goal to Mitchell. The Mosquitoes played up very hard, and with their strong ally, the wind, several times got down to the Upton lines, but could not score, though Warner had to use his hands occasionally. Half time was now called, three goals to one being registered to Upton, who now had the benefit of the wind. From this time the leather was kept continually at the Mosquitoes' end, and Cooke got a fourth goal by a magnificent throw in, which the Mosquitoes' goal keeper ineffectually tried to stop. After further skirmishing Bastard passed to Welldon, and the result was a fifth goal for the Uptonians. At this period of the game, Davey was kicked on an old hack, and had to retire. Mitchell then dribbled most skilfully through the thick of his opponents, and secured a sixth goal by a splendid shot. Bastard soon after kicked another goal for his side, after a good cross by H.R. Barnett. Time was now nearly up, but Barnard headed the ball through once more before the call of time, leaving Upton victors by eight goals to one. The Mosquitoes played well together, and the backs kicked well, while Carman kept goal in good form, with the exception of the one error of judgment mentioned above. For the winners, Barnard and Mitchell showed good play throughout, and did not spare themselves any exertion, and all the backs worked well, more especially Cooke, whose fine throwing in was quite a feature of the game. Bates perhaps might have taken his kick sooner than he did at times, though the great force of the wind made it extremely difficult to steady the ball."

REF: "This Cup match was played at Loughborough Junction to-day (Saturday). The high wind much interfered with the game. Upton ultimately won by eight goals to one."

Upton Park: Conrad Warner (Capt.) (Goal); W.J. Mangles, P.C. Bates (Backs); O.T. Cooke, R. Stuart-King (Half Backs), H.R. Barnett, J.B. Hunter (Right), C. Mitchell, J.T. Welldon (Centres), J. Barnard, S.R. Bastard (Left). (F/REF)

Mosquitoes: P.L. Carman (Goal); W. Spellman, J.H. Cornford (Backs); G.W. Thompson, G. Rankin (Half Backs), W. Spellman, J.H. Cornford (Backs), E.A. Whittle (Capt.), A.E. Denney, C.F. Borman, C.J. Davey, J.L. Campbell, A.J. Cornford (Forwards). (F)

Umpires: O.P. Lancashire (Cambridge) for Upton Park and A.B. Russell for Mosquitoes.
Referee: Rev. J. Blackmore (Remnants).

SECOND DIVISION:

Barnes v Herts Rangers

Brentwood v Old Etonians

Old Harrovians v Maidenhead

Windsor Home Park v Grey Friars

Hendon v St Peter's Institute

HERTS RANGERS 6 (C.P.Harvey 3,J.Hughes,J.Kennedy,F.Sargent)BARNES 0(Sat Oct 30th)(At Watford)

Watford Observer 6/11/80 P.4:

CHECK HERTS GUARDIAN WHEN 1880 ON LINE

WO:"This match was played at Watford on Saturday,and after an exciting game,resulted in favour of the Rangers by six goals(Harvey 3,Hughes 1,Kennedy 1,and Sargent) to none,and also three others disallowed on the ground of offside.For the Rangers,Harvey played in fine form forward,and as regards the backs they all worked so equally hard,it would not be fair to mention any name in particular.For Barnes,(Burmester)was of great service in goal,whilst Ibbs and Wilson played well forward."

Herts Rangers:T.P.Villiers(Goal);G.H.Heslop,T.E.Vincent(Backs);C.R.Chance,E.C.Foa(Half Backs); E.G.Gordon,J.Hughes(Right Side),C.P.Harvey,F.Sargent(Centres),R.Barker(Capt.),J.Kennedy(Left Side).

Barnes:W.S.Burmester(Goal);E.Carlisle,F.M.Robertson(Backs);J.P.Muspratt(Capt.),T.Montague(Half Backs);C.A.Wilson,C.V.Freeman(Right Side),R.S.Ibbs,C.Brandon(Centres),C.D.Muspratt,T.W.Shatton (Left Side).

Umpires:W.A.Jacobs and E.H.Flood.

BRENTWOOD 0 OLD ETONIANS 10(H.C.Goodhart 4 ,H.Whitfeld 2 ,Own goal,.Others 3) (H.T. 0-5)
(SAT NOV 6th)(At Brentwood)

Bell's Life 13/11/80 P.4/Field 13/11/80 P.734/London Daily News 8/11/80 P.3/Morning Post 8/11/80 P.2/Sporting Life 10/11/80 P.1:

BL:"These teams played at Brentwood on Saturday,and the game was started at 3:35 and had only lasted five minutes when Goodhart placed the first goal to the Etonians' credit.A second was soon afterwards scored by the same player,who,again securing possession from a throw in by Foley,sent the ball a third time between the posts.Before the first 45 minutes had expired two more goals by Whitfeld were got.After change of sides the visitors obtained five more goals,and when time was called at five minutes past 5,the Old Etonians were left victors by 10 goals to none."

F:"These clubs met on Saturday at Brentwood for the purpose of deciding in the first round of the Football Association Challenge Cup competition.It was perhaps unfortunate for Brentwood that they were thus early drawn against so strong a club as the Old Etonians as the anything but cheerful prospect of being shut out at the very outset was the only one that could be looked forward to with

any degree of certainty. Expectations of defeat were very general on the part of those interested in the home team, and they may be said to have been more than realised. On the Brentwood side were several very good and hard-working players, but seldom was there anything like combined action displayed. Against a more moderate team they would likely have shown to greater advantage; but, opposed by the unselfish forward and strong back play of the Old Etonians, Brentwood were at times completely nonplussed. Proceedings were commenced at 3.35 by Brentwood kicking off from the goal farthest from the main road. The ball had been in play but a few minutes when the Etonians began to assert their superiority, and, working their way towards the Brentwood goal, kept up a most determined attack. Landon strove gallantly to save his charge, but, before ten minutes had gone by, Goodhart succeeded in planting the ball between the enemies' posts. The kick-off was well returned, and, although Brentwood worked hard to force the game to a less dangerous position, their efforts were unavailing. Two corner kicks fell to the Old Etonians, Novelli from the centre shot the ball just over the bar, and Whitfeld on the left and Chance on the right both nearly managed to score. Thus the Brentwood men were kept in a continual state of anxiety. A second goal from the foot of Goodhart did not tend to raise the hopes of Brentwood, but for whose goal-keeper the losses would have been more severe at this portion of the game than they were. After a loose scrimmage the ball was a third time sent through, but an appeal of off-side was given against the Old Etonians, who, however, soon secured a third goal, Goodhart heading a long throw in by Foley under the tape. Shortly afterwards, Anderson, on the right, took a long shot at goal, and Whitfeld, securing possession, accurately directed its course. The latter player succeeded in again scoring, and at half time five goals were claimed by the Old Etonians, while Brentwood changed ends pointlessly. The game had been restarted but a very short period when a loose scrimmage occurred in front of the Brentwood goal, and Goodhart was enabled to head the ball between the posts; and a seventh success was presently gained through the ball bounding off a Brentwood player. Eight goals were secured by the Old Etonians, without their own stronghold being seriously endangered; but subsequently Brentwood showed some improvement, and several times approached to the visitors' citadel. Nothing rewarded the home team's efforts, however, while two more goals were placed to the credit of the Old Etonians, who consequently retired winners by ten goals to none."

Brentwood: F. Landon (Goal); Rev. F. W. Crick, D. Morgan (Backs); T. Cuthbert, A. R. G. Newton, J. L. Nickisson (Half Backs); H. M. Rumball, B. H. S. Barnes (Right Wing), H. S. Bowen (Centre) R. Growse, F. W. S. Hayne (Left Wing).

Old Etonians; Hon. A. F. Kinnaird (Capt.) (Goal), T. H. French, F. W. Hotham (Backs), C. W. Foley, B. Farrer (Half Backs), W. J. Anderson, J. F. Chance (Right Wing), R. H. Macaulay, H. C. Goodhart (Centres), P. C. Novelli, H. Whitfeld (Left Wing).

Umpires: Major Marindin and P. M. Earle. Referee: J. F. E. Fanning.

MAIDENHEAD 1 (J. Wilks) OLD HARROVIANS 1 (O. G.) (SAT NOV 13th) (At Maidenhead) (H. T. 0-1)

Maidenhead Advertiser 17/11/80 P.3/Sportsman 15/11/80 P.4/Field 27/11/80 P.809/Bell's Life 20/11/80 P.10/Sporting Life 17/11/80 P.1/Windsor & Eton Express 20/11/80 P.3 (No teams):

MA: "This match in the first ties of the Association Cup was played at Maidenhead on Saturday, in miserable weather. A drizzling rain fell most of the time, and made the ground very slippery, while a gusty wind blowing across the field militated somewhat against accurate play. Maidenhead kicked off, but the visitors immediately returned the ball into the home territory, where some good play was shown by Hargreaves, Harvey, Hills, and Rowe. Two or three fine shots at goal were splendidly stopped by Lovegrove. The Maidenhead team, however, soon settled down to their work and made the game very even, W. Mackie, Blackwell, Lyne, and Reay playing in particularly good form. The Old Harrovians were, however, the first to score. Lovegrove kicked the ball onto one of their forwards and it rebounded sharply through the posts.

On change of ends, Maidenhead, not at all discouraged, played up wonderfully well, and in turn pressed their opponents very much. Two or three corner kicks fell to their lot, but the ball was taken well away by the Harrovian backs. From a fine kick in front of the posts, Wilks placed a goal for the home team, and thus equalised the game. Both sides now strove their utmost; the play was very fast, and each goal was in turn menaced, but at the call of "no side" the match was left drawn, with a goal each."

SM: "These teams met on Saturday last on the Maidenhead Cricket Ground to try their respective strengths for the first ties under very unfavourable circumstances. The wind was blowing very strong from the west, and a very thick misty rain set in and continued throughout the whole afternoon, rendering the ground very disagreeable for play, so much so that falls were frequent, and the players soon became very dirty, especially the Harrovians, whose costumes were much lighter than those of the home team. The ball having been kicked off by the Harrovians, who had down-hill, play was commenced in earnest, and some good struggles ensued, the home team appearing to have the best of it, soon obtaining two tries and a corner kick, but no luck, the wind telling very much against their efforts. The same soon happened to the visitors, but with similar results. Nothing had been done up to the call of half-time, the play being kept very much in the centre of the field. Upon ends being changed the play became more severe, each in turn getting dangerously close to their opponents' fortress, the quarters of the home team being hotly attacked, and thrice successfully repulsed by their goal-keeper (Lovegrove). The visitors renewed the attack and were eventually successful in passing the ball under the tape. One to the Harrovians. Now came another grand sortie on the part of the home team, who, after many excellent tries, succeeded in placing the ball between the posts of their opponents, making one goal each. Here some good play was shown in the endeavour to alter this state of things, especially as time was growing short, and the odds seemed much in favour of Maidenhead, but they suddenly appeared to lose confidence and did not keep well together. Thus at the call of time, although there were shouts to keep on, the game resulted in a draw. The play of the backs on both sides was excellent. There was a good attendance of visitors, who appeared, despite the rain, very enthusiastic throughout."

W&EE: "This match, in the first ties for the Association Challenge Cup, was played on Saturday in most unpleasant weather. Maidenhead kicked off, but the leather was immediately returned to the home quarters, where some good play was shown by Hargreaves, Harvey, Hill, and Rowe, and several excellent shots at goal were well stopped by Lovegrove. The home backs, however, worked energetically, Mackie, Lyn, Ray, and Goldsmith being particularly busy. The first goal was scored by Harrow, the ball having been kicked by the home goalkeeper on to one of the opposing forwards, and rebounded through the posts. After positions were reversed the home team considerably pressed

their adversaries. Several corner kicks fell to Maidenhead, which, however, proved unproductive. At last a free kick in front of goal enabled Wilks to equalise matters. Both sides did their utmost to secure victory, but time was called without any alteration in the score, the game being left drawn."

F: "The Harrovians were unfortunate in being unable to secure the services of some of their athletic members, but their opponents mustered their full strength. The Harrow captain having won the toss, Wilks kicked off for Maidenhead in about as unpleasant weather for football as could be imagined. The state of the elements may in some degree account for the erratic play that characterised the game. The call of half time found the +O.H. leading by one goal (kicked out of a scrimmage) to none, and though they continued to have rather the best of the match, the result was a drawn game, as a goal was given to Maidenhead from a piece of play to which the O.H. strongly objected." +Half time score was 0-0 in SM/BL

BL: "The Old Harrovians met the Berks men on the ground of the latter, and, although some fine play was witnessed, the weather was really against the comfort of the spectators. The Harrovians kicked off, and, on sodden slippery ground the game ruled even to half time, no goal having been gained. In the second half the Maidenhead goal was invaded but a little later the Old Harrovians suffered a downfall, and matters thus balanced remained to the close, the game being drawn."

Maidenhead: W.E. Lovegrove (Goal); J. Wilks (Capt.), C.A. Vardy; W.A. Blackwell, F. Hazeldine, F. Mackie, W. Goldsmith, C.E. Reay, W. Mackie, A. Smith, T. Lyne.

Old Harrovians: R. de C. Welch (Capt.), M.P. Betts (Backs), Rev. W. Law, H.O.D. Davidson (Half Backs), J.H.J. Phillips (Goal), E.D.L. Harvey, W.Y. Hargreaves, A.F. Hills, A.H. Davidson, G.M. Smith, F.C.C. Rowe.

Umpires: J.H. Clark (Maidenhead) and E. Ridley (Old Harrovians). Referee: J.G. Crossman (Marlow).

REPLAY: Sat Nov 20th (Dolphin Ground, Slough): Swifts Ground):

OLD HARROVIANS 0 MAIDENHEAD 1 (A. Goodchild) (H.T. 0-1)

Maidenhead Advertiser 24/11/80 P.3/Sportsman 22/11/80 P.4/Windsor & Eton Express 27/11/80 P.2/Nottingham Evening Post 22/11/80 P.3/Bell's Life 27/11/80 P.3/Field 27/11/80 P.809/Sporting Life 24/11/80 P.1:

MA: "These clubs having already played a drawn game (one goal each) in the first round for the Association Cup, met again on Saturday on the Swifts' ground at Slough. Maidenhead played, +with one exception, the same team as before, while the Old Harrovians had somewhat strengthened theirs. Reay kicked off at 2.50. but Hargreaves and Harvey, getting possession of the ball, brought it with a rush straight up the right side, when the play for a few minutes was fast and furious, and as a couple of corner kicks fell to their lot, the chances of Maidenhead looked anything but favourable. The old blues were, however, gradually forced back, and Lyne, W. Mackie, and Goodchild, worked the ball up to the mouth of their opponents' goal, but R. de Welch, who with Law played in fine form throughout, averted danger. The game was now very evenly contested, each goal being in turn menaced. A fine shot by Lyne was stopped by Welch, using his hands, and an appeal to the referee for another shot was given against Maidenhead. The ball touched the tape, but passed over. The

Harrowians now played up well; Hills and Davidson on the left and Harvey on the right doing their utmost for their side, but to no purpose; while on the other hand Reay and Goodchild and Lyne and W. Mackie were particularly busy, and a goal from the foot of Goodchild rewarded their exertion.

On change of ends, the game was continued with unflagging energy, and both sides worked with a will. Harvey and Hills were again conspicuous, but as they were met by the cool play of Smith, Haseltine, and Vardy, and the impetuous rushes of Wilks, the ball was speedily carried out of danger. At the call of time Maidenhead were left well-deserved winners by one goal to love."

SL/W&EE: "Maidenhead, with one exception, played the same as before, but the Old Harrovians had considerably strengthened their eleven. Maidenhead, losing the toss, kicked off against the wind at 2.50, and for some minutes the play was dangerously near their goal. A couple of corner kicks fell to the Harrovians, but nothing resulted, and playing well together Maidenhead forced them to act on the defensive. Several excellent shots followed at goal which were cleverly stopped by Phillips, but at last, after a clever run down, Goodchild scored for Maidenhead. After the subsequent kick off the play was very even, the ball alternating between either goal posts with great regularity, but nothing further occurred, and Maidenhead thus won by one goal."

+A. Goodchild for W. Goldsmith

NEP: "Having lost the toss Maidenhead kicked off, and for the first few minutes play was dangerously kept near their goal, a couple of corner kicks falling to the share of the Harrovians who were gradually forced back, and in their turn forced to occupy the position of defenders. Some excellent play was here shown, some excellent shots at goal being cleverly stopped by J. H. J. Phillips, which was rewarded by the applause it deserved. Nothing daunted, Maidenhead returned again to the charge when, after some really good combined play on the part of Reay, W. Mackie and Goodchild, the latter safely passed the ball under the tape amid great excitement. After half time the play, although vigorous, was exceedingly even throughout, Hargreaves, Harvey and Hills doing remarkable work for the Harrovians, whilst Vardy, Hazeldine, Wilks and Smith were always on the alert for Maidenhead. At the call of time Maidenhead claimed the victory by one goal to none."

Old Harrovians: J. H. J. Phillips (Goal); R. C. de Welch (Capt.), A. W. Welch (Backs), Rev. Wm. Law, A. Chater, M. P. Betts, E. Ridley, W. Y. Hargreaves, E. D. Harvey, A. F. Hills, A. H. Davidson (Left Side).

How spell Chater/Choter?

Maidenhead: W. E. Lovegrove (Goal); C. A. Vardy, J. Wilks (Capt.), F. Hazeldine, A. Smith (Backs); W. Mackie, T. Lyne (Right), C. E. Reay, A. Goodchild (Centres), W. A. Blackwell, F. Mackie (Left)

Umpires: J. H. Clark (Maidenhead) and W. Robertson (Old Harrovians). Referee: C. Baker.

GREY FRIARS 0 WINDSOR HOME PARK 0 (Sat Nov 13th) (At Greyhound, Dulwich)

Field 20/11/80 P. 775/Bell's Life 20/11/80 P. 10/London Daily News 15/11/80 P. 3/Sportsman 16/11/80 P. 4/Sporting Life 17/11/80 P. 1/Referee 14/11/80 P. 6/Windsor & Eton Express 20/11/80 P. 4:

W&EE:"This match,in the first round of the challenge cup competition,was played at Dulwich on Saturday,and resulted in a draw,neither side scoring.The home team had much the best of the game.Good goalkeeping,aided by the high wind,however,prevented any score being made."

BL:"A strong wind was blowing and the ground was very slippery."

LDN:"Owing to a very high wind the play was of a very unsatisfactory nature,throw-ins being almost as frequent as kicks,and as at the end of an hour and a half neither side had scored,the game had to be left drawn.Greyfriars several times penned their opponents,but all their shots at goal were cleverly stopped by Wright."

REF:"The play was spoilt by a very high wind dead across the ground.The Friars had considerably the best of the game,penning their opponents at each end."

F : "A match in the first round of the Association Cup competition was played between the above-named clubs on Saturday last at the Greyhound,Dulwich.The condition of the ground was excellent; but so much praise cannot certainly be accorded the weather,which,besides being dull and threatening,was remarkably windy.This latter condition had the effect of entirely spoiling the match,for the ball was always finding its way over the touchline.A glance at the teams,as they stood awaiting the kick-off,showed the visitors to be the heavier;but soon after the game had been started,,it was apparent that Greyfriars were the better players-at any rate they were seen to greater advantage than their rivals under the circumstances.Ellis kicked off from the pavilion end at half past three,and,although the wind favoured Windsor slightly,the ball was more often found in their half than not.The backs of Windsor were very weak;but Wright proved an exceedingly smart goal-keeper,and through his instrumentality alone was the Windsor goal saved.Green,Ellis,and Turner all made some very fine shots;but all of them were put aside by Wright.Now and then Windsor assumed the aggressive;but on no occasion previous to half time was the Greyfriars' goal endangered.Directly after ends were changed Windsor played up very hard,and a free kick alone to the rival goal was obtained.This caused the home team some anxiety,which,however,was soon relieved by the ball going over the bar.From now to the end the Greyfriars,despite the determined efforts of Windsor,had the better of the game;but again the goal-keeping of Wright prevented any disaster,and the prescribed ninety minutes expired with no score to either side.Another match will therefore have to be played."

Grey Friars:J.Davis(Goal);A.J.Frost,A.E.Young(Backs);C.G.Broadhurst,T.G.Stafford,J.M.Turner(Half Backs);R.D.Green(Capt.),E.D.Ellis,T.G.Thompson,E.Cane,G.P.Matchett(Forwards).

Windsor Home Park:H.Wright(Goal);A.Joll(Capt.),W.Wells(Backs);W.Bertie Mason,R.Knight(Half Backs);H.R.Couldrey,E.L.Strong,+E.Hutchings,R.Howe,E.Kemsley,E.K.Robinson(Forwards)

+A in W&EE or W.H. elsewhere in W&EE

REPLAY:Sat Nov 20th (At Windsor):

WINDSOR HOME PARK 1(A.Joll) GREY FRIARS 3 (E.D.Ellis,T.G.Thompson,E.Cane)(H.T. 0-1)

Field 27/11/80 P.809/Windsor & Eton Express 27/11/80 P.4/Bell's Life 27/11/80 P.3/Nottingham Evening Post 22/11/80 P.3/Athletic News 24/11/80 P.6/Referee 22/11/80 P.6/Sportsman 22/11/80 P.4/Sporting Life 24/11/80 P.1/Referee 22/11/80 P.6:

F:"This match(left undecided from Nov. 13th)was played last Saturday at Windsor,and resulted in a victory for the Friars by three goals to one.Windsor won the toss,so the Friars kicked off,and,playing well together,they nearly scored a goal in the first minute,the final kick sending the ball just the wrong side of the posts.The ball was kept mostly in the ground of the Windsor goal,but it was not until twenty minutes had expired that the Friars scored "first blood" through the foot of Ellis.This put the Windsor team on their mettle,and they took the ball right up to the Friars' goal;but the final kick was rather erratic,the ball going outside.After half time the Friars had things pretty well their own way,and they scored two more goals,one by Thompson,and the other by Cane.Joll,the captain of the Windsor team,now came forward and by a combined run scored their first and only goal. So,after an hour and a half,the game resulted as above."

W&EE:"Drawn together in the first series of ties for the Association trophy,these clubs had already met,when the result was a draw;consequently they met again on Saturday to try the question of supremacy.The game throughout was very well contested,and ended in the Friars winning by three goals to one.Broadhurst,Joll,Ellis,Knight,Palmer,Green,and Saunders were most conspicuous for their respective sides."

Windsor:A.Joll(Capt.),B.Palmer(Backs);W.B.Mason,R.G.Knight(Half Backs),H.R.Couldrey,E.L.Strong, J.Nicholson,R.Howe,E.Kemsley,E.K(ey-)Robinson,E.W(ard-)Saunders(Goal).(SL)(Double barrels as per WEE)

Grey Friars:P.H.Lockhart(Goal);A.J.Frost,J.H.Birkett(Backs);T.G.Stafford,R.Rutherford, C.G.Broadhurst(Half Backs);R.D.Green(Capt.),G.P.Matchett,E.D.Ellis,E.Cane,T.G.Thompson(Forwards)

Umpire:W.Stevens.

ST PETER'S INSTITUTE 1 HENDON 8(No scorers traced) (SAT NOV 6th)(At Brixton)

Bell's Life 13/11/80 P.4/Field 13/11/80 P.734/Nottingham Evening Post 9/11/80 P4/Hendon & Finchley Times 13/11/80 P.5/Sportsman 8/11/80 P.4/Sporting Life 10/11/80 P.1:

BL/SM/NEP:"This match,in the first round of the Cup competition,was played on Saturday,at Brixton,and resulted in a crushing defeat of St Peter's by eight goals to one."(SL similar)

H&FT/F:"This match in the first round of the Cup competition was played on Saturday last,at Brixton,and resulted in the easy victory of the Hendonians by eight goals to one.The game throughout was of the most one-sided character,though the passing of the losers was occasionally very fair.J.H.Ince, J.Powell and H.O.Ince showed very good form for the winners,whose forwards played hard all through the game."

St Peter's Institute: J.G.Fawcus(Goal);A.E.Knight,F.Walters(Backs);G.Weir,W.Browning(Half Backs); J.Wright,J.Bartlett(Right),C.Nicholls,R.Jackson(Centres),H.Daville,C.Cotter(Left).

Hendon:Hart-Buck(Capt.)(Goal);H.O.Ince,J.E.Colt(Centres),J.H.Ince,J.Powell(Left),R.F.Mayhew W.S.Morice(Right),R.H.Redford,A.B.Coutts(Half Backs),W.Howard,A.J.Secretan(Backs).

Umpires:F.W.Stratford for Hendon and F.Fife(Clarence) for St Peter's.Referee:A.Kennedy.

THIRD DIVISION:

Dreadnought v Rochester

Rangers v Wanderers

Old Carthusians v Saffron Walden

Remnants v Royal Engineers

Pilgrims v Old Philberdians

ROCHESTER 1 (A.Henry) DREADNOUGHT 2(D.Ringrose,W.Harrison)(H.T. 1-0)(SAT NOV 13th)(At Borstal,Rochester)

Referee 14/11/80 P.6/Field 20/11/80 P.773 and P.775(2 Reports)/Sporting Life 17/11/80 P.1:

REF:"Played at Rochester to-day(Saturday),and resulted in favour of Dreadnought by two goals to one.Rochester having won the toss,started with a very high wind in their favour,play from the commencement being very fast.Within ten minutes from the start Henry succeeded in placing the ball through the posts for the Rochester,after which some good all-round play took place, Houghton's back play against the wind being very fine;Gore,Sinclair,and Pettigrew for the Dreadnoughts especially distinguished themselves,also Prall and Blackett for Rochester.Nothing more was decided before half-time.On changing ends most determined play was shown all round, the Dreadnoughts not being slow to take advantage of the wind at their backs,and Rochester repelling repeated attacks with equal energy.After several corner kicks, Ringrose,by a magnificent long shot,scored the first goal for the Dreadnoughts.The play from this time being fast and furious,Wylie,Pettigrew,and Ringrose making themselves particularly conspicuous;also Prall,Smith, and Blackett.Towards the close of the game both sides struggled hard for victory,the goal-keeper (Barkley)having saved several shots,however,within two minutes from time being called,Harrison succeeded in getting the ball through;thus,after a splendid game,leaving(as heretofore stated)the Dreadnought victors by two goals to one."

Field P.773:"Rochester won the toss,and elected to play with the wind in their favour.A few minutes after the ball had been started, Henry,by a good run down the ground,scored the first goal for the home team,and it appeared likely that this number would be increased as the wind was blowing a perfect hurricane,but the backs(Houghton and Farnie)were equal to the occasion,and repelled repeated attacks in fine style.The Dreadnoughts having got used to the hilly ground,the game was more even,and Barkley,the goal keeper for the home team,had all his work cut out to prevent the ball going through the posts;but nothing further was done before half time.After ends had been changed the aspect of the game was entirely altered-the Rochester men never once getting the ball past the centre of the ground,and the visitors' goal keeper was playing amongst his backs.After ten

minutes' play from half time Ringrose scored the first goal for the Dreadnoughts, which was shortly afterwards increased by Harrison, who headed the ball through the posts after a good throw in by Ringrose."

Field P.775 Report: "Rochester having won the toss for choice of grounds, the Dreadnoughts journeyed down to Rochester on Saturday last to play off the tie. The visitors did not arrive in time to commence before 3.30, and as the day was very dull the consequence was that almost utter darkness prevailed during the latter half of the game. Rochester won the toss, and elected to play with the wind, which was blowing a gale, at their backs, and within ten minutes Henry, from a ball well centred by Blackett, secured the downfall of the Dreadnoughts' goal. The ball continued in the vicinity of the visitors' goal for the remainder of the first half, but so well did their backs do their work that Rochester were unable to add any more success to their side. On changing at half time matters were reversed, the wind again lending most valuable assistance, but despite this more than twenty minutes elapsed before the visitors made matters equal, the play of the Rochester backs being so very good. The darkness was now so great that it was impossible for the goalkeepers to see the ball, and it was evident that any advantage to be gained by either side would be owing to luck rather than any other circumstance. Both sides were now playing their hardest, and within two minutes of time a most lucky goal was landed for Dreadnought from a corner kick by Wylie, the ball being taken into goal by the wind, and would probably have been stopped by the goalkeeper had he not been knocked down inadvertently by one of his own side at the moment of taking the ball. Dreadnoughts were thus left victors by two goals to one. The game was fast and hotly contested from start to finish, so evenly were both sides matched, and it is quite a matter of doubt had it been played in broad daylight, the result would have been different."

SL: "Another match in the first round of the Cup was played on Saturday, at Borstal, near Rochester, and resulted in a victory for the Dreadnoughts by two goals to one." (No teams)

Rochester: W.H. Barkley (Goal), F.F. Smith (Capt.), F. Wyles (Backs); H. Thomas, C.H. Hall (Half Backs) G.W. Prall, C. Mansfield (Right Wing), H. Lloyd, A.H. Henry (Centres), G.L. Hawker, J. Blackett (Left Wing).

Dreadnought: F.S. Bacon (Goal), C.K. Poulter, T. Houghton (Backs), W. Harrison, J. Farnie (Half Backs); R.B. Sinclair, W.F. Pettigrew (Right Wing), A.J. Weakley, J. Wylie (Capt.) (Centres), D. Ringrose, H.A. Gore (Left Wing) .

Umpires: J.H. Prall (Rochester) and J. Armstrong (Dreadnought). Referee: Major Fellowes (Royal Engineers).

RANGERS walked over WANDERERS scratched (Nottingham Evening Post 16/11/80 P.3

OLD CARTHUSIANS 7 (E.H. Parry 5, E.F. Growse, L.M. Richards) SAFRON WALDON 0 (H.T. 5-0) (WED OCT 27th) (At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 28/10/80 P.4/Bell's Life 30/10/80 P.10:

SM: "In miserable weather, this match, in the first ties of the above competition, took place at Kennington Oval yesterday afternoon. Saffron Walden made their first appearance for the Cup two seasons ago when they were beaten in the opening round by Upton by five goals to none. Last year they were absentees, but they were not able to show any improvement on their previous form yesterday, and they were ultimately beaten by seven goals to none. Rain fell during the greater part of the game, and the ground was so slippery that anything like brilliant play was out of the question. At 3.35 Parry opened the game for the Carthusians, and as the opposite backs were very wild in their kicking, the Carthusian forwards were soon the aggressors. Parry was the first to get the ball between the Saffron Waldon posts, and not long afterwards a brilliant run by the same player added a second. Occasionally a good run was made by Bird-Thompson, but generally the game was all in favour of the Carthusians, and before half time their score had been increased by three goals, two by Parry and one by Growse. The change of ends was speedily followed by two more goals against Saffron Waldon, and there seemed every chance of a long score to their discredit. After this, however, they metted up, and the rest of the game was unproductive, so that at the end of the stipulated period of an hour and a half the Carthusians were left easy victors by seven goals to none."

BL: "On Wednesday last the first match in the Association Cup competition, which has come off this season in the home district, was played at the Oval between the above-named teams. A deluge of rain had made the ground so soft that good dribbling was an impossibility, but under any circumstances the Essex combination would have made but a poor show, and on this occasion went down in most unmistakable fashion to the Carthusians, who won by seven goals to none. Enrolled in the winning team are Parry and Princep—a source of strength to any side—and when the team have played a little longer together, the "old Carthusians" will be found hard to beat, while the Clapham Rovers will certainly miss Princep from their ranks. Rain ceased before the men turned out, and although the contest was a cup tie few visitors were present to witness the play. The Saffron Waldon captain won the toss, and elected to defend the goal at the entrance gate end, Parry taking the "place kick" at 3:25. There was a fresh breeze blowing, and at the very outset the ball went in touch. It had not been long playable when the Carthusians came down on the Walden lines, and play was carried on almost continuously in their quarters. Parry scored a goal from out of a scrimmage in front of goal, and then three corner kicks were obtained but no score came from any of them. Walden then managed to work the ball down, and also got a corner. The leather was, however, immediately sent back, and through Parry's medium a second goal was marked to the Carthusians. Soon again from a scrimmage the third goal was made, the goalkeeper being rather flurried at the time, and Growse breasted the ball through. Corner kicks in galore fell to the Carthusians, and Parry getting in an easy chance from a rising ball from one of these essays, gave the weighty side another-fourth-notch. A further advantage was gained by Parry, who got on to the ball from a throw-in and sent it home by a side kick. Five goals thus standing to the credit of the Carthusians at half time. Directly after ends had been changed another goal was scored by Parry off a corner kick by Princep, and the next feature was a run down the centre by Richards, who got the ball home and scored the seventh goal. The Essex men then played up very pluckily, the ball travelling down to the Old Carthusian quarters, and was more than nearly goaled, Bird-Thompson and Hodson being conspicuous. Rain fell in torrents during the last half of the game, and the ground, of course, became a perfect quagmire. Just before time Parry got on to the ball, and had it all to himself, going the whole length of the ground, but the shot was miserably directed. Nothing further occurred worthy of note, and the Old Carthusians thus won by seven goals to none."

Old Carthusians:W.A.Watson(Goal);H.Routh,H.Somers-Cocks(Backs),J.F.M.Princep,E.G.Colvin (Half Backs);E.F.Growse,E.T.Lloyd(Right Side),W.K.Jenner,A.J.Wake(Centres),E.H.Parry(Capt.), L.M.Richards(Left Side).

Saffron Walden:A.Samuels(Goal),F.Bowker(Capt.),H.P.Hodson(Backs);J.A.Eyton-Jones,H.Bullock(Half Backs);R.M.Bird-Thompson,+W.Pigram(Right Side),C.W.N.Hutton,J.R.Long(Centres),E.T.Chalk, T.Cornwell(Left Side). +W.Pegram in SM

Umpires:A.J.Last(Old Carthusians) and A.J.Jones(Saffron Walden).

ROYAL ENGINEERS 0 REMNANTS 0 (SAT NOV 13th)(At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 20/11/80 P.10/Sportsman 15/11/80 P.4/Field 20/11/80 P.775/Sporting Life 17/11/80 P.1/
Windsor & Eton Express 20/11/80 P.3/Referee 14/11/80 P.6/London Daily News 15/11/80 P.3:

BL:"In dull,threatening weather,and strong wind,these teams played an Association Cup tie last Saturday afternoon.There was a fairly numerous attendance,and it is certainly worthy of note that the Surrey C.C. committee has at last been persuaded to take into consideration the comforts of their football patrons by providing high wooden gratings for standing in the wet,muddy weather,and without doubt they will get a full return for the outlay.Like the match on Saturday week,the trial resulted in a draw.The Remnants displayed unexpectedly good form,and although two of their men were hurt, viz.,C.H.Hawtrey and J.F.Flowers,about twenty minutes after the ball had been set going, they had,in our opinion,a shade the better of the game on the call of time.The Engineers won the toss,and at 2.53 C.H.Hawtrey kicked off against the wind,the Engineers' goal being that at the Gasometer end of the ground.The first noteworthy feature in the play was a fine shot by Von Donop ,which struck flush on the Remnants' left goal post.The ball then travelled back,and the Remnants had a free kick about 10 yards from the Engineers' goal.The warden of the fortress saved it,and then J.P.Hawtrey was hard pressed to keep his charge intact.The Engineers from a scrummage out of a corner kick almost headed the ball through,and Sandwith was presently nearly the cause of a downfall to his own side.A claim was made and allowed that the Engineers' goalkeeper had "carried" the ball and a free kick given,but at the call of half time neither side had scored.The Remnants had a stronger wind blowing in their favour than was blowing in the first half,yet for some time they were hard pressed.They rallied,however,and the play could hardly have been faster than towards the close,but the leather was never once goaled,and the game,of course,ended in a draw.It being nearly dark,an arrangement was come to play the tie off on Saturday next at Aldin Hall,Slough,at half past 2 o'clock."

SM:"There was a fair attendance of visitors at the Oval on Saturday,to witness the tie between the above teams,when no score being obtained,a draw was the result.The soldiers having won the toss, chose the goal near the gasometer,which gave them the decided benefit of wind.At just upon three C.H.Hawtrey kicked off for the Remnants,when the Engineers at once commenced the attack,and Von Donop made a splendid shot at goal,which only failed by striking the post and rebounding into play.The Remnants now worked well together and certainly pushed their opponents very hard,when the tables turned once more and Von Donop,after a masterly dribble,had another shot, only, however,to hit the post once again.Just now C.H.Hawtrey and Flowers both became candidates for

the sick list, and the certain defeat of the Remnants was now frequently discussed. The result, however, proved that "accidents and all thrown in" they were quite equal to the occasion. At change of sides the Engineers seemed to improve, and though the wind (which had got somewhat stronger) was now dead against them, they kept the ball well in the centre of their enemy's territory. They obtained a free kick from about twenty-five yards in front of the goal, but the ball was sent over, and from now till the end of the game, and although both sides tried all they knew to bring matters to an issue, when "no side" was called the decision was "as you were". The draw will be played off at Aldin House, Slough, on Saturday next, to commence at 2.30 p.m. Those of the general public who love to watch the play will be glad to hear that the Oval authorities have provided a number of foot racks around the field which are a great boon, for preventing the feet from getting cold or damp."

