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FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP:

FIRST ROUND:

Nottingham Evening Post 17/9/81 P.4:

“Below will be found the full draw for the English Association Challenge Cup.”

“This round must be completed by November 5.”

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT:

Blackburn Law v Bootle

Turton v Astley Bridge

Blackburn Olympic v Darwen

Eagley v Bolton Wanderers

Blackburn Park Road v Blackburn Rovers

Accrington v Queen's Park (Glasgow)

BOOTLE 2 (S.G.Smith,G.W.Turner) BLACKBURN LAW 1 (Not traced)(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup> )

Liverpool Daily Post 7/11/81 P.7/Athletic News 9/11/81 P.6/Sporting Life 8/11/81 P.1:

LDP:“The Bootle Association Club had its hands full on Saturday,being compelled to play two cup ties on the same day-viz,Blackburn Law in the first round of the English Challenge Cup,and Preston North End in the first round of the Lancashire Association Challenge Cup,and the style in which they went through the two engagements speaks well for the stamina and condition of the men.The match with Blackburn Law took precedence,and Bootle winning the toss,the visitors set the ball in motion.At the start the home team scarcely seemed to work together quite as well as it might of done,and after some twenty minutes' play a goal was scored against them,which had the effect of putting them on their mettle;and the Blackburn men,though they struggled hard,were unable to augment their score. On reversing sides,the game was carried on with much evenness for some time,until Turner,by a marvelously clever kick over his head,sent the ball flying under the Blackburn bar,and some six or seven minutes afterwards,Smith headed it through the same goal.Despite the renewed exertions of the Law,Bootle held their advantage to the end,which left them victors by two goals to one.Besides the two mentioned,Allsop,Heaton,and Rayner played a good game for the winners;while Brogden, A.Fecitt,and Hacking showed up best for the losers.”

AN:“This cup tie match was played at Liverpool,on Saturday,and a very close game ensued.The Law club scored after twenty minutes play,and although their opponents had many chances,it was not until the second half that Smith headed a goal for Bootle,Turner adding a second soon after,so that the Liverpoolians won by two goals to one.”

SL:“These teams met on Saturday at Bootle in the first round of the Cup.In the first half the visitors scored a goal but afterwards Turner and Smith got goals for the home team,the latter thus winning by two goals to one.”

N.B The same Bootle players then immediately played a Lancashire Association Challenge Cup match against Preston North End and drew 1-1 !!

Bootle:S.W.Jones(Goal),C.Allsopp,R.M.Sloan(Backs);F.G.Heaton(Capt.),J.Rogers(Half Backs), G.W.Turner,P.Bateson(Right Wing),Rev.A.W.Keely,R.E.Lythgoe(Centres),A.G.Smith,E.V.Rayner(Left Wing)(LDP)

Blackburn Law:J.Shaw(Goal),W.Shaw,J.Brogden(Backs);R.L.Rylands(Capt.),H.L.Fecitt(Half Backs), Pemberton,Barker(Right Wing),Willan,W.Fecitt(Centres),Hacking,Greenhalgh(Left Wing).

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ASTLEY BRIDGE 2 (P.Smith,A.N.Other) TURTON 2(J.Howarth,2)(At Astley Bridge)(F.T. 2-2)(After Extra Time)(Sat Oct 29<sup>th</sup>)

Bolton Evening News 31/10/81 P.4/Athletic News 2/11/81 P.6/Sporting Life 3/11/81 P.1:

BEN:"These local clubs played their tie in the first round of the competition for the English Challenge Cup at Astley Bridge on Saturday.For the first half the home team had the advantage of the slight hill,with the sun,which shone powerfully at their backs.Turton had rather the best of the play for some time after the start,but their opponents were the first to score. J.J.Swimby,who,though very little,plays well,ran the ball down cleverly on the left wing and made a good shot at goal.It was stopped by the goalkeeper,only to be put through,however,by P.Smith.A corner kick now fell to Turton,but the ball went behind.Soon afterwards it was passed to J.Haworth on the left wing,and with a capital long shot he lowered the Astley Bridge fortress for the first time.Almost immediately afterwards an excellent combined run was made by the home eleven,and they scored goal No 2. Shortly before half time Young at back deliberately stopped the ball with his hands.This gave Turton an easy chance,and J.Haworth sent the ball past the goalkeeper,matters now being equal.On the game being resumed the battle waxed fast and furious,both teams making strenuous efforts to score.Tilley,for the visitors,made a splendid run three parts of the field,but his shot was cleverly staved off by Fielding.He soon afterwards made another clever run,but again without success.Once more Turton looked dangerous,but Hamer made a bad kick and sent the ball wide.Almond had next an opportunity of scoring for Astley Bridge,but the ball passed behind.Singleton then made a good attempt,the ball just striking the top of the bar and going over.Young was now to the fore with a good run,but his progress was checked by the Trainors,who all through played well at full back.The left wing players of the home team then looked formidable,but Bentley put in a timely kick,and transferred the play to the other end.Here a corner kick was entrusted to J.Haworth,but Smith kept the ball out.When "Time" was called a scrimmage was being fought in the Astley Bridge goal.The game,as we have shown,was drawn,two goals each.Both sides worked hard,but Turton scarcely pulled as well together as their smaller opponents,who though deficient in size,lacked nothing in pluck and ability."

AN:"These clubs met on Saturday last on the ground of the former when considerable interest was taken in the game,and a good number of persons were present to witness the match.Both teams were fully represented,and the home team,winning the toss,decided to play the first half with the sun to their backs,but against a slight wind,which blew from goal to goal.For the first fifteen minutes the game was pretty even,each side having made several shots at goal,none of which were effective

,when the home forwards,getting possession of the ball,eluded the visitors' backs,and Smith,by a good left screw kick,drew first blood for Astley Bridge,the spectators cheering lustily.The ball was again started,and after five minutes' play Turton scored,thus equalising matters.Motion being given to the ball,the home team pressed the visitors very much,many shots being made at goal,none of which,however,were effective,the goalkeeper being quite on the alert,but by a combined rush the Astley Bridge forwards succeeded in again scoring.Just before the call of time one of the home team backs fouled the ball,which gave Turton a free kick,from which they again scored,their partisans giving them a round of cheers.At the call of time the score stood two goals each.After the usual interval the ball was again started,each side striving hard for the mastery,but so evenly were they balanced that,do what they would,not one more point was added,the game ending in a tie,two goals each."

SL:"For the first fifteen minutes the game was pretty even,each side having made several shots at goal,none of which were effective,when the home forwards getting possession,eluded the visitors' backs,and Smith by a good screw kick scored the first goal for Astley Bridge.The ball was again started,and after five minutes' play Turton scored,thus equalising matters.Astley again pressed the visitors,many shots being made at goal,none of which,however,were effective,until by a combined rush the forwards succeeded in again scoring.Just before time one of the home team backs fouled the ball,which gave Turton a free kick,from which they again scored,and the final score stood two goals each.Another half hour's play was allowed,but no further score resulted,the match thus ending in a tie."

Astley Bridge:J.Fielding(Goal);J.T.Young,T.Schofield(Backs),J.Howarth,T.Swimby,F.Leyland(Half Backs),F.Almond,J.Eatock(Right Wing), R.Greenhalgh(Centre),P.Smith,J.J.Swimby(Left Wing).

Turton:W.Howarth(Goal);R.Trainor,W.Trainor(Backs);J.J.Bentley,C.Tootill(Half Backs);E.Rothwell,J.W.Halliwell(Right Wing),Tilley,Singleton(Centres),J.Howarth,J.Hamer(Left Wing).

Umpires:W.T.Dixon for Turton and James Simm for Atley Bridge.

Referee:James Hayhurst(Blackburn Park-road).