Royal Engineers; E. Druitt (Goal); W. G. Morris, H. Mullaly (Backs); H. A. L. Paterson, R. W. Sealy (Half Backs); P. G. von Donop, H. H. Barnet (Right Side), H. H. Massey (Capt.), R. F. Allen (Centres), C. V. Wingfield-Stratford, C. D. Learoyd (Left Side).

*Was he a Brother of Rev. R. W. Sealy-Vidal? Recorded in W&EE as W. Sealy-Vidal

Remnants: C. H. Hawtrey (Capt.), J. F. Flowers (Half Backs); A. W. Cotton, Capt. W. F. G. Sandwith (Backs), A. Dear, O. Scoones (Left Side), R. T. Squire, G. M. Hawtrey (Right Side), Rev. R. W. Sealy-Vidal, W. F. Hawtrey (Centres), J. P. Hawtrey (Goal).

Umpires: G. P. Hawtrey for Remnants and Major Marindin for Royal Engineers.
Referee: E. H. Bambridge (Swifts).

REPLAY: SAT NOV 20th (At the School Ground, Aldin Hall, Slough):

REMNANTS 0 ROYAL ENGINEERS 1 (P. G. von Donop) (H. T. 0-1)

Field 27/11/80 P. 809/Sporting Life 24/11/80 P. 1/Sporting Gazette 27/11/80 Field 27/11/80 P. 809/Sportsman 22/11/80 P. 4 (No teams)/Athletic News 24/11/80 P. 6 (No teams)/Windsor & Eton Express 20/11/80 P. 2:

SL: "The Remnants having won the toss, Vidal kicked off, and scarcely five minutes had elapsed before a goal fell to the Engineers, the ball rebounding off the goalkeeper from a capital kick by Von Donop. During the remainder of the first half of play the ball remained in the visitors' half, but the back play of the Engineers was very good, and "half time" was called without any further alteration in the score. After change of ends the play still continued very even, both goals in turn being threatened. At length the Remnants, with a capital and combined run down the ground, sent the ball between the posts, but the goal was disallowed on the plea of off-side. From this point, although the Remnants strove hard to equalise matters, nothing further resulted, and "time" was called, leaving victory with the Engineers by one goal to nil."

SG: "The Royal Engineers and Remnants, who had played a drawn match at the Oval on the 13th inst., met on Saturday last at Aldin House, Slough, and another good and close game resulted, the Engineers this time asserting their supremacy, but only by the narrow margin of one goal, that being

the only one scored, and was obtained a few minutes after the commencement of play, when the ball rebounded off J.P. Hawtrey (the Remnants' goalkeeper) from a capital kick by Von Donop." (No teams)

F: "These teams met at Slough on Saturday to play off their match in the first round of the Association Challenge Cup competition. It will be remembered that on the previous Saturday at Kennington Oval an attempt was made to decide the question of superiority, but neither side obtained any decisive advantage. The second meet was at the School Ground, Aldin House, where a full-sized rectangle had been carefully marked out under the direction of Mr G.M. Hawtrey. Both teams had evidently made up their minds to fight hard for victory, and the determined play showed the contest to be one of the fastest games this season. The Remnants won the toss, and elected to play from the School end against a slight wind, but the Engineers had to put up with the disadvantage of the sun shining in their eyes. Massey at 2.50 started the ball for the Sappers, who, after ten minutes' play, secured a corner kick. The Remnants' forwards got rid of the ball, which had been well directed by Russell, but W.S. Vidal returned it straight to the goal. J.P. Hawtrey, however, for a moment averted the danger by stopping the leather with his legs, but had the mortification of seeing it sent through directly afterwards by Wingfield-Stratford, who thus secured the first and only goal of the match. The play subsequently became very even, visits in turn being made to either end of the ground. Two corners fell to the Remnants; but from neither was anything further produced. About twenty minutes after ends had been changed the Remnants' centres made a splendid rush down the ground, and Dear sent the ball between the R.E. posts; but unfortunately it touched G.M. Hawtrey, who was offside, just before passing under the line, so that "no goal" was the decision given. Very fast play was then the order, the forwards on both sides displaying more than ordinary energy. On one occasion Massey succeeded in passing the opposing backs, and should have scored a goal; but a bad kick spoiled an otherwise brilliant piece of play. Both the goalkeepers were kept well employed, invariably having to use their hands, as the forwards were already too much on the ball to allow them to kick. Once J.P. Hawtrey actually had the ball in his hands when the R.E. centres charged him; but he remained unmoved and immovable, getting rid of the leather in a manner that evoked the applause of the numerous spectators who lined both sides of the field. Soon after this incident time arrived, leaving the Royal Engineers winners by one goal to none. From among so many excellent exponents of the game it is difficult to choose any of particular distinction, but mention must be made of the splendid forward play of the Rev. R.W.S. Vidal. Collectively the R.E. forwards were slightly better than those of the Remnants, but any slight advantage in this respect was compensated for by the really brilliant back play of the home team."

Remnants: J.P. Hawtrey (Goalkeeper); C.H. Hawtrey, Capt. W.F. Sandwith (Backs); R. Hitchcock, A.W. Cotton (Half Backs); R.T. Squire, Rev. R.W. Sealy-Vidal (Right Wing), A. Dear, G.M. Hawtrey (Centres), W.F. Hawtrey, O. Scoones (Left Wing). (F specified positions)

(SL has J.F. Flowers for R. Hitchcock)

Royal Engineers: E. Druitt (Goal); B.B. Russell, H. Mullaly (Backs); H.A.L. Paterson, R.W. Sealy (Half Backs), P.G. Von Donop, C.V. Wingfield-Stratford (Right Wing), H.H. Massey (Capt.), R.S. Maclagan (Centres), H.H. Barnet, C.D. Learoyd (Left Wing). (F specified order)

(SL has W.G. Morris for B.B. Russell and R.F. Allen for R.S. Maclagan)

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Umpires:J.A.Tanner and G.P.Hawtrey.

PILGRIMS walked over OLD PHILBERDIANS scratched (Nottingham Evening Post 16/11/80 P.3)

FOURTH DIVISION:

Reading Minster v Romford

West End v Hanover United

Clarence v Great Marlow

Reading Abbey v St Alban's

Kildare,a bye(Played v Acton)

ROMFORD 1 (W.A.Wright) READING MINSTER 1 (At Ealing)(SAT OCT 30th)

Stratford Times and South Essex Gazette 3/11/80 P.4/Essex Times 6/11/80 P.7:"On Saturday last,eleven members of the Romford Football Club proceeded to Ealing to play the first match of the Association Cup tie,their opponents being the Reading Minsters..Play was rather fast on both sides,and after playing for an hour and a half the game ended in a draw,each side securing one goal,the goal for Romford being kicked after a good run by W.Wright.Play would have carried on for another half-hour,but owing to darkness setting in rather early,time was called. Romford had the best of the game the last half-time,and had only a few minutes longer been allowed,the game,no doubt,would have been in favour of Romford."(Only Romford team)

"It will be decided on Wednesday evening,at a meeting called for that purpose,when and where the tie is to be played off."

N.B.Reading Minster asked Romford if they would be willing to play on a neutral ground and Romford readily agreed(See Romford History P.31)

Essex Herald 2/11/80 P.5/Chelmsford Chronicle 5/11/80 P.6:No Reading Minster team)(No report found in Reading Mercury/Berkshire Chronicle/Reading Observer/Essex Standard/Essex Newsman/Essex Times):

EH/CC:"These clubs,who were drawn to play each other in the first ties of the Association Cup,met on Saturday last at Ealing to decide the tie.The match ended in a tie and the clubs will have to meet again."

Romford:E.Champness(Goal);H.W.Palmer,W.J.Reid(Backs);L.E.Clark,C.Couzens(Half Backs); W.A.Wright,A.D.Cornell(Right Wing),F.H.Thirlwall(Capt.),J.Molyneaux(Centres),P.M.Earle, C.S.Palmer(Left Wing).

Reading Minster:NOT TRACED

ROMFORD then walked over READING MINSTER scratched after tie(Nottingham Evening Post 16/11/80 P.3)

Chelmsford Chronicle 19/11/80 P.7:"It will be remembered that the match between the Romford and Reading Minster Clubs in the first round of the Association Cup resulted in a draw.The Reading Minster Club has since withdrawn,and the Romford Club consequently stands in."

WEST END 1 (J.Harkness) HANOVER UNITED 0 (H.T. 1-0)(Sat Nov 6th)(At Shepherd's Bush)

Bell's Life 13/11/80 P.4/Field 13/11/80 P.734/Sporting Life 10/11/80 P.1/Morning Post 8/11/80 P.2/Referee 8/11/80 P.6(No teams):

BL:"This match was played at Shepherd's Bush last Saturday before about 1,000 spectators,and after a very fast and well-contested game,the West End left the field winners by one goal to love.The ball was kicked off at 3:30 and was taken from goal to goal without result until just before half time, when, after a good run by Scott,who passed it to Harkness,the only score of the match was made. Ends being changed,repeated runs were made by Ravani,but all to no purpose,and,as before mentioned,the West End won the game by one goal to none."

F:"The above match in the first round of the Association Challenge Cup was played at Shepherd's Bush on Saturday,6th inst.,before a large gathering of spectators,both clubs being well represented. Ravani won the toss for Hanover,and Black kicked off for the "West",who advanced promptly to the attack,but found the Hanover goal keeper ready to receive them.With good judgment Sargent managed to give the ball to Ravani,on the right,who made a dashing run for the West End fortress, and Way had all he could do to keep his opponents from scoring.The game progressed with varying fortune,until just before half time,when Scott rushed to the attack,and,after a capital run,passed the ball to the centre,when Harkness put it between the posts.Ends being changed,both sides played harder and faster than ever,the leather being frequently taken from one end of the ground to the other.The Hanover forwards did all they could to equalise matters,but were unsuccessful;and when time was called the West End were victorious by one goal to none."

SL:"This match in the first round was played at Shepherd's Bush on Saturday last,in the presence of about 1,000 spectators.Both sides were very evenly matched,and the only score made was obtained out of a bully,when Scott passed the leather to Harkness,who kicked a goal."

West End:J.W.Way(Goal);T.Roddy,R.A.Palmer(Backs),H.Forrest(Half Backs); J.G.Scott,O.Cooper(Left Side),J.S.Black(Capt.),J.G.Hope(Centres),J.Hope,J.Harkness(Rights).

Hanover United:A.Sargent(Goal);Q.Hogg,G.Scobel(Backs);J.Nottingham,T.Nottingham,J.Arnold (Half Backs);T.Ravani(Capt.),T.Williams(Right Side),F.Dod(Centre),A.Smith,C.Irvine(Left Side).

Umpires:J.Dickinson for West End and J.Moriarty for Hanover.Referee:Phillips.

GREAT MARLOW 6 (R.Shaw 2,E.Flint,R.A.Lunnon 3) CLARENCE 0 (H.T.2-0)(SAT OCT 30th)(At Marlow)

Bucks Herald 6/11/80 P.8:

BH: "The ground was in admirable order and the weather everything that could be desired. Marlow played a purely local team. The Metropolitan club either by misfortune or fault or because they under-rated the provincials, brought only ten men. At 3pm the ball was started by Milward and was soon traveling towards the Clarence goal but the backs quickly drove it back; not, however, for very long, and some excellent shots were parried by Bockmaster. Clarence were driven hard to protect their goal which was in perpetual jeopardy. After a very pretty run by E. Flint the ball was well muddled, and, aided by Milward, Shaw drove it between the posts. Some good play was now shown by the Marlow forwards, and various straight shots were dexterously saved by the goalkeeper. At length a well-combined and determined assault by Milward, Biggs and E. Flint resulted in the latter driving the ball between the posts. On ends being changed the superiority of the home team at all points became very marked and for the most part Clarence were most effectually penned. Occasional breaks away only resulted in the ball being speedily returned, J. Flint in particular being extremely active and successful in checking any advance. Corner kicks were very plentiful, but somehow none of them were utilised. As it was four goals were scored during the second half of the game. Of these three were made by R. A. Lunnon, who throughout had played in splendid form. The other goal was made by Shaw. Marlow thus gained a victory which was really never once in doubt. From beginning to the end of the game, the Marlow goal was never in the slightest danger. Clarence did not make a single bye."

Great Marlow: H. R. Hewett (Capt.) (Goal); F. Plumridge, D. Rush (Backs); R. Way, J. Flint (Half Backs); R. A. Lunnon, R. H. Lunnon, E. Flint, A. H. Biggs, R. Shaw, W. Milward (Forwards).

Clarence: T. G. Bockmaster (Goal); H. Butler, C. Nutt (Backs); F. W. Fife (Capt.), T. Stone (Half Backs); W. Evans, E. McPherson, W. Stone, R. Butler, Sharp (Forwards). (Only 10 men played)

Umpires: Rev. E. W. Banks for Clarence and J. G. Crossman for Marlow. Referee: G. Hawtrey.

READING ABBEY 1 (G. Simmonds) ST ALBAN'S 0 (H.T. 0-0) (SAT NOV 13th) (At Reading)

Berkshire Chronicle 20/11/80 P.6/Reading Observer 20/11/80 P.3/Field 20/11/80 P775/Sportsman 16/11/80 P.4/Sporting Life 17/11/80 P.1/Referee 14/11/80 P.6:

BC/RO: "This match, one of the first series for the Association Cup, was played at Reading on Saturday last. Price winning the toss for the visitors, Pontin kicked off for the home team against a strong wind. The play at once became very fast, the home forwards, with some good runs, and Hardy and Harvey playing up hard for the visitors, gave the goalkeepers work to do to save their charges, but although both teams were on the ace of scoring, no goal was obtained in the first half. Ends being changed, and the home team having the wind in their favour began to pen their opponents, who made some determined rushes, which were well repulsed by the home backs, who played well throughout. Just before time a corner kick falling to the share of the Abbey, and being splendidly kicked by Simmonds, was rushed under the tape, and, amidst tremendous cheering from the great number of spectators present, the Abbey were left victors by one goal to nil. For the visitors, Morgan, Slooman, Price, and Hardy worked hard; whilst Talbot, Cox, Nash, and Harding played well for the home team."

F: "These clubs met in the first round of the Association cup ties at Reading on Saturday last. The St. Albans having chosen to play with the wind, Pontin started the ball for the home team, play for some time being very even until Harvey, passing the opposing backs, carried it close to the Reading goal, but failed at the final shot, the ball passing outside. Immediately afterwards, from a good middle, Greenhill ought to have scored, but, getting too much under the ball, put it over the tape. The home team about this time were by no means idle, the attacks of Cox, Harding, and especially Talbot, being particularly abnoxious. After half time the Abbey, with the wind in their favour, made repeated onslaughts into their opponents' territory; but the back play of Morgan, Slooman and Beer was always equal to the occasion till, within five minutes of time, from a corner kick, the home team scored the only goal off one of the St. Alban's men. For the remainder of the game the visitors made some determined efforts to equalise matters, but of no avail. Besides those mentioned above, Pontin and Hewett's back kicking was very good for the home team; and Hardy did some good service for the Saints."

REF: "The match between the above teams was played here today, and after a very fast and even game, resulted in a goal for the home team, from a corner kick, off one of the St Albans men. Talbot, Har(d)ing, Cox, Slooman, Morgan, and Harvey played best for their respective sides."

Reading Abbey: C. Scrivener (Goal); C. A. Pontin (Capt.), W. Hewett (Backs); G. Simmonds, C. Hadley (Half Backs); G. Talbot, J. Frewin (Right), F. Plumer, J. Harding (Centres), H. G. Cox, W. Nash (Left).

St Alban's: C. G. Heasman (Goal); T. H. Morgan, C. Beer (Backs); W. Price (Capt.), W. S. Slooman (Half Backs); J. T. Hardy, F. Ambler (Right), W. Tozer, L. H. Tavenor (Centres), G. W. Greenhill, G. Harvey (Left).

Umpires: F. S. Pontin for Reading Abbey and F. G. Snell for St Albans. Referee: J. N. Day.

ACTON 1 (Collins) KILDARE 1 (H. T. 0-1) (SAT NOV 13th) (At Acton)

Acton Gazette 20/11/80 P.5/Referee 14/11/80 P.6/Bell's Life 20/11/80 P.10:

AG: "This match was played at Acton, on Saturday, and when time was called was left drawn one goal to one. In spite of the predictions of the prophets who thought it was a sure win for Acton, bad fortune seemed to be with them throughout the game. Losing the toss, they had to play against a heavy wind, and showed such loose form, especially among the forwards, that Kildare, although evidently the weaker team, managed to hold their own. After half-time Acton pressed Kildare very hotly, but the shots of the Acton centres were too erratic to have the desired effect, although a neat kick by Collins at last landed the only goal scored by Acton. The goal scored by Kildare was disputed by Acton on the plea of offside. The matter has been referred to the Association, who have disallowed the plea, and the game must be played again next Saturday on the Kildare ground, at Kensal Green. Winsland deserves special mention for his excellent dribbling. We trust next Saturday will see Acton playing together in its old style, when there can be no doubt as to the result."

REF: "This match, under Association rules, was played to-day (Saturday) at Acton, and resulted in a draw, each side scoring a goal. Acton started the ball, and a good game ensued, both sides playing well, and before half-time Kildare scored a goal; after half-time Acton also scored, and the game thus ended, but the goal got by Kildare was disputed by the Acton Club, and the umpires disagreeing, there

being no referee, the matter is left for the committee of the Association to decide. For Kildare, Fisher, Saunders, and Stephens, and for Acton, Winsland, Thornton, and R. Grey played well."

BL(No teams): "This cup tie was played last Saturday, and resulted in a draw, each side scoring a goal. One goal was disputed and it will be referred to the Association."

Acton; C. Chivers(Goal), P. Hooper, C. Collins(Backs), G. Smith, A. Savage(Half Backs);
F. Winsland, C. Simmons(Rights), F. Thornton(Capt.), C. Lacey(Centres), W. Grey, R. Grey(Lefts).(AG)(SM)

Kildare: A. Gray(Goal); F. W. Fisher, F. Gilliatt(Backs); G. Dadswell(Capt.), J. W. Walton, T. Cross(Half Backs);
R. Saunders, H. Lee(Rights), T. P. Stephens(Centre), J. Betts, W. Harvey(Lefts).(AG)(SM)

Umpires: George Thomas(Acton) and J. Dickenson(Kildare).

REPLAY: SAT NOV 20th At Kildare's Ground, Kensall Green :

KILDARE 0 ACTON 5 (Lacey, Others 4)(H.T. 0-2)

Bell's Life 27/11/80 P.3/Field 27/11/80 P.812/Acton Gazette 27/11/80 P.6/Nottingham Evening Post 22/11/80 P.3/Athletic News 24/11/80 P.6/Referee 22/11/80 P.6/Sportsman 22/11/80 P.4(Short Report)/Sporting Life 24/11/80 P.1/Referee 22/11/80 P.6:

BL: "The drawn match between these two clubs was decided on Saturday last, at Kensal Green, when the Acton team showed immeasurably better form than their opponents, and won by no fewer than five goals to (n)one."

F: "Played at Kensal Green and won by Acton by five goals to none. Acton, losing the toss, kicked off, when Kildare, making a good rush, at once obtained a corner kick. This advantage, however, was only momentary, as the splendid dribbling of Winsland and Thornton and judicious passing of the other Acton forwards soon carried the war into the Kildare quarters, when, after several good shots had been saved by the Kildare goalkeeper, a neat kick by Lacey landed the first event. After this Acton seemed to have it all their own way, Winsland doing just what he liked, and Thornton and Parker playing with great skill and judgment. Kildare played hard but were unable to cope with the superior skill of the Acton men, who won a good match by five to nil."

AG: "This match, which had to be played over again, having resulted in a draw the previous week, was played off at Kensal Green, last Saturday. We are glad to say the Acton men did not disappoint their well-wishers, as they played together in splendid style, and won a well-fought game by five goals to none. Acton lost the toss, and Lacey kicked off. The Kildare forwards secured the ball and rushed it down towards the Acton goal, where they had a corner kick. This advantage, was, however, only momentary, as Thornton got away with the ball and passing it to Winsland, that brilliant performer at once ran it down, to the Kildare corner. Here several shots were made by Lacey, R. Grey, and Parker, none of which took effect. At last, after penning them for some time, the ball was passed skilfully by Winsland to Lacey who shot it through. On kicking off the game was for a time more even, but the superior passing and dribbling of the Acton forwards was too much for their opponents, who soon had their colours lowered a second time. After half-time Acton had it all their own way, and though the match was finished in the dark, owing to the Kildare being late in starting, three more goals were

registered by Acton. Considering all the Acton team played so well, it would be invidious to mention different players, though Winsland deserves special praise for his more than ordinary skill in dribbling. One of the Kildare men suggested that he must be the "fiend incarnate", as he seemed to do what he liked, and we thought we saw this gentleman looking suspiciously to see if Winsland's feet were cloven or no. Dadswell and Gray tried hard to save Kildare from defeat."

Kildare: A. Gray (Goal); F. W. Fisher, F. Gilliatt (Backs); G. Dadswell (Capt.), T. Cross, J. W. Walton (Half Backs); J. Betts, H. Lee, T. P. Stevens, Price, R. Saunders (Forwards).

N. B. Have added all initials from previous game.

Acton: C. Chivers (Goal); P. Hooper, C. Collins (Backs); A. Savage, G. Smith (Half Backs); F. Winsland, C. Lacey, F. Parker, W. Grey, R. Grey, F. Thornton (Capt.) (Forwards).

N. B. Acton Gazette had a second Smith in place of Savage as half-back: probably printing error: as also have 2 Price in the Acton team making 12 players

Umpires: G. Thomas for Acton and Dickinson for Kildare. Referee: C. Hart (Pilgrims).

CENTRAL DIVISION:

Calthorpe v Grantham

Aston Villa v Wednesbury Strollers

Spilsby v Stafford Road

Caius College (Cambridge) v Notts Forest

Nottingham v Derby

CALTHORPE 1 (T. T. See-Jones) GRANTHAM 2 (I. Howard, H. C. Frith) (H. T. 1-0) (Thurs Nov 11th) (At Bristol Road, Birmingham)

Grantham Journal 13/11/80 P.4:

GJ: "These clubs, having been drawn together in this event, met on Thursday. The weather was all that could be desired, and the ground in fairly good condition. Calthorpe won the toss, and play commenced by the Grantham captain kicking off, the wind being in favour of Calthorpe. The Grantham forwards soon worked the ball towards their opponents' goal, at which I. Howard had a shot, but the goalkeeper put the ball away with his hands. For the next quarter of an hour the game was very smart, the ball travelling from one end of the ground to the other very quickly, Jones and Shute for Calthorpe, and Maule for Grantham making some pretty runs. A corner kick next fell to Grantham, which was entrusted to A. Howard, but nothing was made of the advantage. Shortly afterwards, a good run by Jones resulted in a goal being kicked for Calthorpe, an appeal for offside by the Grantham captain being disallowed by the Referee. After this both sides played up very determinedly, but up to half time no further advantage was gained by either side. Ends having been changed play was resumed, the wind being slightly in favour of Grantham. The Calthorpe captain kicked off, and it was soon seen that the Grantham men were playing much better than during the first half. A good run by Dobbs, who passed the ball to A. Howard, was turned into a goal by the latter from rather a long shot; this equalised matters and both teams showed some good play. Dobbs now

made a good shot at goal which was cleverly stopped. Grantham had decidedly the advantage during the latter part of the game, several corner kicks falling to them, but no result followed. Some brilliant play by the Grantham forwards ended in a combined attack being made on the Calthorpe goal, which resulted in the ball being cleverly put through by Frith. No further score was made by either side after this, and the match thus ended in a victory for Grantham by two goals to one. Jones and Shute for Calthorpe were very good. Beaumont, and the whole of the Grantham defence, including goal, were especially good, and the whole team, without exception, played well. Captain Downing ably carried out the office of umpire, for Grantham; Mr Mason for Calthorpe; referee, Capt. + Birmingham."

Calthorpe: E. Mealing (Goal); W. E. Elliott (Capt.), A. Awdry (Backs); J. Westwood, E. Erhardt (Half Backs); G. Ward, W. Bushell (Centres), W. Gibson, W. Sharman (Rights) T. T. See-Jones, J. A. Shute (Lefts).

Grantham: Parkinson (Goal); Sharpe, Beaumont (Backs); R. O'Dowds, Wood (Half Backs); A. Howard, W. Cursham (Right Forwards), M. J. Maule, J. Dobbs (Capt.) (Centres), H. C. Frith, I. Howard (Left Forwards).

Umpires: Mr Mason for Calthorpe and Captain Downing for Grantham. Referee: Capt... (Birmingham Association) (+No name in report)

ASTON VILLA 5 WEDNESBURY STROLLERS 3 (No scorers traced) (H.T. 1-3) (Sat Oct 30th) (At Perry Bar)

Nottingham Evening Post 3/11/80 P.4/Nottinghamshire Guardian 5/11/80 P.12/Referee 31/10/80 P.6:

N.B. There is no record of this game in either Aston Villa by Peter Morris nor in the Aston Villa Complete Record!

WEDNESBURY PAPER

NEP/NG: "These clubs met at Perry Bar on Saturday to play off their draw in the first round of the Football Association Cup ties. The early part of the game was very exciting, the Strollers, who had the advantage of the downhill, scoring three goals to their opponents' one up to half time. After change of ends the Villa played up in grand style, completely turning the tables on their adversaries, and they eventually won by five goals to three."

REF: "Played at Perry Bar today. The game was a most exciting one up to half time, the Strollers playing in grand style, and favoured with the advantage of the down-hill-scoring three to one; but from that time the superior training of the Villa and the change of ground completely turned the tide of the game. The two Hunters, Davis, and Laws, played most brilliantly for the home team, and Knowles and Harvey showed to great advantage for the visitors. After half time the game was all in favour of the Villa, and they eventually won a well-fought game by five goals to three."

Aston Villa: G. Copley (Goal); E. B. Lee (Back); T. Pank, + S. Law, C. S. Johnstone (Half Backs); Andy Hunter, W. Watts (Right Forwards), Archie Hunter, W. Crossland (Centre Forwards), E. C. Davis, O. H. Vaughton (Left Forwards). + Sammy Law: often listed as S. Laws

Wednesbury Strollers:A.Beddow(es)(Goal);A.Harvey(Back),E.M.Scott,T.Bryan,W.Jones(Half Backs); S.Powis,J.Parker(Right Forwards),M.Burns,Reilly(Centre Forwards),B.C.Knowles,S.Taylor(Left Forwards).

Umpires:J.Hughes and W.L.Smith.Referee:E.D.Jones.

SPILSBY 0 STAFFORD ROAD 7 (W.W.Shone 2,2 "scrimmages",R.Gowland,Others 2)(H.T. 0-5)
(SAT NOV 6th)(At Trent Bridge,Nottingham:see below)

Nottingham Evening Post 8/11/80 P.4/Nottinghamshire Guardian 12/11/80 P.12/Bell's Life 13/11/80 P.4/Athletic News 10/11/80 P.3/Sporting Life 10/11/80 P.1/Sportsman 8/11/80 P.4:

No record found in Wolverhampton Express & Star /LINCOLNSHIRE CHRONICLE FOR 1880 WAIT FOR ON LINE

NEP/NG:"The Spilsby Club and the Wolverhampton(Stafford Road)were drawn together to play off the tie in connection with the Association Cup,and the former,having won the toss,had the opportunity of selecting on which ground the match should be played.Unfortunately for them, however,their own ground was flooded,and as it was impossible for a postponement of the day to be made,it was decided to play it off on the Trent Bridge Ground,Nottingham.They,however, proved very unfortunate in their selection,as a much more important match between Notts and Queen's Park was taking place on the Castle Cricket ground,and the result was that there were not more than a dozen spectators present during any part of the game.From the start,however,it was evident that the representatives of Spilsby had not the slightest chance,and this was proved by the fact that at the end of play their opponents had gained seven goals without allowing them to score.Play was announced to take place at 2.30,but it was not until 3.25 that the ball was kicked off by the Wolverhampton captain.Spilsby at once made an attempt to force their enemies back,but in five minutes from the start they had been driven back into their own quarters,but they managed to keep their goal intact for a few minutes,and Carnley relieved the stronghold by carrying the leather down the left side to the Wolverhampton end,but not being backed up properly,his efforts were thrown away,and the ball was soon again in close proximity to the Spilsby goal.Off a side kick the ball was placed in front of the goal,and in the scrimmage which followed it was put through the posts.It was then carried to the Wolverhampton end,but soon returned by Crane,who ran it up the left side,and then passed it to Shone,who passed it under the crossbar for the second time.For some minutes after this the Stafford men were the attacking party,and after numerous fouls and corner kicks had been given,a third goal was got in a scrimmage.In a short time after a fourth was got by Shone with the assistance of Crane,and before half time was called Gowland carried the ball the length of the field,and before he could be prevented,had scored a fifth goal for his team.On ends being changed the Spilsby men did not improve their position.They were very seldom in their opponents' grounds, and the warder of the Stafford Road goal had very little work to do.The one who occupied a similar position on the other side,however,had anything but a calm time of it.The ball was in the jaws of the goal time after time,and before play had been concluded two more goals had been placed to the credit of Wolverhampton,and the game resulted in a victory for Wolverhampton by seven goals to nil."

Spilsby:J.H.Barrett(Capt.)(Goal);H.R.Bellamy,H.W.Rawnsley(Backs);J.W.Preston,C.T.Preston (Half Backs),J.Marren,John Searby,James Searby,S.Carnley,W.Rowlatt,H.Robinson(Forwards).

Stafford Road:S.Fullwood(Goal);C.Dorrance,A.Bantock(Backs);H.Turton,A.Nicholls(Half Backs); R.Gowland,E.Davis,W.W.Shone,J.Ashley,H.Crane,J.Whitehead(Capt.)(Forwards).

Umpires:H.Hanes and A.Goodyear.Referee:W.Luntley.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST walked over CAIUS COLLEGE (Cambridge) scratched(Nottingham Evening Post 16/11/80 P.3)

NOTTS CLUB 4 (A.W.Cursham,H.A.Cursham 3) DERBYSHIRE 4 (“Out of a bully”,Evans 2,Taylor)(Thurs Nov 4th)(At Trent Bridge)(NEP/SDT/NG all state that Notts were 1-4 down at half time and could only make it 3-4:later H.Cursham’s “disallowed “goal allowed for 4-4:see below)(NEP 16/11/80 then lists score as 4-4)

N.B. In the Nottingham Evening Post 16/11/80 P.3 the score is listed in the First Round results as 4-4 and it further states”It appears from the above that the dispute between the Notts. and Derbyshire teams has been settled in favour of the former,and a second meeting is necessary.”

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 5/11/80 P.4/Derbyshire Mercury 9/11/80 P.4/Nottingham Journal 5/11/80 P.4/Nottingham Evening Post 5/11/80 P.4/Sheffield Independent 5/11/80 P.4/Sporting Life 6/11/80 P.4:

SDT/DM:”The tie between the Notts Club and Derby Club in the first round of the English Challenge Cup competition was played on the Trent Bridge grounds,Nottingham,on Thursday.A start was made at about a quarter past three o’clock.The Notts men ran up to the Derby goal very quickly,owing principally to the fine play of Morse and Dobson,but Evans and Taylor removed the ball into the Notts territory soon afterwards,a shot following,which the Notts goalkeeper had to handle.H.Cursham retaliated,and a fine left screw shot was only just kept from scoring by Coupe.H.Wignall showed prominently on the Derby right,and being well supported the Notts goal was seriously threatened,but McRae was all there and removed the danger,whilst a few minutes later on A.W.Cursham was cheered for a clever piece of dribbling quite in his old form,but he could not get past Morgan,whose splendid back play throughout the game was of the utmost service to his side.Harry Cursham’s screws were once or twice very dangerous,and he was ably backed up by Maltby and Chapman,but at length the Derbyshire men came down the field in a body ,and a free kick from a foul was given near the Notts goal.The ball was well planted in the mouth of the fortress,and H.Greenhalgh,though trying hard to keep it away,just failed to prevent the score, which was allowed after an appeal to the referee.Almost immediately after the start off the Derby men made another dash into their opponents’ quarters where a foul was given to Notts,but notwithstanding this,the ball was still kept in the same neighbourhood and G.Wignall by a smart shot made a second goal for the visitors,though the Derby men may thank the Notts goalkeeper for the score.The Notts men,having by no means the best of luck,now rallied,and obtained a corner kick, which was unproductive,and another clever try by H.Cursham was again a failure.Evans caused a

diversion in favour of Derby, but it was only temporary, for C.L. Cursham getting possession, passed to his brother Harry, who forwarded the ball to Morse, and he shot it straight for goal. It was headed out by the custodian and a scrimmage ensued, in which the ball was forced through, thus securing the first goal for the home team. Quick scoring was the order of the day, and no sooner had the game resumed than Evans took the ball down the left wing, and, forwarding it to Taylor, the latter rushed the third goal for Derby, who played tolerably well together, and were particularly strong in back play, and swift as well. Still another success awaited the visitors, although only a few minutes remained until half time, Evans again rushing from the centre of the field, and somewhat luckily escaping the Notts captain, finished up with a swift shot, which just touched H. Greenhalgh's fingers, and then went through. When ends were changed the score stood - Derby four goals Notts one. In the last portion of the game the Notts men showed to far greater advantage and getting rapidly to work, the leather was forced into Derby quarters, where H. Cursham made a marvellous screw kick and secured goal number two for the home team. For a little while the game remained in favour of the Notts team, but Cubley and Bellamy put a lot of good work in for Derby, who again began to press their opponents, but were unable to score. The brothers Wignall played very well, too, in the centre and right wing, but H. Cursham and Maltby again got away, and the former placed the ball between the posts, - but the umpire, having previously given a decision that the ball was out of play, the score was disallowed. Towards the finish the Notts men tried hard to avoid defeat, but their opponents pursued defensive tactics, and although shortly before "time" H. Cursham made the third score for his side they were unable to equalise matters, and Derby were left winners by four goals to three."

+This was the disputed goal:

Sheffield Independent 8/11/80 P.4: "A fourth goal was made by H. Cursham for Notts, but after it had been scored the Derby men disputed it, on the ground that it had been out of play just before. The goal was disallowed, but the Notts Club, we understand, intend appealing to the association committee on the matter, alleging that the fact of the claim that the ball had been out of touch not being made until after the goal was scored, invalidated the appeal."

NJ: "During the second half Notts played better, and some excellent crossing from left to right wing was displayed by the brothers Cursham. A.W. Cursham kicked a second goal for the home team, and later on his brother, H. Cursham, dispatched it between the posts, but the referee disallowed any score on the ground that the ball had previously passed out of play. Just before closing the same player registered another goal, and a slight dispute arose as to whether the other might not to have counted. As it was, however, Derbyshire claimed the victory by four goals to three."

NEP: "By capital play the ball was carried to the front of the Derby goal, and by a splendid kick from H. Cursham was placed safely under the cross bar, but the goal was disallowed on the ground that the ball had been out of bounds and had not been thrown in previous to the goal being procured. Still the Notts men were not disheartened, and after some exciting play the ball was carried by main force into the Derby territory, and about five minutes before time was called H. Cursham, by a well judged screw, made a third goal for his team. The ball was again set rolling, and Notts looked to have a fair chance of making matters equal, but time would not allow, and the game concluded in favour of Derby by four goals to three."

SI: "In the second half Notts played in improved form, and made the second goal directly after ends had been changed. They also scored a third time just before the termination of play, but were ultimately defeated by four goals to three." (No mention of a disputed goal)

SL: "But the first goal was registered out of a bully to the credit of Derbyshire, who, five minutes later, added a second through the instrumentality of Evans. H. Cursham then scored one for Notts, but before half time two others had been kicked by the visiting team—the first by Taylor, and the second by Evans, whose centre play was very fine indeed. During the second half A. W. Cursham added a second for Notts, and directly afterwards H. Cursham contributed a third, but it was disallowed through the ball having been kicked out of play. Eventually Derbyshire won by four goals to three."

Notts Club: H. Greenhalgh (Goal); A. T. C. Dobson, E. H. Greenhalgh (Backs), S. Macrae, H. Chapman (Half Backs); A. W. Cursham, C. L. Cursham (Right), S. Palmer, H. Morse (Centres), C. L. Maltby, H. A. Cursham (Left). (Not certain whether S. Palmer a Centre Forward or a Half Back)

Derbyshire: W. Coupe (Goal); E. A. M. Smythe, E. Brookhouse (Capt.) (Backs); W. Bellamy, J. R. Morgan (Half Backs); L. Cubley, P. W. Taylor (Right), A. Horsley, H. Evans (Centres), H. Wignall, G. Wignall (Left).

Umpires: H. R. Johnson and A. Ashwell. Referee: Rev. J. R. B. Owen.

Derby Daily Telegraph 16/11/80 P.3: "Apparently the Committee has decided to admit the claim of the Notts players to the fourth, the disputed goal, which they obtained in the match against Derby." (Based upon the fact of them both being in the Second Round draw) (This was probably the disallowed H. Cursham goal for Notts: see report) (N.B. Derby Daily Telegraph 5/11/80 just reports 3-4 score but no detailed report or teams)

REPLAY: Sat Nov 27th (At County Cricket Ground, Derby) (DDT /NJ: "on the Racecourse, Nottingham Road, Derby"):

DERBYSHIRE 2 (W. Shaw, H. Evans) NOTTS COUNTY 4 (H. A. Cursham, A. W. Cursham, E. H. Greenhalgh, H. Chapman) (H.T. 1-1) (F.T. 2-2) (After Extra Time)

N.B. Scorers vary in different sources

N.B. NEP gives the 4th goal to Chapman, and Notts History and AFS give it to H. Morse (Dark by then)

Nottingham Evening Post 29/11/80 P.4/Nottingham Journal 29/11/80 P.4/Nottinghamshire Guardian 3/12/80 P.12/Derby Daily Telegraph 29/11/80 P.3/Derbyshire Advertiser & Journal 3/12/80 P.3/Sporting Life 1/12/80 P.1:

DDT: "The result on that occasion was four goals to Derby against three for the Nottinghamshire team, but the latter claimed a fourth goal, which on appeal to the Association Committee, was allowed. "

N.B. This must be the first occasion in which the Referee's decision was reversed in an FA Cup tie!

NEP/NG":These clubs met together to decide their draw on the County Cricket ground,at Derby,on Saturday last,and the game proved a most exciting one.Both teams were strong,but for the first ten minutes or quarter of an hour Notts did not play at all well,and the result was that the Derby men pressed them very hard.This treatment,however,only made the visiitors the more determined,and after repeated struggles they eventually gained un mistakeable honours.

Play commenced at 2.45,and Notts,winning the toss kicked off,but the Derby team forced their opponents into their own territory,and obtained a corner kick.It was dropped into the centre of the goal,and an attempt to score was stopped by the goal-keeper,and the ball was carried to the other end.It was returned immediately afterwards,however,and off another corner kick a scrimmage took place at the mouth of the goal but with no practical result.However,off a third corner kick Shaw passed the ball through.Then by a pretty bit of passing between M'Crae,A.Cursham and H.Cursham the leather was carried to the Derby end,and there a good shy was made,but with no result,and the ball falling into the hands of Bellamy,he carried it some distance and passed to Taylor,who managed to place it in front of the goal.The Notts team met them with full force and managed to avoid a second misfortune,and although a goal was made immediately after by Horsley,it was disallowed on the ground of "offside".On returning to the Derby end a corner kick was obtained,but it was headed out by Morse.Eventually the ball was taken to within a few yards of the Derby goal,and it then passed from A.Cursham to H.Cursham,who put it safely under the bar.The ball having been kicked off again the Derbyites took their opponents by surprise,and Evans had a good shot for the goal,but Greenhalgh was on the alert,and seizing the ball,threw it some distance into the field.+It was returned,however,and after a while a goal was claimed by the home team out of a scrimmage.It was disallowed,but the decision gave much dissatisfaction.The game now became very exciting and both sides gave their utmost to gain the advantage,but matters still remained equal when half time was called.On ends being changed it was not long before Chapman got hurt,and the match had to be stopped a second time.On play being resumed the Notts had decidedly the best of it,but another accident delayed play a third time,the man who was injured this time being Morgan,who sprained his wrist in charging one of the Notts men.The Derby team did their utmost to force their opponents back,but were unable to do so,and it was by the merest chance that their goalkeeper prevented Chapman from scoring.With the exception of a corner kick in front of the Derby goal,nothing worthy of note took place for a few minutes until Bellamy and Taylor,by their united efforts,carried the ball to the Notts end and the latter made an attempt to score but kicked too high.It was taken back by the Notts and H.Cursham made an effort for a goal from the left side but the ball fell short.A.Cursham,however,getting another chance soon after,kicked with more judgment,and the result was a second goal for Notts.After this the Derby team were employed in endeavoring to prevent a further disaster.Eventually the ball was taken to the opposite end,and notwithstanding that the Notts men brought to bear,the Derby team succeeded in getting a second goal.This was a few minutes before time was called and as up to that no further score was made,it was decided to play another half hour.The Notts were soon again acting on the offensive,made a third goal,and before play concluded Chapman,who had played well throughout,made a fourth goal by a splendid kick from the left side.The Notts team were thus declared the winners by four goals to two."

+DDT/NJ:"The ball apparently passed through the posts,but was handled back by Jessop.On appeal the Notts. umpire disallowed both goal and foul"

DDT/NJ:"Just before "time",however,a magnificent run by Evans,who played pluckily throughout,right across the ground,was well finished by his passing it through the posts.When time

was called the game stood at a tie, and it was resolved to play another quarter of an hour. The light was very bad during the remainder of the play, and the ball could not be seen any distance away. However, during the remaining 15 minutes two goals were kicked by E.H. Greenhalgh and H. Cursham for Notts, and the victory thus remained with the visitors by four goals to two, and a third disputed. Excellent play was shown by the winning team, especially the Curshams. The crossing of the Notts team was much better than that of Derby."

N.B. The DDT/NJ Reports are almost identical, except the DDT Report adds two or three additional sentences relating to the Derby play

Derbyshire: W. Coupe (Goal); J.R. Morgan (Three Quarter Back); E.A.M. Smythe, (E.) F. Brookhouse, H.R. Wignall (Capt.) (Half Backs), A. Horsley, P.W. Taylor (Right Wing), W. Shaw, H. Evans (Centres), W. Bellamy, A. Chaplin (Left Wing).

Notts Club: H. Greenhalgh (Goal); A.T.C. Dobson, H.J. Jessop (Backs); S. Palmer, S. Macrae, H. Chapman (Half Backs); A.W. Cursham, C.L. Cursham (Right Side), H. Morse (Centre), H.A. Cursham, E.H. Greenhalgh (Capt.) (Left Side).

Umpires: J. Lounds for Derby and G. Seals for Notts. Referee: W. Matthews (Sheffield).

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 10/12/80 P.4: "The Derby Club lodged an appeal against the decision of the referee in regard to a disputed goal in the Association Cup Tie played between the Notts Club and the Derby Club, at Derby on Saturday week. The ground of appeal was that a goal which was disallowed to Derby before the call of time was actually obtained, and this placed the home team beyond the necessity of continuing the game another 15 minutes. In the extra play Notts obtained additional goals by which they were awarded the victory, but Derby claimed that they were entitled to the goal obtained earlier in the game, and thus had won the match before the call to "extra play". Evidence on this point was submitted to the Association Committee and was considered at their meeting held in London on Monday night. Mr W. Shaw, hon. Sec. to the Derby club, has received a letter from Mr E.W. Bainbridge, acting hon. Sec. to the Association Committee stating: "At a very large Committee meeting last evening the dispute raised by you with regard to the Cup match between your club and the Notts club, the Committee fully and carefully considered the matter, but cannot see any grounds for altering the referee's decision. They therefore, cannot interfere with the result of the match. The Notts club, consequently, have a bye in the second round. Besides your account of the disputed goal we had letters from Mr Morse (Notts Secretary) and the referee."

NORTHERN DISTRICT:

Eagley v Astley Bridge

Blackburn Rovers v Providence (Sheffield)

Turton v Britannia (Brigg)

Darwen v Brigg

Queen's Park v Sheffield Wednesday

Sheffield Club v Olympic (Blackburn)

ASTLEY BRIDGE 4 (P.Smith,T.Curran,W.Fooley,J.J.Morris) EAGLEY 0(H.T. 0-0)(SAT OCT 30th)(At Astley Bridge,nr.Bolton)

Athletic News 3/11/80 P.3/Sportsman 1/11/80 P.4/Bolton Evening News 3/11/80 P.4/Referee 31/10/80 P.6/Sporting Life 3/11/80 P.1:

AN:"These two Lancashire Clubs met to decide their draw in the first round of the above competition at Astley Bridge,near Bolton,on Saturday afternoon.In the first half,although Eagley had the advantage of a hill,they failed to score,and with the change of ends matters became still worse for them.The home team scored five minutes after the recommencement,and eventually got the ball past the Eagley goal-keeper six times,but on two occasions the points were not allowed.Thus Astley Bridge won by four goals to nil."

SM:"On Saturday afternoon these two Lancashire Clubs,who were drawn together in the first round,met on Saturday at Astley Bridge,near Bolton.There was a large attendance of spectators. Eagley kicked off downhill at about 3.15,but though they made several attempts to score,they were unsuccessful,and at half time neither side had made a point.With the change of ends the home team had matters all their own way.P.Smith put the ball past the Eagley goal keeper first,and Curran immediately afterwards repeated the tactic,but the point was disallowed.A few minutes later Curran scored the second goal for the home team.A free kick in front of the goal manipulated by Fooley resulted in the third goal,and Morris gained the next,which left the home team the victors by four goals to nil."

BEN:"These clubs were drawn together in the first round of the Northern district English Challenge Cup competition.,and played off their match on Saturday at Astley Bridge.Astley Bridge had the victory by four goals to nil."

(Has J.Durham for J.Dickenson(REF has Dewhurst) for Eagley and W.Walsh for Astley Bridge:check elsewhere for E.Eatock)

Astley Bridge:J.Fielding(Goal),W.Foole(Capt.),T.Schofield(Backs),F.Hamer,J.Dewhurst(Half Backs), J.J.Morris,J.Eatock(Right Wing),T.Curran,J.Battersby(Centres),J.Walsh,P.Smith(Left Wing).

N.B. All have Fooley not Foole but Foole is correct:there was also a J.Foole his brother playing for Astley Bridge

Eagley:J.Hall(Goal),R.Openshaw,R.Kay(Backs),T.Hall(Capt.),S.Greenhalgh,J.Dickenson(Half Backs), Brookes,Gresty(Right Wing),S.Smith(Centre),E.Jones,J.Middleton(Left Wing).

Umpires:Squire Gregory and J.Magnall.Referee:T.Duxbury.

BLACKBURN ROVERS 6(A.N.Hornby,J.Brown 3,+R.Birtwistle 2) PROVIDENCE 2
(++W.H.Hobson,F.Brownhill)(H.T.3-1)(SAT OCT 30th)(At Alexandra Meadows,Blackburn:the East Lancashire Cricket Ground) +SDT has H.M'Intyre scoring the 6th goal ++BS has A.Woodcock

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 1/11/80 P.4/Sheffield Independent 1/11/80 P.4/Blackburn Standard 6/11/80 P.3/Athletic News 3/11/80 P.3/Sportsman 1/11/80 P.4/Referee 31/10/80 P.6:

SI: "Play was 25 minutes late owing to the late arrival of the referee."

BS: "Once more have the Rovers proved victorious, and against a club which is reputed to be one of the best in Sheffield. The game was the first round for the English Challenge Cup tie, and it was witnessed by several thousand spectators, and after a very exciting match the Rovers proved the victors by six goals and two disputed ones to two goals. Play was commenced at about a quarter to four o'clock by Brown kicking off, the visitors having won the toss. The ball was at first secured by the visitors, and run into the Rovers' ground, when R. Birtwistle seized it, and after making a splendid dribble with it across the field he passed it to Brown, and from Brown it was crossed to Avery, who had a capital chance for a goal, but he missed his kick, and the leather was secured by Andrews, and passed to Woodcock. These two players then showed some nice passing. On getting into the Rovers' ground, however, the ball was returned, and Duckworth catching it with his toe, screwed to Mr Hornby, who made a shot, but it was a little too high. Willey secured the leather from the goal kick, and showed some splendid play, but Avery eventually secured it, and crossed to Duckworth. The ball alighted in the mouth of the goal, and Duckworth had a beautiful chance, but he made a bad kick. This was the third chance that the Rovers had missed, and it seemed to put a damper on their spirits, for, although they succeeded in carrying the ball to their opponents' goal, they did not shoot with the accuracy that had formerly brought them goals. Avery made some good runs with the sphere, and if the Rovers had been a little sharper in their play, they might have secured more goals, but they seemed out of order until their opponents secured the first goal, when they seemed once more to pull together, and the game afterwards was entirely in their power. The visitors secured their first goal through a foul claim of "hands" made by the Rovers in front of their posts. The visitors were allowed a free kick, and A. Woodcock, after a slight scrimmage, shot the ball through the posts. Play after this commenced in real earnest. The visitors seemed to have gained courage, while the home team seemed to have resolved that they should secure no more goals. From the kick off Duckworth at once seized the ball, and, after a splendid dribble down the field, he screwed into goal, but the goal-keeper caught it, and threw away. From the left wing the leather was then passed to the right by the visitors, and then centred until it reached to a few yards from the Rovers' posts, when it was knocked out. Brown next secured the ball, and, after dribbling it into the middle of the field, he passed to Duckworth, who returned, and a shot was made, but although a true one, it was a little too long, and the goal-keeper stopped it. The Rovers, however, rushed up, and a scrimmage took place, when the leather was knocked behind the posts by a visitor. Nothing resulted from the corner kick, and the ball was afterwards run up the field by A. Woodcock, who made a shot, but it passed over the top. Duckworth and Birtwistle next ran the ball back again, and Duckworth was screwing in the centre, when one of the visitors rushed up and knocked it behind the posts. From the corner kick the ball was sent in mid-field, and Greenwood returned it to the goal, when a slight scrimmage ensued opposite the goal. One of the visitors at last managed to hit at it, and sent it into the field, when Hornby made a splendid shot over the heads of all the players, and shot it through the posts amid cheering from the spectators. After this the Rovers pressed their opponents very much, and several shots were made. Ultimately Brown once more secured the ball, and passed it through the posts, but "off-side" was claimed. The referee, however, gave it in as a goal, and it was counted. One minute before time was called the ball was screwed from the left wing to the centre, when R. Birtwistle rushed up and shot it through the posts, making the third goal for the Rovers to one for the visitors. On change of ends, the Rovers from the kick-off secured the leather, and only about half-a-dozen times during the second half did the visitors succeed in getting the ball beyond

half way across the field. Although Woodcock, Andrews, Hobson, and Willey, showed some very good play, they were not equal to Brown, who on Saturday showed some of his former play, and scarcely once did he miss the ball when he had the slightest chance. M'Intyre was every time to be found at his post, and Suter could always be relied upon. Avery appeared to be in his best form on the left wing, and so with Duckworth on the right wing. The visitors played well, but as before intimated, they could not compete with the home team. After about twenty minutes' play, during which time the Rovers had made several shots, but, owing to the good defence of their opponents, no goals were secured, the leather was played by M'Intyre to Brown, who shot it through the posts. Directly after it was kicked off again Brown ran it up to the posts, and added the fifth goal to the Rovers' credit. The leather was next seized by Avery, and he passed to Brown, who almost secured another goal, but the goal-keeper stopped it. The ball was afterwards carried down to the Rovers' posts by Sheffield, and they secured a corner kick, but nothing resulted. A few minutes afterwards (R.) Birtwistle secured another good goal for the Rovers, and about two minutes before time was called Sheffield, by a combined rush, secured the second goal, the goal being kicked by Brownhill. The Rovers got one or two extra goals during the game, but they were disallowed, owing to off-side being claimed."

SDT: "On Saturday afternoon these two clubs met at Blackburn to contest their tie in the English Challenge Cup competition. There was a large attendance of spectators, numbering about 2,500. The Rovers lost the toss and Brown kicked off with a strong wind in favour of the Sheffielders. Some beautiful passing followed by Hornby who was making his first appearance for the Rovers. About 18 minutes after the commencement the visitors claimed hands in front of the Rovers' goal, and from this Hobson (BS says Woodcock) kicked the first goal for the Sheffielders. A short time afterwards (REF: "Ten minutes later") Hornby made a long shot which secured the first goal for the home team. Brown soon kicked a second goal and Birtwistle secured a third goal just before half time. On resuming with ends changed, M'Intyre took the ball from Andrews and ran to the Sheffield citadel, where he crossed to Brown, and the latter kicked the fourth goal. After kicking off the visitors were again defeated in their tactics, and a combined run by the Rovers terminated in Brown kicking their fifth goal. With such a total against the Sheffield team it was really a treat to witness their fine play on the defensive. Eventually Brown demonstrated his superior powers with a magnificent run almost the entire length of the field, and J. Duckworth screwed the ball to the centre, Avery putting the finishing touch to a sixth goal. This, however, was disputed, and on being left to the referee was disallowed on the score of offside. Several narrow escapes for the Sheffield goal followed, but a short time afterwards, after a hot scrimmage in front of the Sheffield goal, M'Intyre placed the sixth goal to the credit of the Lancashire men. A minute before time the Sheffielders kicked a second goal, after a fine run by Brownhill, which terminated in Andrews tipping the ball past the Rovers' goalkeeper."

AN: "The Rovers' team included the celebrated cricketer. A.N. Hornby.."

SM: "In the first round of the competition for the Football Association Challenge Cup, this match was played on the Alexandra Meadows, Blackburn. The visitors' team was somewhat weakened by the absence of Buttery and Mosforth, who were replaced by Willey and Hobson. On the other hand the Rovers were considerably strong, and Mr A.N. Hornby played on behalf of his townsmen. At the commencement of the game the Rovers made several ineffectual attempts to score, but the splendid defensive play of the backs, and the good goal-keeping of Wood, prevented this. Ultimately a change took place and the leather was far in the Rovers' territory when a free kick for "hands" fell to them. In the scrimmage Woodcock put in the final stroke, and registered the first goal. The home

team after this put on additional energy, and several shots in quick succession were made at the Providence uprights to equalise the game. For a considerable time they were unsuccessful, but ultimately, after a closely contested piece of play in the very mouth of the Sheffield uprights, the ball was got up, and well headed out. Hornby, in the rear, took advantage of the opportunity afforded, and with comparative ease he passed the ball cleverly through the posts, amid the ringing cheers of the onlookers. On the kick for line Hornby, Brown, Duckworth, and Avery did some excellent work, whilst the back play of the Rovers was a treat. Their fortress was almost impregnable, and from this time up to the finish the "Blades" had to act more or less on the defensive. Brown, by means of some excellent dodging play, quickly scored a second goal for his club. Immediately on the kick off the ball was sent to the left corner, in close proximity to the Providence uprights, and before any of the backs could prevent the charge, Avery made a splendid screw kick, and R. Birtwistle sent it through. Half time was now called, and on the resumption of play a determined charge was made on the Sheffield uprights. In less than the space of two minutes four successive raids were made on the visitors' quarters. Their efforts, however, were soon rewarded, and Brown rapidly placed two goals to the credit of the Rovers. Avery was the next to show up, and a goal secured by him was disallowed on the plea of offside. Two other goals were subsequently notched by the Rovers, but also one of these was disallowed owing to a foul. The Sheffield team, who had now literally gone to pieces, were fortunate enough, at three minutes before the call of time, to add a second goal. At the conclusion the Rovers retired from the field as victors by six goals and two disputed goals, to the Providence team's two goals."

Blackburn Rovers: A. Woolfall (Goal); D. H. Greenwood, F. Suter (Backs); F. W. Hargreaves (Capt.), Hugh McIntyre (Half Backs); J. Duckworth, R. Birtwistle (Right), A. N. Hornby, J. Brown (Centres), A. Birtwistle, G. Avery (Left).

Providence: J. H. Wood (Goal); J. H. Halliwell, A. Wilson (Backs); J. Woodcock, D. Willey (Half Backs); W. H. England, F. Brownhill (Right), H. J. Ollershaw, A. R. Woodcock (Capt.) (Centres), W. H. Hobson, P. Andrews (Left).

Umpires: W. Duckworth for Blackburn Rovers and J. Nicholson for Providence. Referee: T. R. Sutton, of the Athletic News, Manchester.

BRIGG BRITANIA 0 TURTON 5 (Scorers not traced) (H.T. 0-3) (SAT OCT 16th) (At Brigg)

Bolton Evening News 20/11/80 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 18/10/80 P.4/Athletic News 20/10/80 P.6:

BEN: "On Saturday last Turton visited Brigg to meet that club in the first round of the English Challenge Cup ties. Their team was rather weak, being minus Scowcroft and Tilley (Centres), and Brown, the goalkeeper, but notwithstanding this they won easily by five goals to nil. The game was very one-sided throughout, the ball never once passing the Turton goal line, their goalkeeper being simply a spectator, not having the chance of displaying his abilities on a single occasion. The home team played on the defensive the whole of the game, but more especially during the second half, being clustered about the goal like a swarm of bees, making scoring almost an impossibility."

SDT/AN: "This match in the Association Challenge Cup Ties was played at Brigg on Saturday. The weather being favourable there was a good company of spectators present. During the first half the Turton team, by superior combined play, scored three goals to their opponents' none, and after the change of ends the visitors kept the ball well in the Brigg team's quarters. The local goal, though well defended, was constantly in danger. A succession of determined attacks, however, were for a time repelled. Some exciting scrimmages took place close to the Britannia stronghold, and several corner kicks fell to the visitors, who succeeded in adding two more goals to their credit. The last one, however, was the cause of dispute, the Brigg team appealing against the goal on account of "offside". This dispute put an end to the game a few minutes before time. The goal, however, was allowed by both umpires, the game thus resulting in a victory for Turton by five goals to none."

Brigg Britannia: H. Rose (Goal); D. Clifton, R. M. Hewitt (Capt.) (Backs); W. E. Knight, B. Neal (Half Backs); C. Alcock, H. Knott, W. H. Fieldsend, W. Coney, H. Sizer, J. Binns (Forwards).

Turton: William Howarth (Goal); W. Trainor, James Greenhalgh (Backs); J. J. Haworth, Charles Tootill (Half Backs); J. J. Bentley (Capt.), T. Gorton, Joseph Hamer, Peter Tootill, Henry Haworth, W. Taylor (Forwards).

DARWEN 8 (T. Rostron 3, W. H. Moorhouse, T. Marshall, Others 3) BRIGG 0 (H.T. 4-0) (SAT NOV 13th) (At Darwen)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 15/11/80 P.4/Blackburn Standard 20/11/80 P.2/Leeds Mercury 15/11/80 P.7/Athletic News 17/11/80 P.7/Nottinghamshire Guardian 19/11/80 P.4/Sportsman 15/11/80 P.4/Sporting Life 17/11/80 P.1/Referee 14/11/80 P.6:

SDT: "This match was played at Darwen on Saturday afternoon in the presence of about 1,000 spectators. At 2:30 a start was made by Brigg, who had lost the toss, and a strong wind blew slightly against them, and in consequence they could not make much progress. For a time play was mostly in mid-field, Darwen failing to bring themselves into anything like good order. They were, however, a man short for the first 25 minutes, just previous to which period the Lancashire men obtained a goal from the foot of Rostron. The home team now began to work with greater unison, Marshall and Rostron on the left making some fine runs. At the close of the game Darwen (the holders of the Lancashire Challenge Cup) were declared the winners by eight goals to none."

LM: "In less than a quarter of an hour Rostron scored a goal for Darwen, after a fine run on the right wing by Marshall and some judicious passing play between Marshall and Mellor. A second goal was soon got by the same player (Rostron), Barley stumbling to the ground in his attempts to save his goal. Now Kirkham made two capital shots at goal, the first time kicking the ball against the posts, and on it being returned to him, by Marshall heading into the goalkeeper's hands. The Brigg left wing players now got the ball away but the dodging of Marshall and Rostron was too much for them, and the ball was quickly brought back. Moorhouse, half back, scored the third goal for the home team by a long low shot from the left wing, which flew past three of the Briggs backs and the goalkeeper without their being able to stop it. After this the left wing of the Brigg team again came into prominence, the outside player dribbling against the wind along the whole length of the field, and dodging the international, Brindle, when that player attempted to stop his onward career. Fish and Duxbury, however, rushed to the rescue of their goal and compelled the Brigg forward to kick out. A

round of applause followed this run, but immediately afterwards Darwen were again in the ascendancy, and through a mistake by the Brigg left back, the fourth goal was scored against them. Marshall taking advantage of this misplay, centred the leather and the goalkeeper pounced upon it; Rostron and Marsden, however, closed upon him, and between them put the leather between the posts. Half time was then called and ends were changed. After this change the Brigg players tried to avail themselves of the favourable wind, but the Darwenians were too strong for them, and despite the opposing wind played a pressing game. Kirkham very soon added to the previous score of the home team by kicking a fifth goal and another was added by Mellor but disallowed. Several times the Lincolnshire men broke away, the left wing particularly showing off to advantage; but the goalkeeper had the most of the play and he at times saved his charge admirably. About ten minutes before call of time a sixth goal was added, and just at the close of time two others were added, the game thus ending in a victory for Darwen by eight goals to none."

AN: "A neat bit of play on the part of Rowbottam and Holt brought the leather into the division of the home team; its stay here was of slight duration, for Brindle, aided by Duxbury, baffled the oncoming foe, and ere many more moments had elapsed a fine run to the other end by Marshall and Rostron was witnessed. Moorhouse now came in for some hard work, which was effected in fine style, and, as a result, the ball was sent into goal, where Rostron achieved the downfall of it, amid cheers. Soon after the leather had been restarted the Darwen team received its full complement of players, and play proceeded in an interesting manner for some time, many nice runs being made by the visitors, but, lacking combination, they failed to gain much advantage over the Darwen backs. On the other hand, Darwen, by pretty play, frequently made matters very hot for their antagonists, and the fortress of the visitors was often the scene of a severe fight. After some play of an interesting kind Darwen obtained several corner kicks; but the Brigg backs managed to extricate the ball. Mellor and Gledhill next showed up with a run on the left, and the former passed it well to Rostron, who sent it well home. Six minutes later the Darwen forwards were again pressing their opponents, and Moorhouse raised cheers from the spectators by obtaining a third point. Try as they would, the Brigg men were powerless to stay the victorious career of the home contingent, and once more the forwards of Darwen were battering away at the citadel, which fell for the fourth time, Rostron being in at its downfall. After the customary respite at half time the game was recommenced. Kirkham lightly touched the leather to Rostron, who had the play to himself for a short period. At last his career was stayed by Bartle kicking out. After the throw in Darwen again began to show its superiority by pressing the Lincolnshire men behind their own line. A faint retaliation was now made by Carr and Clough on the Brigg right, who essayed to make things look dangerous for the home team. Broughton, the Darwen goalkeeper, had, however, come well out, and meeting the ball a return was soon made to the visitors' goal, and at last Marshall came in with a well judged kick, which again secured the downfall of the Brigg goal. Although it wanted but twelve minutes to the call of time, the Darwen men put on a final spurt, and so grandly did they play that before the whistle was sounded (an) other three goals had been scored, and thus Brigg retired from the field defeated by eight goals to love."

Darwen: L. Broughton; (Goal), W. Brindle (Capt.), S. Fish (Backs); W. H. Moorhouse, J. Duxbury (Half Backs); T. Marshall, T. Rostron (Right Wing), R. Kirkham, L. Marsden (Centres), Dr. J. Gledhill, B. Mellor (Left Wing).

N. B. NEP has W. Mellor whose initial is repeated elsewhere as a Left Winger

Brigg:J.T.Barley(Goal);G.Haddelsey,T.Saxelbye(Backs);J.Bartle,H.Storm,W.Calvert(Half Backs);
W.Rowbottom,H.M.Holt(Right Wing),F.Bartle(Capt.)(Centre),G.Carr,J.Clough(Left Wing).

Umpires:E.Walmsley(Sec Darwen F.C.) and R.Johnson.Referee:W.Forrest(Turton).

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY walked over QUEEN'S PARK(Glasgow) scratched(Nottingham Evening Post
16/11/80 P.3)

SHEFFIELD CLUB 5 (W.Bradbury,Own goal,T.H.Sorby,E.Barber,H.Barber)
BLACKBURN OLYMPIC 4 (A.Lever,F.H.Marsden (o.g),Others 2)(H.T. 4-1)
(SAT OCT 30th)(At Bramall Lane,Sheffield)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 1/11/80 P.4/Blackburn Standard 6/11/80 P.3/Athletic News 3/11/80
P.3(Short report)/Field 6/11/80 P.695/Sporting Life 3/11/80 P.1:

SDT:"Though the weather was beautifully fine on Saturday,the ground,after the recent rains,snow,
and frost on Friday night,was almost as bad as it could be.The players could scarcely keep their
feet,and when the match was over they were almost as black as pitmen.The company numbered
about 600.The Sheffield captain having won the toss elected to defend the goal adjoining Bramall
Lane.At 3.10 Beverley,the Blackburn captain,commenced the attack.After playing some time the ball
was finely propelled into the centre by Gibson,and the visitors got into the vicinity of the
Sheffielders' goal,but only momentarily,as it was sent flying into the centre by Wake.The forwards
soon laid siege to the visitors' goal,and the ball eventually went over the line,yielding a corner kick to
the Sheffielders,which was entrusted to Wake.Right good use he made of it,dropping the ball fair in
the portals of the goal.In the ensuing tussle the ball went out and Wake had a second corner.With
another unerring kick he sent the ball right into the mouth of the goal and struck the crossbar.In the
ensuing struggle the ball was pressed through by Bradbury.Owing to the ball being wet and greasy it
was continually kicked out to the sides all through the match.H.Barber,Rodgers and T.H.Sorby bore
down again,and by admirable crossing got close up when one of them let fly at goal.The ball struck
one of the Blackburn backs on the head,and cannoned thence through the goal.These successes
roused the opposition to renewed efforts,but their progress was thwarted by Wake,who did a lot of
useful work at the back.The ball at this time was repeatedly fouled and several claims for "hands"
were allowed to both sides,most of them being quite accidental.Eventually the ball was again
splendidly crossed by E.Barber into the Blackburn goal,and T.H.Sorby following up most opportunely,
succeeded in heading it through.A corner kick by Beardshaw proved futile,and the ball emerged
towards Westwell,who nursed it dexterously,and rushing along with it he was well backed up by the
forwards,and Leaver,getting within range,made his effort.He sent the ball skimming along the
ground,and the goalkeeper essayed to stop it with his hands,but failed,and it went through his legs
and the goal simultaneously,the spectators cheering lustily.The Sheffielders now pulled themselves
together for another effort,and were soon down in their opponents' territory.A good cross by
Marsden left the ball with E.Barber,who made a wonderful screw from the side and sent the ball
flying through,and securing a fourth goal for his side.After another flying return by Wake half time
was called.

On changing ends, and with the wind to aid them, the Blackburn men set to work vigorously. The sun, which had bothered them considerably, had now gone down, and the wind was not so strong, so that the home team had the best of the luck in that respect. The Sheffield goal was quickly besieged, and but for the timely interposition of its custodian it must have fallen. For some time the only notable feature was the excellent services rendered to their respective sides by Bradbury, Gibson, Wake, Westwell, and Rodgers. The visitors now forced the pace, and showed more stamina than their opponents, who began to tire. The visitors had a slice of good luck. One of them made a long shot, and Marsden essayed to head back the ball, but put it through his own goal. A screw by H. Barber was successful, the goalkeeper failing to stop it—the ball rebounding from his hands. Goaded by this success the visitors swooped down and captured the Sheffield goal a third time, the ball being headed through by one of their forwards. With a good shot from the side the Blackburn men gained a fourth goal. Stimulated by this success they swept down in a compact body, and put the Sheffield goal in imminent peril. It was miraculously saved by the Sheffield goalkeeper, who got at and put the ball a few inches outside the post, when it looked as if nothing could save it. A second shot immediately afterwards struck the bar, and went over amidst intense excitement.”

BS:”This contest took place at Bramall lane, Sheffield, on Saturday, in connection with the English Cup tie. The ground, after the recent heavy falls of rain and snow, was in a most deplorable plight, and the players slipped and fell repeatedly. The home captain won the toss, and at 3.10 the Blackburn captain kicked off against a moderately strong wind. The ball being wet and greasy was repeatedly out all through the match, and the ball was fouled with the hands very frequently, though generally accidentally. During the first half of time the Sheffielders had considerably the best of the play, and scored four goals to the other side’s one, the ball going through the Sheffield goalkeeper’s legs. On changing ends they began to fall off rapidly, and the visitors, who played up very spiritedly, scored three goals to the other’s one. Just before the call of time they had very hard luck, as a most determined attack was only just frustrated by the goal-keeper at a most critical moment putting the ball behind with his hands, and a second well-aimed shot struck the crossbar and went over, or the match would have ended in a tie.”

Sheffield Club: R.A. Sorby (Goal); W.R. Wake, W. Beardshaw; F.H. Marsden, J.H. Barber, E. Barber; W.A. Matthews, T.H. Sorby (Capt.), W. Bradbury, H. Barber, Wilfred Rodgers.

Blackburn Olympic: W. Baldwin (Goal); S.A. Warburton, T. Gibson, A. Astley, A.J. Brown, A. Lever, J. Yates, R. Westwell, W. Hanson, W. Askew, J. Beverley (Capt.).

Umpires: G. Rishton and H.W. Chambers. Referee: T. Hindle (Sec. Lancashire Association)

SECOND ROUND:

Nottingham Evening Post 16/11/80 P.3:”At a meeting of the committee of the Football Association, held last evening, the draw for the second round took place with the following result:

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT:

FIRST DIVISION:

Reading v Swifts or Old Foresters
Upton Park v Weybridge
Clapham Rovers, a bye

READING 0 SWIFTS 1 (E.C.Bambridge)(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Dec 18th)(At Reading)

Reading Observer 24/12/80 P.5/Berkshire Chronicle 25/12/80 P.5/Reading Mercury 24/12/80 P.5/Field 25/12/80 P.958/Sporting Life 22/12/80 P.1:

RO:"These two old rival clubs met at Reading on Saturday to contest for entry into the third round of this competition. Reading won the toss, and played towards the river, Savory kicking off at 5 minutes to three o'clock. A lively game ensued in the presence of a large number of spectators, who witnessed a well-played game with keen interest. The ball was taken from goal to goal, and although E.J. Wild for the Swifts, and Grundy for the home team, were within an ace of scoring, it was not until nearly half-time that a goal was obtained, when the right flank of the visitors took the ball from their own goal, raced right the length of the ground, eluding the Reading backs, (and) secured a goal for their side. At half time the Swifts passed the home team rather surely, but owing to the splendid back play of Cripps and Jones, and the goalkeeping of Hayward, failed to add to their score. During the last twenty minutes the Reading men kept up a splendid attack upon their opponents' goal, who were then compelled to act on the defensive. Bartholemew, Prior, and Grundy made several shots for goal, and it looked as though matters could have been made equal, but at the call of time the Swifts were left winners by one goal to nil. For the Swifts G.B. Childs played in splendid form, and (Savory) and Chitty as half-backs were not found wanting."

BC:"These two clubs met at Reading on Saturday last to try conclusions for the second ties, when, after an evenly contested game, the Swifts won by one goal to nil. For the Swifts G.B. Childs played in splendid form, and Savory and Chitty, as half-backs, were not found wanting. For Reading, Bartholemew, Cripps, and Hayward distinguished themselves most."

RM:"These clubs met at Reading on Saturday last to try conclusions for the second ties for the Association Challenge Cup, when after a most evenly contested game the Swifts won by one goal to nil."

F:"This match in the second round of this competition was played on the Reading ground on Saturday last in the presence of a large and enthusiastic concourse of spectators. The turf was in a wretched state, owing to the recent rain, but a very fast game was played throughout. Though the Swifts had made much the better of the play, they only succeeded in getting the ball through their opponents' goal posts once. The Reading captain won the toss, and elected first to play with the wind and sun at his back. W. Wild kicked off for the visitors at about three o'clock. The Reading goal was immediately threatened, but a good middle by Childs was sent behind. Both teams were at once very busy; but, although having the wind against them, the Swifts more than held their own, and Jones and Cripps were kept hard at work, and they succeeded in keeping their fortress intact until a quarter of an hour before change, when Childs, Bambridge and the brothers Wild made a well-combined attack, which ended in Bambridge eluding Hayward and scoring a goal. On resumption of activities Reading hustled the Swifts' backs considerably, and Roff had more than once to use his hands, but, with Savory and A.L. Bambridge, effectively kept their opponents at bay until half time. With the wind as their ally Swifts completely penned Reading during the last half; but Hayward in goal was invincible, and saved

several good shots in splendid style. Occasionally Prior and Bartholemew made an incursion into the Swifts' territory, and Grundy once, close upon time, sent the ball flying over the bar, but otherwise the home team acted entirely on the defensive, so in the end the Swifts won by a goal to nothing. For the losers, Cripps and Jones, especially the former, played well behind the bully throughout, and Bartholemew and Holbrook (forward) made some good runs; while for the Swifts, Savory, A.L. Bambridge, Chitty, Childs, and W. Wild, did their duty manfully."

Reading: J.C. Prior (Capt.), A.J. Cripps, Herbert Field (Backs), C.G. Field, W.H. Jones (Half Backs); S. Hayward (Goal), G. Sillence, W. Holbrook (Right), A.C. Bartholemew (Left), G.B. Grundy, G.F. Fuller (Centres).

Swifts: J.H. Savory (Capt.), A.J. Chitty (Half Backs); A.L. Bambridge, H. Nichols (Backs); W.G. Roff (Goal); E.J. Wild, A.G. Paske (Right Side), E.C. Bambridge, G.B. Childs (Left Side), W. Wild, H. Stevens (Centres).

Umpires: J.W. Martin (Reading) and W. Nicholls (Swifts). Referee: S.S. Woollaston (Oxford).