REPLAY :Sat Nov 12<sup>th</sup>:

TURTON 1 (J.W.Halliwell) ASTLEY BRIDGE 1 (J.J.Morris)(H.T. 0-1)(At Turton)

Bolton Evening News 14/11/81 P.4/Sporting Life 15/11/81 P.1:

BEN:"These clubs met at Turton on Saturday to play off their undecided tie for the English Cup. Astley Bridge mustered their best team but Turton were disappointed at the last minute in the absence of Hamer,one of the forwards,for whom they had to substitute a second team man,who it must be confessed did not shine.Fielding,the Astley Bridge captain,winning the toss,of course took advantage of the wind,which was blowing from goal to goal and it took the Turtonites all their time to keep the visitors at bay for nearly 20 minutes as the play was continually in their quarters,but the visitors' forwards seemed too excited to kick the ball through the goal.Turton now paid several visits to their opponents' goal,and after a fierce scrimmage obtained a free kick close to the goal,and looked like scoring,but the ball hit the crossbar and rebounded into play,which was transferred again to the other end of the field,and a long shot by Morris took effect,the ball striking the crossbar and dropping through.After this,although Astley Bridge had the best of the game they failed to score,and

half time was called. The home team now having the wind set to work in earnest to rub off the score against them, and some really good play was shown by their forwards, shot after shot being made at the goal, but Fielding, Schofield, and T. Swimby defended their charge so well that half an hour from the second half had elapsed before Turton made the score equal, Halliwell doing the needful. The excitement was now intense, and both sides worked hard – Turton to win, and Astley Bridge to make a tie, and their goalkeeper and backs certainly deserve a word of praise for the admirable manner in which they repelled the assaults of their opponents, although exception must be taken to the practice Young frequently indulged in – that of deliberately putting his hand up to stop the ball when there was every probability of it going through the goal. This was done about five minutes before time and from the free kick Turton kicked the ball through, to all appearances, about two feet, when it was brought back, and one of the backs collaring it, put it under him and held it there until time was up. Turton wished to play an extra half hour, but Astley Bridge declined. We presume the matter will have to be brought before the Association. For Astley Bridge, Fielding played, as he always does, splendidly, whilst of the backs Schofield and T. Swimby were best. The front division was best represented by Smith, J. J. Swimby, and Greenhalgh, the two first-named players playing a capital game on the left wing. The Turton goalkeeper did pretty well, but he does not appear to strike the ball hard enough when knocking it out. The two Howarths, Rothwell, and Halliwell exhibited some good passing, but Hamer's services appeared to be missed very much."

Blackburn Standard 19/11/81 P.3: "In the same competition Turton took on Astley Bridge, but the finish was spoiled with the unsportlike conduct of some of the players. It appears that the game was one goal each five minutes before the call of time. Turton then claimed another goal, but the Bridgeites denied that the leather had passed over the line. Turton amid a scene of confusion claimed the match and I learn from reliable sources that they will be substantiated in their claims by the referee."

Turton: W. M. Howarth (Goal); W. Trainor, R. Trainor (Backs); J. J. Bentley (Capt.), C. Tootill (Half Backs); E. Rothwell, Overall, H. Howarth, J. Howarth, J. Waddicor, J. W. Halliwell (Forwards).

Astley Bridge: J. Fielding (Goal) (Capt.), T. Schofield, J. T. Young (Backs), J. J. Morris, F. Leyland, T. Swimby (Half Backs); F. Almond, J. Eatock (Right Wing), R. Greenhalgh (Centre), P. Smith, J. J. Swimby (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. T. Dixon for Turton and J. Hills. Referee: James Hayhurst, Park-road.

SECOND REPLAY: Sat Nov 19<sup>th</sup> (At Great Lever):

ASTLEY BRIDGE 3 TURTON 3 (No scorers traced) (H. T 3-0) (At Great Lever Ground)

Bolton Evening News 21/11/81 P.4/Athletic News 23/11/81 P.6:

BEN: "These clubs, who were drawn together in the first round of ties for the above cup, have now met three times. On October 29 they met at Astley Bridge, and scored two goals each. On November 12 they met at Turton, and scored one goal each. The committee of both clubs then decided to play off the tie on a neutral ground, and the Great Lever ground (kindly offered to the committee) was selected. Two fresh umpires were also selected, but the referee who had acted in the two previous matches was again appointed. Both clubs mustered their best teams, Astley Bridge playing the same team as they played on the 12<sup>th</sup>, whilst Turton made some little alteration. A good number of spectators assembled to witness the match. The coin turned up in favour of the Astley Bridge

captain, who selected to play with the wind and ground in his favour, and for three quarters of an hour (the first half) the battle waged fast and furious. Twelve minutes from the kick off Astley Bridge scored their first goal, which was disallowed on account of hands being claimed as the ball went through the posts. (The Astleybridgeites) kept things during nearly all the first half pretty lively for the Turton backs, and at the call of half time had placed three goals to their credit, and would most certainly have scored another goal, but the Turton half back (C. Tootill) knocked the ball back in its passage through the posts. In the second half of the game Turton had the advantage of the wind and ground, and good use they made of it. So well did the Bridgeites' backs and half backs play that 25 minutes elapsed before Turton were able to score. Astley Bridge by combined play took the ball to the Turton goal, and after the final touch had been given, the Turton keeper missed it and the ball seemingly went through the uprights, when one of the Turton backs rushed up and kicked the ball out. This in the opinion of many of the spectators was a goal. Turton obtained their next goal from a corner kick, and in several minutes obtained their third goal, thus equalising matters. It only wanted a few minutes to the call of time and both sides worked hard to score but were unsuccessful, and the game stood three goals each, thus ending in a draw. For Turton the goalkeeper played fairly well, but the back play of the brothers Trainor was a treat to witness, Bentley and Tootill at half back were in great form whilst the forwards played a magnificent game. In fact, of J. Howarth it may be said that he saved Turton the game. For Astley Bridge, Fielding in goal was all there, and at back J. T. Young and T. Schofield showed the greatest dash; the half backs played a splendid game, especially Morris and Leyland, and the forwards played the passing game to perfection."

AN: "The Astley Bridge men played so well in the first half that they scored three goals, but towards the finish Turton played up with much determination, and managed to make matters equal-three goals each. The brothers Trainor, with Bentley and Tootill, played finely at back, and on the other side Young and Schofield were in great form, all the forwards doing their level best."

Astley Bridge: J. Fielding (Goal), J. T. Young, T. Schofield (Backs), J. J. Morris, T. Swimby, F. Leyland (Half Backs), P. Smith, J. J. Swimby (Left Wing), F. Almond, J. Eatock (Right Wing), R. Greenhalgh (Centre).

Turton: W. Howarth (Goal), W. Trainor, R. Trainor (Backs), J. J. Bentley, C. Tootill (Half Backs), J. W. Halliwell, J. Hamer (Left Wing), J. Waddicor, E. Rothwell (Right Wing), J. Howarth, H. Howarth (Centres).

Richard Green and H. H. Brownlow (Bolton Olympic). Referee: James Hayhurst, hon. sec. Blackburn Park-road.