WEYBRIDGE SWALLOWS 0 UPTON PARK 3 (C. Mitchell, J. Barnard, F. Winterbottom) (H.T. 0-2) (SAT DEC 18th)

Field 25/12/80 P.958/Sporting Life 22/12/80 P.1/Sportsman 21/12/80 P.4/Nottingham Evening Post 20/12/80 P.3:

F: "The match between these clubs, in the second round of the Association Challenge Cup competition, was decided at Weybridge on Saturday afternoon last. The home club having won the toss, chose the upper goal, and at 2.50 Mitchell kicked off on behalf of the visitors. At first Weybridge, favoured by a strong breeze, which, however, gradually dropped, carried the ball into their opponents' quarters, but a neat piece of passing by the Upton forwards soon returned it to the other end. Several sharp attacks were made upon the Weybridge goal without effect, although at one time Fricker narrowly escaped being charged through with the ball in hand. After the game had progressed about ten minutes, Mitchell made a capital run in the centre, and finished off by kicking the first goal for Upton, the ball touching the tape in passing. Almost immediately after the kick off a very determined attack was made upon the Upton quarters by Cababe, White and Batty. Two shots followed in quick succession, one being stopped by Warner, and the other, only just in time, by a smart kick of Mangles, whose play throughout was very sure. The ball now travelled rapidly from end to end, a good shot by Mitchell being well met and returned by Hornby. Good runs followed by Barnard, Mitchell and Hayden, for their respective sides. Welldon made a good angled shot, which passed just outside the post, and a capital middle by the same player afforded Bastard a chance, which, however, was not utilised. Barnard, on the left, now made a short run, and middled the ball splendidly. Clarke, anxious to relieve his goal, attempted a volley kick, and, unfortunately for Weybridge, sent the ball between the posts, thus giving Upton their second goal. After the kick off the game was for some time carried on very evenly, Lucas's back play proving extremely useful to the home party, while White and Cababe on one occasion were instrumental in sending the leather over the Upton goal line. Winterbotham and Barnard made a pretty combined run for the visitors, and then a smart run on behalf of Weybridge by Cababe, Hayden and Clarke, ending with a splendid shot just outside the posts by Cababe, brought with it half time. Subsequently Upton, favoured by the wind, had much the better of

the game, pressing their opponents considerably, and keeping the backs fully employed. The Weybridge forwards all worked hard, and made several attempts to break away, but the Upton backs were next to impassable, the ball only travelling three or four times beyond the half way line. The attacks on the Weybridge goal were frequent, and capital shots by Bastard, Mitchell, and Winterbotham were prevented from being successful solely through the splendid goalkeeping of Fricker, who all through displayed wonderful judgment at his important post. At length Mitchell obtained the ball, and, after a dodgy run, passed it to Barnard, who, middling splendidly, caused some scrummaging to ensue immediately in front of goal, out of which Winterbotham succeeded in disengaging the ball, and scoring the third and last goal for Upton. Before the leather could again be started time was called, leaving Upton Park winners by three goals to none. For Weybridge, Haydon, White, and Cababè played most prominently forward, and the backs performed well, and Fricker in goal was remarkably good. The forwards of Upton Park, one and all, played in good style, and no fault could be found with their backs. Special praise is due to Bayliss, whose tackling at half back, and generally safe play elicited frequent cheers."

SL: "Throughout the Upton men had much the best of it, though their shots at goal were somewhat erratic. The visitors' backs, more especially Bayliss, played well, but in the end the game resulted in a victory for the Uptonians by three goals to nil. The goals were obtained by Mitchell and Winterbotham, the third being scored by the ball rebounding off Clarke while he was endeavouring to stop a hard shot by Barnard. For Weybridge, White, Hayden, Hornby, and Lucas showed good form, and Fricker proved an excellent goalkeeper."

SM: "This match in the second round was played on Saturday last, at Weybridge, play commencing at five minutes to three. Weybridge, who had the wind in their favour, first took the ball to their opponents' end, but it was soon returned, and after about ten minutes' play Mitchell succeeded in kicking the first goal for Upton. Barnard, shortly before time made a good run up the side, and middled hard. Clarke, in his anxiety to relieve his goal, tried a volley kick, but unfortunately for Weybridge, put the ball through, making the second score for Upton. After half time Upton had all the best of the game, and would have scored several times but for the very fine play of the Weybridge goal-keeper. Shortly before time, Mitchell and Barnard made a nice combined run, and a scrimmage taking place just in front of goal, Winterbotham succeeded in kicking the last goal of the match, Upton thus winning by three goals to none. E. Bayliss's half back play for Upton was very good."

NEP: "This match in the second round was played at Weybridge on Saturday. Upton won by three goals (Winterbotham, Mitchell, and one off a Weybridge player) to none. The visitors pressed Weybridge almost all through the game but their shots at goal were bad. Their backs played well, especially Bayliss. The best form for Weybridge was shown by White and Heyden forward and Hornby and Lucas back. Fricker kept goal splendidly." (No teams)

Weybridge: A. Fricker (Goal); F. Eldridge, F. V. Hornby (Backs), A. P. Lucas, Rev. W. B. Money (Capt.) Half Backs; C. C. Clarke, H. H. Hayden (Right Wing), M. Cababè, F. Denny (Centres), A. White, W. Battye (Left Wing).

Upton Park: Conrad Warner (Capt.) (Goal); W. J. Mangles, R. Stuart-King (Backs); O. T. Cooke, E. G. Bayliss (Half Backs); H. R. Barnett, J. T. C. Weldon (Right Wing), F. Winterbotham, C. Mitchell (Centres), S. R. Bastard, J. Barnard (Left Wing).

N.B Field 18/12/80 P.922 has the team for the match and has all the same names within these positions except has C.J.Stewart-King with his brother at back for W.J.Mangles.

Umpires:N.Glover for Weybridge and F.Barnett for Upton Park.Referree:F.Barry(Clapham Rovers)

CLAPHAM ROVERS,a bye

SECOND DIVISION:

Maidenhead or Old Harrovians v Windsor Home Park or Grey Friars

Old Etonians v Hendon

Herts Rangers,a bye

GREY FRIARS 1 (T.G.Thompson) MAIDENHEAD 0 (H.T. 0-0)(SAT DEC 11th)(At Greyhound,Dulwich)

Maidenhead Advertiser 15/11/80 P.3/Field 18/12/80 P.922/Referee 12/12/80 P.6/Bell's Life 18/12/80 P.10/Reading Mercury 18/12/80 P.2/Berkshire Chronicle 18/12/80 P.5/Sportsman 13/12/80 P.4/Sporting Life 15/12/80 P.1:

MA:"The match with the Grey Friars in the 2nd tie of the Association Cup,was played off on Saturday at Dulwich,and although our club was beaten,it was by no means disgraced,for the Friars were a very fair team,and the verdict was only one to none.On the arrival of the Maidenhead team at the ground it was found to be very short,and the going heavy.The Friars having won the toss,Maidenhead kicked off,and went to business at once,but were not able to score,although at one moment they seemed on the point of doing so,and the game proceeded up to half-time without any advantage on either side.

On the change of ends the home team,who were of course much more accustomed to the ground than our men,set to work in earnest,and certainly had the best of the contest.They made repeated inroads into the Maidenhead territory,and gave the goal-keeper some trouble to save his charge;but he was equal to all the attempts save one,and that from a low kick across from left to right he could not quite reach,although he touched the ball with his foot and nearly put it outside the post.This proved the only score in the match,a second being so palpably off-side that it was promptly disallowed.The Maidenhead men never seemed to settle down properly,or to understand the ground,and they did not play nearly so good a game as they did against the Old Harrovians.Reay and Lovegrove for Maidenhead,and Matchett and Thompson for the "Friars of orders Grey",brought themselves most prominently into notice.The game was fast throughout.Several past and present Maidenhead club men were among th spectators,and did good service in cheering on their colours."

F:"On the ground of the Grey Friars,at the back of the Greyhound,Dulwich,this match,in the second round of the Association Challenge Cup competition,was fought out on Saturday afternoon last.The turf was not in the best possible condition,but the weather proved very favourable,and a large number of persons witnessed an exceedingly well-contested game.A commencement was made at ten minutes to three,the visitors first defending the goal nearest the pavilion.There was little to choose between the forwards of the respective sides,but Maidenhead did not appear to be quite so

strong behind as their opponents. Once or twice Grey Friars pressed the visitors very closely, and might possibly have scored had the shots at goal been made less hurriedly; while on more than one occasion the attacks of Maidenhead seemed likely to culminate in success. The first moiety of time, however, expired without either side being able to lay claim to any decisive advantage. In consequence, much interest was shown when, after change of ends, the ball was again set in motion. Visits were made to each citadel without any tangible result for some time. At length the home forwards broke through the Maidenhead lines, and worked the ball close to the adversaries' stronghold. Here Green took possession, and was instrumental in sending the ball under the crossbar; but this piece of play proved to no purpose, as the Friars' captain was declared to have infringed the rule which forbids a player when being offside to touch the leather. Disappointment did not bring with it discouragement, and the Grey Friars were subsequently seen to better advantage, Thompson, Matchett, Ellis, and Green working most energetically, and keeping the ball for the greater part of the time in the opponents' half. Macfarlane, Reay, Goodchild, and Blackwell contributed several useful runs for Maidenhead, but their attacks were, as a rule, well met by the Friars backs. The colours of the visitors were at length lowered by Thompson, and, as this was the only point obtained, the Grey Friars retired winners by one goal to none."

REF: "The Friars gained the toss, so Maidenhead kicked off, defending the goal opposite the scoring box. Although both elevens backed up well, nothing occurred to either before change, when positions were reversed. Afterwards, Ellis, Matchett, and Thompson made repeated onslaughts on their opponents' citadel, and, at length the last-named player kicked the ball hard against Lovegrove's foot, and it bounded under the Maidenhead crossbar. Score, one goal to none. Very shortly afterwards a combined rush on the part of the countrymen carried the leather close home to the Maidenhead quarters again, and Thompson was within an ace of scoring goal No 2, but Lovegrove was equal to the occasion, and "handed" it out of danger. Nothing more occurred to either eleven, and when time was called the Friars left the field masters of the situation by one goal to none."

BL: "Bright, though cold weather was associated with this match, played at the Greyhound (Inn:RM)(F:"at the back of the Greyhound, Dulwich") last Saturday. The "Friars" won the toss, so Maidenhead set the ball in motion (F:"at ten minutes to three") from the goal nearest the scoring box (F:"the visitors first defending the goal nearest the pavilion"). Although both teams worked hard, nothing of importance occurred up to half time, when ends were changed. Very shortly after change the "Friars" forwards carried the leather well up in front of the Maidenhead goal, and ultimately, Thompson getting possession of the ball kicked it hard against Lovegrove's foot, and it glided between the posts. Maidenhead strove most energetically to equalise matters, but all their efforts proved fruitless, and when "time" was called the match ended in favour of the "Friars". A feature of the match was the ground goalkeeping of Lovegrove, the Maidenhead goalkeeper, whilst Vardy of that ilk was always on the ball."

Grey Friars: R.D. Green (Capt.), E.D. Ellis, G.P. Matchett, T.G. Thompson, P.H. Lockhart (Forwards), J. Mackenzie, A. Young (Backs), C.G. Broadhurst, T.G. Stafford, R. Rutherford (Half Backs), J. Davis (Goal).

Maidenhead: W.E. Lovegrove (Goal); C.A. Vardy (Back); J. Wilks (Capt.), F. Hazeldine, A. Smith (Half Backs); T. Lyne, F. Mackie (Right Sides), J.A. Macfarlane, C.E. Reay (Centres), A. Goodchild, W.A. Blackwell (Left Sides).

Umpires: J.H. Williams for Grey Friars and W. Nicholls (Swifts) for Maidenhead. Referee: E. Bambridge.

OLD ETONIANS 2 (H. Whitfeld, P.C. Novelli) HENDON 0 (H.T. 1-0) (SAT DEC 4th) (At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 6/12/80 P.4/Field 11/12/80 P.884/London Daily News 6/12/80 P.2/Nottingham Evening Post 6/12/80 P.4/Athletic News 8/12/80 P.7/Referee 5/12/80 P.6/ Sporting Life 8/12/80 P.1/Hendon & Finchley Times 11/12/80 P.4(No teams):/Bell's Life 11/12/80 P.10/Morning Post 6/12/80 P.2:

SM" The above clubs met to play off their tie in the second round of the above competition, at the Oval, on Saturday, when, notwithstanding the plucky fight of Hendon, the Etonians were successful by two goals to none. Hendon won the toss, and Hart-Buck kicked off from the gasometer end at a little before three, the ball being carried well into the Hendon territory, when it was sent behind. The Etonians' camp was now attacked, with a similar result. On starting the ball was passed well up the left by Kinnaird, Novelli, and Whitfeld, hands being given against Hendon. Ince had the shot, but sent it behind. Several sharp "bits" of scrimmaging followed in the centre when Macaulay got away, and nearly obtained the "prix", which was splendidly guarded by Harvey, who passed to Kennedy, the latter doing a creditable run, until stopped by Whitfeld, who "euchered" himself by getting offside. Immediately after starting Anderson got away, and passed right down the Hendon line, middling well to Whitfeld who kicked a goal. Hart-Buck kicked off, and hands being given, Kennedy took the kick, but failed. In a few moments hands were again given, but King had a trial for nought when half-time was called. Hart-Buck restarted the game, and a foul soon gave a free kick to Eton, but nothing came of it. Hendon now worked up well, and kept the leather for some time in the Etonians' ground, a corner resulting. Stratford had the kick, but failed. The Etonians now had the running, and took the ball down to the Hendon goal, when "hands" were given against them. A corner to each side followed, with no result, when a scrimmage was carried on in the centre, out of which Macaulay got hold and kicked the ball under, but "offside" was the umpire's decision. It was now within a few minutes of time, and the Etonians worked together to a man, and soon obtained a corner. Foley kicked out very wide, and Kinnaird returned well to Novelli, the latter obtaining a goal, time being at once called."

F: "Saturday last was the day appointed for these clubs to settle the question of superiority, the match being one of the ties in the second round of the Association Cup. With the exception of a slight mist which hung over the ground, the weather was as fine as one might expect in December, and there was a tolerably large number of spectators present on Kennington Oval. The Old Etonians sent a strong team into the field, while their rivals were also well represented. Play began at ten minutes to three o'clock, when Hendon, who had won the toss, elected to kick with the wind in their favour for the first half of time. Eton followed the ball well up at the outset, and it was promptly driven well over the Hendon lines; but the northern club were not slow to retaliate, as they quickly invaded their rivals' domain with a like result. The Etonians, however, soon returned to the charge, and Kinnaird, Whitfeld, and Novelli made frequent incursions into Hendon quarters, and on several occasions the ball was taken up to the very mouth of their goal; but the expert play of Harvey kept them at bay for some considerable time. Nor were the Hendon forwards idle, as several of them showed excellent form, and a few sharp attacks were made on the Etonian goal. At length, after these fruitless efforts, Anderson ran along the right side of the ground, and judiciously middling the ball to Whitfeld, that player shot it between the posts. The few minutes that remained of the first portion of time were spent in some very determined assaults by Hendon, but nothing came of them. Ends were now changed. A cry of "hands" for Eton was the first noticeable feature, and the usual free kick followed, but it did not prove of much advantage. Then came a corner kick for Hendon. It was made by

Stratford;but went behind.Kinnaird,who kept well on the ball throughout,and surpassed even himself,made several determined runs in the enemy's territory,but again the coolness of Harvey prevented his side from suffering a too disastrous defeat.Macaulay once sent the ball under the bar, but,as he violated the law which forbids being offside,the goal was of course disallowed.The hour and a half's time allotted for play was fast expiring,and it seemed very improbable that anything further would be obtained.A corner kick,however,fell to Eton;this was entrusted to Foley,who, although he kicked it a little wide,sent the ball well in front of the posts;Kinnaird,still on the alert, passed it to Novelli,who sent it through.All hopes of Hendon being able to retrieve their losses were now dispelled,and,as no other points were gained,the Etonians were left the winners of a most entertaining match by two goals to none."

LDN:"The grand form Eton has shown in the past two seasons caused them to be looked on as the probable victors;but although they succeeded in realising this anticipation their rivals made a much better struggle than could reasonably have been expected.Hendon won the toss,and in the first half their rivals,who had the wind with them,scored one goal,the ball having been kicked through by Whitfeld,to whom it had been passed by Anderson.After ends were changed Eton still got a little the better of the play,and Novelli got another goal for them.As Hendon failed to score they were thus defeated by two goals to none."

Old Etonians:J.F.P.Rawlinson(Goal);F.J.Tuck,F.W.Hotham(Backs);C.W.Foley,Hon.A.F.Kinnaird(Capt.), (Half Backs);J.F.Chance,W.J.Anderson(Rights),R.H.Macaulay,J.B.T.Chevalier(Centres), P.C.Novelli, H.Whitfeld(Lefts).

Hendon:E.H.Harvey(Goal);A.G.C.Kennedy,W.Howard(Backs);F.W.Stratford,R.B.King(Half Backs); R.H.B.Redford,W.S.Morice(Rights),Hart-Buck(Capt.),A.B.Coutts(Centres),A.J.Secretan,J.H.Ince(Lefts).

Umpires:Major Marindin(Royal Engineers)for Old Etonians and T.S.Gibson(Middlesbrough).
Referee:E.H.Bambridge(Swifts).

HERTS RANGERS,a bye

THIRD DIVISION:

Pilgrims v Remnants or Royal Engineers
Dreadnought v Old Carthusians
Rangers,a bye

ROYAL ENGINEERS 1 (H.H.Massey) PILGRIMS 0 (THURS DEC 9th)(At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 10/12/80 P.4/Bell's Life 11/12/80 P.10/London Daily News 10/12/80 P.2/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 10/12/80 P.4/Nottingham Evening Post 10/12/80 P.3/Field 11/12/80 P.884/Sporting Life 11/12/80 P.3:

SM:"These clubs met at Kennington Oval yesterday(Thursday)to contest their tie in the second round,when,after a somewhat uninteresting game,the former were victorious by one goal to none.

Pilgrims won the toss, and chose the Clayton-street goal, with a brisk wind in their favour. At twelve minutes to three Massey kicked off from the gasometer end, and at the start play was carried on well in the centre, when S.W. Scott was the first to get away and by a neat run he carried the ball into the soldiers' fortress when it went behind. The Engineers then waxed warm, and playing well together soon obtained a corner, which was taken by Kincaid, who kicked well in the centre, where a scrimmage took place, and the Pilgrims' colours must have been lowered had not Swepstone used his hands to advantage. Scott, Honeysett, and A.J. Last worked the oracle to advantage for the nonce, and displayed some pretty passing, but "offside" went against them, and the "military" once more tried the patience of Swepstone, who again managed to rid himself of the leather. Scott and Knowles worked well together, and the latter obtained a shot at goal, but failed. Barnet for the Engineers then did ditto, and immediately after his side obtained a corner. Williams took the kick but sent her behind. On the ball being sent into play Knowles got hold, and made a splendid run, but the combined powers of Russell and Mullaley prevented his getting through, and W. Sealy-Vidal, Barnet, and Massey obeyed faithfully the command "As you were". The red-coats soon obtained another corner, and Williams kicked the ball over the bar, to be followed immediately by another with the like result. After a magnificent run by Knowles half time was called, neither side having obtained any material advantage. A.J. Last opened the game, and the Engineers at once began to press their opponents and a corner kick came when W.S. Kincaid sent her well in the centre, and a scrimmage took place on the very verge of Swepstone's domain; he, however, remained "king of the castle", thanks once more to his hands. The Engineers were not to be shaken off, and in a few minutes they got another corner when Williams kicked behind. Scott, after the start, got hold, and did a pretty run, and obtained "hands" for his side, but with no result. Sealy-Vidal, and Wingfield-Stratford next put in a useful bit of work for the Engineers, and got the leather right down, when a corner was obtained. Kincaid got the kick, and sent the ball well in the middle, when a scrimmage took place, after which Massey headed it under, obtaining the first score at just an hour after the commencement of play. On the ball being kicked off the Pilgrims put forward an effort, and Honeysett made a good run up to the R.E. goal, when Winn sent the leather back from whence it came, and Barnet carried it down and obtained another corner, but Williams again kicked behind. Beyond another corner to each side nothing further of importance happened, and at call of time the game resulted as above."

F: "The fixture was not generally known, and the attendance, therefore, was of a rather meagre description."

SDT: "Play was opened at a quarter to three o'clock, by a kick off from the foot of Massey, the Engineers' captain, the Pilgrims having the best of the wind. Everything was in favour of a fast game, but the play was comparatively tame, the Engineers showing little of the dash usually associated with their name. Two corner kicks were registered against the Pilgrims, both without result, and then the Engineers threw away a splendid chance when the ball was in the very front of the Pilgrims' posts. Two more corners fell to the military eleven, but nothing came of them, and at half time the game was fairly in the centre, the Pilgrims by hard work having kept the ball away from their lines for the last quarter of an hour. With the wind to aid them during the second half, the Engineers were the aggressors and in quarter of an hour their efforts were rewarded, Massey heading the ball through after a corner kick by Kincaid. After this the soldiers had the best of the game, but they failed to increase their score, and the Pilgrims were only defeated by one goal to none."

Royal Engineers:J.Winn(Goal);B.B.Russell,H.Mullaly(Backs);W.Sealy-Vidal,H.A.L.Paterson(Half Backs); C.V.Wingfield-Stratford,G.Williams(Right),H.H.Massey(Capt.),R.S.Maclagan(Centres),H.H.Barnet, W.S.Kincaid(Left).

Pilgrims:H.A.Swepstone(Goal);M.E.Dovaston,A.W.Ramsay(Backs);F.Last(Capt.),C.H.Last,H.W.Horner (Half Backs);H.C.Knowles,C.H.Honeysett(Right),A.J.Last(Centre),F.A.Clark,S.W.Scott(Left).

Umpires:R.Growse(Brentwood) and Captain Matheson(R.E.).Referee:Rev. R.W.S.Vidal.

OLD CARTHUSIANS 5 (W.K.W.Jenner 3,E.H.Parry,L.M.Richards) DREADNOUGHT 1(J.Wylie) (H.T. 2-1) (SAT DEC 11th)(At Kennington Oval)

Carthusian 67-129 P.80 states:”Three goals were kicked by W.K.Jenner,who thus favourably closed his football career,only we hope,for a time.In the last two matches a new forward has been discovered in E.G.Wyngard,who played brilliantly.”

Field 18/12/80 P.922/Bell’s Life 18/12/80 P.10/Nottingham Evening Post 13/12/80 P.4/Sportsman 13/12/80 P.4/Referee 12/12/80 P.6/Sporting Life 15/12/80 P.1/London Daily News 13/12/80 P.3:

F:”These clubs,drawn together in the second round of the Association Challenge Cup,were most unevenly balanced.They met on the 11th inst. at Kennington Oval,and a much larger number of spectators were in attendance than usually favour a contest of a more prominent character. Successful in the toss,the Old Carthusians defended the goal at the Harleyford-road end of the ground,the ball being started by Wylie at three o’clock.It was very soon sent back,however,and Keith-Falconer,getting a straight run away with the ball,kicked it to Jenner,who shot it under the crossbar.A corner kick now fell to the Dreadnoughts,but they were unable to turn it to much account,and a second one which accrued to them almost immediately afterwards proved equally unproductive.They continued very pertinacious in their efforts to score,and were at last rewarded by Wylie sending the ball through for them.Before half time Parry succeeded in obtaining a second goal for the Carthusians.Ends having been changed,the Dreadnoughts played up very pluckily;but they were in the hands of an experienced team,who played wonderfully well together.Three more goals were kicked by the Carthusians (two by Jenner and one by Richards).A sixth goal was also kicked, but,as the player was off side at the time,it of course was disallowed.As the Dreadnoughts failed to add anything more to their score,the match was thus won by the Old Carthusians by five goals to one.’

NEP:”On Saturday last this match in the second round was decided at Kennington Oval,in fine weather,and in front of a goodly number of spectators.Just before three o’clock Wylie kicked off for Dreadnought against the wind,but almost immediately Richards ran the ball back in fine style,and Keith-Falconer,middling well,Jenner secured a goal for the Carthusians in the first five minutes.After this the Dreadnought were still rather pressed,but after two corner kicks to their credit they began to play in better form,and at length Wylie obtained a goal for them amidst great demonstrations from their partisans.Soon after this the ball was forced a second time between the Charterhouse posts,but in consequence of offside,the score was not allowed.After half time,though they had the wind,Dreadnought did not fare as well,and Parry after once hitting the cross-bar added the second goal to the credit of the Old Carthusians.(But F:”Before half time Parry succeeded in obtaining a

second goal for the Carthusians.”)This was followed speedily by another from the foot of Richards and in a few minutes the Dreadnought goal was again carried though a previous infringement of the handling law prevented a score.During the last twenty minutes it was very difficult to follow the ball ,but before time Jenner and Richards had each been successful in their attacks on the Dreadnought goal,and at the end of an hour and a half the Old Carthusians had won by five goals to one.”

SM:”The O.C.’s won the toss,and chose the goal nearest the Harleyford-road,and at 2.57 Wylie kicked off from the opposite side,but the ball had been in motion for a few minutes only when Keith-Falconer made a dashing run,evading all opposition,and middling well to Jenner,who sent it under. Sinclair for the Dreadnought,on starting worked up well,but hands were given against him,and the O.C.’s followed with a “corner”.Princep had the trial,which failed, to be followed by another corner, with no result.On the start both Pettigrew and Ringrose tried to get through,but were stopped by Keith-Falconer,who ran down and passed to Jenner,when the latter was checkmated by Bacon.Then follwed a corner to Princep,but no score,and on commencing again Pettigrew made a telling run and centred well to Wylie,who kicked a goal.Soon after Parry had an open shot,and hit the post,but he was not to be denied,and with the assistance of Williams and Richards an opening was again obtained,and he shot it under.It was now half time,and after changing ends the Dreadnought at once commenced the attack,and worked the leather well down,when “hands” were given against them,and the Old Carthusians retaliated with an assault altogether,when Jenner,out of a scrimmage, obtained another goal.The Dreadnoughts,who were overmatched,now played a bit loose,and the Carthusians were again enabled to assault their territory,and Parry kicked under,but “offside” was given.The Dreadnought then worked down with a will,but “hands” were given against them,and Parry had the run-up and directed well to Jenner,who obtained another goal.Pettigrew, Poulton,and Wylie then made some very pretty running and passing,but the “enemy” was too much for them, and Routh,Princep,and Williams managed to give the “password”,when Richards getting hold kicked another goal just before time was called.”

Old Carthusians;A.J.Wake(Goal);H.Routh,H.A.Carter(Backs);J.F.M.Princep,H.Somers-Cocks (Half Backs);E.H.Parry(Capt.),C.Keith-Falconer(Right Sides),E.G.Wynyard,W.K.W.Jenner(Centres), L.M.Richards,W.C.Williams(Left Sides).

Dreadnought:F.S.Bacon(Goal);T.Houghton,A.J.East(Backs);J.Farnie,W.Harrison(Half Backs); S.W.Poulton,W.F.Pettigrew(Right),J.Wylie(Capt.),R.B.Sinclair(Centres),D.Ringrose,H.A.Gore(Left Sides)

Umpires:T.B.Hayter and J.Armstrong.Referee:Walter.J.Dorling.

RANGERS,a bye

FOURTH DIVISION:

Reading Abbey v Acton or Kildare

West End v Great Marlow

Romford,a bye

READING ABBEY 2 ("Out of a bully", G. Talbot) ACTON 1 (R. Grey) (H.T. 0-1) (SAT DEC 11th)

N.B. Scorers follow respective local papers as probably being more accurate.

Acton Gazette 18/12/80 P.6/Berkshire Chronicle 18/12/80 P.5:

AG: "The star of the Acton Club was not in the ascendant last Saturday, and the success that has attended it hitherto deserted it in its most important match-Association Cup tie, Acton v Reading Abbey. Acton took a strong team down to Reading to compete in the second round of the cup ties. The ball was kicked off at three o'clock, and Acton soon cut the pace out for their opponents. The forwards played well together, and the Reading men seemed unable to get away with the ball. Good runs were made in the early part of the game but no score was made till the end of a quarter of an hour's hard play, when Thornton, passing the ball neatly to Winsland, the latter dribbled it beautifully down the side, and muddled it to R. Grey, who shot it through from a loose scrimmage in front of goal. Up to half time, no further score was made, though the match looked any odds in favour of Acton. After half time, the scene changed; Savage sprained his ankle, and left the field, and to make matters worse, Winsland had an attack of cramp, which deprived Acton of his services. The Reading men were in good condition, and, stimulated by Acton's misfortunes, they played up very hard, the superiority in numbers telling to such an extent that when time was called, they had scored two goals to Acton's one, Acton being thus knocked out of the Cup competition. It is but fair to state that one of the goals was disputed by Acton, the ball having been kicked back into play by an onlooker, but the referee ruled against them. It is very unfortunate that luck should have been against Acton in this cup match; the club was expected to be seen playing for the cup on the Oval next month."

BC: "These clubs met in the second round of the England Association Cup Ties on Saturday last, on the Reading Cricket Ground (by kind permission). The Acton having chosen to play from the railway end goal, Harding started the ball for the home team, the play for some time being kept in the home quarters, and after about twenty minutes play, Lacy scored the first goal for the visitors. The play now was very even until the first half of time. Harding made a spirited run nearly the whole length of the ground, and nearly succeeded in scoring a goal, the ball going just over the tape. Ends being changed the Abbey began to get the upper hand, and about twenty minutes before time the ball was rushed through the posts by the Abbey forwards, out of a bully in front of the goal; and about three minutes before time Plumer, making a neat and effective run, and splendidly centring the ball, enabled Talbot to head it under the tape, thus leaving the Abbey winners by two goals to one."

Reading Abbey: C. Scrivener (Goal); C. A. Pontin (Capt.), W. Hewett (Backs); G. Simmons, W. Mundy (Half Backs); G. Talbot, F. J. Plumer (Right Side), J. Harding, W. Nash, (Centres), H. G. Cox, J. N. Day (Left Side).

Acton: C. Chivers (Goal); P. W. Hooper, C. Collins (Backs); C. Styche, A. Savage, F. L. Thornton (Capt.) (Half Backs); F. Winsland, W. Grey, (Right Side), C. Lacey (Centre), R. Grey, W. H. Parker (Left Side).

N.B. E. Styche and F. Parker in Berkshire Chronicle.

Umpires: Wells of Reading Abbey and George Thomas of Acton. Referee: Martin (Sec Berks and Bucks Association)

GREAT MARLOW 4 (R.H.Lunnon,E.Flint,W.Milward,R.A.Lunnon) WEST END 0(H.T. 1-0)(At Marlow)
(SAT DEC 11th)

Bucks Herald 18/12/80 P.8/Referee 12/12/80 P.6/Sporting Life 15/12/80 P.1/Sportsman 13/12/80
P.4/Referee 12/12/80 P.6:

BH:"The match between these clubs in the second round of the above ties,was decided at Marlow on Saturday last.At the start West End were placed in defence of the Crown goal.Play began with vigour,the ball traveling with great speed from end to end of the ground without much to distinguish between either side.Gradually,however,the Marlow players forced back their opponents,and it was only by the excellent and determined back play of Scott and the admirable goalkeeping of Way that prevented the downfall of the goal,and after about twenty minutes a kick from corner,well placed by E.Flint,was splendidly driven between the posts by R.H.Lunnon.Nothing more eventful occurred prior to half time.On ends being changed Marlow assumed more of a complete mastery of the situation. R.H. and R.A.Lunnon,E. and J.Flint,Milward,Biggs and Shaw all played with dash and brilliancy, swooping away every obstacle,and forcing the ball into their opponents' quarters.Their opponents, left with little chance of passing or dribbling,resorted to hard kicking.E.Flint soon got hold of the ball, and skilfully dodging those who beset him succeeded in carrying the goal.Milward was not long in following his example,and then by the combined action of R.H. and R.A.Lunnon,the latter directed the ball under the tape.Scott,Black,and other of the West End players,struggled desperately to stave off the inevitable defeat,but Marlow were the victors by four goals to love."

REF:"This match,played here to-day,resulted in a victory for the home team by four goals to nothing. For the first half-time the game was contained in the West End's territory,but only one goal was obtained from Flint middling the ball well to R.H.Lunnon,who from a splendid shot scored.On change of ends Marlow quickly obtained three,and but for the good back play of Scott,would have had several more tries.For Marlow,E.Flint,Biggs,Shaw,and the two Lunnons,as forwards,played well,but the backs were weak.For West End,the back play of Scott was very good indeed.Way in goal was good and among the forwards Hope and Black did all they could to avert defeat."

Great Marlow:H.R.Hewett(Capt.)(Goal);T.G.Lunnon,R.Way(Backs);H.Rolfe,J.Flint(Half Backs);
E.Flint,W.Milward,R.H.Lunnon,A.Biggs,R.A.Lunnon,R.Shaw(Forwards).

West End:J.W.Way(Goal);J.G.Scott,H.Forrest(Backs);R.A.Palmer,T.Roddy,A.Edwards(Half Backs);
J.S.Black(Capt.),F.Elmslie,O.Cooper,J.G.Hope,J.Harkness(Forwards).

Umpires:Crossman for Marlow and Dickenson for West End.Referee:G.Hawtrey.

ROMFORD,a bye

NORTHERN DISTRICT:

Blackburn Rovers v Sheffield Wednesday

Darwen v Sheffield Club

Turton v Astley Bridge

BLACKBURN ROVERS 0 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 4 (R.Gregory 3,H.Winterbottom)(H.T 0-0)
(SAT DEC 18th)(At Blackburn)

Blackburn Standard 24/12/80 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 20/12/80 P.4/Sheffield Independent
20/12/80 P.4/Athletic News 22/12/80 P.6(Long Report)/Sportsman 20/12/80 P.4/Sporting Life
22/12/80 P.1/Referee 19/12/80 P.6:

BS:"These two teams met on the Alexandra Meadows on Saturday afternoon in connection with the second round of the English Challenge Cup tie.Owing to the heavy frost of the previous night,and the fall of snow on Saturday the ground was very hard and slippery,and it was with the greatest difficulty that the Rovers kept their feet.Not so,however,with the visitors,who seemed perfectly at home on the icy surface of the ground,and it very seldom occurred that they fell unless charged.In this they had a great advantage over their opponents,who made awkward stumbles whenever they tried to wrest the ball from an opponent.The Sheffield men,taking advantage of this,played a very cool game,and by short passing completely baffled the Rovers,and ultimately won the game by four goals to nil.The visitors on many occasions made foul charges,pushed the Rovers off the ball with their hands,and even went so far as to seize them round the waist and pull them off the ball.They might, at any rate,have played a fair game,seeing how the Rovers were puzzled to keep on their feet,while they on the contrary scarcely ever fell.Still they had the best of the game throughout.The game was commenced by R.Gregory kicking off,the Rovers having won the toss,and choosing to play with the wind in their favour.The ball from the kick off was secured by Brown,who passed it to Jefferson and it was immediately run into the visitors' territory,but,owing to the condition of the ground,Brown fell as he was shooting,and the leather fell short of its mark.Mosforth seized the ball,and ran it nicely down the left wing,but on meeting Suter he surrendered the ball,and it was sent out.From the throw-in Suter met the ball,and by a splendid shot sent it towards Duckworth,who centred it,and it was taken up by Brown and Jefferson,and passed back to Duckworth,when that player made two or three splendid shots at the goal,but each time the ball was successfully prevented from going through,and ultimately it was sent behind the posts.The Sheffield goalkeeper kicked off,and F.W.Hargreaves sent the ball well back to Duckworth who made a splendid shot at the goal,and out of a scrimmage the cry of "A goal" was raised,but it proved to have only passed off-side the posts. The Sheffield team afterwards severely pressed the Rovers,and on several occasions were on the point of scoring,but the backs did good service and the danger was arrested.Brown afterwards made a good dribble up the centre of the field and passed to Avery who attempted to screw,but he was charged,and the ball fell short,when a visitor kicked it into mid-field.The ball was then nicely run into the Rovers' ground by (Lang and Winterbottom),and for some time some lively play ensued in front of the home team's goal. Eventually a goal was almost scored,but a Rover to save it kicked it behind the posts.From the corner kick the ball went into the field,and was knocked out.From the throw-in Sheffield secured a free kick by claiming hands,and the ball being kicked it was run into the Rovers' ground,but,being met by the back,was quickly repulsed.Duckworth and Douglas made a splendid run with it to the right wing,but were unable to take it past the Sheffield backs,who were very strong.

Sheffield secured another try, and were narrowly prevented from scoring by M'Intyre, who sent the ball to Brown, and it was carried into midfield, and then sent back again. Douglas next made a shot, but it failed. The Rovers afterwards gained a free kick from a foul charge, and by the free kick a goal was almost secured, the leather just passing off one side of the posts. (Lang and +Clegg) made a shot each at the Rovers' goal shortly after, but each time the ball was met and sent away, and shortly afterwards half-time was called. The Rovers not having scored a single goal during the first half, their chances were almost given up as they had the wind against them, and had had the worst of the game previous to the change of ends. Ends having been changed the strength of the Sheffield backs plainly showed itself against the home team, and it was with the greatest possible difficulty that the Rovers got past them. The visitors' forwards were all swift men, Mosforth in particular being the swiftest runner on the field, with the extra advantage of being able to keep on his feet.

After about ++twenty minutes play, the greater part of which time the ball was in close proximity to the Rovers' posts, a goal was secured by Gregory from a free kick. This goal seemed to put a damper on the spirit of the Rovers, and during the rest of the game they did not get more than half a dozen tries for goal. Mosforth, (Lang) and Hunter for the visitors, and for the home team, Douglas, Avery and J. Hargreaves, performed well. After the first goal was got it commenced to rain, and continued up to the finish in the faces of the Rovers. During the last eight minutes of the game the visitors threw all their weight and skill into the game, and when time was called they had registered three more goals to the Rovers' none." +Clegg was the Sheffield Umpire! ++At the most 5 minutes' play (see reports below)

SI: "On change of ends the visitors soon rushed down to the Lancashire goal and within five minutes Gregory sent the leather past the Rovers' goal custodian. Shortly afterwards Gregory showed up with a clear dribble, which ended in his scoring a second goal for the Yorkshiremen. A couple of free kicks aided the efforts of the Lancashire men, but they could not stay the Sheffield onslaughts, and Gregory and Winterbottom securing a couple of goals more, the call of time found the visitors the victors by four goals to the Rovers' nil."

SM: "At half time neither side was sufficiently fortunate to gain a goal, but on the kick off being made Sheffield, taking advantage of the favouring wind, pressed their opponents, and after the ball had been in motion for about two minutes, a corner kick fell to the visitors. The kick was well measured and the ball fell in front of the goal. A warm scrimmage ensued, and during the fight, despite the efforts of Woolfall, the ball passed through the Rovers' posts. This seemed to put additional energy into the Wednesday team, whilst the home club strove hard to equalise matters. In this they were strongly repulsed, and the superior passing and the excellent forward play of the visitors told considerably on the Rovers, who before the call of time seemed to waiver in their endeavours to score. Not so their adversaries, who, fifteen minutes before the finish, managed to add three other goals, all of which were kicked by Gregory. The visitors were victors by four goals to none. During the latter half of the game it should be stated that rain and sleet fell freely."

Blackburn Rovers: A. Woolfall (Goal); F. Suter, D. H. Greenwood (Backs); H. McIntyre, +F. W. Hargreaves (Capt.) (Half Backs); J. Duckworth, J. Douglas (Right), J. Brown, T. Jefferson (Centres), G. Avery, ++J. Hargreaves (Left). +Fred Hargreaves ++John Hargreaves

Sheffield Wednesday: W. H. Stacey (Goal); T. Buttery, E. Buttery (Backs); J. Hunter, J. Hudson, A. Malpas (Half Backs), H. Winterbottom, J. J. Lang (Right), R. Gregory (Centre), W. H. Mosforth, H. Newbould (Left).

Umpires:John Lewis for Blackburn Rovers and W.E.Clegg for Sheffield Wednesday.

Referee:W.Forrest(Turton F.C.).

SHEFFIELD CLUB 1(H.Barber) DARWEN 5 (T.Bury 3,T.Rostron,T.Marshall) (H.T. 1-5)(SAT DEC 18th)(At Bramall Lane,Sheffield)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 20/12/80 P.4/Sheffield independent 20/12/80 P.4/Blackburn Standard 24/12/80 P.3/Field 25/12/80 P.958/Athletic News 22/12/80 P.6/Sporting Life 22/12/80 P.1/Sportsman 20/12/80 P.4/Referee 19/12/80 P.6:

SDT:"The weather on Saturday was anything but favourable for this match at Bramall Lane,and only about 500 spectators were present.The ground owing to the severe frost was slippery.The visitors were a smart-looking lot of young athletes,and succeeded in carrying off the Lancashire Association Cup last year.There was a pretty stiff south-west wind blowing across the ground,and the Sheffield captain,having won the toss took advantage of it and kicked from the end next Bramall Lane.Despite the advantage the Darwen forwards quickly closed round the Sheffield goal,and after playing but about two minutes got close up,Bury made a rattling shot which went through the hands of the Sheffield custodian.Robinson's excellent back play soon attracted notice,and he rescued his goal when in immediate peril,as did R.A.Sorby.One of the Darwen men now had a throw in from the side,and landed it close to the posts,when Rostron rushed up and headed it through smartly.With a good combined rush by the Sheffield forwards they eventually got close up to the Darwen goal , which appeared at the mercy of T.H.Sorby,but he slipped and missed his kick,and the opportunity was lost.Soon the Darwen men made a raid into the Sheffield quarters,and one of them had a kick.Sorby essayed a return,but missing,the ball was put through for the third time.Goaded by their previous reverses the Sheffield forwards came on determinedly and in staving off the attack the ball was put over the line by a Darwen back.H.Barber had the corner kick and he dropped the ball well in front,and eventually it emerged from the crowd and H.Barber shot it through.For a time the Sheffielders fairly held their own.They were, however,quickly compelled to act on the defensive again,as the Darwen forwards closed round and had two shots which lacked precision.T.H.Sorby here came down with a bump which disabled him and he had to retire for a while.During his absence one of his opponents had a throw in and landed the ball so close to the posts that Bury had little difficulty in putting it through for the fourth time.H.Barber then had another corner kick,which was followed by a hot scrimmage in front of the Darwen goal which was rescued,and the ball was dexterously run up the low side and centred for goal.The goalkeeper attempted to get the ball,but a Darwen forward rushed at and charged him,so that the ball rolled through once more.Very shortly afterwards the Sheffielders got the ball through again,but the goal was disallowed on the plea of offside and then half time was called.Ends were then changed,but the play was more equal,the Sheffielders showing a stronger front,but no further score was made,the local men being thus defeated by five goals to one.On a good ground probably a better fight would have been witnessed, but even then it would be slight odds on Darwen."

BS:"Owing to the high fame of the Darwen team a goodly number of spectators of an enthusiastic character assembled on Bramall-lane ground,on Saturday last,to witness the decision of the above tie.None of that brilliancy of play that was to be expected from these teams,however,was displayed, owing to the hard and slippery state of the field.The match would,undoubtedly,have been a very

fast one, but for the fact that neither team dared to face the danger of a broken limb on the treacherous ground. In a quiet manner, however, a good game was played, and the best side won. At 2.30 a start was effected by Marsden, who wisely put the ball back to Moorhouse, but the latter individual landed the sphere in close proximity to the Sheffield fortress. An interesting contest here took place for supremacy, which at last ended in the ball being got away by the home team. An early disaster, however, was in store for Sheffield. Mellor and Bury received the leather, and speeding away Bury soon had an opportunity of making a left screw kick, and with such force and accuracy was this done, that Sorby failed to prevent the ball from passing between his posts, three minutes only having elapsed since the beginning. Play again was resumed from the centre, and for a considerable period Darwen had by far the best of the game. Running their opponents closely and unmercifully to their fortress, a succession of attacks was made upon the Sheffield goal, which rendered everything unpleasant for the home contingent. Marshall and Rostron on the right, and Bury and Mellor on the left, continued to menace the Sheffield stronghold, which for a second time fell to these exertions, Rostron being in at the finish with a beautiful header. Starting the ball from the centre, Sheffield began to warm more to their work, and pressure of an unpleasant feature was brought to bear upon the Darwen backs. Moorhouse, Duxbury, and Fish grandly exerted their power, and as often as the brothers Sorby, with H. Barber leading them on, made a raid, the danger of each was capitally averted. Changing once more, the scene of action tended towards the Sheffield end. Marshall getting the ball at his toe made a fine kick for goal; Sorby went to play it back but Bury shot out from the left with lightning-like speed, and as the ball was descending charged the custodian between the posts and the ball dropped between. It was now the home team's turn to have a few shies at the Darwen goal. From an injudicious kick by Brindle, who might have allowed the ball to roll over the touch-line, the leather was landed amid a swarm of Sheffield forwards, who, for a few minutes, menaced the visitors' citadel in no half-hearted way, fairly keeping Broughton at work, who exhibited wonderful touch and fine judgment, as well as ability. At last the grand efforts of Sheffield met with their due reward, and H. Barber by a sudden but well-directed shot, placed a goal to the credit of his side. This success seemed to arouse the active spirits of the home eleven, who again entered into play with some determination. This, however, proved unavailing against the powerful backs of Darwen, and the scene of events was again transferred to the other end. The home forwards again broke temporarily away, during which Duxbury received a most ugly fall, his head striking hard against the adamantean ground, by which he was severely stunned, and for a few minutes had to be taken off the field of play. A half-minute after this Marshall obtained a splendid goal after a fine run by Bury and Mellor. In a short time Duxbury again appeared and Darwen, following on their former advantage, Bury made the score on to five goals. Ends were now changed, but during the latter half Sheffield played up better, and their backs manifested more judgment and ability, and the second portion passed away without either side scoring, victory resting with Darwen by five goals to one."

F: "The ground was hard frozen and there was a thin covering of snow upon the surface. The Sheffield team were hardly as strong as had been expected. W. R. Wake is injured, and Hugh Wood an absentee; their places were filled by Bradbury and Robinson, both of whom, however, played fairly well. The Darwen club were strongly represented..."

Sheffield Club: R. A. Sorby (Goal); W. F. Beardshaw, W. Robinson (Backs); F. H. Marsden, J. H. Barber (Half Backs); W. A. Matthews, E. Barber, H. Barber, C. E. Sorby, T. H. Sorby (Capt.), W. Bradbury (Forwards).

Darwen:L.Broughton(Goal);W.Brindle(Capt.),S.Fish(Backs);W.H.Moorhouse,J.Duxbury(Half Backs);
T.Marshall,T.Rostron(Right Wing),T.Bury,B.Mellor(Left Wing),L.Marsden,J.Gledhill(Centres).

Umpires:E Warmesley and J.C.Clegg.Referee:E.H.Bambridge(London Swifts)

ASTLEY BRIDGE 0 TURTON 3(J.Waddicor 2,J.Haworth)(H.T. 0-1)(SAT DEC 18th)

Athletic News 22/12/80 P.6/Sporting Life 22/12/80 P.1/Sportsman 21/12/80 P.4:

AN:"These clubs met at Astley Bridge on Saturday last to compete in the second round of the English Cup ties.The ground has a very steep incline,and is very irregular,and its frozen and slippery state rendered play very uncertain and dangerous.Turton lost the toss,and Astley Bridge chose to play up the hill.For a time,against this obstacle even,they penned the visitors and looked very much like scoring.For a long time the play was of a give-and-take character,but eventually Waddicor made a good run on the right for the Turtonians three parts of the length of the field,and,evading all opposition,carried the ball completely through the posts.Shortly after J.Hamer made a neat low shot ,which almost grazed the posts.Astley Bridge played up with great spirit,Morris and (Batley) being busiest and when half time was called the ball was dangerously near the visitors' goal.When ends were changed,and with only one goal to wipe off,the Bridgeites were sanguine of success,and certainly for the first ten minutes it looked as if they would sweep all before them.Turton very soon found out that there was better foothold up the hill.Their superior passing and dribbling now began to tell,and all hope for the home team began to wane.After a run on the left by Hamer and Haworth, the latter centred to Scowcroft,who made straight for goal.The shot was followed up by Waddicor with a rush,and this player,for the second time,secured the downfall of his opponents' stronghold. Shortly afterwards Haworth,with a grand header from a corner by Bentley,scored goal number three.After this darkness and blinding sleet had the best of the game,and many of the hitherto noisy and enthusiastic admirers of Astley Bridge had their ardour so completely damped that they sought the shelter of the neighbouring hostelryes.Two other goals were scored by the Turtonians,but were disallowed by the referee,one reason being that the ball had been out of play,and the other on account of off-side.The most conspicuous for Astley Bridge were the backs,especially F.Hamer and J.Walsh (on the left wing).Turton thus won by three goals to nil."

Astley Bridge:J.Fielding(Goal),W.Foole(Capt.),T.Schofield(Backs),J.Walsh,F.Hamer(Half Backs),
J.J.Morris,J.Eatock (Right Wing),T.Curran,J.Dewhurst(Centres),Batley,P.Smith(Left Wing).

Turton:H.Brown(Goal),W.Trainor,J.J.Greenhalgh(Backs),J.J.Bentley,R.Trainor,C.Tootill(Half Backs),
J.Waddicor,T.Gorton(Right Wing),Tom.(R.)Scowcroft(Centre),J.Haworth,Joseph Hamer(Left Wing)

Referee:J.Whiteside(Blackburn Olympic).

CENTRAL DISTRICT:

Notts Forest v Aston Villa
Grantham v Stafford Road
Derby or Notts Club,a bye

NOTTINGHAM FOREST 1 (S.W.Widdowson) ASTON VILLA 2 (Archie Hunter,O.H.Vaughton)(H.T. 0-1)(SAT DEC 4th)(At Trent Bridge,Nottingham)

Birmingham Daily Post 6/12/80 P.5/Nottingham Evening Post 6/12/80 P.4/Nottingham Journal 6/12/80 P.4/Athletic News 8/12/80 P.7/Field 11/12/80 P.884/Referee 5/12/80 P.6/Sportsman 6/12/80 P.4/Sporting Life 8/12/80 P.1:

BDP:"The match in the second round of contests for the London Association Challenge Cup between the Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa teams was played at Nottingham on Saturday,in the presence of 4,000 spectators,on a somewhat sticky ground.The clubs are regarded as being almost the best in the competition,and the match was therefore looked forward to with exceptional interest.The Aston men showed to advantage at the commencement of the game,and three minutes only had elapsed when Davis ran the ball well towards the Forest goal,and passing to Archie Hunter,he made a splendid goal.Play remained even for a time after this;but then the Foresters pressed their opponents,and time after time were within an ace of scoring,but they had very bad luck indeed and failed to make a point up to half time.Soon after the change of ends,a grand run by Earp on the Forest left resulted in a corner kick,which was nicely middled,and +Williamson made a goal,thus equalising matters. Scarcely had the game been resumed than Vaughton popped in a second for Aston Villa;and although after this both Foresters and Villa men had numerous chances of scoring,at the call of time Villa were declared winners by two goals to one."+Widdowson

NEP:"A special train was run from Birmingham,and over 3,000 spectators paid for admission to the ground.Both sides played their full strength,but unfortunately for the Forest Lindley,who has proved himself a good man on the left wing,was unable to play,in consequence of having been seriously injured by a bite from a rat,and he had to be replaced by Jardine,who,however,did good service.The ground was completely soddened with wet,and was consequently very heavy and slippery,but if anything slightly in favour of the Foresters,who are the stronger team.This slight drawback to the Aston men,however,was not sufficient to counterbalance their extra pace,and to the latter cause, and the lion's share of luck,their victory of two goals to one may be ascribed.Both teams,however, played magnificently,and there is little to choose between them,but,perhaps,on the dry ground the Aston Villa eleven is to be preferred,their back play being simply perfect,and their pace all round little short of furious.Below will be found details of the game as it progressed.

The Forest having won the toss Widdowson kicked off from the Pavilion end at 2.50.After a little struggling in the centre of the field the ball was passed to (A.)Hunter,who ran it cleverly up the left wing and passed to Davis,and he by a well-judged shot,put it through the goal,thus enabling the visitors to gain first blood.This disaster,however,thoroughly put the Forest men on their mettle,and for some time the "Blacks" had decidedly the worst of it,and on one occasion,Widdowson by a judicious bit of dribbling,managed to place the ball in front of the goal.He succeeded in taking aim for the posts,but his kick was defective,and A.Hunter then coming to the rescue,carried the ball from one end to the other closely pursued by Holroyd.He passed it to Brown,however,who made a good attempt to score,but the leather was stopped by Caborn,and sent flying into the centre of the field. Earp then took it down the right side,and made an endeavour to score,but failed.It was taken away by the "Blacks",but immediately returned,and amidst the greatest excitement,the ball was passed by Widdowson to Earp on the left.There appeared every chance of a goal being obtained but the ball being saturated with wet,Earp missed his kick and sent the ball out of play.Directly after a second attempt was made by Earp off a corner kick but being in a bad position he just managed to put the

ball on the wrong side of the posts. After Widdowson had made a good attempt at the goal, which was frustrated by Brown, the ball was carried up the left side by A. Hunter, and for some time the "Reds" had to act on the defensive. A corner kick was given, but the visitors failed to make anything out of it, the leather was taken possession of by Earp, who after carrying it for some distance, kicked it out of bounds. It was then returned by Davis and passed to (A.) Hunter, who placed it in front of the goal, but failed to score. Brown, however, was not to be thwarted, and rushing in made a good kick for the posts, but Sands was fully on the alert and returned it into neutral territory. After this matters appeared fairly equal, and neither side could claim any advantage, although several attempts to score were made by both sides, during which Parr did good service on the right wing; but A. Hunter was doing two men's work, and made several splendid runs down the centre. A corner kick by Jardine sent the ball on the top of the cross-bar, and it dropped in the very jaws of the Birmingham goal, but the visitors formed themselves into a barrier, which the home team could not break, and Davis eventually seeing an opportunity, relieved the goalkeeper, and with the help of his captain, managed to convey the ball to the opposite end, where he (Davis) endeavoured to score, but missed his kick. The ball was kept in front of the goal, and Lee made a splendid shot for the posts, but it was just stopped in time by Sands. Widdowson then forced his way down the centre, and with the support of the Forest forwards carried the ball to the Birmingham end, and then passed it to Earp, who in turn re-passed it to W. Luntley. The latter did not take a proper aim, however, and the result was that the ball was kicked out of bounds, and directly after half-time was called.

On play being resumed it was not long before a "corner" was obtained by the Forest, and Earp, by a splendid kick, placed the ball in front of the goal. A slight struggle ensued, but before the visitors could relieve their goal-keeper, Widdowson placed the ball successfully under the cross-bar. Matters were thus made equal, the applause being terrific. It only made the "Blacks" more determined, however, and the result was that some exciting play was witnessed, both sides doing their best. Shortly after, the ball was placed in front of the home goal, and in the scrimmage that ensued (V) aughton, by a lucky kick, just managed to roll the ball under the bar, thus scoring a second goal for Aston. Nothing daunted, the Forest men returned to the charge, and by main force carried the ball to the opposite end, but by a pretty bit of passing on the part of A. Hunter, (V) aughton, and Davis it was soon again in close proximity to the home citadel, but Sands was not to be caught napping, and it was not long before he sent the ball into mid-field, where after some quiet play it was conveyed to the Aston end. There a good shy was made for the posts by W. Luntley, but one of the Birmingham men headed it out just in time. Earp and Turner also made ineffectual attempts to score, and (V) aughton by a splendid run down the left side, again made matters warm for the "Reds". Widdowson, however, got the ball in front of him, and, taking his opponents by surprise, carried it right up the centre. There was no one near to interfere with him, and it was really a fight between him and the goalkeeper. A goal was confidently expected, and great excitement prevailed, but as ill-luck would have it, he kicked the ball straight into the keepers' arms, and before he could return to the charge, it was flying in an opposite direction. Off a foul soon afterwards Caborn passed the ball to Turner, and he was very near scoring, but in the scrimmage the leather was carried by the "Blacks" into safe quarters. For some time after this both sides fought well, but before the end the home team began to show signs of distress, and were hardly pressed by their enemies, but they managed to keep their goal intact, although they were unable to add another score to the one they had already obtained. The match therefore ended in a victory for the Aston Villa team by two goals to one."

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

Aston Villa:G.Copley(Goal);H.Simmonds(Back);T.Pank,E.B.Lee,S.Law(Half Backs);
Archie Hunter,W.Watts(Right Wing),Andy Hunter(Capt.),Arthur Brown(Centres),
O.H(oward)Vaughton,E(li)C.Davis(Left Wing).

Umpires:J.Hughes for Aston Villa and A.C.Goodyear(Forest).Referee:Rev.J.R.B.Owen.

GRANTHAM 1(O'Dowds) STAFFORD ROAD 1(Another)(H.T. 1-1)(SAT DEC 11th)

Grantham Journal 18/12/80 P.4:

N.B.No report in Wolverhampton Express

GJ:"This match,which was one of the second ties for the Association Cup,was played at Grantham on Saturday last.The ground was in splendid condition and a hard and remarkably fast game was the result,ending in a draw,one goal each,O'Dowds scoring for the home team.The visitors were a very fine team,but did not seem to last as well as their opponents,who almost without exception played up well,Maule and Cursham being about the pick of the forwards,and Wood of the backs."

Grantham:F.Wood(Goal);H.Harris,D.J.Wood(Backs);R.O'Dowds,W.J.Deacon(Half Backs);
J.Dobbs(Capt.),W.G.Maule,W.Cursham,A.Howard,I.Howard,H.C.Frith(Forwards).

Stafford Road:E.Ray(Goal);G.Selman(Back);A.Mair,A.Bantock,A.Nicholls(Half Back);
C.Crump(Capt.),W.W.Shone,H.Turton,J.Ashley,R.Gowland,H.Crane(Forwards).

Umpires:Capt. Downing for Grantham and H.Haynes for Stafford Road.

Referee:Mr H.Kirk(Wanderers)

REPLAY :Thurs Dec 16th (At Wolverhampton) :

STAFFORD ROAD 7 (No scorers traced) GRANTHAM 1 (W.G.Maule)

Grantham Journal 18/12/80 P.4(Continued from above)/Midland Counties Express 18/12/80
P.8(Mistakes in Grantham lineup)/Wolverhampton Express 17/12/80 P.3:

GJ:"The deciding match was played at Wolverhampton on Thursday,before a poor show of spectators.The home team was,with +one exception,the same as on Saturday.Grantham had W.H.Sharpe and W.E.C.Frith substituted for D.J.Wood and A.Howard-Mr A.W.Cursham acting as referee.The result was a complete disaster for Grantham,as they were easily beaten by seven goals to one-and this is almost wholly to be attributed to the fact that the ground,to those unused to it,was quite unfitted for play;it was situated on a hill side,was of a very uneven character,and covered by as much mud as grass,which latter deficiency,a copious supply of sawdust did not correct.In fact Grantham appeared to be slipping about in all directions and unable to turn,whilst

their opponents appeared,as they were,to be quite at home-their backs,especially Selman,kicking splendidly.Maule scored Grantham's only point in fine style." +C.James for H.Turton

WE&S:"The match between the above clubs,which was left drawn at Grantham on Saturday last,was played off on Thursday,on the Stafford-road ground.The home team were declared the winners by seven goals to one."(Teams but no scorers:Grantham team has initials errors).

Stafford Road:E.Ray(Goal);G.Selman(Back);A.Nicholls,A.Mair,A.Bantock(Half Backs);
C.Crump(Capt.),R.Gowland,H.Crane,W.W.Shone,C.James,J.Ashley(Forwards).

Grantham:F.Wood(Goal);H.Harris,W.H.Sharpe(Backs);R.O'Dowds,W.J.Deacon(Half Backs);
J.Dobbs,W.G.Maule,W.Cursham,W.E.C.Frith,I.Howard,H.C.Frith(Forwards).

Umpires:H.Haines and C.Smith

Referee:A.W.Cursham.

NOTTS CLUB,a bye

THIRD ROUND:

Bell's Life 25/12/80 P.10:"To be played off on or before Jan. 23."

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT :

FIRST DIVISION:

Swifts v Clapham Rovers

Upton Park,a bye

CLAPHAM ROVERS 2 (E.A.Ram,C.H.R.Wollaston) SWIFTS 1 (E.J.Wild)(H.T. 0-1)
(Sat Jan 8th)(At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 15/1/81 P.10/Sportsman 10/1/81 P.4/Referee 9/1/81 P.5/Morning Post 10/1/81
P.8/Nottinghamshire Guardian 14/1/81 P.12/Field 15/1/81 P.84/Athletic News 12/1/81 P.6/Sporting
Life 12/1/81 P.1:

BL/AN:"On Saturday afternoon,this match,certainly the most interesting encounter in the third
round of the above competition,was decided at Kennington Oval.The Rovers are the present holders
of the Cup,and,as they were not quite in their full strength,with C.A.Lloyd-Jones an absentee,while
the Swifts had got a good working eleven,many thought that the Clapham eleven would have a by
no means easy task to pull through.The weather was bitterly cold,but the interest taken in the
contest was shown by an attendance much above the average,and those who were present were
well rewarded by witnessing a singularly even and exciting game.The Rovers were fortunate in the

choice of positions, and at ten minutes to three o'clock W. Wild set the ball in motion on behalf of the Swifts against a slight wind. The play at once became fast, and for some time neither side could claim any advantage, though the backs of the Swifts were at the outset very wild with their kicking, and this allowed the Clapham forwards at the time to get very close to the opposite goal. Sparks was the first to have a chance for the Clapham team, but his final shot was lacking in direction, and a fine run and very clever middle by Bambridge in turn threatened the Rovers, though there was no one in the centre to take advantage of a good opportunity. A free kick for the Swifts, well aimed by Savory, was met by a big heave of the foot from Field, who played well at back for Rovers throughout. For half an hour the play, despite the unceasing efforts of Keyser, Childs, Sparks, Bailey and Wollaston, for their respective sides, had produced no score for either, but at last Childs, getting away in the centre, crossed to E. J. Wild, and the latter succeeded in achieving the downfall of the Clapham goal. After this reverse the Rovers' forwards set to work with fresh vigour, but with the exception of a corner kick to the holders, well planted by Weston, nothing more occurred before half time, Bailey and Field effectively stopping every attempt of the Swifts to break through. Not long after the change of ends Chitty got a good chance of a shot at the Rovers' posts, but he sent the ball outside, and soon afterwards a clever middle by Childs produced a scrimmage in front of the Clapham posts, which, after a short tussle, ended in favour of the defending side. A fine run by Bambridge evoked some cheering, and a corner by Savory followed, but the Rovers made a vigorous rush into the opposing half, and Wace put the ball between the posts. An appeal of offside was allowed by the umpires, but the Clapham forwards were soon compensated for this disappointment by a goal from the foot of Ram. Soon after this the Swifts had a narrow escape, as Roff, in stopping a shot, let the ball slip, but he fortunately recovered himself in time, and Keyser ran the leather from the centre to the Clapham posts, though he missed his final kick. The Rovers now began to have a little the best of the game, and after a short run Wollaston accredited them with a second goal. Good runs by Keyser, Chitty, and Childs enabled Swifts at times to be the assailants, but the Clapham forwards worked better together, and a corner kick to Weston went unpleasantly near the Swifts' post. A hard shot by Sparks was well saved by Roff, and soon after the call of time left the Clapham Rovers the winners after a very hard fight by two goals (to one). The holders had a great advantage in backs, as Bailey and Field were both in their very best form, and Ogilvie and Weston did lots of work. The losing forwards were very slow in passing, and some of them were not up to their usual standard, Bambridge, though he made a few good runs and shots, hardly playing as well as he has done of late."

SM: "These well known clubs, having been drawn together in the third round of the above competition, met to contest their match at the Oval on Saturday. The weather was very favourable and a large number of spectators were present. Swifts having lost the toss, were awarded the goal nearest the Harleyford-road. At 2.45 W. (G.) Wild kicked off, and E. C. Bambridge and Keyser got the ball well down the left, but were stopped by Sparks who carried the play into the Swifts' ground where some open scrimmages were carried on for some little time, when Keyser went away once more, being soon stopped, however, by "hands" being given to his side. The kick brought nothing. Next Wollaston and Weston by means of pretty dribbling and passing, carried the ball up to the Swifts' goal, which was, however, well moved by Nicholls, who once more started E. C. Bambridge and Keyser "on their search after the pole". Ogilvie having frustrated their intention, and he with his colleagues carried the leather up behind the Swifts' goal line. "Hands" followed in quick succession to each side, with no result. The Rovers then worked up in a body, and sent the ball once more behind. The Swifts once more went upon the aggressive, and "hands" were given in their favour. Nicholls had the

kick, and Childs getting hold ran down splendidly, but fell. E.J. Wild was luckily in close attendance, and he succeeded in putting the leather under. After the kick-off the Rovers put forth their strength and were within an ace of scoring, when Roff very wisely threw the ball behind. The corner fell to Weston, who sent the ball behind. Beyond a foul given to Rovers, which ended in nothing, no further incident of moment occurred until half time. After changing ends Sparks re-started the game, and the Rovers opened the attack, and more than held their ground for a time, but E.C. Bambridge at last got away, and being well backed up the ball was brought far down in the Rovers' territory, where Chitty had a fine shot at goal, but missed. Ram shortly after made a splendid run, and muddled well to Wace, who kicked under. The goal, however, was disallowed on account of the latter being off-side. Presently Ram, Wollaston, and Barry put in some very useful work for their side, and Ram obtained a goal. After the start the Swifts made a final gasp, and obtained a corner. Savory took the kick, and muddled splendidly, but Barry got hold and ran down in good form, and passed to Wollaston, who kicked a goal. The Rovers followed with a corner, the ball being once more sent behind by Weston. Three shots at goal in quick succession followed to the Rovers, but with no result, and when time was called they were left winners by two goals to one."

REF: "And so the game went on for some time without either team gaining any particular advantage until twenty minutes past three, when the Swifts, led on by Childs, charged dashing over the frontier line, when the latter player with success staring him almost in the face ultimately fell, but E.J. Wild, being close at hand, took up the running figuratively, so to speak, and cleverly shot the ball between the posts, much to the joy of the flighty birds he represented."

"At half time ends were reversed, and Sparks once more set the ball in motion...."

"At length the Rovers, making an unusually strong attack on the Swifts, led on by Wollaston, the ball was turned over by the latter to Ram, who shortly before four o'clock sent it under the bar, and thus equalised matters. Emboldened by success the Rovers now thronged round the devoted nest of the dauntless Swifts, who, although they fought grandly to sustain the reputation they have hitherto gained on many a well-fought field, had to retreat continually before the headstrong charges made by their opponents, till at length Barry, rattling over the ground at a tremendous pace, muddled the ball to Wollaston, and the fate of the Swifts was sealed. When time was called the Claphamites had won by two goals to one."

Clapham Rovers; L. Birkett (Goal); R. A. M. M. Ogilvie (Capt.), Edgar Field (Backs); N. C. Bailey, V. Weston (Half Backs); H. Wace, A. J. Stanley (Right), F. J. Sparks, F. Barry (Centre), C. H. R. Wollaston, E. A. Ram (Left).

Swifts: W. G. Roff (Goal); A. L. Bambridge, H. Nicholls (Backs); J. H. Savory (Capt.), E. A. Everett (Half Backs); E. J. Wild, G. B. Childs (Right), W. Wild, A. J. Chitty (Centres), E. C. Bambridge, L. B. Keyser (Left).

Umpires: C. W. Alcock (Wanderers) and A. H. Stratford (Wanderers). Referree: Major Marindin, Royal Engineers

UPTON PARK, a bye

SECOND DIVISION:

Herts Rangers v Old Etonians
Grey Friars, a bye

OLD ETONIANS 3 (J.B.T.Chevalier,R.H.Macaulay,W.J.Anderson) HERTS RANGERS 0(H.T. 1-0)
(SAT FEB 5th)(At Kennington Oval)

Field 12/2/81 P.208/Sportsman 7/2/81 P.4/Watford Observer 12/2/81 P.4/Windsor & Eton Express
12/2/81 P.4/Sporting Life 9/2/81 P.3/Bell's Life 12/2/81 P.10/Referee 6/2/81 P.6/Nottingham
Evening Post 7/2/81 P.4(same report as BL)/Athletic News 9/2/81 P.6/Morning Post 7/2/81
P.2/Sheffield Independent 7/2/81 P.4:

F:"The recent severe weather interfered considerably with the progress of the third round of matches in the above competition, the concluding ties of which would appear to be of a much more open character than usual. On Saturday the postponed contest between the clubs mentioned was decided at Kennington Oval. With the weather little fault could be found, and, considering the short notice given, there was a fairly good muster of spectators but the game itself was somewhat wanting in interest, and the result amplified general expectations. True, the Herts Rangers played up in very determined fashion, and would no doubt have done better had they had their full complement of representatives (BL: "The Rangers were at a great disadvantage in being one short of their complement throughout ..."). As it was, however, the superiority of the Old Etonians displayed itself throughout. Indeed, much good work had to be done by the Rangers' goalkeeper to prevent their losses being greater than they were. Successful in the toss the Rangers availed themselves of the advantage to be derived from a strong westerly breeze, and the game opened at about twenty minutes to three. The defensive powers of the Rangers were almost directly put to the test. For twenty minutes they succeeded in keeping the Old Etonians at bay, but at length, under the impression that a foul had been claimed, one of the back players of the Rangers neglected to kick the ball, and Chevalier's task of securing a goal was rendered easy. A corner kick fell to either side, but in each instance it was unproductive, and an infringement of the rule forbidding offside play by Clerke caused a capital middle by Whitfeld to be thrown away, as, although the ball was sent under the bar, the goal was disallowed. Towards half time the Rangers pursued their task most vigorously, and the Etonian stronghold narrowly escaped. With the change of ends, however, the most hardy supporters of the Rangers could scarcely have been hopeful of the result. Assisted now by the wind the Old Etonians could be said to have maintained a strong attack, and Villiers was kept well occupied. The Rangers' custodian performed his duties admirably; but at last from a corner kick by Foley the ball was so awkwardly placed by Macaulay that Villiers could not prevent its taking effect. Subsequently the Rangers redoubled their efforts, but all to no purpose, and just before the expiration of the usual time their colours were again lowered through the instrumentality of Anderson. Thus the Old Etonians secured victory and a place in the fourth round by three goals to none."

SM:"The tie in the third round of the above competition between these clubs, which had to be postponed on account of the weather, was decided at the Oval, on Saturday, when the Old Etonians were victorious by three goals to love. The Rangers, who missed sadly the services of Hughes, a good forward, played one short, and having gained the toss, chose the goal nearest the Harleyford-road,

with a strong wind at their back. Macaulay kicked off from the opposite end, and the Etonians' forwards at once led on the attack, and the play was for some time carried on in the Rangers' territory. Sargent tried his best to retaliate down the right but he was stopped by Foley and Kinnaird, who, together with Anderson and Clarke, were instrumental in carrying the leather once more up the field, and the Rangers' backs, thinking Chevalier was off-side, allowed him to obtain an easy goal. Soon after the start a corner fell to each side, without result. The Etonians then once more went on the "war path", and their superior weight made it an easy task to take and keep possession of the enemy's territory. Whitfeld, who put in some pretty play, muddled Clarke, and the latter sent the leather under, but the score was disallowed on account of off-side. Thompson, Sargent, and Harvey for the Rangers afterwards tried to retrieve their misfortunes, but luck was against them, and nothing further happened up to half-time. On changing ends the Etonians gained a material advantage, by having the wind in their favour, and as a result the Rangers had nothing approaching a look in. It was not long before the Etonians obtained a corner. Foley took the kick, and muddling well a scrimmage was formed out of which Macalay headed the ball under. After the start the Rangers were evidently bent on putting their good intentions into practice, and "hands" being given in their favour, close to the Etonians' goal, they should have scored. The fates, however, ordered otherwise, and the ball was sent back to once more add to the anxiety of Villiers, who found plenty of active employment just now. Sargent once more managed to put in a good run, and was rewarded with a corner for his side, but the kick failed, and the Old Etonians went away with a will all together, carrying the ball back whence it came, and Anderson, getting a chance, kicked under. In a few minutes time was called, with the result as above stated. The play, taken together, was hardly up to competition form. The Old Etonians will now have to meet Grey Friars at Dulwich next Saturday, having been drawn against them in the fourth round." N.B. Sargent not Sarjent

WO: "This match, one of the four left to complete the third round of ties in the Association Challenge Cup competition, was played on the ground of the Surrey Cricket Club, at Kennington Oval, on Saturday. The Rangers won the toss, and chose the Harleyford-road goal, and at 2.42 Macaulay kicked off for the old Etonians against a strong wind. The attack was at once well followed up, and before many minutes had elapsed the wearers of the light blue and white got a corner kick, and though this failed to be mischevous, they shortly after worked the leather again dangerously near the Herts fortress. The Rangers, thinking their adversaries were "off-side", acted very dilatorily, and allowed Chevalier to score the first goal for his side. After the subsequent drop out, Sargent, for the Rangers, put in some useful work, but the Etonians, who were the heavier team, soon returned the ball to the Hertfordshire half, and Clerke kicked the leather under, but upon the plea of "off-side" the goal was disallowed. The Old Etonians continued to have the best of the play, but nothing further of a decisiive character was scored before half-time. Shortly after the change of ends a corner kick fell to the Etonians, and this was done so neatly by Foley that a scrimmage occurred close to the goal, out of which Macaulay scored a second goal for the Etonians. The Rangers now played up with great determination, but their efforts proved unsuccessful. Novelli headed the leather through the Rangers' goal, but being off-side, the score was disallowed, and, encouraged by their escape the Rangers played up very hard. The numerical inferiority of the visitors, however, had its effect, and notwithstanding their vigorous play a third goal was registered for the Etonians by Anderson. The Old Etonians were thus left with victory by three goals to none. Tuck, Kinnaird, Foley, Whitfeld, Macaulay, Anderson, Chevalier, Villiers, Kennedy, Chance, and Sargent played prominently for their respective sides. The Herts Rangers were unfortunately one man short."