THIRD REPLAY: Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>

TURTON 2 (J. Howarth, H. Howarth) ASTLEY BRIDGE 0 (H.T. 0-0) (At Eagley)

Athletic News 30/11/81 P.3/Bolton Evening News 28/11/81 P.5 (Result only):

AN: "The above clubs met in the first round of the English Cup for the fourth time on Saturday, the game being played on the Eagley ground. Despite the unfavourable weather, rain falling heavily, about 1,500 persons were present. The clubs having proved they were pretty evenly matched by playing three ties, unusual interest was centred in the meeting. Astley Bridge played the same team as on the two previous Saturdays, but their opponents were stronger, having reinstated Hugh Brown, their old goalkeeper, and J. Greenhalgh at back. From the kick off the game was hotly contested. Turton nearly scored several times in quick succession, but Fielding kept goal admirably, and got rid of some very

awkward shots. The Astley Bridge forwards now took the ball down in good style, but could not get past W. Trainor at back. Turton then had a chance, but the ball went over the crossbar. Soon afterwards they ought to have made a goal, the Astley Bridge custodian stumbling; but, in the excitement Rothwell kicked just outside the post. The Turton goalkeeper had then to use his hands, and got the ball away again on its being returned. Up to half-time Turton had rather the best of it, but neither side had scored. Soon after resuming J. Howarth, from the centre, made a quick, low shot which passed between the uprights, Fielding falling full length in trying to stop it. Astley Bridge now played up well, and attacked the Turton goal fiercely, but without avail. H. Howarth then added a second goal for Turton, another low shot going just under the crossbar. From now to the finish Astley Bridge made desperate efforts to score, but they could not succeed, and when time was called Turton were victorious by two goals to nothing."

Turton: Hugh Brown (Goal), W. Trainor, J. Greenhalgh (Backs), R. Trainor, C. Tootill (Half Backs), J. J. Bentley (Capt.), E. Rothwell (Right Wing), J. Hamer, J. W. Halliwell (Left Wing), H. Howarth, J. Howarth (Centres).

(AN wrongly has J. W. Rothwell for J. W. Halliwell)

Astley Bridge: J. Fielding (Capt.) (Goal), J. T. Young, T. Schofield (Backs), F. Leyland, T. Swimby, J. J. Morris (Half Backs), J. Eatock, F. Almond (Right Wing), P. Smith, J. J. Swimby (Left Wing), R. Greenhalgh (Centre).

DARWEN 3 (T. Rostron 2, T. Bury) BLACKBURN OLYMPIC 1 (W. T. Wensley) (H. T. 0-0) (Sat Oct 29<sup>th</sup>) (At Barley Bank Meadow, Darwen)

Blackburn Standard 5/11/81 P. 2-3/Nottinghamshire Guardian 4/11/81 P. 12/Athletic News 2/11/81 P. 6/Sporting Life 1/11/81 P. 1:

AN: "These teams met on Saturday, on the ground of the Darwen club, to play off the above tie. The weather was of as pleasant a kind as it could possibly be for football, while the ground, owing to previous fine days, was in splendid order. The attendance was very large, some 5,000 to 6,000 persons being present to witness the game, at least one half of the spectators having come with the Olympic team, who were confident of success. Shortly after three o'clock both teams made their appearance on the field, and no time was lost in getting to work. Moorhouse, the Darwen captain, winning the toss, played with the sun slightly in his favour, but the wind against him, and Beverley kicked off at 3.15, when Yates and Wensley, getting the ball, at once made for the Darwen goal, but the timely intervention of Holden, with a long kick, placed the ball well out, and the Darwen forwards at once paid a close visit to their opponents' stronghold, Bury kicking the ball into the hands of Hacking, who threw it out. Bury, Rostron, and Marshall each in turn played the leather back to the goal mouth, but Gibson returned it twice in a capital manner, and another shot the goalkeeper again sent spinning out with his fist. Fish, running up from half back again sent the leather in, and a score seemed certain, but Bury kicked over the bar. After the kick-off Beverley took the ball down the centre, and passed it to the right wing, where Marchbank got possession, and ran it to the goal-line, when, from a short struggle, the Olympians obtained a corner kick. This Brown sent in, but Cunliffe headed it out. Again the visitors returned to the attack, causing Holden to kick out in defence, but the corner kick was not utilised. For several minutes the Olympic forwards, greatly helped by the splendid kicking of their backs-Gibson especially being brilliant in his returns-made furious onslaught upon the Darwen goal, but the play of Holden, Fish, and Entwistle kept them well at bay. At length, however, a

shot from Hargreaves at half back caused Broughton to play out in defence, which was received with derisive groans from the supporters of the Olympians. Brown was deputed to the corner kick, but this was headed out, and Marshall getting the ball took it up the right wing in a rapid manner. There he gave it to Rostron, who dodged Hargreaves, and then Warburton, in a clever manner, and finished up with a capital shot, which went right across the goal mouth, and was only within a few inches of scoring. Another shot by the same player a minute later, after Towers had sent in the ball, again was within a foot of going through. Once again the home forwards brought up the ball by some neat passing and dribbling, in front of the Olympic posts, when Bury made a splendid shot straight at the goal; this Hacking stopped, but could not handle in time to get it away, before the forwards were on to him, when a "bully" ensued, and the ball was all but forced through, when Hacking in a most splendid manner came again to the rescue and fisted the leather out. Matthews getting the ball at once shifted the scene of attack, running it three-quarters down the field of play, but he could not get into dangerous ground, as Holden, who tackled and kicked in a grand manner throughout the game, wrested the ball from him, and played it back. Here Yates took it, and having a pretty clear course, essayed a shot at the Darwen goal, which went rather wildly out. From a throw in Rostron had very hard lines in not scoring a goal, the ball going like lightning close past one of the uprights. A couple of chances for the Olympic were of no use, Beverley, and then Yates kicking wildly over the goal line. Moorhouse, with a long kick from half-back, sent the ball to the Darwen right wing, and Rostron, after getting past Gibson, nicely kicked the ball into the goal mouth, and both Mellor and Cunliffe had each an easy chance of turning it into a goal, but failed. Time after time Hacking cleared his goal beautifully, and when half time was called neither side had scored. Re-commencing Rostron made a couple of grand runs in something like his old form, each ending up with a shot, one of which Hacking handled, and Gibson, by a splendid kick, stopped the other. Then the Olympic forwards, cheered on by their supporters, made a most spirited attack on the Darwen goal, which they kept up for several minutes, aided greatly by the splendid throwing in of Beverley, who, time after time, sent the ball right into the jaws of the Darwen goal; but the capital tackling, heading, and kicking of the Darwen backs was equal to every effort, Fish and Holden especially doing grand work. The Darwen left wing eventually getting the leather, little Towers sped down the field with it in a rapid manner, but, being tackled by Brown, the ball went out off the latter player. Towers took the throw in, and in a judicious manner sent it nicely to his partner Mellor, who tapped it back, when Towers, by a capital screw, sent the ball between the Olympic posts. Hacking quickly handed it out, and any doubt of its being a goal was speedily settled by Rostron again putting the leather through amidst a tremendous uproar. Again and again the Darwen forwards attacked their opponents' stronghold, making shot after shot at goal, but Hacking was all there. From some give and take work in the centre, Beverley, dodging Moorhouse and Fish, sent the ball to the right wing, where Wensley, by a longish shot, scored the first goal for the Blackburnians, which was enthusiastically received. The Darwenians now began to play up in a more spirited manner, and but for the grand vigilance of Hacking, would have scored more than once or twice. Good as the Olympic keeper was he could not prevent a shot by Bury and one from Rostron going through the posts, and when "Time" was called Darwen had won a grand match by three goals to one."