REF: "At length, after some severe struggling not far from the Rangers' goal-posts, Chevalier kicked under the bar. The men of Herts, being under the fatal impression that "off-side" should have been called, made no effort; but it would perhaps have been as well if some of them had tried to stop the ball, and had reasoned on the subject afterwards."

"Having changed ends, the Etonians, naturally, with the wind now favourable for them, were enabled to pen the Rangers still more severely in their own lines than hitherto, and the trusty Villiers had all his work to do to keep his persevering antagonists at bay, till at length, from a corner kick by Foley, Macaulay headed the ball through shortly after half-past three, though the goal-keeper tried his very utmost to prevent the dire catastrophe. Though for a cup tie the game was not remarkable for brilliancy, they still kept up the game with considerable energy, and, after a rather animated attack by Eton, Anderson was successful in winning the third and last goal for his comrades about twelve minutes past four, and, as nothing further was gained by them during the remainder of the time allotted for play, the match came to a conclusion as previously mentioned."

Old Etonians: J.F.P. Rawlinson (Goal); F.J. Tuck, T.H. French (Backs); Hon. A.F. Kinnaird (Capt.), C.W. Foley (Half Backs); W.J. Anderson, C.J. Clerke (Right Side), R.H. Macaulay, J.B.T. Chevalier (Centres), H. Whitfeld P.C. Novelli (Left Side).

Herts Rangers: +T.J. Villiers (Goal); G.H. Heslop, J. Kennedy (Backs); E.C. Foa, C.R. Chance (Half Backs); W.A. Jacob, F. Sargent (Right Wing), C.P. Harvey (Centre), J.M. Thompson, R. Barker (Left Wing). (10 men)

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(+T.P. Villiers in first round: N.B. T.J. Villiers was Sec of Club around this time)

F/AFS/ECC/SM/SL/REF Lineup: Herts Rangers: T. Villiers (Goal); H. Heslop, C.J. Thompson (Backs); E.C. Foa, E.C. Chance (Half Backs); J. Kennedy, J. Bayford (Left Side), W. Sargent, R. Barker, Capt. (Right Side), +C.K. Harvey (Centre).

(F/AFS both have J. Bayford for W.A. Jacob and 6 different initials (Eton College Chronicle 24/2/81 P.1302 also apparently agrees with AFS players and initials but with no positions: J. Bayford for W.H. Jacob) +check initial

Umpires: Major Marindin (R.E.) for Old Etonians and A.G. Kennedy (Old Malvernians) for Herts Rangers. Referee: C.W. Alcock (Wanderers).

GREY FRIARS, a bye

THIRD DIVISION:

Rangers v Royal Engineers
Old Carthusians, a bye

ROYAL ENGINEERS 6 (E.M.Burton,W.F.Kincaid,H.H.Barnet,C.D.Learoyd 2,C.V.Wingfield-Stratford)
RANGERS 0(H.T. 2-0)(At Kennington Oval)(WED FEB 9th)

Bell's Life 12/2/81 P.11/Field 12/2/81 P.208/Sporting Life 12/2/81 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph
10/2/81 P.7/Bell's Life 12/2/81 P.11/Sportsman 10/2/81 (P.4 not available):

BL:"This match,one of the three left to complete the third round,was p[layed at Kennington Oval on Wednesday afternoon.The weather was fine,and the ground in very fair condition after the heavy rains,but the play was exceedingly slow and the game very unexciting.There was nothing to favour either position,and the Rangers gained no advantage by the toss in the absence of wind.Miller kicked off for the Rangers at 2.50,but the ball was quickly returned,and in ten minutes the Sappers had opened their score with a goal from the foot of Burton.For some lilltle time the play was very loose, and devoid of anything like brilliancy,the only interest apparently to the spectators being in the frequent overthrow of the Rangers forwards by their heavier opponents.Another goal was secured for the Rangers by Kincaid,an appeal for a clear case of off-side by Stratford just before being disallowed by the umpires.During the rest of the first half nothing more was obtained by either side, and at the change of ends the Engineers enjoyed a majority of two goals.During the second part of the game the play showed a slight improvement,but the Rangers were overweighted as well as overmatched,and although their forwards showed considerable pluck,they made no attempt to dribble,and showed little judgment in passing.Soon after the kick-off Barnet secured another point for the Engineers,and a few minutes later the Rangers' goal-keeper,in defending his goal,sent the ball hard against Learoyd,and thence between his own posts.Several corner kicks fell to the Engineers before Stratford succeeded in adding to their score,and just before the finish an exceedingly good shot from the right by Learoyd gave them their last point,the Rangers having to put up with a decisive defeat by six goals to none.Russell and Vidal played well for the Engineers,but with the exception of Learoyd,who showed plenty of pace,the forwards were no means up to the old form of the Sappers."

F:"A strong team of the Sappers entered the lists against the Rangers on Wednesday last at Kennington Oval.As might have been almost expected they proved victors,although it is due to their opponents to state that they made a most gallant fight of it.The Engineers,successful in the toss, elected to defend the western goal,and had the little breeze there was in their favour.During the early portion of the game the military had the better of the play,and Burton and Kincaid each kicked a goal for them.Half time arrived,and ends were changed.The Engineers continued to press their opponents afterwards,and added four goals to their score.Two of these were kicked by Learoyd,and one each by Barnet and Wingfield-Stratford.All the efforts of the Rangers to score were futile,and the Engineers thus won easily by six goals to none."

SL:"On Wednesday last these clubs,drawn together in the third round of the Association Challenge Cup,met at Kennington Oval.The weather was fine,and the ground had dried wonderfully,and there was nothing to interfere with a fast and good game,except the unevenness of the match.Only a moderate number(principally friends of the Sappers)witnessed the play,which was all in favour of the Engineers.At ten miutes to three o'clock the Rangers,who had lost the toss,kicked off from the Gasometer end.The Engineers at once returned it,and commenced pressing their opponents,who were thereafter until time more or less in difficulties.Before ends were changed the Rangers had lost two goals,one kicked by Burton,out of a bully in front of the goal,and the second put through by

Kincaid. After half-time the Engineers did pretty much as they liked, and added four goals to their account-Barnet making one, Stratford one, and Learoyd two, and won by six goals to none. The Rangers were altogether overmatched, and did not have any chance with the others, who outplayed them in every way. In the Engineers' play, however, there was a good deal too much of the shoulder, the Rangers, who when nowhere near the ball, being often charged quite gratuitously."

SDT: "Yesterday afternoon this match, one of the last in the third round, was played on the Surrey Cricket Ground in London. The weather was a delightful change after the two previous days, being mild and bright, and the ground was in good condition. The Engineers won by six goals to none."

Royal Engineers: E. Druitt (Goal); B. B. Russell, C. B. Mayne (Backs); H. A. L. Paterson, W. Sealy Vidal (Half Backs), C. D. Learoyd, H. H. Barnet (Right), R. S. Maclagan, E. M. Burton (Centres), C. V. Wingfield-Stratford, W. S. Kincaid (Left).

Rangers: T. Faulkner (Goal), G. H. Hamilton, B. H. Cox (Backs); F. Pullen, J. Strong, J. Wall (Half Backs); W. Tilly, C. Donaldson (Right), M. Lanley (Capt.) (Centre), H. B. Cockrell, C. Miller (Left).

(Langley or Lawley?)

Umpires: G. W. Addison and F. J. Wall. Referee: Major Marindin, R. E.

OLD CARTHUSIANS, a bye

FOURTH DIVISION:

Romford v Reading Abbey
Great Marlow, a bye

ROMFORD 2 (W. Wright, A. Cornell) READING ABBEY 0 (HT. 1-0) (SAT FEB 12th) (At Mawneys, Romford)

Essex Times 19/2/81 P.3/Stratford Times & South Essex Gazette 16/2/81 P.5/Chelmsford Chronicle 18/2/81 P.4/Essex Herald 15/2/81 P.5/Essex Newsman 19/2/81 P.3:

N.B. Not found in Reading Papers

ET/ST: "On Saturday last the Romford and Reading Abbey clubs played off the third round in the Association Cup ties on the ground at Mawneys in the presence of a large concourse of spectators. For the first quarter of an hour or so after the ball had been kicked off it looked uncommonly like as if the home team were in for a defeat, the visitors straightaway from the commencement playing well together and exhibiting good form in the matter of passing. Before, however, twenty minutes had gone by, the Romford men woke up to the necessity of making a show, and, putting on a spurt, the remainder of the game can only be described as extremely fast, and the ball for the most part of the time was kept in the vicinity of the visitors' goal. Nothing, however, told until within a few minutes of half-time when amidst a storm of applause the first goal was credited to the home team—a goal kicked out of a scrimmage.

Half-time came, and when ends were changed the game became faster than ever, the visitors straining every nerve to equalise matters, whilst it was equally evident that L.E. Clark, Earle, Wright, Cornell, and H. Palmer on behalf of the Romford Club, were determined, if possible, to follow up their success. The ball from this time was kept by the home team almost continually up to their opponents' end, and several good shots were made - notably one by Earle, which shot sent the leather over the tape - but without effect. At length Earle having collected the ball, passed it over to Cornell, who all along had been playing in splendid form, and a lift from the latter sent it flying between the posts about a quarter of an hour before time was called. No further advantages were scored by either side, and the game afterwards terminated, leaving the home team victorious by two goals to love. This result renders the Romford team eligible to compete in the fourth round, which will be decided at Romford on Saturday, the opposing team being the Great Marlow Club. For Romford L.E. Clark, A. Cornell, and P.M. Earle especially distinguished themselves; and C. Pontin, G. Allen, and J. Frewin played well for Reading, whose goal-keeper also played a good defence."

Chelmsford Chronicle 4/2/81 : "The match between the Romford Football Club and the Reading Abbey Club in the third ties for this cup was to have been played at Romford on Saturday, and early in the week Mr Palmer the Secretary of the Romford Club received a communication from the Reading Abbey Club to the effect that they would come if the frost broke up. On Wednesday Mr Palmer replied that as a thaw had set in the Romford Club would expect them by the train specified on Saturday afternoon. On Friday afternoon however he received a telegram stating that they could not come; he at once replied that the Romford Club would expect them to come in accordance with the agreement but late on Saturday morning he received a letter stating that they could not come and suggesting the postponement of the match for another week. The point now to be decided is whether the Reading Club has not by its action put itself out of the contest, and if that is the case the Romford Club will stand in the fourth ties."

CC/EH/EN: "On Saturday last the match between the Romford Football Club and the Reading Abbey Football Club took place at Romford. The game throughout was very fast, and during the first half was fairly even, but after about half an hour's play W. Wright, by a long shot, scored the first goal for the home team. In the second half the Romford men had much the best of the game, and a second goal was placed to their account, the ball being cleverly passed by P.M. Earle to A. Cornell in the centre, and he easily shot it between the posts. For Romford P.M. Earle played splendidly, and L.E. Clark and A. Cornell also did good service; while for the visitors C. Pontin, G. Allen and J. Frewin played well and Scrivener did good service as goalkeeper."

Romford: E. Champness (Goal); +A. Elms, H. W. Palmer (Backs), L. E. Clark (Capt.), W. J. Reid, E. P. Barnes (Half Backs), A. D. Cornell, W. Wright (Right), P. M. Earle (Centre), C. Clark, C. S. Palmer (Left).

+Romford History has J. Elms in 3 matches (including this) /ET /Stratford paper has A. Elms in 2 of his 3 matches (including this)

Reading Abbey: C. Scrivener (Goal); C. A. Pontin (Capt.), W. Hewett (Backs); G. Simmons, G. Bawdon (Half Backs); G. Allen, J. Frewin (Right), +J. Harding, W. Nash (Centres), J. N. Day, G. Talbot (Left).

+Stratford paper has W. Harding

GREAT MARLOW,a bye

NORTHERN DIVISION:

Turton v Sheffield Wednesday

Darwen,a bye

TURTON 0 SHEFFIED WEDNESDAY 2(R.Gregory,E.Rhodes)(H.T. 0-1)(SAT JAN 8th)(At Turton)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 10/1/81 P.4/Sheffield Independent 10/1/81 P.4/Sportsman 10/1/81 P.4/Leeds Mercury 10/1/81 P.3/Athletic News 12/1/81 P.6/(No teams in Blackburn Standard 15/1/81 P.3/Sporting Life 12/1/81 P.1:

SDT:"Malpass saved the downfall of his goal and then the Turton men were compelled to act on the defensive.Gregory got a chance and made a shot,the ball just passing over the top of the bar.The kick did not improve matters for the Lancashire men,and Gregory scored the first goal for the visitors after about twenty minutes' play.The game was kept in Turton territory until half time was called. After the recommencement the Sheffield men made several attacks on the Turton citadel,but Brown was each time equal to the occasion and each time"batted off "the shots of the visitors. Rhodes at last evaded his vigilance,and scored the second goal for the Sheffield men.Both ends were now visited in turns,and when the different players got off with the ball they generally reached the enemy's goal,as the hard state of the ground rendered defensive playing very difficult.For about a quarter of an hour before the call of time the game was confined to the Sheffield territory,but although the Lancashire men made several desperate attempts to score,they did not succeed,and the visitors were hailed the victors by two goals to nil."

SM:"The Turton team mustered full strength,whilst the visitors were minuis the services of three of their first team.The ground was exceedingly slippery,owing to the hard frost of the previous night. Turton won the toss,and Gregory kicked off for the visitors about three o'clock.The ball was shortly afterwards secured by the home forwards,who made a determined charge on the Sheffield posts.The goal-keeper was compelled to use his hands to avert defeat.The visitors for a few minutes were pressed,and about a quarter of an hour after the kick-off,an exciting scrimmage occurred in front of the Wednesday posts.Subsequently a goal was obtained for Turton,although it was subsequently disallowed on the plea that it passed outside bounds.The visitors then exhibited some capital passing,notably Mosforth,Gregory,and Lang.Several shots were made at the Turton posts in quick succession,and though the goal-keeper stopped a few accurate shots,Gregory kicked the first about ten minutes before half-time.On the recommencement of play Gregory was successful in again taking the ball into the Turton quarters.A scrimmage took place near the goal,but Bentley and Greenhalgh cleverly averted all danger.After a short stay in the Wednesday territory,the leather was taken near to the Turton goal,and only a few minutes had elapsed before the ball was kicked within a few inches of going past the posts.Half-time was shortly afterwards called,and ends were changed. After some give-and-take play in the centre of the field,a determined charge on the home fortress was made by Mosforth,Lang,and Fletcher,and a second goal was scored by Rhodes on behalf of Sheffield.This reverse infused new energy into the home team,who made several desperate attempts to score.By dint of hard and persevering efforts the Turton forwards,principally Scowcroft

and Waddicar, kept the ball in the Sheffield quarters, and several attempts to score were made. The goal-keeper, ably assisted by the backs, kept the Turtonians at bay, however, and though at times the home team met with "hard lines", no difference could be made in the score, and the visitors left the field the victors by two goals to none. Both teams strove hard, and on the whole the match was of a pretty even character."

Turton: H. Brown (Goal); J. J. Greenhalgh, W. Trainor (Backs); J. J. Bentley (Capt.), C. Tootill (Half Backs); J. Waddicar, T. Gorton (Right Wing), T. Scowcroft, H. Hawarth (Centres), G. Hawarth, J. Hamer (Left Wing).

Sheffield Wednesday: H. Ledger (Goal); A. Malpas, E. Buttery (Backs); J. Hunter, J. Hudson, H. Fletcher (Half Backs), E. Rhodes, J. Bingley (Right Wing), R. Gregory (Capt.) (Centre), J. J. Lang, W. H. Mosforth (Left Wing)

Umpires: H. Muscroft for Sheffield Wednesday and Forrest for Turton. Referee: T. Hindle.

DARWEN, a bye

CENTRAL DIVISION:

Notts Club v Aston Villa
Stafford Road, a bye

NOTTS CLUB 1 (C. L. Cursham) ASTON VILLA 3 (Andrew Hunter 2, Archie Hunter) (H. T. 1-1)
(SAT FEB 12th) (At Trent Bridge Gound, Nottingham)

Nottingham Evening Post 14/2/81 P. 4/Nottinghamshire Guardian 18/2/81 P. 12/Birmingham Daily Post 14/2/81 P. 6/Birmingham Daily Mail 14/2/81 P. 2/Nottingham Journal 14/2/81 P. 4/Field 19/2/81 P. 248/Athletic News 6/2/81 P. 6/Sportsman 14/2/81 P. 4/Sporting Life 16/2/81 P. 3/Referee 13/2/81 P. 6:

BDP: "On Saturday last the above match, which has been most looked forward to in football circles, was played on the Trent Bridge ground, Nottingham, this being one of the ties in the Association Challenge Cup, for which the Birmingham team are at present favourites. The match was a grandly contested one throughout, the Notts team having the advantage during the first half-time, and the game being undoubtedly won for the Aston men by the splendid goalkeeping of Copley, and the fine forward play of Eli Davis, the brothers Hunter, Brown, and Vaughton. After both goals had been threatened immediately after the commencement of hostilities, the Aston forwards made a determined rush, which resulted in a fine bit of play in front of the Notts goal, from which Andy Hunter scored the first goal for his side. Immediately upon resuming, Macrae and the brothers Cursham ran up splendidly for Notts, and, overpowering the visitors' backs, A. W. Cursham equalised matters. Half-time arrived with no alteration in the score, and for a time after the change of ends Notts pressed their opponents, but then a change came over the game, a corner kick giving Andy Hunter a chance of scoring, of which he was not slow to avail himself, and directly after this a third goal was registered for the visitors by Archie Hunter by means of a splendid low shot. The Notts men rallied, and played time out vigorously, but their efforts to score were frustrated by Copley, and they

had also hard luck at goal-getting. At the conclusion of the game, which was far more even in reality than the score would indicate, the Villa men were left victors by three goals to one."

NEP/NG: "Undoubtedly, one of the most interesting football matches that have been played in Nottingham this season took place on the Trent Bridge ground, on Saturday afternoon, when the Notts. team met the Aston Villa in the third round of the Association Cup contest. Fortunately the day proved a fine one and during the afternoon there were between 3,000 and 4,000 persons present. Both teams played their full strength. The game throughout was a very even one, and during the first half was very fast, only one goal each being got up to the time when ends were changed, and for some time after there looked every possibility of there having to be an extra half hour's play, but ultimately the Aston Villa men had a stroke of luck, and two goals were scored by them in quick succession. The Notts. tried hard to retrieve their lost fortune, but without success, and the match therefore ended in favour of Aston Villa by three goals to one. The visitors kicked off from the Trent Bridge end, but the ball was taken possession of by A.W. Cursham and rushed down the right. He failed to get near the goal, however, and being stopped by one of the backs the leather was passed to Davis, who ran it the whole length of the field in splendid style. Being well supported, a struggle ensued in front of the Notts goal, but the final kick sent the ball just over the crossbar. A corner kick was obtained, but proved unsuccessful. Play continued at that end, however, and off a second corner kick the ball was passed to the left of the goal, and put cleverly between the posts by Andrew Hunter. Immediately after the ball was again set rolling, it was passed (F: "by H.A. Cursham") to C.L. Cursham on the left, and before the visitors could get up to ward off the attack, he succeeded in making matters equal. The game at this stage was very fast, but the Notts had the best of it, and on one occasion E.H. Greenhalgh passed the leather to A.W. Cursham, who in his turn centred it to Morse. A second goal for Notts seemed inevitable, but the last-mentioned player was not fast enough to avail himself of the opportunity, and the ball (was) taken from him and carried away in splendid style by Crossland. It was not long, however, before it was again in close proximity to the Villa territory, and after a pretty bit of passing between C. Cursham and A. Cursham it was passed to Morse, who headed it just the wrong side of the post. The "Blacks" then made a determined rush, and Andrew Hunter, who had been playing well throughout, ran the ball into the very jaws of the home goal, which was only just saved by the goal-keeper. A corner kick resulted, but with no success, and the Notts then again took possession and for a time had things pretty much their own way. On one occasion, however, Archie Hunter looked like scoring, when his career was cut short by Palmer, who did good service for his team throughout. The leather was returned to the visitors' quarters, but after an ineffectual attempt on the part of Morse to score, it was again carried away by Archie Hunter, who was, however, again stopped by Palmer before he could do any harm. The game at this point was of an extremely exciting nature. The fastness of the game began to tell visibly on the Notts men, and there was a change of luck in favour of the "Blacks", although on one occasion, after a good run down the right by A.W. Cursham, H. Cursham had a splendid shot at goal, but the effort was thwarted by the goal-keeper. Brown, who ran well, then took the ball up the centre, but at the other end was met by McCrae, who took it from him, but the Aston backs coming up in time forced him to surrender possession, and some exciting play then took place in front of the goal, where C. Cursham succeeded in relieving the goal-keeper for a time, but the ball was returned, and in a scrimmage which ensued it was kicked over the bar. Several other good attempts to score were made by Aston Villa, but they proved fruitless, and when half-time was called no further goals had been got. On ends being changed the pace began to have an effect on both sides, and, as a natural consequence, was nothing

like so fast as at the start. Both teams, however, fought with determination and it appeared to hang in the balance as to who would be the victors. At one time Morse received the ball from A.W. Cursham, and had a good shot at goal, but he kicked too high and the ball went over the bar, and it was then carried by Andrew Hunter down the right side to the Notts territory where he made a splendid attempt to score. Play was then transferred to the Notts end, and a capital kick by Brown nearly resulted in a goal, but it was saved by a splendid bit of play on the part of Dobson. The ball was then taken into the centre of the field but brought back by Brown and (F: "Within about a quarter of an hour of the expiration of time") Andrew Hunter by a well judged kick made a second goal for his team. Immediately the ball was again in dangerous proximity to the Notts' goal, and (F: "in two or three minutes afterwards:") Archie Hunter, by a rather lucky kick, made a third goal. The Notts men did their best to make matters equal, and on one or two occasions they very nearly succeeded, but their opponents were too swift for them, and when time was called they had failed to score again. The Aston Villa team were, therefore, the winners by three goals to one."

SL: "These Association clubs met on the Trent Bridge Ground, at Nottingham, last Saturday afternoon, in the presence of upwards of 3,000 spectators. Aston Villa having this season displayed such excellent form, odds of 4 to 1 were laid on them, and, although for a time they were not justified, the brothers Hunter came with a rush at the finish, and finally snatched victory out of the fire by three goals to one. Excitement ran high and a finer exhibition of football has seldom been seen on Mr Jamson's noted enclosure. Proceedings began with Aston Villa having the kick-off and after about six minutes' play their first goal was made by Andy Hunter. On resuming the Nottinghamshire forwards carried the ball into Birmingham territory, and a splendid kick by C. Cursham speedily equalised matters. The game on both sides was very fast indeed, and up to "half time" no further advantage had been gained. During the second half rapid exchanges were made, and thoughts of a draw were beginning to be indulged in, when Andy Hunter ran up a second score. This was succeeded by a third, by his brother, Archie Hunter, and eventually, as already stated, the visitors won by three goals to one. All worked hard, and with a determination to win, and although defeated, Nottinghamshire were by no means disgraced."

F: "Although the weather was fine, with little or no wind blowing, the ground, through previous heavy rains, was both treacherous and slippery, and towards the close of the struggle one of the visitors' most prominent players (Archie Hunter) sustained a serious injury to his shoulder through colliding with one or two of the Notts men." "A start was made at 3.40, when quite three thousand persons were present. Some of them, unfortunately, crowded beyond the boundary line, and, as a result, play was frequently interfered with."

Notts Club: H(arold) Greenhalgh (Goal); A. T. C. Dobson, H. Jessop (Backs); S. Palmer, S. Macrae, H. Chapman (Half Backs); A. W. Cursham, C. L. Cursham (Right Wing), H. Morse (Centre), H. A. Cursham, E. H. Greenhalgh (Capt.) (Left Wing).

Aston Villa: G. Copley (Goal); H. Simmonds (Back); T. Pank, E. B. Lee, S. Law (Half Backs); Andy Hunter, W. Crossland (Right Wing), Arthur Brown, Archie Hunter (Capt.) (Centres), O. H. Vaughton, E. C. Davis (Left Wing).

Umpires: G. Seals for Notts Club and J. Hughes for Aston Villa.

Referee: Mr N. L. Jackson (Finchley).

STAFFORD ROAD ,a bye.

FOURTH ROUND:

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT:

FIRST DIVISION:

CLAPHAM ROVERS 5 (E.A.Ram ,F.Barry 2,F.J.Sparks,C.H.R.Wollaston) UPTON PARK 4 (C.Mitchell 2,S.R.Bastard 2)(H.T. 4-1)(At Wandsworth Common)(SAT FEB 12th)

Sportsman 14/2/81 P.4/Field 19/2/81 P.248/Athletic News 16/2/81 P.6/Nottingham Evening Post 14/2/81 P.4/Sheffield Independent 14/2/81 P.4/Birmingham Daily Mail 14/2/81 P.2/Sporting Life 16/2/81 P.3/Referee 13/2/81 P.6:

SM:"This match took place on the ground of the former at Wandsworth Common,S.E.,on Saturdsy afternoon to decide which should enter the fifth round.The usual preliminaries having been satisfactorily arranged,the "coin" was tossed,the result being in favour of the strangers,who chose the western goal,with whatever wind there was behind them,and at 3.17 pm Sparks set the ball in motion for the home team from the centre of the ground,which,it should be mentioned,was in very fair condition,considering the recent heavy rains.Barnard was the first to show fight and worked the ball well down into the home territory,only,however,to be promptly returned by Wollaston and Sparks.For the first few minutes the game was chiefly carried on in the eastern half of the ground, though Weston,Wollaston,and Ram tried hard to relieve their side,the opportunity at last falling to the first-named and Lloyd-Jones.Mitchell,however,was all there,and nothing resulted.The Rovers almost immediately afterwards obtained "hands",but Ogilvie,who had the kick,sent it a trifle too far. This was quickly followed by a corner to the visitors,but on the leather being kicked out:Ram and Sparks together middled through the opposing forwards,and taking it the whole length of the ground,the former,amidst loud cheering,scored the first goal for the home eleven.On re-starting the rights showed to the fore with a fine dribble which was,however,promptly checked by the Uptonians ,who,thanks to Bastard and others,once more assumed the offensive,but not for long,as Weston, passing the leather to Ram,the last-named made a splendid run,and watching his opportunity,kicked it to Barry,who,after some fine form,scored a second goal for the Claphamites.In spite of these reverses,however,the visitors worked with a will,and after some good play by Cooke,obtained "hands" near the Rovers' goal.Nothing,however,resulted,and the ball once more returned to the centre of the ground,Weston and Ram being hereabouts loudly applauded for their fine form. Stanley then made a brilliant run,followed by a similar effort on the part of Sparks,but the visitors quickly arrested their progress,and taking the leather down to their opponents' quarters,obtained a corner,the kick in resulting in a scrimmage in which the Park men would undoubtedly have scored but for the brilliant goal keeping of Birkett,who was once more in his favourite position between the posts.Passing over some fine play from Barnard and Mitchell,we find Barry in possession of the leather,this player after some highly commendable dodging,for the second time evading the vigilance of Conrad,thus placing No 3 to the credit of his side.Shortly after re-starting he almost repeated this performance,Mitchell and the backs,however,putting an end to his career.The visitors for a time re-assumed the offensive,but a fourth goal for the home team soon resulted through the

instrumentality of the quondam Herts Ranger, Sparks. It now looked as if the game would prove very one-sided, but the complexion of the case was soon materially altered, when Mitchell, after "hands" in the Upton quarters, followed by some fine passing by Winterbotham (his chief effort of the day) and Barnard, broke the spell of ill luck for the Essex men, who now played better than ever. On the ball being once more set in motion, Barry and Sparks made a couple of brilliant runs for the home eleven followed by a corner to Weston, from which, however, no goal resulted. Half-time now intervened with the ball in the vicinity of the goal of the visitors, who were still three goals behind their opponents. On ends being changed, the Uptonians working slightly downhill, completely penned their opponents, and despite the stout resistance offered by Barry and the half-backs, a second goal was obtained by the united efforts of Barnard, Mitchell, and Bastard, the last-named sending the ball through. On resuming a corner quickly fell to the visitors, but Birkett again saved a score. The former, however, were not to be denied; some more fine play on either side, followed by a corner, the leather was successfully headed through by Mitchell, who fairly out did himself, thus making the score- Clapham Rovers four goals, Upton Park three. Excitement now rose to fever heat, and there really appeared a chance of the visitors not only equalling but also surpassing the score of their opponents. Both teams redoubled their energy, Mitchell, Barnard, and Barnett showing well to the fore for the Uptonians, as also Barry, Ram, and Wollaston for their rivals. At length a scrimmage occurred in front of the visitors' fortress, through which Wollaston dexterously headed the ball. Nettled by this, the fifth reverse, the Upton forwards made a fresh onslaught on their opponents, Mitchell and Barnard, in turn, being loudly applauded for their brilliant displays of passing. Twice the Claphamites stemmed the tide, on one occasion nearly procuring a sixth goal, but they were at length forced to succumb, Barnett middling the ball to Bastard, who again proved successful in scoring, making four goals to their opponents' five. But ten minutes now remained for play, during which period every movement of the contestants was eagerly watched by the spectators. With the exception of one or two runs by the Upton forwards, the home team, well backed up behind, prevented any chance of a draw and consequent extension of time, and after a brilliant game of the orthodox duration of an hour and a half, the Claphamites were hailed the winners of a well-fought game by the narrow majority of one goal."

F: "The Upton captain, Upton Park having won the toss, elected to play against wind and hill, but giving his opponents the disadvantage of a dazzling sun in their faces. This proved unfortunate policy, however, for the sun was completely obscured by clouds during the game. At 3.15 Sparks kicked off, and some sharp exchanges followed; but the Upton men, having had no practice together of late, played rather loosely; while the Rovers, on the contrary, played well together, and after some effective passing by Sparks, Lloyd-Jones and Ram, the latter shot a clever goal for them. On restarting Wollaston and Stanley made a good run, but were checked by King and Coke, and Bastard got the ball away, but was tackled by Weston, who passed to Ram, and the latter made another clever run through the visitors' backs, and on passing the ball to Barry, who was playing with great dash, the latter kicked through close to Warner. The Uptonians now worked up hard, and, after some good play by Cooke, obtained hands in their favour close to the Rovers' posts. The latter, however, got it safely away, Ram, Sparks, Stanley, and Weston showing very fine play and combination. Mangles, however, got the leather away from them, and after some good play between Barnard and Mitchell, a corner fell to the lot of Upton; but though excellently placed by Cooke, Birkett averted the shot which followed at his fortress. Shortly after this the Rovers worked the ball into Upton quarters, and Barry scored a third goal for them by a brilliant rush. The same player had another good try to repeat the performance,

but was neatly tackled by the Upton backs. The ball, however, was soon after put through their posts for a fourth time by Sparks. It now looked like a hollow defeat for the visitors, and their adherents became proportionately depressed; but not so the players themselves who appeared now to begin to "wake up", and to play more in unison, and, after a good passing run by their forwards, Mitchell got possession and scored a goal for Upton, by a fine side shot, amid much applause. Barnard, Barry, Sparks, Weston, and Bailey showed prominently in the play up to half-time, but nothing occurred to alter the score further.

The Upton team now had the hill in their favour, and playing up manfully, they frequently penned their opponents, and, after some good passing by Barnett and Bastard, in combination with Mitchell, a second goal for Upton was credited to Bastard. On resuming the visitors earned a corner kick, but, though cleverly taken by Cooke, the attempt by Upton to head the ball through was defeated by Ogilvie. Shortly afterwards, however, Barnett again worked the ball up, and a corner fell to him. This again was superbly placed by Cooke, and Mitchell headed a third goal for his side. The partisan spectators of each side now became greatly excited, and every bit of good play was vociferously cheered. The play became very hard and fast, Barry, Ram, Wollaston, Bailey, and Weston, for Rovers, and Barnett, Bastard, Mitchell and Cooke for the strangers being always on the ball, while King and Field were timing their kicks very well. It appeared at this period as though the Uptonians would speedily equal or even surpass the score of their rivals, so well were they working; but soon Ram, Barry and Wollaston got the ball away, and a shot was taken at the Upton goal, which Warner put to one side, and the same occurred with a second shot, but there were too many attacking Rovers, and on a third attempt Wollaston headed a fifth goal for them, which might have been saved had a few Upton men got back while the scrimmaging was taking place, but this they appeared to be too pumped to do at that time. Now, however, the visitors metted up, Bastard, Barnett, and Mitchell showing fine form. The Rovers for a time showed strong defence, but at length, from a good middle by Barnard a fourth goal was registered to Upton from the foot of Bastard. For the ten minutes remaining before time was up the Uptonians strained every nerve to make a drawn game, and, encouraged by the shouts of their numerous friends, they made repeated onslaughts on the Rovers' posts, but fortune did not favour their efforts, and this hard and well-played game ended in their defeat by five goals to four."

NEP/AN: "Upton Park won the toss, and elected to play with their backs to the sun. The Rovers kicked off at 3-15, and they were soon busy, Ram kicking a goal for them at 3.22. Another goal followed to the Rovers from the same player at 3.28. Shortly after hands were given for Upton in front of the Rovers' goal, but Barry took the ball out, and, after a fine run, kicked the third goal for the Rovers. A fourth was kicked by Sparks shortly afterwards. After a fine piece of passing Mitchell kicked the first goal for Upton. After half time the Rovers were very slack, and Upton got two more points. At 4.22 Barry kicked the Rovers' fifth, while Upton got a fourth at 4.38. Nothing more happened, the Rovers winning, after a stout fight by five goals to four. Lloyd-Jones was hurt early in the game."

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

Upton Park: C. Warner (Capt.) (Goal); P. C. Bates, W. J. Mangles (Backs); O. T. Cooke, R. Stuart-King (Half Back Backs); H. R. Barnett, S. R. Bastard (Right), C. Mitchell, F. Winterbottam (Centres), J. Barnard, H. Lafone (Left).

Umpires: C. E. Hart (Pilgrims) and A. W. Letts (Old Foresters). referee: E. H. Bambridge (Swifts).

SECOND DIVISION:

GREY FRIARS 0 OLD ETONIANS 4 (At Greyhound,Dulwich)(Sat Feb 19th)

(No details of teams in Eton College Chronicle 24/2/81 P.1302 Report):FIND

Sporting Life 23/2/81 P.3:“These clubs met at the Greyhound,Dulwich,on Saturday last.The Old Etonians had matters entirely their own way,and won by four goals to none.”

Old Etonians:Hon.A.F.Kinnaird(Capt.),and C.W.Foley(Half Backs),F.J.Tuck and T.H.French(Backs),
W.J.Anderson,C.J.Clerke,P.C.Novelli,H.Whitfield,R.H.Macaulay,J.B.T.Chevalier (Forwards),
J.F.P.Rawlinson (Goal). (SL)

Grey Friars:C.G.Broadhurst,E.D.Ellis,T.G.Stafford(Half Backs),J.M.Turner,A.E.Young(Backs),
R.D.Green(Capt.),G.P.Matchett,E.Cane,E.Jessop,T.G.Thompson(Forwards),J.Davis(Goal).(SL)

THIRD DIVISION:

ROYAL ENGINEERS 0 OLD CARTHUSIANS 2 (E.G.Wynyard,W.R.Page)((Sat Feb 19th)(At Chatham)

Field 19/2/81 P.252 has OC team for the match(But see below for actual team in The Carthusian):

F:“The following will represent the Old Carthusians:

Old Carthusians:L.F.Gillett(Goal);E.G.Colvin,W.H.Norris(Backs);J.F.M.Princep,H.Somers-Cocks
(Half Backs);W.R.Page,E.G.Wynyard(Centres),E.H.Parry,E.T.Lloyd(Right),E.F.Growse,J.E.Eddis(Left).

The Carthusian Page 80:“H.Somers-Cocks and L.M.Richards were at the last moment prevented from playing.”(However L.M.Richards was not listed in Field to play)

The Carthusian Volume 67-129 P.80:“...it was with considerable misgivings,owing to their want of practice,that the Old Carthusians went down to Chatham on February 19th to play their Cup Tie with the Royal Engineers.A strong team had been got together,and the match after a very close contest ended in our winning by 2 goals(kicked by Wynyard and Page) to 0.The backplay of Princep,Colvin and Norris,was beyond praise,Carter at times kicked well,and the forwards played as if they were once more on Under Green,and with their old condition and powers of lasting.The team was:

J.F.M.Princep,E.G.Colvin(Half Backs),W.H.Norris,H.A.Carter(Backs),L.F.Gillett(Goal),
W.R.Page,E.G.Wynyard(Centres),E.H.Parry(Capt.),E.T.Lloyd,(Right),J.E.Eddis,E.F.Growse(Left).

H.Somers-Cocks and +L.M.Richards were at the last moment prevented from playing.