SL: "The most important match in East Lancashire on Saturday was that between these clubs on the Barley Bank Meadow, Darwen, in the first round of this competition. Upwards of 5,000 spectators gathered round the enclosure, and the excitement was very great. The weather was in every way favourable, and so well matched were the teams that during the first half of the game not a goal

could be got on either side, although Darwen gave plenty of work to Hacking who kept the Olympic goal in a remarkably good manner. The Olympic forwards, on the other hand, scarcely ever got past the Darwen backs, but when they did so Broughton showed himself to be a thoroughly reliable custodian of the goal. At the beginning of the second half the Darwen goal narrowly missed being reduced by a throw-in of Beverley's the ball rebounding against the top bar. Now the play of Towers and Mellor secured a throw-in for the Darwen captain, and, rushing forward in a body the home players forced the ball between the Olympic goalposts by sheer weight. The Olympians returned the assault, but experienced hard times. Three times Broughton saved his charge, but the fourth attempt of the visitors was successful, Wensley making the score level, after some capital passing play by Beverley, Marchbank, and Matthews. All played well, but Hacking, Warburton, Astley, Gibson, and Hargreaves were particularly admired, whilst on the other side, Fish, Towers, Rostron, Entwistle, Holden, were best. Until five minutes of time the score was even, but then Darwen suddenly scored a splendid victory by adding two well-got goals in a single minute, the first kicked by Bury after a good run and the next by Rostron, who had the ball screwed to him by Towers."

Darwen: L. Broughton (Goal); J. M. Holden, R. Entwistle (Backs); W. H. Moorhouse (Capt.), S. Fish (Half Backs); T. Marshall, T. Rostron (Right Wing), W. Towers, B. Mellor (Left Wing), T. Bury, J. Cunliffe (Centres).

Blackburn Olympic: T. J. Hacking (Goal); S. A. Warburton (Full Back); T. K. Gibson, W. Astley (Three Quarter Backs); A. J. Brown, W. Hargreaves (Half Backs); A. Matthews, L. Marchbank (Right Wing), J. Beverley (Capt.) (Centre), J. Yates, W. T. Wensley (Left Wing).

Umpires: A. Astley for Olympic and J. Wolstenholme. Referee: S. Ormrod (Accrington).

BOLTON WANDERERS 5 (J. Atherton, J. Gleaves, W. G. Struthers, Own goals 2) EAGLEY 5 (E. Jones, Others 4) (H.T. 1-4) (At Pike's Lane ground, Bolton) (Sat Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>)

(N.B Last 4 Bolton scorers from Complete Record Book only)

Bolton Evening News 24/10/81 P.4/Athletic News 26/10/81 P.6/Sporting Life 25/10/81 P.1/Field P.29/10/81 639 (No teams)/Sportsman 24/10/81 P.1 (No Teams)/Blackburn Standard 29/10/81 P.3 (Short description only):

BEN: "Considering the great amount of interest and speculation that has been on the table for the last few weeks regarding the above match it was not surprising to find some 2000 lovers of the game defying Jupiter Pluvius and watching with anxious and eager eyes the struggle for victory that took place on Saturday on the Pike's-lane ground between the Wanderers and Eagley. A struggle indeed it was, for from first to last the game waged hard and fast, which tested the stamina of the players greatly, to say nothing of a sloppy foothold and a heavy rain making sure kicking sadly at a discount. Eagley having won the toss of course elected to play with the wind, which blew stiffly at their rear, materially assisting the full backs in their long kicking and keeping Wilson in the goal ever on the alert; everything seemed to run well for the visitors from the commencement, their backs scarcely ever letting the enemy pass them, and so consistently did E. Jones dribble into close proximity to dangerous quarters, winding up with a judicious plant into the centre, that the forwards were always within range of lowering the Wanderers' citadel. Their efforts were rewarded before half time was called with four goals to their opponents' one. Up to the point special mention might be made of the good back play of Devlin and Naylor; Struthers and Steel in the forwards; whilst for Eagley little



Brooks and Jones were the best in the front division, and T. Hall had done most for the backs. After a few moments breathing time ends were changed, and no delay was allowed ere the battle was hotly and keenly contested as ever, and with the elements in their favour, the Wanderers showed they were equal to the occasion, as after seven minutes' play they succeeded in drawing first blood, making the game two to Eagley's four goals. A continual attack in close quarters on the visitors' fortress now took place, and out of a general scrimmage Eagley several times managed to get the conflict transferred to neutral territory, much to the evident satisfaction of their supporters. Little time, however, was allowed this relief inasmuch as Gleaves, Struthers, and Atherton again peppered away at the goal, and three times in succession did the ball go through, making the game in their favour by one goal, and only eight minutes to play. Eagley never lost their courage, but seemed to work with redoubled energy, and right well did they stick to the enemy, driving them back inch by inch until Jones and S. Smith breaking through the ranks cleverly co-operated, and amidst unbounded cheers landed their fifth point, within three minutes of time. Not a moment was wasted in re-commencing hostilities, but although Struthers, Steel, and Gleaves did all they knew to gain a win, Fortune viewed it otherwise as what would have been a goal Rothwell cleverly handled over the bar. Every praise is due to him, as all through the game, considering how close his opponents were on him, he several times saved his standard from being captured. Time being called, the game ended after a terrifically fast and dirty competition in a tie, each side having five goals to their credit. Both sides worked with great vigour from one end of the game to the other, and their eagerness must account for the rough play which was occasionally witnessed. Eagley were not a wit behind their opponents as regards skill, each side scoring four goals with the wind and one against it. Wilson, the Wanderers' custodian, came in for severe comments owing to his reprehensible practice of leaving his goal; on several occasions going far across mid-field and having to run back to his charge. Strange to relate Eagley made a dead heat of it with Great Lever last Saturday week for the Lancashire challenge cup. This will be decided on Saturday at Great Lever, and if Eagley put the same team into the field as fought so well against the redoubtable "Reds", Great Lever will have to work hard to divert a defeat."

F: "This match in the first round was played off on Saturday last on the ground of the Wanderers, Pike's Lane (they having won the toss for choice of grounds). The day was most miserable, rain descending during a good portion of the time of play, rendering the turf in very poor condition, and a very strong wind blew from goal to goal, making play very uncertain. There were scarcely as many spectators present as had been anticipated (no doubt this was owing to the inclement weather), only between two thousand and three thousand persons being on the ground to witness the contest. The visitors won the toss, and decided, of course, to take advantage of the wind. At 3.20 the ball was put in motion, and after about ten minutes' play a goal was scored for the Eagleyites from the head of Jones. Struthers now ran the ball the whole length of the field, making a shot which +Foley, evidently thinking he was a "keeper", knocked out with his hands. A goal was now put through by Howarth for the Wanderers. Three more goals were added, aided greatly by the wind, to the score of the visitors before the call of half time—the score thus being, Eagley four goals, Wanderers one. A few minutes' interval and the ball was again in play, and the home team, now having the wind to their back, soon made matters even, and after the lapse of a few minutes Atherton, amidst excitement scored one ahead of Eagley. The ball was now run up by the visitors, and a corner obtained, from which they made matters once again even, and time was shortly afterwards called, thus ending in a draw—five goals each." +Foole

SL/SM: "These Lancashire clubs met at Pike's-lane, Bolton, on Saturday. The Wanderers having greatly strengthened their team by the introduction of several noted Scotch players, their progress in the competition is being watched with considerable interest, and despite the stormy weather 3,000 spectators assembled. The Eagley men strove hard to hold their own, and though the Wanderers were in some respects the better team, they managed to make the game a draw, each scoring five goals."

Bolton Wanderers: T.R. Wilson (Goal); J. Devlin, T. Naylor (Backs); J. Gleaves, Nelson (Half Backs), T. Howarth, T. Dawson (Right Wing), W.G. Struthers, W. Steel (Centres), J. Atherton, Robertson (Left Wing).

Eagley: Rothwell (Goal), T. Hall, R. Openshaw (Backs), J. Durham, T. Brooks, W. Foole (Half Backs), +Richard Hall, J. Walsh (Right Wing), +Robert Hall (Centre), S. Smith, E. Jones (Left Wing).

+One of these is listed as J. Hall in other 2 papers

Umpires: S. Wood for Eagley and James Parkinson for Bolton Wanderers. Referee: S. Ormrod.

REPLAY: Sat Nov 12<sup>th</sup>:

EAGLEY 0 BOLTON WANDERERS 1 (W. Steel) (H.T. 0-0)

Athletic News 16/11/81 P.6/Bolton Evening News 14/11/81 P.4/Field 19/11/81 P.746 (No teams):

BEN: "...before dealing with the particulars of the game we would like to mention that the locale is in every way suitable for football, cricket, and athletic sports, the field being 120 yards by 80 yards, thoroughly well drained, level as it could be, and has a commodious brick-built pavilion wherein are dressing rooms and all necessary appointments, the luxury of which has cost the club £600. Next season, when the newly-laid turf has finally settled down, there will be few, if any, club grounds in the north to equal it. And now to the fight: 3,000 to 4,000 spectators took an interest in it, and so strong and sanguine were the partisans of the Wanderers that odds were laid on their winning."

"As will be seen from the names, the Wanderers were as strong as ever with their "canny" brethren, and also played a new man-Robertson-but whether he hails from the "land of blue bells" we cannot say. Eagley were as strong as they could well be. The importation of a new member, Kay, was opportune, he doing great service as a dribbler, and with more weight he will be a good acquisition to the club."

AN: "The Wanderers, having made a dead heat, five goals each, on their ground on the 22<sup>nd</sup> ult., it necessitated a visit of the "Reds" to the little village of Eagley on Saturday last, to play off the decider. The Eagley club have a capital level ground, full-size, together with a substantially-built pavilion, which affords ample accommodation for the players, being fitted with two dressing-rooms and every requisite appurtenance was afforded them. En passant we may remark that this ground will next season be one of the finest football grounds in the North of England. Some 3,000 spectators assembled to witness the match, and the general impression seemed to be that the Wanderers would come off victorious. They had to work extremely hard, however, and at the finish only won by one goal to none. During the first half of the game no goals were scored; indeed, the play was about as even as it could possibly be. Many times the Wanderers shot the ball into goal, but the keeping of Rothwell was first class, and no liberties could be taken. After crossing over the game was restarted, the men playing better than ever, and after a short run by Atherton, Steel (BEN: "in about six minutes

after the resumption")scored the only goal of the day for the Wanderers,amid much enthusiasm. Right up to the finish the play was of a give and take character,and more than once both sides were within an ace of scoring.Struthers,Steel,Howarth,Gleaves,Devlin,and Naylor played excellently for the winners;and the home team luminaries,we should say,were Kay,Jones,and J.Hall amongst the forwards,whilst Walsh regained lots of friends by playing capitally,better than he has hitherto done this season.Brooks was always in the right place,and often got the ball out of a compact circle of opponents."

F:"On Saturday last these local clubs met on the ground of the latter,at Eagley,to play off their undecided tie in connection with the above Cup,having three weeks since played a drawn game,both teams scoring five goals.The day was fine,and consequently a good number of spectators assembled on the ground,presumably between two and three thousand,a great many of whom had travelled from Bolton.A good game was naturally expected,and in this expectation the spectators were not disappointed.The game was announced to start punctually at three o'clock,in order that it might be played out in daylight;but,owing to the late arrival of one of the Eagley team,proceedings did not commence until about 3.30.The Wanderers won the toss,and when time was called were declared the winners by one goal to none."

Eagley:Rothwell(Goal);J.Durham,R.Openshaw(Backs);J.Walsh,T.Brooks,W.Foole(Half Backs), Kay,+J.Hall,T.Hall,S.Smith,E.Jones(Forwards).

+Richard Hall or Robert Hall?:see first match

Bolton Wanderers:T.R.Wilson(Goal);J.Devlin,T.Naylor(Backs);J.Gleaves,Ward(Half Backs),T.Howarth, J.Fowler,W.G.Struthers,Robertson,J.Atherton,+W.Steel.

Umpires:Parkinson for Bolton and Wood for Eagley.Referee:T.R.Sutton(Athletic News,Manchester).

+Percy Young P.31:"...on September 2,1881,W.Steel,also of Arbroath,was elected a playing member of the Wanderers' club.Steel played intelligently either at inside-left or at centre half,and was not without a strong idea of comedy.""Sometimes spelled Steele"(BCR:R.Steel record is also W.Steel !!)

BLACKBURN ROVERS 9 (J.Brown 2,J.Douglas,G.Avery,J.Hargreaves,T.Strachan 2,Own goals 2)

BLACKBURN PARK ROAD 1(J.Nuttall)(H.T. 2-1)(Sat Oct 29<sup>th</sup>)

Blackburn Standard 5/11/81 P.3/Field 5/11/81 P.676(No teams)/Athletic News 2/11/81 P.6:

BS:"The Park Road goalkeeper defended his post well and,kicking the sphere to Nuttall and Whalley, those players sped across the Rovers' ground.Here,however,M'Intyre interfered and five minutes later Strachan was seen in possession of the ball.He passed to Avery,who centred to Brown,and that player,after a short dribble,lowered the visitors' colours for the first time."

"Brown,about six yards from the posts,kicked the ball over his head,and the goalkeeper ran to meet it.He was met by Strachan,who gained the upper hand,and Douglas and Avery,running at the ball together,headed it between the posts."

"As half time was drawing near,Douglas became the possessor of the leather,and was running along the right wing when he was tackled,and he claimed hands alleging that the sphere struck his opponent's hand.A whistle was blown,but the referee cried"go on",and whilst several of the home team were disputing the matter,Nuttall ran the ball into the Rovers' territory,and by a splendid

screw, cleared the goalkeeper with the ball. Nothing further was done up to half time, but on change of ends, the Rovers being somewhat annoyed at the goal being allowed, went in with a will. Direct from the centre kick the leather was carried into Park-road end, when a corner kick was allowed. Brown delivered, sending the ball straight into the goalkeeper's hands, and he knocked it through the posts. After that Park-road were scarcely allowed to touch the ball, and for some time they did not get it beyond their own ground. The Rovers severely pressed them, and this enabled the backs to get up. This was an advantage, for when the ball was kicked out, it was always returned by the backs. Greenwood, about ten minutes after the kick off, receiving the ball in the position described, landed the leather direct in the mouth of the goal. Jefferson returned it when M'Intyre tried. Avery running up at the time ended matters by kicking the fourth goal. Ten minutes afterwards the fifth goal followed. Brown secured another corner kick and sent the ball to Douglas, who headed it into the goalkeeper's hands. It was then thrown away, and would almost certainly have been returned, but one of Park-road, in his anxiety to kick it out of danger, sent it through his own goal. Quickly after this, J. Hargreaves, after the ball had been carried up the field, with surprising fleetness rushed up to the goal and registered the sixth goal. Nothing at that time could stop the Rovers, and charge after charge was made, which the visitors were unable to contend against. Had it not been for the good goalkeeping of Wilson their defeat would have been much greater. Brown kicked goal seven, Strachan the eighth and ninth."

F: "Very little interest was evinced in this game, which was played at Blackburn on Saturday. The Park Road were runners up for their county Cup last season, but since then they have fallen off terribly. Once this season the Rovers have defeated them by fourteen goals to one, and again on Saturday a very easy victory was achieved by the Rovers to the extent of nine goals to one, the goal obtained by Park Road being scored when the Rovers were claiming a free kick. After change of ends the losers never had a look in, and lost as stated above."

Blackburn Rovers: R. Howorth (Goal); D. H. Greenwood, F. Suter (Backs); H. McIntyre, F. W. Hargreaves (Half Backs); J. Duckworth, J. Douglas (Right Wing), J. Brown, T. Strachan (Centres), G. Avery, J. Hargreaves (Left Wing).

Blackburn Park Road: W. Wilson (Goal); J. Jefferson, J. W. Pickup (Backs); T. McQuirk, J. Walmsley (Half Backs); A. Mackereth, J. Hartley (Right Wing), J. McQuirk, J. Pemberton (Centres), W. Whalley, J. Nuttall (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Duckworth and W. Holden. Referee: J. Magnall.