We must not forget to speak of the hospitality of the Royal Engineers,which was unbounded and thoroughly appreciated.”

N.B. The team listed in The Carthusian above was the same as the F "Team for the match" except H.A.Carter for H.Somers-Cocks(substituted as stated above). +L.M.Richards was not listed in F as to be playing,

Sporting Life 23/2/81 P.3:"This match was played at Chatham on Saturday,the result being a victory for the Old Carthusians by two goals(kicked by Wynyard and Parry) to (n)one."

Old Carthusians:E.H.Parry(Capt.),C.Keith-Falconer,+L.M.Richards,W.C.Williams,(E.)G.Wynyard, W.K.W.Jenner,J.F.Princep and H.Somers-Cocks(Half Backs),H.Routh and H.A.Carter(Backs),and A.J.Wake(Goal)(SL) +Did not play:see above

N.B.The above is a completely different team!!

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Royal Engineers:J.Winn(Goal),B.B.Russell and H.Mullaley(Backs),H.A.L.Paterson and W.Sealy-Vidal (Half Backs),H.H.Barnet,W.S.Kincaid,C.Wingfield-Stratford,G.Williams,H.H.Massey(Capt.),and R.S.Maclagan.(SL)

FOURTH DIVISION:

ROMFORD 2 (A.Cornell 2) GREAT MARLOW 1 (R.Lunnon)(SAT FEB 19th)(H.T. 0-1)(At *Romford)

Essex Times 26/2/81 P.3/Stratford Times23/2/81 P. /Chelmsford Chronicle 25/2/81 P.7/Bucks Herald 26/2/81 P.9/Oxfordshire Telegraph 23/2/81 P.4/Essex Herald 22/2/81 P.7/Sporting Life 23/2/81 P.3/Sportsman 22/2/81 P.4:

ET/ST:"On Saturday last the Great Marlow and Romford Clubs played off the Fourth Round in the Association Cup Ties on the ground of the latter team,when the game,exciting throughout,was witnessed by a large number of spectators.

The Great Marlow men came to Romford on Saturday with a reputation well established;and although therefore the home club were able to bring together what was perhaps almost their strongest team,no one could have been greatly surprised had the victory gone with the visitors.The result of the match,however,proved that the Romfordians were still able to hold their own; and in winning this competition they not only completed the task of defeating the whole of the clubs in this Division,but have secured to themselves the honour of being called upon to try conclusions with one of the crack teams.

The following description of the game as it proceeded will,perhaps,not be without interest to some of our readers.Thirlwell kicked off for the home team,who,for the first half,played against a moderately strong breeze and a slightly rising ground.For the first three or four minutes the ball was kept in a very central position,the services of the goal-keeper at either end being alike uncalled for. Hands having been claimed by Romford whilst the ball was in an almost straight line for the goal and distant about 35 yards,L.E.Clark sent it flying in the neighbourhood of the visitors' posts,but the wind acting prejudicially on the leather no advantage ensued.Immediately afterwards hands were given for the visitors,who,however,also failed to turn the claim to any useful account.Then Reid,for the

home team, with one of his customary lifters made a good shot for the enclosure guarded by the Marlow's goal-keeper, whose only chance to save his credit was by putting the ball out of bounds at the back of the posts, which he neatly did. A corner kick for Romford. A second corner kick for Romford. Shortly afterwards Earle, taking a smart aim, again gave the visitors' guardian some work to do, a duty which was very well attended to. It will be seen that thus far in the course of which a period of ten or twelve minutes had been covered the game had told somewhat in favour of the home team. From this juncture, and after Earle's shot had failed to take effect, the visitors succeeded in the next few minutes in making things look brighter for themselves, and once or twice placed the ball dangerously near to Champness, who was now called upon to save his reputation by a splendid piece of defence successfully accomplished amidst the ringing cheers of the spectators. Immediately afterwards a corner kick was allowed to the visitors. Despite the fact that the ball was well placed, it was again got away by the home team, Earle and C. Palmer in doing so displaying, perhaps, the cleverest piece of passing exhibited during the match. The visitors again collaring the ball carried it once more before them to the other end and obtained another advantage in the shape of a corner-kick. Like the majority of such so-called advantages, however, its value proved nil. For the next ten minutes the game proceeded on very even terms, and the leather was chased from end to end with the utmost regularity. Meanwhile the only incidents calling for remark, was the exceedingly clever manner in which Earle repeatedly baffled and eluded his opponents, and the comparative ease with which the Romford captain reduced the perpendicularity of one after another of the opposing team who had the misfortune to come into contact with his irresistible charges. Twenty-five minutes had passed when the first goal was made for the visitors by R. Lunnon, who drove the ball at great speed an inch or two below the tape, a position which rendered it quite out of the question for Champness to prevent its passage. Couzens next rendered good service for the home team by neatly charging an opponent as he was in the act of taking a shot from an eligible position. Still the run of the game went on in favour of the Marlow men who by this time had made it clear that the home men had no easy task before them if they were to retain the honour of being numbered among the competitors for the Association Cup. In a few more minutes half-time was reached and with it came a change of ends.

The game henceforth was very hotly contested. No particular advantage however accrued to either side for the next eight or ten minutes, although it was soon made manifest that the Romfordians might reasonably hope to at least equalise matters with the assistance of the natural advantages that were now brought about by having to kick with, instead of as at first, against the wind. At this point all eyes turned upon Earle, who, still dribbling the leather, dodged his pursuers with surprising agility, and at length clearing himself from their reach, he straightway "middled" to Cornell, a feat which resulted, as indeed it deserved to do, in being utilised to the best advantage. Thus matters were made even, and the event was announced amongst ringing cheers. Ten minutes later on Wright very nearly succeeded in landing the ball in the right place, but there was almost too much elevation on it and the shot did not count. The game still grew faster than ever, all the players in the field playing under a severe strain of excitement. A quarter-of-an-hour before call of time hands were given for Romford when the ball lay in a desirable spot. L.E. Clark deciding himself to deal with the emergency drove the ball straight towards the goal and a gentle touch from Cornell placed it between the posts, an event which was denoted by the rapturous applause of the spectators. Two to one. One other incident which occurred during the next few minutes is worthy of note. Wright making a splendid run took the ball down towards the goal but its further progress was stayed by the Marlow goal keeper,

who, however, was driven to the extremity of pitching the ball over the tape to prevent the Romfordians from scoring. The goal keeper was a big man, and Wright after doing his run, although right up with him, was not equal to the task of "rushing him through". Two more minutes and then time was called, the result of the hour-and-a-half's play leaving the home team, as already stated, victorious by two goals to one."

*CC/EH: "The match between the Romford and Marlow football clubs in the fourth round of the association cup took place on Saturday at Romford, and a very fast and keenly contested game resulted in favour of the home team by two goals to one.

By the kindness of Mr Barnes, of Mawneys Farm, the match was played in the large field adjoining the Romford ground, which was hardly fit to play upon."

BH/SM/OT: "This match was played on Saturday last, Feb 19, on the ground of the former, resulting in a victory for the home team by two goals to one, the play throughout being very fast. At the commencement the visitors had slightly the best of it, playing up strongly, and about a quarter of an hour before half time, R. Lunnon, by a very fine shot from centre, secured a goal for the visitors. This served to put the home team upon their mettle, who decidedly changed their mode of play from that time, and after several determined efforts to run the ball down, half time was called. This now changed affairs: the home team playing up with renewed pluck, and having what slight wind there was in their favour, penned their opponents very closely, and shortly after the change of ends, from an exceedingly good middle from Earle, Cornell secured the first goal for Romford, amidst great applause from the lookers on, thus making matters even. Marlow made several plucky attempts to run down, and once obtained a corner kick, from which they failed to score. Their opponents, now playing up with redoubled vigour secured a corner on their behalf. L. (E.) Clark, placing a very fine kick, Cornell again sent the ball under the tape. It was now evident that the Romford men were having the best of it; Marlow though trying very hard, failed to get near their opponents' goal again, thus leaving the home team victorious by two goals to one. For Romford P. M. Earle and A. Cornell, played well. For Marlow, R. Lunnon, Shaw, Bailey, and Milward worked hard."

SL: "This match was played on Saturday last at Romford, resulting in a victory for the home team by two goals to one. R. Lunnon just prior to "half-time" secured a goal for the visitors; subsequently, however, Cornell equalised matters, and making a second goal soon afterwards, secured a clever victory for his side."

Romford: E. Champness (Goal); E. P. Barnes, H. W. Palmer (Backs); C. Couzens, W. J. Reid, L. E. Clark (Capt.) (Half Backs); W. Wright, A. D. Cornell (Right), F. H. Thirlwall (Centre), P. M. Earle, C. S. Palmer (Left).

Great Marlow: H. R. Hewett (Capt.) (Goal); E. Horwood, R. Way (Backs); J. Rolfe, J. Flint (Half Backs); A. H. Biggs, J. Frewing (Right), R. Lunnon, R. Shaw (Centres), Bailey, W. Milward (Left).

NORTHERN DISTRICT:

DARWEN 5(T.Rostron,B.Mellor,R.Kirkham,T.Bury 2)SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 2(R.Gregory 2)(H.T 0-0)
(SAT FEB 5th)(At Barley Bank,Darwen)

N.B.Scorers from Blackburn Standard

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 7/2/81 P.4/Blackburn Standard 12/2/81 P.3/Athletic News 9/2/81 P.6/
Sheffield independent 7/2/81 P.4/Sporting Life 9/2/81 P.3/Sportsman 7/2/81 P.4/Referee 6/3/81
P.6:

SDT:"The final tie for the English Association Challenge Cup in the Northern Division of the country was played at Darwen on Saturday between the Darwen Club(holders of the Lancashire Cup)and the Sheffield Wednesday.In consequence of the Wednesday having beaten three prominent Lancashire clubs on their own grounds during the present season,and thrown two of them(Blackburn Rovers and Turton) out of the English Cup competition,a very keen interest was taken in the match,and despite the unfair weather,many people came from Blackburn,Accrington,and other places to watch the game,there being 4,000 or 5,000 on the ground,when a Darwen player kicked off at 3.2 p.m. The wind blew strongly in the faces of the home team,and consequently favoured the Sheffield men,who played up exceedingly well.The brilliant wing players of the local club strove hard and well to get the ball into Sheffield territory,but T.Buttery and Malpas,backs,defeated all their efforts,and the half-backs played nicely into the hands of their forwards,who really pressed Darwen hard during the greater portion of the first division of the game.But Brindle,the Darwen captain(an international player),and Holmes,who played with him on the Darwen line of defence,resisted the raids of the Sheffield forwards so well that,do as they would,the Wednesday men could not put the ball between the posts;and when half-time was called not a goal had been scored by either side.With the change of ends Darwen had the advantage of the wind,whilst Sheffield had a different disadvantage to face in the shape of a heavy storm of hail.In a few minutes from the kick-off,Rostron,a Darwen forward (secured) a goal from a long flukey shot.Stacey let it pass without attempting to stop it,to the great surprise of the spectators,who made the valley ring with their laughter and cheering.Now Darwen played up with spirit,the Sheffield backs were put upon their mettle,and Winterbottom,Lang,and Mosforth,who showed conspicuously during the first half,found it almost an impossibility to get on the ball.A second goal for the home team was scored.Marshall and Rostron(right wing) both kicked with remarkable precision.Rostron was the player who secured this goal also.Then Mosforth broke away with the ball,and nimbly centred it to Gregory,who scored the first goal for Sheffield. Scarcely,however,had the applause consequent upon this achievement subsided than the ball was transferred to the other end of the field,Bury scoring the third goal for Darwen amid cheering.The same player(Bury) added another goal in a very short time,and yet another,making the Darwen score five before the Sheffield men had time to pull themselves together,Bury being considerably aided by the other forwards,who passed the ball most unselfishly.The score was now five goals to one against the Wednesday Club,and as the visitors were playing in the face of a heavy hail storm they seemed quite incompetent to retrieve their position.With a combined rush,however,they doubled their score,and several times afterwards showed brilliant pieces of play,but without further result,the game ending in favour of the Darwen team by five goals to two."

BS:"In the fourth round of the above contest,Darwen having been drawn with the team that disposed of the Blackburn Rovers,great interest was manifested in the meeting which took place on Saturday on the Barley Bank grounds.Though the weather was of a poor description,a large turn-out

witnessed the encounter. Darwen of late has been playing but a poor game, and by many it was thought that the Wednesday team would prove too much for them on an occasion of this sort, though Darwen generally pulls up well, and Saturday was no exception. As a result we now have the pleasure of recording that for the first time since the group system was formed, a Lancashire club has become champion of that one called the Northern Division, for they won this match by five goals to two and thus they are now among the last six clubs left in to do battle for the national trophy. It will be with some anxiety that the Darwenians will look forward to the next draw, for it may happen that a London organisation may have to be faced. The match under notice was of a fast description, and immediately the leather was started each man put forth all his energies to gain the first point. Marshall and Rostron now caused the greatest anxiety to exist among the cutlery representatives by a pretty run on the right wing. The other forwards being well up, a fierce scrimmage ensued in front of goal, but Hunter and the Butterys displayed much ability in opposition to them, and all danger was frustrated. Lang next performed a smart run in an opposite direction, which caused Darwen to have to fight on the defensive. Duxbury then well returned the ball to the Darwen left, when Bury and Mellor then sped away for home. Here, however, the backs were all there, and despite the great attempt by Darwen to gain a point, not the least opening could be effected in the Sheffield goal. Mosforth, Gregory and Winterbottom now caused some attention by a smart piece of play, by which they menaced the Darwen goal. The home backs frustrated their attempts to score. In this manner the first half passed away, for first Darwen would make a gallant attempt to get between the cutlery sticks but would fail, and vice versa would be the case, and so when change of ends came there had been no score on either side. In this interesting condition the match resumed, but a difference marked its further progress, to the extent that Darwen made it appear evident which side victory would rest with. After some hard fighting between the Darwen forwards and the Sheffield backs, Rostron at length got his foot to the ball, and amid loud cheers placed the first point to Darwen. Mellor was the next to score after some neat play. It now became the turn of the blades to have a "go" at the Darwen uprights, which next fell to the foot of Gregory, thus leaving the game two goals to one in favour of Darwen. A most determined aggressive attitude was now assumed by the Darwen team. A fine performance was now displayed by their forwards and amid much excitement three more goals were placed to their credit by Kirkham(1) and Bury(2). It seemed as if Sheffield would add no further point to theirs, but nearly at the last Gregory once again did the needful, and at call of time the game stood 5 goals to 2 in favour of Darwen ."

SL: "As was the case all over the country, the weather was bleak and miserable, and the ground all against fast play. Still, there was a numerous attendance, some 5,000 people being present. Sheffield, who won the toss, played the first half of the game with a strong wind in their favour. At three o'clock Darwen started the game, and although both sides tried hard, no score was made up to half time; but after ends had been changed the character of the play was altered, and Darwen, helped by the wind, quickly made five goals (Rostron two and Bury three) to Sheffield's two-one made by Gregory, a second out of a bully in front of the Darwen goal."

Darwen: L. Broughton (Goal); W. Brindle (Capt.), J. Holden (Backs); W. H. Moorhouse, S. Fish, J. Duxbury (Half Backs); T. Marshall, T. Rostron (Right), R. Kirkham (Centre), T. Bury, B. Mellor (Left).

Sheffield Wednesday: W. H. Stacey (Goal); T. Buttery, A. Malpas (Backs); C. L. Stratford, J. Hunter, E. Buttery (Half Backs); H. Winterbottom, J. J. Lang (Right), R. Gregory (Capt.) (Centre), W. H. Mosforth, H. Newbould (Left Wing).

Umpires: W.T.Walsh,Darwen and H.Muscroft,Sheffield.Referee:S.Omerod,Accrington.

CENTRAL DISTRICT:

ASTON VILLA 2(O.H.Vaughton 2) STAFFORD ROAD 3(R.Gowland 2,C.Crump)(H.T. 1-1)(Sat Feb 19th)
(At Perry Bar,Birmingham)

Birmingham Mail 21/2/81 P.3/(No report in Birmingham Daily Post 21/2/81 P.6)/Athletic News
23/2/80 P.6/Field 26/2/81 P.282/Sportsman 21/2/81 P.4/Sporting Life 23/2/81 P.3/Referee 20/2/81
P.6:

"The Aston Villa team was short of their valuable right wing forward(Andie Hunter)"(Nottingham
Evening Post 21/2/81 P.4)

F:"The home eleven won the toss,and Shone kicked off for the Stafford Road men."

BM:"At Perry Barr.After a series of seventeen unbroken first team successes,the Aston Villa have at last met with defeat,and that when least expected,as Stafford Road succeeded in knocking them out of the above competition by 3 goals to 2.The result will be received with great surprise everywhere, as they were highly fancied by the critics to win straight out.The weather was cheerless,but between two or three thousand assembled to witness the game.Stafford Road kicked off at 3.30,and for some time the play was of a give and take character.The Villa,headed by their captain,and splendidly backed up by Law,however,gradually assumed the advantage,but the fine goalkeeping of Ray,and the splendid defence made by Dorance and his fellow backs,nullified all their efforts to score.Ward and the rest of the visitors gave Simmonds and Law plenty of work,and after a series of "throws" a sharp scrimmage occurred in front of the Villa posts (out)of which Gowland obtained the first goal for Stafford Road.Upon re-starting the Villa tried hard to score,but,after repeated failures, owing to the good defence of the visitors,Crossland made a good run,and after passing to Hunter at the right moment the latter made a great shot,and a general rush of the Villa equalised matters (F:"Vaughton equalised matters with a neat screw kick.").The rest of the play up to half time was slightly in favour of the Villa,but nothing further was scored.(F:"Up to now,the visitors had to play against a steady wind that blew directly down the ground,but they had not only held their own,but but also had rather the best of the play.") Soon after the change of ends Davis made a splendid run, and Ray was compelled to use his hands,but Davis sent the ball back and a goal resulted.(F:"The Birmingham men not only at once after the kick off assumed the offensive,but also,after about five minutes' play,added another goal to their score,Vaughton again being the successful player,and heading the ball between the posts.") The Villa were now playing downhill and appeared very confident,but,nothing daunted,the Stafford Road stuck to their work,and five minutes after,a free kick landed the ball near the Villa goal,and after being bandied about for a while,Crump smartly kicked a second goal.(F:"A kick by Shone all but scored,being only just saved by a clever piece of play

by Copley;but the throw in was not a good one ,and out of a general bully that was at once formed in front of the goal the ball was kicked through by Ward”)The Villa now put forward their best efforts,but the fine play of Ray,Dorrance,and the half backs kept them at bay,and although Law and Lee played well, they could not prevent frequent incursions into their territory by the visitors’ forwards,and Simmonds”mulling” the ball,Gowland got clear away and safely placed the ball between the Villa uprights for the third time.This unexpected success somewhat discomfited the Villains,while the Wolverhampton men played up with increased energy,and although from a shot by Brown the Villa claimed a goal,which was not allowed by the referee(See below),they not only kept their own fortress intact but several times menaced their opponents’ goal,and “time” arriving without any further score,the visitors thus won as above stated.The Villa were playing under disadvantages certainly,as Andy Hunter did not play,being unwell,while Archie Hunter had not recovered from an injury received last Saturday,and therefore did not render his usual service.The visitors included A.T.Ward of Newport,but they had three good players absent,in Mair,J.Whitehead and Ashley.The Villa did not play in their usual form,but Vaughton,Law,Davis and Lee played finely,and stood out greatly from the rest.All the Stafford Road players were in good form,and played throughout the game in a most determined manner,Ray and Dorrance being especially conspicuous.”

F:”The home team again played up vigorously,but all their efforts were frustrated by the fine back play of Dorrance and the clever goal keeping of Ray,until the latter slipped,and the ball,which was rolling through the posts striking his foot when almost on the line,went just outside the post;a goal was claimed by the Villa men;but,on an examination of the ground where the struggle and ultimate kick took place,the indent of Ray’s foot where he touched and turned the ball was found to be just inside the play and in front of the goal line.Thereupon the claim of goal was disallowed.Play was resumed and continued with great vigour up to the close of time,when,no further score having resulted to either side,victory was left with the Stafford Road eleven by three goals to two,after one of the most obstinately disputed matches in the present series of Cup Ties.”

SM:”This Cup tie match,played on the grounds of the Aston Villa,on Saturday afternoon,attracted about 3,000 spectators.It was of considerable interest,inasmuch as for some time back the success of the Aston Villa has raised great hope in the Midlands that it would be able to win the Cup.It had already beaten Notts Forest and Nottingham Town Clubs,while the Stafford Road have been winners over the Druids and Newport.That the match would end with the Villa being thrown out was never contemplated,but the result proved otherwise.About half an hour after the time fixed for the commencement of the game,Shone kicked off for the Stafford Road.After a pretty bit of passing by Hunter and Vaughton,Whitehead got well on,and in conjunction with +Brookes,ran the ball well down on the Villa’s goal,but Law showed some fine tackling and got the ball away.Some play in mid-field and Villa ground followed,and then the Stafford Road backs,going too far down,had their goal placed in danger by Simmonds.Stafford Road shortly gained the ascendancy,Gowland, Whitehead, and Selman working well together,while the backs kicked with great accuracy.Twice Copley was called upon sharply to his goal,but in a scrimmage immediately afterwards,Gowland quietly put the ball through,scoring the first goal for Stafford Road.The next point of importance was a bad miskick by Dorrance,and from it Hunter got the ball clear away,and was only stopped by the goalkeeper on the line.Vaughton then shortly managed with a nice screw-kick to equalise matters.Till half time the game continued fast on both sides,but no further score resulted.On change of ends Stafford Road secured the advantage of a steady breeze that blew from goal to goal,but at first it did not look as if

it would be of much benefit to them. The Villa at once assumed the offensive and pressed their opponents hard, and in five minutes their efforts were successful, Vaughton heading the ball through the Stafford Road goal. Stafford Road now began to play with renewed dash and skill. The game thus became more and more even as the Villa men's stamina gave out. About a quarter of an hour after half-time their forwards had posted themselves well, and though the whole Villa team strove to raise the siege, they were pressed very hard. A shot by Shone was just kept from scoring by Copley running to the left side of the goal, and the custodian was so hampered that he could not throw it out clear of the scrimmage. The consequence was that before he could get back to the centre of the goal Ward had found an opening, and a swift low shot made the game stand two goals each. From a run into the Stafford goal by Brown and Hunter, Dorrance, who had been playing a magnificent game, sent the ball flying up the field. The Villa half backs had come down very far in supporting the attack that had been made on the Stafford Road goal, and Simmonds, who was also lying well up, attempted feebly to return the ball by heading it. Soon after this Ray, who had been knocked down, happened to be kneeling on the ground, and the ball just caught his foot on the goal line and was stopped. Dorrance then secured it, and for safety kicked it over his own lines. The Villa claimed a goal, and the umpires disagreeing, the referee was called on. An examination of the ground showed a deep mark just on the right side of the goal post, said to have to have been caused by Ray's foot when he stopped the shot, and on this evidence the referee decided that it was "no goal". The Villa failed to increase their score before the call of "time", and the Stafford Road thus obtained the victory by three goals to two." +No such player in line-up

Aston Villa: G. Copley (Goal); H. Simmonds (Back), S. Law (left), T. Pank (centre), E. B. Lee (right) (Half Backs); W. Watts, W. Crossland (Rights), Arthur Brown, Archie Hunter (Capt.) (Centres), O. H. Vaughton, E. C. (Eli) Davis (Lefts).

Stafford Road: E. Ray (Goal); Colin Dorrance (Back); G. Selman (right), H. Turton (centre), A. Nicholls (left) (Half Backs), T. Whitehead, R. Gowland (Right Wing), C. Crump (Capt.), W. W. Shone (Capt.) (Centres), C. James, A. T. Ward (Left Wing) .

(AN /F/SL/REF have Jones (centre) (B(D)M has James Shone)

Umpires: J. Hughes for Aston Villa and Heynes for Stafford Road.

FIFTH ROUND:

Bell's Life 26/2/81 P.9: "The draw for the Fifth Round was as under (to be completed by March 19th):

Clapham Rovers v Old Carthusians

Stafford Road v Old Etonians

Darwen v Romford

"The semi-final tie will be played at Kennington Oval on March 26, and the Final on April 9, on the same ground."

OLD CARTHUSIANS 3 (W.R.Page 2,E.H.Parry) CLAPHAM ROVERS 1(C.Lloyd-Jones)(H.T.O-1)(F.T. 1-1)(After Extra Time) (Sat Mar 19th)(At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 21/3/81 P.4/Referee 20/3/81 P.5/The Carthusian Volume 67-129 P.87/Field 26/3/81 P.420/Bell's Life 19/3/81 P.10/Nottingham Evening Post 21/3/81 P.10/Athletic News 23/3/80 P.6/Sporting Life 22/3/81 P.1:

SM:"The tie in the fifth round of the above between these clubs was played at the Oval on Saturday,when the old boys were victorious by three goals to one.The Rovers won the toss,and chose the Crown Baths goal,with a good strong wind in their favour.Parry kicked off at 3.40 from the opposite end,and his side immediately carried the ball up to Birkett,who managed to get it well away.Sparks and Wace then worked down,and a corner was obtained for the Rovers.Weston took the kick and middled the ball beautifully,when a scrimmage was formed in front of the Carthusian goal,and at 3.45 Jones sent the leather under,obtaining first score for the Rovers.From now up to half time the play was very fast,but neither side could obtain any advantage.After changing ends the Carthusians,with the wind in their favour,had things all their own way,and operations were pretty well all the time carried on in close proximity to Birkett,and indeed had not Parry's kicking been a bit erratic quite half a dozen more goals would probably have been added to the score of the Carthusians.At 4.35 Page,from a neat throw-in by Princep,managed to pass Birkett,who did all he knew to stop the ball,and thus equalise matters.Such was the result on time being called,and it was then arranged to play for an additional half hour.Ogilvie again won the toss,and chose the western goal.Page started the game for the O.C.'s,and within five minutes Parry obtained a goal.At half-time ends were changed and the Carthusians,who by this time had completely euchered their opponents,carried all before them,and Hansell,by a capital run down the left,middled splendidly to Page,who,through Birkett having run out and missed the ball,had a clear course open to him and obtained the easiest of goals,leaving the score when the end came,as above stated.The victory of the O.C.'s was well received by the large crowd of spectators present.For the winners,Princep,Page,Colvin,Parry, and Hansell did well,while for the losers Weston,Bailey,Wace,Lloyd-Jones,and Sparks were very busy."

REF/The Carthusian(Same report):"One of the most keenly-contested matches in the fifth round of the Association Challenge Cup competition was decided on Saturday,March 19th,at Kennington Oval,between the Clapham Rovers(holders of the trophy) and a brilliant team of Old Carthusians,which,after playing for half an hour beyond the allotted time,resulted in our favour by three goals to one.The weather was dilightfully fine,and a great number of spectators were present,and great enthusiasm was shewn by the partisans of either side throughout the afternoon.Ogilvie,having won the toss,drew up his men on the Crown Baths side of the ground,and at eighteen minutes to four Parry started the game from the gasometer end,with a gentle breeze and the sun against him.The Carthusians, following up,led on by Page,commenced business at once,and,but for Birkett,would,in a very short time,given a good account of their prowess:but Bailey,Weston,Ram,and Lloyd-Jones who perhaps never played better,continuously turned away the numerous attacks that were levelled at their fortress,which called down great applause from all parts of the ground.At length,Bailey having a throw-in,so admirably aimed his shot that the ball went between the posts;but as it passed untouched under the bar,no good resulted from it.The Rovers for some short time shewed considerable power,and only six minutes after the commencement of hostilities,Lloyd-Jones,from a corner kick by Weston,gained the first event of the day.On

recommencing, the Carthusians, true to their early training, backed each other up in the most disinterested manner possible, Princep, Parry, Page, Hansell, and Wynyard perhaps being rather more conspicuous in this respect than the rest of the team, though it is scarcely fair to particularise when all were so good. The Carthusians, who were decidedly quicker on the (ir) feet than their opponents, kept up a succession of attacks, which the Rovers found great difficulty in warding off, and but for Birkett, who did good service for the honour of Clapham, the Rovers' flag, figuratively speaking, would have been lowered half-mast high on many occasions. At half-time ends were changed, and from this moment until the conclusion of the match, the Carthusians had the match pretty much in their own hands, and Gillett had but little to do, thanks to the energy displayed by his compatriots. Seldom has a football match been carried on with greater vigour than this, and eleven minutes only having passed away since ends were reversed, when, from a neat throw-in by Princep, Page made his shot, and Birkett, who tried all he knew to stop the ball, missed his opportunity, and it went through, thus equalizing matters. And so the game was carried on until time was called, neither team having gained the slightest advantage whatever. Consequently, after a brief consultation, it was agreed according to the present law that they should continue to play for half an hour longer. Ogilvie again won the toss, and as before took the western side of the ground. Page having kicked off, the Carthusians looking as fresh and as confident as when they commenced, rattled away in fine style, and only four minutes having elapsed since the extra time came into operation, when Parry, charging down the left side, made his effort, and succeeded, in spite of Birkett's strenuous efforts to prevent him. The Carthusians and their adherents were now in great form, and cheer after cheer rang out from all parts of the ground; when, to add to the general satisfaction—for the ci-devant boys are most popular—after a splendid run by Hansell, Page was instrumental in gaining a third, and thus ending one of the best matches of the season."

F: "A most interesting match was produced from the tie in the fifth round of the Cup between these two clubs, played on Saturday, at Kennington Oval. The Carthusians are a club of very recent growth, although those who have ever witnessed the play of the Charterhouse boys at Godalming, will readily believe that they are capable of forming a very formidable team. That they were able to defeat an eleven of the Clapham Rovers (last year's winners) few expected. Play began at twenty minutes to four, when the Rovers, who had won the toss, chose to defend the western goal, having a strong breeze at their backs. Parry kicked off for the Carthusians, who immediately invaded their opponents' territory; but Birkett managed to turn the attack on one side. The ball was then carefully conducted down the ground by Sparks and Wace, and a corner kick fell to the Rovers. This was made by Weston, who performed his task so well that a scrimmage ensued in front of the Carthusian posts, and out of this Lloyd-Jones shot the ball under. The game now became very fast, but no other score fell to either team. Positions having been reversed, the Carthusians profited considerably by having the wind in their favour, and kept the ball persistently in their opponents' part of the ground. Repeated shots were made at the Clapham goal; but the only success was at a quarter to four, when Princep threw in the ball so well as to enable Page to kick a goal. The game was thus made equal, and remained so at the expiration of an hour and a half. This according to the proviso for Cup ties made by the Association, involved another half hour's play, each side having the benefit of the wind for a quarter of an hour, and during this time Page and Parry both kicked a goal for the Carthusians, who were therefore left winners by three goals to one."

BL: "Yesterday (Saturday) afternoon this match, one of the two left in the fifth round, was played at Kennington Oval before a thousand spectators. The ground was in splendid order, and the game was

very fast, resulting in the overthrow of the holders. The Rovers won the toss, and elected to play with a slight wind. At the outset the play of the Carthusian backs was a little wild, and after 10 minutes, from a well-directed corner kick by Weston, they secured a goal after a scrum, the ball passing through off one of the defending side. For a time the Clapham team had still the best of the game, but as the Carthusians got better together, the play became much more even, and up to half time there had been little to choose between the two sides, the Carthusians having lost more than one chance by bad final shots. During the remainder of the game the superior passing and better condition of the Carthusians stood them in good stead, and they had considerably the advantage, though nothing more was obtained before the call of time. As the result was a draw, the game, according to the rules of the competition, had to be continued for half an hour, and this was all in favour of the Carthusians, who were the younger team. In the first 15 minutes Parry secured the second downfall of the Clapham goal, and not long before the close Page added another point for their opponents. The Carthusians thus gained a well-deserved victory by three goals to one, and their success was evidently very popular, to judge by the cheering at the conclusion of the match."

+The equalising goal is not even mentioned in this report!

Old Carthusians; L.F. Gillett (Goal); E.G. Colvin, W.H. Norris (Backs); J.F.M. Princep, J. Vintcent (Half Backs); L.M. Richards, W.E. Hansell (Right), W.R. Page, E.G. Wynyard (Centres), E.H. Parry (Capt.), A.H. Tod (Left).

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

+L. Birkett who appeared in goal in earlier rounds was his brother.

Umpires: E.H. Bambridge (Swifts) and C.E. Hart (Pilgrims). Referee: S.R. Bastard (Upton Park).

STAFFORD ROAD 1 (Own goal) OLD ETONIANS 2 ("scrummage", Anderson) (H.T 0-1) (Sat Mar 19th) (At Wolverhampton)

Sportsman 21/3/81 P.4/Sporting Life 22/3/81 P.1/Bell's Life 19/3/81 P.10/Athletic News 23/3/81 P.6/Nottingham Evening Post 21/3/81 P.4/Sheffield Independent 21/3/81 P.4 /Field 26/3/81 P.420:

SM/SL: "This match, in the fifth round of the above, was played at Wolverhampton last Saturday. The Old Etonians having won the toss played for the first half up hill. They missed several chances but scored first goal from a scrimmage a few minutes before half time. Anderson obtained a second goal for them twenty minutes afterwards. Three minutes before time a goal was obtained for Stafford Road, and the Etonians won by two goals to one. Dorrance and Turton played well, and Whitfeld and Goodhart were in good form, while Farrow and French were good behind."

BL/NEP/SI: "The Old Etonians having won the toss played for the first half uphill. They missed several chances but scored first goal from a scrimmage 10 minutes before half time. Anderson obtained a second for them 20 minutes afterwards. Three minutes before time a goal was obtained by Stafford Road, and the Etonians won by two goals to one. Ray kept goal splendidly, and Rawlinson, although he

had much less to do, was very good. Dorrance and Turton played well, and Whitfeld and Goodhart were in good form while Farrer and French were remarkably good behind."

AN: "This contest came off at Wolverhampton on Saturday last, and as the Stafford-road club had put out Aston Villa, their success was looked for in the present match. The visitors won the toss, and chose to play up-hill during the first part of the game, and even with this disadvantage, had many near shaves of scoring. It was not until nearly half time that they managed to put the ball through the Stafford-road posts, and Anderson scored a second goal some 20 minutes afterwards. Three minutes before time a goal was obtained for Stafford-road, and the Etonians won by two goals to one. Ray kept goal splendidly, and Rawlinson, although he had much less to do, was very good. Dorrance and Turton played very well, and Whitfeld and Goodhart were in good form, while Farrer and French were remarkably good behind."

Stafford Road : E. Ray (Goal); C. Dorrance (Back); H. Turton, A. Mair, A. Nicholls (Half Backs); R. Gowland, T. Whitehead, J. Whitehead, C. Crump, A. T. Ward, Brooks (Forwards).

N.B.F/SM/SL have C. James for Brooks and H. Jones for H. Turton and Garrard for Gowland)

Old Etonians; J. F. P. Rawlinson (Goal); C. W. Foley, T. H. French (Backs); Hon. A. F. Kinnaird, B. Farrer (Half Backs); R. H. Macaulay, H. C. Goodhart, H. Whitfeld, P. C. Novelli, W. J. Anderson, C. J. Clerke (Forwards).

Umpires: Jackson and Burban. Referee: J. H. Clark.

DARWEN 15 (T. Marshall 4, T. Rostron 4, R. Kirkham 4, B. Mellor 3) ROMFORD 0 (H.T. 12-0)
(SAT MAR 5th) (At Barley Bank, Darwen)

Sportsman 7/3/81 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 7/3/81 P.4/Field 12/3/81 P.352/Blackburn Standard 12/3/81 P.3/Athletic News 9/3/80 P.3/Sporting Life 9/3/81 P.1/Referee 6/3/81 P.6/Chelmsford Chronicle 11/3/81 P.7/Essex Times 9/3/81 P.8/(No report in Stratford Times):

ET: "This match was played at Darwen, on Saturday, before 3,000 spectators, the ground being in bad condition and heavy. At + (3.15) Clark commenced hostilities against a stiff breeze, and the Darwen forwards taking advantage of this, pressed their opponents both right and left. The Southerners showed some resistance for a few minutes, but when Marshall once lowered the visitors' flag, a succession of successful assaults were kept up. The Darwen forwards assumed a most aggressive attitude, and point after point was registered until, at the call of half-time, 12 goals stood to the credit of the Lancashire team. Crossing over the Romfordians had now the wind, but even with this advantage they were unable to pull up to their strong foes. Rostron made a fine run and notched the 13th goal. Play continued to be grand on the part of Darwen, and finally they won the game by 15 goals to nil; in addition to this large total, four other points were scored, but disallowed. The goals were kicked by Mellor (3), Marshall (4), Rostron (4), and Kirkham (4)."