ACCRINGTON walked over QUEEN'S PARK, Glasgow scratched

MIDLAND DISTRICT:

Aston Villa v Notts Forest

Calthorpe (Birmingham) v Nottingham

St George's (Birmingham) v Wednesbury Old Athletic

Small Heath Alliance (Birmingham) v Derby

Stafford Road v Wednesbury Strollers

ASTON VILLA 4 (O. Whateley 2, Arthur Brown 2) NOTTS FOREST 1 (Law o.g.) (H.T. 1-1) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Perry Barr)

N.B. Reports vary so much as to the scorers that Aston Villa Complete Recored scorers have been adopted for Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest Complete Record (which along with NEP/NG give Law (o.g.) for their scorer:see below)

Nottingham Evening Post 7/11/81 P.4/Birmingham Daily Post 7/11/81 P.7/Birmingham Daily Mail 7/11/81 P.2/Nottinghamshire Guardian 11/11/81 P.12/Sheffield Independent 7/11/81 P.4/Field 12/11/81 P.709/Athletic News 9/11/81 P.6/Referee 6/11/81 P.6:

F: "Three times during last season the clubs had met, and so consistent was the form shown that the Villa were on each occasion the winners with one goal to spare. Since that time the Birmingham team had lost their captain, Archie Hunter, whose play had contributed so much to its successes, and it was confidently expected that this year the two teams would be very evenly matched. Immediately on the commencement of drawing both clubs set to work in preparation for the meeting, and the interest taken in the game was shown by the large attendance on the ground of the Aston Villa at Perry Bar, Birmingham, on Saturday afternoon. The weather during the morning had been threatening, but before three o'clock the rain began to descend heavily; but despite an almost continuous downpour, there were quite three thousand spectators round the ropes. The Nottingham captain won the toss and at twenty-five minutes past three o'clock Lee kicked off for the home team against a stiffish breeze. The ground was in very bad condition from the rain, and at first the Villa forwards, who were much lighter than their opponents, were a little disorganised, their captain, Andy Hunter, being unable to play, owing to the death of his brother, an old Scottish international. At the outset the Foresters played a rather rough game, and for a time they held a decided lead, Earp having four kicks in succession from the corner. Twice the Villa forwards succeeded in creating an effective diversion, and Brown and Crossland each in turn compelled the Forest goalkeeper to use his hands. Another corner kick to the Forest was followed by a smart shot from Gunn; but the ball went outside, and Crossland and Vaughton, by good passing, returned it to the centre. In stopping this rush W. Luntley was unfortunate enough to sprain his ankle, and though he subsequently tried to resume his position he was of so little use that he left the field, and the Foresters thus lost their best back for the greater part of the game. Taking advantage of his absence the Villa forwards made vigorous attack, and Brown was near scoring. A long kick by Hancock returned the ball, and Earp getting away on the left, passed to Gunn, who was successful in reducing the Villa goal, the leather passing through the posts off Laws. On resuming the home forwards, getting more at home on the slippery ground, gave the Forest backs considerable trouble, and twice Sands was obliged to punch the ball out. Two corner kicks were unsuccessfully tried by Davis for the Villa; but at last the persistency of the home team was rewarded, and a sharp shot by Whateley made the score even, amidst great demonstrations from the spectators. Soon after the kick off a speedy run on the right gave Villa again the advantage; but Vaughton, who took the final kick, had infringed the offside rule, and though he got the ball through the Nottingham posts, the score was not allowed. Just before the expiry of the first period, Gunn had a good chance of a shot at the home goal, but he sent the ball over the bar, and then ends were changed. The Foresters now had the disadvantage previously experienced by their opponents of playing with the wind and rain in their faces, and the game continued to be in favour of the home team. Brown, in the centre, not only played very judiciously, but did a lot of work; and Vaughton, Crossland, and Whateley never allowed the Nottingham backs to have any rest. After a good run by Widdowson and Gunn, Gowthorpe allowed a by no means difficult chance of a score to escape, and Brown and Vaughton dashing away were not satisfied until they had taken the ball through the visitors' posts. A quick run on the left by Davis for the Villa, followed the resumption, and

the game continued all in favour of the Villa, who were playing much better together than the Foresters. Hancock's accurate and powerful kicking frequently checked the incursions of the home team, but again Vaughton and Brown eluded the visitors' backs, and a clever shot by the latter sent the ball between the posts safely out of Sands' reach. During the last quarter of an hour the play was chiefly in the Foresters' quarters; but the home forwards, in their over anxiety, frequently got in front of the ball, and as the visitors' backs were brought forward, they were constantly off-side. Twice this propensity caused a goal claimed to be disallowed by the referee; but, just at the finish, the home forwards, out-manceuvring the Forest backs, by some clever passing got in front of the posts, and Brown kicked their fourth goal as the referee called time. The Villa forwards played a much better game than their opponents, though the Foresters' chances were not improved by the slippery state of the ground, in addition to the severe loss they suffered by the loss of W. Luntley. The winners worked hard one and all, but some of their forwards would do well to keep behind the ball, and to remember that even in following up, if they get in front, they expose themselves to the penalty of off-side. On this occasion an infringement of the off-side lost the winners three and the losers one goal."

But Archie Hunter played in the remaining Villa Cup matches this season. Andy Hunter did not play in this game either as "absent in Scotland owing to a family bereavement":BDM

BDP:"These two clubs met at Perry Bar, on Saturday afternoon to play off the tie in the English Challenge Cup competition. About 2,000 spectators were present in spite of the wretched weather. The rain which had fallen had made the ground very sloppy, and consequently anything but favourable for football. For the first twenty minutes Forest had the best of the play, the superior weight of their forwards enabling them to keep the Villa penned in to their goal. Gunn scored the first point for Forest off a centre kick by Earp, and ten minutes afterwards the Villa equalised matters by a well-directed shot from Brown. Before half time was called Vaughton put the ball through the Forest's goal a second score but the goal was disallowed on an appeal to the referee, who gave it "offside". On changing goals the Villa pressed their opponents very hard, and until the close of the game had the best of the play, scoring five goals; but as two of them were disallowed by the referee, on the same ground as the one previously mentioned, the game ended in a victory for the Villa by four goals to one."

NEP/NG:"Again Earp and Young were busy on the left for the visitors, and the latter middling well, Laws, in his attempt to save his side, sent the ball whizzing between his own posts, thus giving first point to the Nottingham team."

SI:"Notts kicked off at half time, but Brown, Davis and Vaughton by some good passing at once carried the ball towards the Notts goal, but Hancock kicking out, enabled Gunn to have a good run, but the final shot at goal went over the bar. The Villa team were, however, not to be denied, and again rushed the ball to their opponents' goal, Crossland, out of a scrimmage, scoring for the home team. The Notts men were still pressed, but E. Luntley again, by some good back play, relieved his side, and shortly after Gowthorpe kicked a goal for the Forest, which was disallowed, he being offside. The Notts men still had slightly the best of the play, Gunn, who was working hard, making a good run for the visitors. From this point, however, they fell off, and the latter part of the match was remarkable for the brilliant play of the home team. Vaughton, who had played well throughout, now showed some brilliant dodging, and by a judicious pass, enabled Whateley to score the third goal for Villa; another goal kicked directly after by the same player was disallowed. The Notts men were, however,

now fairly beaten, and could make no headway against the unselfish and splendid play of the home team forwards, Brown, just before time being called, scoring another goal for the Villa, the game being won by them by four goals to one. It will be noted that no less than four goals, three for the Villa and one for Notts were disallowed on the point of back play. The Notts forest showed up remarkably well, but their forward play was very inferior to that of the Villa, who perhaps never played better together. Brown played grandly, as he always does, and the other forwards backed him up well. Simmonds at back is an improving man, and Pank played in grand form for the visitors. Hancock at back showed to great advantage, and E. Luntley played a consistently good game. We expected to see better play on the part of the forwards, although Gowthorpe and Gunn worked hard."

Aston Villa: G. Copley (Goal); Joe Simmonds (Back); E. B. Lee (Capt.) (Three Quarter Back), F. Dawson, T. Pank, S. Law (Half Backs); W. Crossland, O. Whateley (Right), Arthur Brown (Centre), E. C. Davis, O. H. Vaughton (Left).

Notts Forest: J. Sands (Goal); W. T. Hancock; (Back), E. Luntley, W. Luntley (Three Quarter Backs); W. Parr, G. Unwin (Half Backs); S. Norman, C. G. Gowthorpe (Right), S. W. Widdowson (Centre), F. W. Earp, W. Gunn (Left).

Umpires: C. Hughes for Aston Villa and H. Davis for Notts Forest. Referee: C. W. Alcock.

NOTTS COUNTY walked over CALTHORPE scratched

WEDNESBURY OLD ATHLETIC 9 (A. Woodcock, 8 Others) ST GEORGE'S, BIRMINGHAM 0  
(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Wednesbury)

Nottingham Evening Post 7/11/81 P.4/Referee 6/11/81 P.6:

FIND WEDNESBURY PAPER

NEP: "Played at Wednesbury on Saturday, in the presence of upwards of 700 spectators. Wednesbury won the toss, and elected to kick uphill. Still it was soon evident that the visitors were not in it, Wednesbury scoring first blood after scarcely two minutes' play. Athletic had much their own way and won easily by nine goals to love."

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Wednesbury Old Athletic: C. Kent (Goal), W. H. Moon (Capt.) (Back), T. Hodgkiss, J. Holden, E. Cliffe (Half Backs), G. H. Holden, A. Groucutt (Right), R. Morley, A. Woodcock (Centres), J. Reeves, J. Roberts (Left)

(Initials taken from AFS in later rounds: except C. Kent believed correct not W. Kent)

St George's: Batley (Goal), Eagles (Back), Perkins, Smith, Tovey (Half Backs), Tomkinson (Capt.), Green (Right), Lester, Midgley (Centres), Hodgetts, Wigley (Left) .

Umpires: W. Willis for W.O.A. and Bagnall for St. George's. Referee: Mayom, Calthorpe F.C. Birmingham.

SMALL HEATH ALLIANCE 4 (W.Slater 2,W.Hards,A.James) DERBY TOWN 1 (Shaw) (H.T. 2-1)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Small Heath Ground,Muntz Street)

N.B.Birmingham scorers Birmingham Complete Record and Derby in AFS

Birmingham Mail 7/11/81 P.2/Birmingham Daily Post 7/11/81 P.7/Derby Daily Telegraph 8/11/81 P.4/Sporting Life 8/11/81 P.1:

BM:"In spite of the bad weather about 1,000 people mustered together to witness this important contest,which took place on the grounds of the Alliance,at Muntz Street,Small Heath.From the beginning to end the match,which was in favour of the Alliance by 4 goals to 1,was rather one-sided. The visitors,who played a defensive and up-hill game,were unable to contend with the admirable first-class play of the home team.Morgan,at back,played grandly,and was well supported by Shaw and Morley,while the forwards lacked those dribbling powers and accuracy of passing which is so characteristic in a first-class match.The home team rarely played a better game.Slater,Whitehead, Hards,A.James,and Rotherham played a magnificent passing game,while the backs were very strong, but Boden at goal,who had very little to do,perhaps lost judgment in occasionally leaving his charge."

BDP/DDT:"The above game was played on Saturday afternoon,on the ground of the Alliance,in the presence of a large number of spectators.The game proved a very exciting,and well-contested one,but fortune favoured the home team,who won by four goals to one."

Small Heath:J.Bodenham(Goal);S.Gessey(Back),L.Summers(Three Quarter Back),Thomas James, V.Teychenne,Frederick James(Half Backs),W.Hards,W.Rotherham,Arthur James(Capt.), J.G.Whitehead,W.Slater (Forwards).

Derby Town:W.Coupe(Goal);J.R.Morgan(Back);Shaw,H.A.Morley,H.R.Wignall(Capt.)(Half Backs); W.Bellamy,G.Wignall,W.Shaw,A.Chaplin,J.A.Piggott,J.Lowndes(Forwards).

N.B.Initials collected from various sources.W.Shaw was listed also as Half Back

WEDNESBURY STROLLERS 3 (B.C.Knowles,T.Bryan,M.Byrne) STAFFORD ROAD 1 (R.Gowland) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(On Trapezium,Wednesbury)

Nottingham Evening Post 7/11/81 P.4(No teams)/AFS:

FIND WEDNESBURY PAPER

NEP:"This match,one of the cup ties in the above competition,was played on the Trapezium, Wednesbury,on Saturday,the rain pouring in torrents most of the time.The Strollers defeated the Wolverhampton team for the second time this season,winning by three goals to one.The teams were strong,and ably generated by Tom Bryan and C.Crump respectively."

Wednesbury Strollers:J.Bryan,A.Harvey,T.Bryan(Capt.),S.Parker,J.J.Knowles,W.Richards, B.C.Knowles,J.W.Baines,M.Byrne,S.Taylor,H.Bailey.(AFS)

Stafford Road:E.Ray,C.Dorrance,A.Mair,W.W.Shone,A.Nicholls,R.Gowland, F.Stanfield,C.Crump(Capt.),F.Deakin,J.Jackson,A.Laing.(AFS)



NORTHERN DISTRICT:

Staveley v Spilsby

Sheffield Heeley v Lockwood Brothers(Sheffield)

Brigg v Grantham

Sheffield Wednesday v Sheffield Providence

Brittania Recreation (Brigg) v Sheffield Club

STAVELEY 5(T.Kenyon,J.Beresford 2,W.Wallace 2) SPILSBY 1(“one of their forwards”)(H.T. 4-0)(Sat Oct 29<sup>th</sup>)(At Recreation Ground,Staveley)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 31/10/81 P.4/Sheffield Independent 31/10/81 P.4/Nottingham Evening Post 31/10/81 P.4/Nottinghamshire Guardian 4/11/81 P.12/Field 5/11/81 P.676/Athletic News 2/11/81 P.6:

SDT:“The Spilsby backs,Miller and Bellamy,defended their goal well,but after fifteen minutes’ play, the first goal was gained for Staveley by T.Kenyon,about 15 minutes after the start.Directly afterwards a capital shot by H.Marples only just cleared the upright,and went outside.Tweed and Curtis tried to break away,but James and Till compelled them to fall back.Widdowson made a good run and cross to Beresford,and that player,whilst in a very difficult position,wonderfully kicked goal No 2.Beresford scored the third goal from a splendid kick,and not long after Wallace headed the ball through a fourth time.Up till half time Staveley had had all the best of the game,and but for the splendid goalkeeping of Searby there would no doubt have been more points secured by them.The visitors,with the wind,played considerably better,and their crossing play was much admired. H.Marples crossed to his brother,who made a smart run,and shot the ball in front,and Wallace,lying in wait,rushed it through a fifth time.Barratt,Mawer and H.Robinson next showed to advantage,and played up most determinedly,and by their combined efforts they were enabled to score their first and only goal.The play after this up to the call of time was slightly in favour of Spilsby,and had they not lacked judgment in kicking at the goal they probably would not have suffered such a severe defeat as five goals to one.”