+Romford History P.34 insists that the game started at 9.15, but this is obviously a missprint for 3.15 (see SM Report below)

SM: "Having defeated all their opponents in the northern division of England-Brigg, Sheffield, and Sheffield Wednesday-the holders of the Lancashire Challenge Cup (Darwen), as sole representatives

of the north, were drawn to play in the fifth round of the English Association Cup competition against Romford, one of the four remaining London clubs. Rather than go to London, the Darwenians sure of a good "gate" on their native heath, offered Romford 30l to come to Darwen, and the result was that the tie was decided on the Barley Bank Meadows, Darwen, in the presence of 4,000 spectators on Saturday. As the winner of this tie will have to play in the semi-final or final, or both ties, for the English Cup, and as Darwen two seasons ago had to travel up to London four times in the concluding rounds of the Cup competition great interest was taken in the match for many miles round, and although the weather was very wet it did not deter the visitors coming from Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, and Accrington to see the match. At 3.15, Clark, the visitors' captain, kicked off from the centre with the wind in his face, but the Darwen forwards got possession of the leather, and within four minutes Marshall, aided by Rostron, had scored a goal. The ball was again placed in the centre of the field, and once more the visitors kicked off, but another rush of the Darwen forwards resulted in a scrimmage in front of the Romford goal, through which the ball was kicked by Rostron, four more minutes having elapsed. Then Bury got possession of the leather, and with a long screw kick from the left wing shot it into the goal-keepers' hands. This player, not being quick enough with the ball, was pounced upon by Kirkham, who scored goal No 3 for the home team. A fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth goal followed at intervals of scarcely more than three minutes, the score twenty-five minutes from the start being eight to none. The fourth was scored by Kirham from a run by Rostron, the fifth by Bury out of a scrimmage, the sixth by Marshall who had the ball crossed to him from the left wing by Bury; the seventh by Kirkham, who got the ball from Rostron, and the eighth by Mellor, who ran up himself. Bury then put the ball through the posts twice more, but the score was disallowed on account of his "off-side" play. A ninth goal was scored by Marshall, after Mellor had centred the leather, and a tenth by Rostron. After the ninth goal had been scored, the goal-keeper was changed, C.S. Palmer taking the place of Champness, but the first time the ball got near him, which was within the space of two minutes, he let it slip through his fingers, amid great laughter. One more goal was scored, as well as another which was disputed, and half time was then called, the score being eleven goals to nothing against the Londoners. With the change of ends the visitors got the advantage of the breeze, but they could not make any inroad into the Darwen territory. They did not even defend any better than during the first half, but owing to "hard lines" and the effect of the wind, the Darwenians could only add four more goals to their score (and a fifth, which was disputed), thus winning the game by the astounding score of fifteen goals to "love". Of the play of the southerners there can be nothing said. They did nothing but attempt to stop the cannonade which was kept up upon their citadel, and this very ineffectually. The Darwen men, on the other hand, exhibited great skill and judgment, both back and forward, and there is a general opinion in Lancashire football circles that they have a good chance of carrying off the English Cup, for which they made such a determined bid in 1878, when they played the Old Etonians, who afterwards won the cup, three times in succession on Kennington Oval, before succumbing." In fact other reports state 12-0 at H.T. In fact 1879

SDT: "These clubs met on Saturday afternoon at Darwen in the fifth round of the English Challenge Cup Competition, and fully 4,000 spectators were attracted by the importance of the struggle, but the result was a runaway race for the holders of the Lancashire Challenge Cup. The home team were the victors by 15 goals to nil. The thorough defeat of the London men was the occasion for considerable discussion as the custom of the English Association in dividing the metropolis into so many districts is greatly disliked by the Northerners and the result of the above match goes to show that the division complained of is a mistaken idea, and the inferior Southern Clubs get into the final ties."

F: "On Saturday last this match, one of the fifth round in the competition for the Challenge Cup held by the Clapham Rovers, was decided on the ground of the Darwen club. Mindful of the long journey the representatives had to undertake when they had to meet the Old Etonians three times in the fourth ties of the competition for 1878-79, the local club persuaded the Romford men to visit Lancashire; with what fatal results the following report will show. The visitors did not take the field under the most favourable circumstances as most of them were a little stale after their railway trip, while to add to their misfortune their goalkeeper missed the train at Rugby, and, having had no rest, was not in a condition at all conducive to the display of his best form. The chances of witnessing a southern team are very rare in Darwen, and hence there was a good company, numbering over two thousand spectators, when the game commenced. Romford began badly by losing the toss, and they had thus to start with a strong breeze against them. The right wing of Darwen opened the attack, and Marshall and Rostron (in) the very first rush imperilled the safety of the Romford goal. The ground was not in the best condition, and appeared to suit the home team much better than their opponents. A determined attack was well repelled by the visitors' back, and for a very short time there seemed something like the chance of a good game, the Romford forwards once or twice breaking away. The passing of the Darwen team, however, soon began to puzzle the southerners, and only five minutes had elapsed when Marshall placed the first point to the credit of the home players. The ball had hardly been set in motion for a second time, before Darwen were allowed a free kick close to the opposite goal, and a brief scrimmage ended unfortunately for the southerners, Rostron planting the ball securely between their posts. When the leather had been once more kicked off by the Romford captain, Darwen drove their opponents back into their lines, and in spite of an occasional breakaway by the opposing forwards, the game resolved itself into a complete investment by the Lancashire eleven. For a time the back play of Romford was fairly good, but after the first quarter of an hour it began to fall off, and during the remainder of the contest the home forwards had things their own way. Marshall and Rostron were, as usual, conspicuous on the right wing, but the forwards altogether had an easy task, and when the time for change of ends arrived the Romford goal had fallen on twelve different occasions. The reversal of positions transferred the wind to the southerners, but they were before this thoroughly exhausted by their efforts; and though the Lancashire forwards were not able to score as rapidly as during the first half, still the game was altogether devoid of interest. After a short interval, the ball was started for the first time by Darwen, and some clever passing between Kirkham and Bury very nearly produced another disaster for the visitors. This was averted by the Romford backs, as was another vigorous attack soon afterwards by the local team. A little relief to some very monotonous play was given by a creditable run on the part of the Romford left wing, but the final attempt was a very poor one, and the game was at once returned to the southern half. Several attacks of the northerners were foiled, but after some neat passing between Rostron and Marshall, Mellor came to the rescue registering the thirteenth goal for his side. Towards the last, Romford were closely penned, and the Darwen forwards had plenty of opportunities of perfecting themselves in the art of goal-getting. The half backs were generally equal to the task of repelling the few assaults delivered by the Essex players, and the forwards consequently were able to make use of every chance. Rostron several times tried without success to score, before he got well away, bringing a fine run to a close with the fourteenth goal. After the kick off Romford were able to claim their one advantage of the game, a corner kick, and as this was easily got rid of by the home backs, no score resulted. Time was now nearly up, but the locals were not yet satisfied, and just before the finish another point was added to their account. Darwen thus won in the

most hollow style by fifteen goals to none, and it may also be added that four other goals were claimed by them, and disallowed."

BS: "It was evident, however, that their strength had been exhausted in defending their goal in the first half, and it became a matter of devoting what little ability they could muster in keeping Darwen from their goal as much as possible rather than attempt to display any aggression. This was a wise move, as thereby Darwen were kept more at bay. But with such forwards in the field as Darwen now possesses it was more than the Romfordians could do to keep their goal entirely free from the assaults of their opponents. Mellor, after nine minutes' play, rushed in, and opened the list for the second half. Rostron followed suit with a couple more, and this prolific scoring continued, and the total would have swelled to unnatural dimensions, but in their eagerness to make best on record the Darwen forwards infringed the off-side rule several times, and the goals were disallowed. Mellor, just as the referee was about to announce time, registered the last goal, and victory rested with Darwen by 15 goals to nil. Darwen is now placed amongst the last three teams, and should they obtain the bye in the next round they will then have to play off in the final for the much-coveted English trophy."

AN: "Respecting this match (which was played on Saturday at Darwen before 3,000 spectators) prognostications were all in favour of Darwen. And, as it was surmised that the Romford knew little or nothing about the passing tactics of their opponents, and the ground being very heavy the opinion was further strengthened that the home eleven would be much too good for the southerners. At 3.15 the visitors' captain started hostilities against a strong oblique wind. Marshall and Rostron immediately got possession, and a nice concerted run was effected, which ended in a severe scrummage in the Romford goal. The defence for a time was very good, and several fine attempts of Darwen to get between the sticks were well frustrated. The Romford forwards, however, could not break away, and, in about four minutes from the beginning, Marshall landed a beautiful goal. Scarcely had the leather been set rolling again when a free kick was awarded Darwen a few yards from the Romford goal. A short but incisive fight ensued, in which the men from the south were once more discomforted, this time by Rostron. It was quite evident now that Darwen had matters well weighed up, and, after Clarke had once again put motion to the ball, the Lancastrians asserted their normal aggressive attitude. (H.W.) Palmer, Barnes, and the half backs became overworked and fell off perceptively in their defence. The game was too young for Darwen to display any signs of fatigue; on the contrary, the home forwards pressed onward with still greater force. Marshall and Rostron on the right, Kirkham in the centre, and Bury and Mellor on the left, fairly outpaced the visitors, and time after time the citadel of the Romford was assailed and captured so often that it would be tedious to describe in detail the uneven fight which was witnessed in the first half of the game. Suffice it to say that when half time was called Darwen were credited with 12 goals, while the Darwen fortress had never been in danger. With the wind now in their favour Romford were not so much in the background as formerly, but it was palpable that the strain of the first portion of the contest had exhausted their energies, and they used what power they still had in defence of their charge, and consequently they weakened their forward division. Duxbury re-started the leather, and gave it to Kirkham, and the latter passed to Bury on the left. A fine screw kick by him landed the ball in front of goal, but Mellor, in his eagerness to score, put it out. The goal kick was a poor one, and scarcely was the leather lifted beyond the Darwen advances, who again reserved possession, this time on the right, and danger once more threatened the visitors. Clark and Cousins only just managed to remove the danger. Earl and C.S. Palmer now made a decent run on the left; they passed Fish and were looking dangerous when, for the want of judgment and a little combination, they were ignominiously worsted

by Brindle. This temporary visit to Darwen quarters only served as an opportunity for Rostron and Marshall to make one of their interesting runs. Passing to the centre the other wing closed in, and Mellor, perceiving a beautiful chance, registered goal 13. After this point, and when the Romford forwards succeeded in making tracks for the Darwen goal, which was but seldom, it became a source of delectation of the home supporters, for it was certain to happen that a fine display would follow by the Darwen forwards. Indeed, it was only at such moments as these that there was cause for real interest in the match. Following one of these Rostron fairly "brought down the house" by a grand dribble and a fourteenth goal resulted. The visitors now had a corner kick, from which their nearest chance to a goal occurred. Broughton, however, stepped in, and transferred matters the other way, a good run by Bury and Mellor ending in the last named placing the fifteenth and last goal to the credit of Darwen. This brought about time, and Darwen besides scoring (an) other four points which were disallowed, were declared victors by 15 goals to nil. The Darwen forwards were magnificently fed by all of their backs."

REF: "This was the fifth round of the English Challenge Cup competition, but the result was the total defeat of the Londoners, and the tactics of the English Association of dividing London into so many districts was much commented upon. In the first half the visitors' goal was lowered on eleven occasions, and the remainder of the contest found more reverses for the Southerners, who were finally defeated by fifteen goals to nothing. The holders of the Lancashire Challenge Cup got together a fine team, Rostron kicking four goals, Kirkham and Mellor three each, and Marshall and Bury were credited with two, the remaining one being kicked from a scrimmage."

Darwen: L. Broughton (Goal); W. Brindle, J. Holden (Backs); W. H. Moorhouse, J. Duxbury, S. Fish (Half Backs); T. Marshall, T. Rostron (Right Wing), R. Kirkham (Centre), T. Bury, B. Mellor (Left Wing).

Romford : E. Champness (Goal); H. W. Palmer, E. P. Barnes (Backs), L. E. Clark (Capt.), C. Couzens, W. J. Reid (Half Backs); A. D. Cornell, W. Wright (Right Wing), M. Roberts (Centre), P. M. Earle, C. S. Palmer (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. T. Walsh for Darwen and C. Clark for Romford. Referee: Councillor J. Thomas, of Stoke.

SEMI-FINAL:

OLD CARTHUSIANS 4 (W. E. Hansell, J. A. H. Tod, J. E. Vintcent, E. G. Wynyard) DARWEN 1 (T. Marshall) (H. T. 0-1) (SAT MAR 26th) (At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 2/4/81 P.10/Nottingham Evening Post 28/3/81 P.4/Blackburn Standard 2/4/81 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 28/3/81 P.4/Field 2/4/81 P.458/Referee 27/3/81 P.6/The Carthusian 67-129 P.87/88(OC Team only)/Sportsman 28/3/81 P.4 /Sporting Life 30/3/81 P.1:

BL/NEP: "The afternoon could not have been more favourable for football as, though the air was keen, there was little breeze to favour either position, and the ground was in the very best condition. Darwen won the toss (F: "...to defend the goal nearest the gasometer, and at ten minutes to four the ball was started from the western end.") and at 3:40 Wynyard set the ball in motion for the Carthusians. The northerners were very wild in their play at the outset, and for the first quarter of an hour their form was much below the average certainly of a semi final tie. As a consequence the

Carthusians had all the best of it, and several times the Darwen goal had miraculous escapes. Hansell once hit the posts and Parry and Page each sent the leather just over the crossbar. Two corner kicks were also registered against Darwen, but nothing came of them, and Darwen were severely pressed, until Marshall at last broke away, only to be given offside. A smart run by Marshall caused the Carthusian goalkeeper to use his hands, but the old Boys quickly rallied and twice in succession Tod made a fine shot at the Darwen posts. Another attack of the northern forwards was well repelled by Gillett; but after a fine run by Hansell, Darwen were once again the assailants, and though the Charterhouse goalkeeper stopped one attack, he was unable to save his side, Marshall heading between the posts (F: "At length, a combined run was made on the part of Kirkham, Rostron, Holden and Marshall, the latter just succeeding in planting the ball between the posts."). As it was now half time, ends were changed, and for a short while play was even. For about 10 minutes the Darweners held their own, and there seemed some chance of an exciting finish. A free kick by Brindle nearly proved fatal to Charterhouse. Gillett had to throw the ball away after a run by Marshall, but the southerners steadily regained their ground, and after some very pretty play between Parry, Page and Wynyard, a smart shot by Hansell secured the downfall of the Darwen goal amidst great cheering (F: "...at length Parry kicked a goal the ball having been passed to him by Page.": however The Carthusian confirms Hansell as the scorer, see below). This success stimulated the Carthusians considerably, and within a few minutes Tod gave them another score. During the last quarter of an hour the play was almost entirely in Darwen's half, and a very fine throw in from touch by Vintcent produced another disaster, the goalkeeper just touching the ball as he was charged through the posts. Some effective passing by the Charterhouse forwards gave Wynyard a chance which realised a fourth goal, and soon afterwards time was called, leaving the Carthusians in possession of the victory by four goals to one. The Darwen eleven showed little form in any part of the game, and the winners were undoubtedly the better eleven, their back play being particularly good. At the finish Parry and Princep were heartily cheered. The Old Carthusians will now have to meet the Old Etonians in the final at the Oval on April 9."

SDT (Short Report): "Upward of 1,500 spectators visited the Surrey Cricket Ground in London on Saturday last to witness this match, the semi-final tie in the above competition. An exciting struggle was expected, as Darwen were the Lancashire champions in 1880, and many hoped that the eleven were equal to the task of taking the cup for the first time to the North. That a keen contest was anticipated was proved by the enthusiasm throughout, but the game proved a great disappointment, the Lancashire players making a very poor show. The Carthusians eventually won by four goals to one."

Blackburn Standard 2/4/81: "Leaving home on Thursday for a match which had to be played on a Saturday was absurd." "That the usual combined play of Darwen was disturbed is a fact, and that too, by the decisions of the umpires and referee; and I can well understand a team with any spirit at all losing the balance of their judgment, when being a goal ahead they heard the game declared equal, by a goal being allowed the other side when the ball passed outside the posts. After this and another false decision had been given against Darwen by the umpires and referee (all of whom were Southerners), the Lancastrians' play became wild and erratic, and at the end they were declared defeated by four goals to one. I believe that Darwen are so far dissatisfied with their treatment on the Oval that most of the team have declared never again to compete for the English Cup, and I will add "for it is no use, for the southerners mean to stick to the silver tankard either fairly or foully, or they would not have three persons members of London clubs officiating as umpires and referee."

(This seems to confirm that Field is correct :see below)(The BS Report below in same paper gives no mention of bad decisions)

BS Report:"Crossing over,however,the Carthusians,who proved to be of stubborn mettle,completely worsted the Lancastrians.Darwen had not the semblance of a chance when,after Princep had made a powerful kick for the Darwen goal Hansell ran in and achieved its downfall.Scarcely had the applause of this feat subsided when Todd registered a second point for the Southerners.Elated by these rapid successes the home forwards dashed through the Darwen backs with great force and precision ,and at the right moment Vintcent made a wider breach in the result.Darwen attempted to rally,but a determined foe was in their path,and on the Southerners came again,when Wynyard administered a fourth reverse to the Darwen colours.In the few minutes that remained Darwen made spasmodic efforts at retaliation,but at the finish victory was claimed by the Carthusians by four goals to one."

N.B. Tod and Gillet spellings are,however, the correct spellings according to their career details in the Early FA Cup Finals Book)

REF/Carthusian:"The weather was delightfully fine,though the wind was bitterly cold;nevertheless,in spite of the latter drawback,quite 1,000 spectators thronged around the enclosure.Darwen won the toss,chose the Clayton Street end of the ground to commence operations from,and at twenty-three minutes to four,Page started the game from the Crown baths side,with the wind blowing rather strongly against him.The ball was immediately returned by Kirkham,and his comrades following up, some smartish play for a short time took place in the vicinity of their opponents' goal.This state of things,however,was not destined to last long,for the Carthusians,making a grand rush,went right across the boundary line,and Princep,making a fine straight shot,a goal would undoubtedly have been scored but for the watchfulness of Broughton,who just contrived to turn the danger aside.Time after time the active and clever Carthusians attacked the enemy in force,and repeatedly failed to score through sheer ill luck,Richards on one occasion hitting the post.Page three or four times kicked over.Parry did the same,and Princep and Tod also bullied their adversaries at every point;in fact completely penned them.This sort of thing went on until close upon half time,when the Darwenites, led on by Mellor,Bury,Kirkham,Rostron and Marshall,dashing across the ground,the latter succeeded in kicking the ball under the bar,to the great delight of the Northerners.Having changed ends,the Carthusians,with the wind now in their favour,completely overpowered their opponents,and only seventeen minutes having elapsed since a recommencement was made, Hansell,supported by Tod,Page and Parry,was enabled to equalise matters.A minute afterwards,Tod followed suit,Vintcent added another to their well-earned score,and as a final blow to the astonished men of Darwen,Wynyard gained the last event of the day."

SM:"At twenty-two minutes to four Page started the game from the opposite end when the ball was at once brought back by Kirkham.After a little cross play in the centre the old boys made a combined move to their opponents' territory,and so well did they hold their advantage that within a few minutes Richards,Page,Parry,and Vintcent all had one or more shots at the Darwen goal,the ball on each occasion just missing the mark.Next Marshall and Rostron showed very pretty play for Darwen up the right,and succeeded in getting a corner,but Kirkham with the kick,sent the leather behind. After the kick off Todd ran down the left at a slashing pace and had a fine open shot but sent the ball just on one side of (+Gillett).Then the Darwenians had another look in,and by the aid of Fish,Bury, Mellor,and kirkham,the leather was got up close to the O.C.'s goal when Marshall headed it under

just on the stroke of half time. After changing ends, the Old Carthusians, with the wind at their backs, simply did as they pleased, and after several ineffectual shots made at their opponents' goal, after about a quarter of an hour from the re-starting of the game, Princep got hold of the ball and passed to Parry, who in turn muddled to Hansell, when the latter obtained a score. Next Vintcent had a shot, but just missed; then the northerners took the ball down and sent it behind the O.C.'s goal line. Then the old boys worked up once more and at nine minutes to five Vintcent kicked a goal. In another four minutes the O.C.'s had the leather again well up in Darwen ground, and a foul being given them Princep took the kick, when a scrimmage followed out of which Wynyard made a goal, when, beyond several corners to the O.C.'s, nothing further followed up to the call of time, when the result was as above stated. The northerners were undoubtedly a good team, but they had an unfortunate knack of dwelling too much on the ball, while the old boys were all the time as sharp as a needle."

SL: "For the second time Londoners have seen the celebrated Darwen team defeated at Kennington Oval. The first occasion was, it will be recollected, in the fourth ties of the 1878/9 Cup when the Lancashire men had to take three journeys to London ere they could be brought to admit their inferiority to the Old Etonians, the subsequent winners of the Cup. There was on Saturday last an unusually large muster, and the weather was brilliantly fine and favourable. Success greeted the Lancashire men in the toss, and they elected to first defend the goal nearest the Clayton-street side of the ground, and at ten minutes to four Wynyard kicked off from the Crown baths end. The ball was quickly returned, and taken down into the vicinity of the Carthusians goal. Their back play, however, was particularly good, and their forwards soon carried the ball out of danger, principally through the exertions of Parry, Princep, Hansell, and Page. For some little time Darwen were considerably pressed, several good shots just missing their intended destination, and two successive corner kicks failing by the merest chance. At length Marshall got away with the leather, and ably supported by Kirkham, Rostron, and Holden, again threatened the Southern goal, through the posts of which the ball was at last kicked by Marshall. After change of ends the play was fairly even, Darwen having a slight advantage, and a free kick by Brindle nearly obtaining a second goal. The Old Carthusians, however, playing steadily and well together, gradually forced back their adversaries, some clever passing by Parry, Page, Wynyard, Princep, and Hansell resulting in the last-named scoring their first goal. Todd quickly added another goal, and Vincent a third, nor was it long ere some effective passing by the forwards gave Wynyard the opportunity to score the fourth goal for the Old Carthusians, which ultimately left them with the victory by four goals to one. The winners will have to meet the Old Etonians in the final tie at Kennington Oval on April 9." +Broughton

Old Carthusians; L.F. Gillett (Goal); E.G. Colvin, W.H. Norris (Backs); J.F.M. Princep, J. Vintcent (Half Backs); L.M. Richards, W.E. Hansell (Right), W.R. Page, E.G. Wynyard (Centres), A.H. Tod, E.H. Parry (Capt.) (Left).

Darwen: L. Broughton (Goal); W. Brindle (Capt.), J. Holden (Backs); W.H. Moorhouse, J. Duxbury, S. Fish (Half Backs); T. Marshall, T. Rostron (Right), R. Kirkham (Centre), T. Bury, B. Mellor (Left).

Umpires: E.H. Bambridge (Swifts) and C.H. Wollaston (Wanderers). Referee: Major Marindin, R.E. (President Football Association).

N.B SM has Umpires: W. Pierce-Dix (Sheffield) and E.H. Bambridge (Swifts). Referee: C.H.R. Wollaston (Wanderers). CHECK

OLD ETONIANS,a bye

FINAL:SAT APRIL 9th (At Kennington Oval)

OLD CARTHUSIANS 3(E.G.Wynyard,E.H.Parry,A.H.Tod) OLD ETONIANS 0 (H.T. 1-0)

Sportsman 11/4/81 P.4/Sporting Life 13/4/81 P.1/Sheffield Independent 11/4/81 P.4/Nottingham Evening Post 11/4/81 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 11/4/81 P.4/The Carthusian 67-129 P.97(No Teams)/Field 16/4/81 P.521/Athletic News 13/4/80 P.6/Referee 10/4/81 P.6:

SM:"The popularity that always attaches to the last match of the season in the above competition was certainly in the ascendant on Saturday,when a most respectable crowd,numbering several thousands,assembled.The arrangements,superintended by the committee,tended to make things comfortable for all,and a pleasant afternoon ensued.Before the start the Old Carthusians were fancied for the event and the result justified this,as after a fast and fairly-contested game,of 90 minutes' duration,they were declared the winners by three goals to none.The Old Etonians,having lost the toss,had to put up with the Harleyford-road goal,with the wind against them.At 3.45 Macaulay kicked off on their behalf,the ball being at once returned,and carried by Richards and Hansell up the right,when the former kicked behind.Macaulay and Whitfeld next brought the leather down near to the Old Carthusians' goal,when a corner ensued to their side.Foley took the kick and sent behind.Page,and Parry put in a fine bit of work for the O.C.'s,and the latter managed to kick behind.After the start Whitfeld and Anderson trundled well down the centre,but were stopped by Page,who,with Richards,W.E.Hansell,and Todd,carried the ball back once more to O.C.'s territory, when the latter passed to Parry,who again kicked behind.The Etonians then made a determined rush,and seemed here to have a chance of scoring,but the ball going out was well thrown in close to the Carthusians' fortress,when a scrimmage took place,out of which it was kicked one side.Play for a time was pretty even until the O.C.'s got the leather well into their opponents' ground,and at ten minutes past four Wynyard kicked a goal.After the kick-off the O.C.'s had the best of the play,and it was not long before Parry and Princep ran up,and passed to Wynyard,who again kicked under,the score,however,being disallowed on account of "off-side".Half-time followed,and after changing ends,it was thought the Etonians,with the wind in their favour,would do something.Page re-started the game,the ball being at once returned by the Etonians,who carried the leather up and sent it behind.The O.C.'s then retaliated by gaining a corner.Then the Etonians made a combined assault on their opponents' fortress,and nearly succeeded in scoring,Gillett getting the ball neatly away,a corner for Eton being the result.Kinnaird,with the kick,centred capitally,and a hot scrimmage was formed just in front of goal,Tod being instrumental in getting the leather once more away.The play for some time was carried on,first on one side,then on the other,until Princep made a capital run down,passing to Page,who took his kick,and sent the ball into Rawlinson's hands,when the latter middling,gave Parry an easy chance,and at 5pm he obtained a goal.Within a few minutes Page again distinguished himself with a telling run,and passing to Tod,the latter obtained a goal.Time was soon after called,with the result as above stated.The winning team all played well,Colvin and Norris as backs being,perhaps,the most conspicuous.The Old Etonians tried their best,but they were unfortunately "done up" before half the game was over.Allowance must at all times be made for

“giddy youth” when intoxicated with sudden success. However, we cannot but call attention to the reticence with which the captain of the winning team acted in regard to the press. We would remind him that in giving our representative the necessary information, he would have been only discharging a moral obligation.”

+Probably why there is no report of the match at all in Bell’s Life!CHECK

SL:”At Kennington Oval on Saturday last the destination of the Association Cup was decided for the season by the Old Carthusians handsomely defeating the Old Etonians. The weather was fine, and the ground in capital condition, being all in favour of fast play. Some three thousand people mustered to witness the game, and the keenest interest was taken in the contest throughout. The Carthusians won the toss, and at twenty minutes to four Macaulay started the game for the Etonians, who began from the Gasometer goal. From the outset the Carthusians pressed their opponents, and the Light Blues’ goal was repeatedly threatened. After several narrow escapes the Etonians looked like having a goal scored against them, Parry getting a fairly safe shot, which, however, failed. When the game had lasted half an hour, from a corner kick by Princep the ball was sent through out of a general bully in front of the Etonians’ goal. Nothing further was done before half-time. On ends being changed Parry quickly gained a goal for his side, but the score was disallowed on the plea of off-side. Parry, however, shortly was the means of adding another goal to the Carthusians’ account, and a third was scored, the ball going between the posts off the body of one of the Etonians. At time the Light Blues had no item as a set-off against their opponents’ score, and were defeated by three goals to none. The cup was won by probably the best team that took part in the competition.”

SI/NEP:”Fortunately everything was propitious for football, as the ground was in excellent condition, and the bleak easterly wind which had prevailed for so many days previously had moderated so much that there was not enough to give any advantage to either position. The toss was won by the Charterhouse captain, and at 20 minutes to four o’clock Macaulay kicked off on behalf of the opposition. With the wind to help them the Carthusians were at once dangerous and two throw-ins by Princep close to the Eton goal line, gave the Charterhouse team the advantage, until Macaulay, by a good run in the centre, took the ball to mid-field. A sharp run on the right by Richards, produced a corner kick against Eton, but they got the ball well away, and, for some time, the play was very even and particularly fast. In the centre Page and Wynyard were remarkably busy for the Carthusians while Parry was doing a lot of work, proving a constant source of uneasiness to the Eton backs. Wynyard, after a good run, middled to Parry, but the leather went too high, and on the kick off a short burst of the Etonian forwards nearly proved successful, the ball just passing outside the Carthusian posts. Foley, with a misskick, gave the Carthusians a corner, and a clever piece of heading by Wynyard just missed the mark. Soon afterwards a fine shot by the same player hit one of the Eton posts, and for a short time the Carthusians held a slight lead, Rawlinson twice in quick succession, having to save his goal. A splendid run by Goodhart was well stopped by Norris, and the Charterhouse forwards again went away in rare style, a well aimed throw in from touch by Princep enabling Wynyard to obtain the first goal for his side 27 minutes from the start. Following up their kick off well, the Old Etonians were at once the assailants, and Gillett was only just able to stop a warm shot by Anderson. By excellent combined play the Carthusians, however, soon recovered their ground, and after a shot by Parry had been stopped by Rawlinson, the ball was put through by Wynyard, though as Parry was offside, the goal was disallowed. A good piece of goalkeeping on the resumption prevented a goal for Eton, and just before half time Princep had tried a corner for Charterhouse without

success. With the wind at their backs the Eton forwards had for the first few minutes of the second half a little the best of the play, and a well-directed corner by Kinnaird was dangerously close to the Carthusian posts. As time advanced the superior condition of the Carthusians began to tell in their favour, and during the last twenty minutes the game was chiefly in the Eton territory. Several times Rawlinson saved his goal very well, but at last the combined efforts of Page and Parry proved too much for him, and though he checked the first attack, he was unable to prevent Parry putting the ball through at the second attempt. A fine run by Richards soon after resulted in another disaster for Eton, the ball passing between the posts off Tod's chest. Only five minutes now remained, and though the fight now raged in Eton lines, nothing more was scored, so that the Old Carthusians won by three goals to none. That their victory was a very popular one was proved by the very hearty reception given to the various members of the eleven, but particularly to Parry and Princep, at the close, and they thoroughly deserved the success. Their forward play was faster than any that has been seen in London for some time, and the eleven worked better than any team that has won the cup for several years. The backs, too, did sterling work throughout, and Colvin and Vintcent proved themselves to be no way inferior to Princep, though the last named was never in better form."

Carthusian: "On Saturday, April 9th, the final tie for the Challenge Cup was played at Kennington Oval in the presence of about 4,000 spectators. The Old Etonians were known to possess a strong team, but the extraordinary form shewn by their opponents of late caused them to be the more fancied of the two. Play began at twenty minutes to four o'clock, when Macaulay kicked off for the Etonians, who had lost the toss, against a slight wind. The Carthusians at once returned the ball and carried it up to the Etonian goal line, but after two throws in by Princep, which caused the ball to go in close proximity to the posts, Macaulay ran it along the centre of the ground. A corner-kick soon fell to the Etonians, but their rivals got the ball away. Some exceedingly fast play followed, and repeated runs were made by Page, Wynyard, and Parry, and the latter tried to kick a goal but failed. The Etonians made a sharp burst into their adversaries' territory after the kick off, but the ball was sent to the wrong side of the posts. A corner then fell to the Carthusians, and Wynyard almost headed the ball through. After two more close, but ineffectual attempts to score Princep threw the ball well in, and Wynyard kicked it between the posts. Eton now became the assailants, and a splendid shot by Anderson was only just saved by Gillett. Once more the Carthusians assumed the aggressive, and Wynyard kicked the ball underneath the bar; but, as the offside rule had been broken, the goal was disallowed. With the exception of a corner kick to the Carthusians, nothing further of note happened up to half time, when the sides changed ends. Eton now had the wind at their backs, and a corner kick nearly caused the downfall of their opponents' goal. Charterhouse, however, quickly reasserted themselves, and a combined run on the part of Page and Parry ended in a goal being kicked by the latter. This was soon followed by a third disaster for the Etonians, as the ball glanced between the posts off Tod's chest. There was only a few minutes' time now left, and although Eton strove hard to score, their efforts were ineffectual, and the Carthusians were thus pronounced victors by three goals to none."

F: "Since the institution of the Cup we question whether any of the ten final ties have excited such genuine interest as that played at Kennington Oval on Saturday last. It lay between "Old Boys" of two of our public schools, Eton and Charterhouse, and out of the four thousand spectators who assembled there was probably a preponderance of past and present scholars. The severe wind of the preceding few days had subsided somewhat, so that it was much pleasanter for standing about; but the ground was a little too hard for the benefit of those players who came in sudden and unwilling

contact with it. Play was announced to begin at 3.30, and ten minutes after this time the teams made their appearance. Charterhouse began well by winning the toss, and took up their positions at the eastern goal, having the advantage of a slight breeze. Macaulay started the ball on behalf of Eton, but it was soon returned, and the Carthusians invaded their opponents' territory. Twice the ball went into touch, and Princep threw it in with such good judgment that the Eton goal was placed in imminent peril. The defending backs, however, managed to avert the danger, and Macaulay getting in possession made an excellent run down the centre of the ground. The ball was taken from him by Richards and forced along the right side until one of the opposing team sent it over his own lines, and the usual corner kick fell to Charterhouse. This was entrusted to Princep, but although it was well made, the Etonians worked the ball away. Most determined runs were now effected by the forwards on either side, and the ball was speedily urged from one goal to another. Then Page, Parry, and Wynyard made most persistent attacks, and the Eton backs found it a matter of extreme difficulty to keep them at bay. A shot at goal by Parry went about a foot over the crossbar, and this narrow escape aroused the Etonians to renewed effort. A well-concerted run was made by their forwards, and the game driven right up to their rivals' fortress, but unfortunately the ball was driven a little outside the posts. To this attack the Carthusians responded with one of equal vigour, and Foley, trying to arrest their progress, sent the ball behind the lines. The usual corner kick ensued and was so judiciously made, that Wynyard only just missed heading the ball between the posts. Whitfeld effected some wonderfully fine runs along the left side of the ground, but each time he was well stopped by Richards. Goodhart and Foley also made some determined incursions, but the Carthusian backs proved equal to the occasion. At length the latter's forwards organised a well-timed rush, and the ball went into touch about ten yards from their opponents' lines. Princep took the throw in, which he did so cleverly that Wynyard was able to send the ball between the posts, thus securing the first goal to Charterhouse within half an hour's play. The ball having been restarted the Etonians at once ran it down to their opponents' citadel, and Anderson aimed a shot, which Gillett, the opposing goalkeeper, only just managed to strike away in time. The Carthusians quickly assumed their aggressive operations, and Parry quickly ran the ball down, a kick at goal being coolly stopped by Rawlinson. Wynyard, who had followed close up, sent it under the bar, however, but as Parry had been offside no goal was allowed. Several runs along the right wing by Charterhouse were neutralised by Kinnaird and the Eton forwards were close upon scoring, but the dexterous goalkeeping of Gillett stood his side in good stead. Another corner kick fell to Charterhouse, but nothing came of it. Half time was called and the sides crossed over. With the wind in their favour, and only one point against them, the friends of Eton fondly hoped that their representatives would yet be equal to gaining the victory. Instead, however, in there being any diminution in the onslaughts of the Carthusians they increased in vigour. Soon after the recommencement of hostilities a corner kick was given to the Etonians. This was so well aimed by Kinnaird that a goal seemed inevitable. Yet once more the Charterhouse custodian showed his skill, and the ball was driven away. Repeated attacks were made by the Carthusians, but for a considerable time the capital defensive play of the Etonians prevented any mishap. At length, however, the determined play of their rivals received its reward. Page and Parry passed and repassed the ball capitally to each other, and Rawlinson just contrived to save the first attack. Parry, however, returned to the charge, and at the second attempt the ball was shot between the posts. All hopes of Eton retrieving their losses now seemed groundless, and their misfortunes were increased by a third disaster, as Richards made a kick at goal, and the ball glanced between the posts off Tod's breast, thus giving a third score to Charterhouse. The Light Blues made a gallant fight to the end, but they could not gain a point, and when time was therefore called the Carthusians were declared victors of

the Cup for 1880-81 by three goals to none. The winning team were in the pink of condition, and played much better together than their rivals, and their impetuosity carried all before them. The Etonians did not play nearly so well together, while in the latter portion of the game the condition of many of them was painfully evident."

Old Carthusians: L.F. Gillett (Goal); E.G. Colvin, W.H. Norris (Backs); J. Vincent, J.F.M. Princep (Half Backs); W.E. Hansell, L.M. Richards (Right Side), W.R. Page, E.G. Wynyard (Centres), E.H. Parry (Capt.), A.H. Tod (Left Side).

N.B. Gillet and Tod are apparently the correct spellings.

Old Etonians: J.F.P. Rawlinson (Goal); C.W. Foley, T.H. French (Backs); Hon. A.F. Kinnaird (Capt.), B. Farrer (Half Backs); W.J. Anderson, J.B.T. Chevalier (Right Side), R.H. Macaulay, H.C. Goodhart (Centres), H. Whitfeld, P.C. Novell (Left Side).

Referee: W. Pierce-Dix (Sheffield FA) . Umpires: E.H. Bambridge (Swifts) and C.H.R. Wollaston (Wanderers)