NEP:“These teams met on the Recreation Ground,Staveley on Saturday,when about 2,000 spectators were present.Kenyon scored the first goal for the home team after about ten minutes’ play; H.Marples made the second from a splendid shot,Beresford was credited with the third ;and Wallis headed the last before change of ends.After half time Spilsby secured their first point through the instrumentality of one of their forwards,but this goal was neutralised by another on the part of Wallis,Staveley being eventually victorious by five goals to one.”

F:“The encounter created great interest,and,though Staveley,which is not far from Sheffield,is but a comparatively small place,more than a thousand spectators paid gate.The Staveley team are pretty well known,having two years ago carried off the Sheffield Association Cup;while the party from Spilsby,which is in Lincolnshire,came with an excellent reputation both for speed and powers of dribbling.The Staveley captain won the toss,and decided to kick up hill.The ball had not long been in play before it began to be seen that the visitors,while demonstrating much vigour,had met with more than their match in the art of dribbling,crossing,and concerted play generally.”(F has Staveley scorers as Kenyon,Beresford,H.P.Marples and Wallis )

Staveley:M.Higgins(Goal);D.James,J.T.Till(Backs);T.Kenyon,W.Young(Half Backs),G.B.Marples, E.Widdowson,H.P.Marples(Right Wing),J.Hay,+R.Wallace(Centre),G.B.Marples,J.Beresford(Left Wing).

+This player appears also as W.Wallace and R.Wallis.

Spilsby:James Searby(Goal);C.Miller,H.R.Bellamy(Backs);W.Shaw,John Searby(Half Backs);R.F.Tweed, G.Curtis(Right Wing),J.H.Barrett,W.Mawer(Centres),H.Robinson,B.Robinson(Left Wing).

Umpires:J.Chambers for Staveley and J.Banks for Spilsby.Referee:E.Francis.

SHEFFIELD HEELEY 5(R.Martin,H.S.Ibbotson,J.Whitham,J.Wild 2) LOCKWOOD BROTHERS 1 (J.Beard) (H.T. 3-0)(Mon Oct 17<sup>th</sup>)(At Bramall Lane,Sheffield)

N.B Have used SDT scorers,as others differ.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 18/10/81 P.7/Sheffield Independent 18/10/81 P.8/Field 22/10/81 P.600:

SDT:"The first match in this part of the Northern Division for the National Association Cup was played yesterday at Bramall Lane in beautiful weather,and in the presence of upwards of 1,000 spectators.There was great interest taken in the game,which was evidenced by the frequent bursts of applause at anything approaching good play by the contesting teams' respective participants.At 3.10 Housley,who had lost the toss,kicked off for Lockwoods towards Bramall lane,having the disadvantages of a slight breeze against them,and the sun shining directly in their eyes.Immediately the last-mentioned players were called upon to defend their citadel,and Martin,who had a grand opportunity afforded him,kicked the ball outside.Some nice crossing by C.Cutts,Beard,and Sellars, propelled the ball to the other end where the latter shot it on the wrong side of the post.About this time some telling returns were made by Tomlinson,Hunter,and Moss for Heeley,and Buttery and Housley for their opponents.A good shot by Thornton just grazed the goal post.Then a scrimmage took place in the mouth of Lockwood's stronghold,and Thorpe beat the ball out,but Martin came with a rush and amid great cheering scored the first success for Heeley.Scarcely was the enthusiasm subsided before Jacques by dashing play enabled Ibbotson to reduce Lockwood's colours a second time.This sharp scoring rather damped the spirits of the unsuccessful team,while it stimulated the assertions of their antagonists,and it was some time before the former rallied.Swallow and Whitham caused Thorpe to use his hands,and he was applauded for the manner in which he achieved this task,the opposing forwards being almost upon him.From a foul in favour of Lockwoods, Houseley kicked the ball through the goal,but it did not count as nobody touched it in its flight.Whitham got on the ball,and by some admirable dribbling was mainly instrumental in securing a third goal for Heeley,Jacques being the manipulator.Half time was soon after called with the game unaltered,viz. three goals in favour of Heeley to none to their adversaries.On a re-commencement the Lockwoods left wing bore down upon the Heeley goal,and Moss,to save his fortress,was compelled to kick the ball over his own goal.This of course gave his opponents the advantage of a corner kick,but nothing resulted from it.Heeley were once more the aggressors and for some time kept pegging away at the goal,Wild eventually heading the ball over.

However,Whitham and Swallow came again,the first-named passing to Wild,who had no difficulty in breasting the ball through,making a fourth goal for Heeley.It was odds now on the latter club,things taking a complete turn,as Lockwoods were the favourite at the start.However,Beard scored a goal

for the hitherto unsuccessful team, which was disputed on the plea of that player being offside, but the referee's fiat was in their favour, which was the signal for a great outburst of cheering. Wild again, from another cross from Whitham, got the fifth and last goal, the match soon after ending in favour of Heeley by five goals to one. The winners collectively played a grand game, notably in the crossing, and in this Whitham had no rival, while in two or three cases the losers appeared to be out of condition. Buttery, Houseley, Sellars, and Beard played well, but they were overmatched. The ground was in capital condition."

Sheffield Heeley: J.H. Bromley (Goal), W. Moss, T. Moss, J. Hunter (Capt.), T.A. Tomlinson, W.E. Jaques; H.S. Ibbotson, J. Wild, R. Martin, I. Swallow, J. Whitham.

Lockwood Brothers: J. Thorpe (Goal); T. Buttery, E. Stringer; T. Beet, T. Cutts, J. Houseley (Capt.); C. Cutts, T. Parkin, W. Thornton, J. Sellars, J. Beard.

Umpires: J.E. Deans for Heeley and J. Wilkinson for Lockwood Brothers. Referee: W. Peirce-Dix.

GRANTHAM 6 (M.G. Maule, 5 Others) BRIGG 0 (H.T. 4-0) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Grantham)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 7/11/81 P.4/Sheffield Independent 7/11/81 P.4/Nottinghamshire Guardian 11/11/81 P.12/(Not found in Grantham Journal):

SI: "These Lincolnshire teams met at Grantham on Saturday to play their tie in the National Association Challenge Cup competition. Grantham won the toss, and elected to kick with the wind at their backs during the first half time. As soon as the ball was kicked off the home team drove their opponents back, carrying the leather into the Brigg ground, and for several minutes the visitors' goal was jeopardised, and eventually the first goal was scored for Grantham. The home team again attacked the Brigg citadel and their shot at the visitors' goal was effective. After a while a scrimmage ensued close to the Brigg goal, and Grantham being much the stronger team, got the best of the struggle, and a third goal to the home team resulted. The leather being again kicked off from the centre, it was soon taken into the Brigg ground, but the backs returned it to neutral quarters. The Grantham team then made a determined onslaught on the Brigg goal, and for a few minutes the backs had a hot time of it. At this time a fourth goal was put down to Grantham, the ball going between the posts off a Brigg player. On ends being changed, Brigg with the wind in their favour, pressed their opponents, but it was evident that the Grantham backs were more than a match for the opposing forwards, and the visitors failed to score. A sharp shot by Maule secured the fifth goal for Grantham. The visitors soon afterwards attacked the home goal, but their efforts proved fruitless, and being overpowered by their formidable opponents, they were forced back, and despite their efforts to defend their goal, before time was called Grantham scored another goal and the match resulted in a victory for Grantham by six goals to none. For the winners Maule, Hutchinson, A. Howard, and Frith played in grand style. On the Brigg side Peck, Bartle, and Storm played remarkably well, and Rose, who had a considerable amount of work, kept goal admirably."

Grantham: F. Wood (Goal); D.J. Wood, G.W. Beaumont (Backs); C.R. Bryan, R. Shannon (Half Backs); A. Hutchinson, J. Howard (Right Wing), M.G. Maule, W.D. Cox (Centres), A.A. Howard, H.C. Frith (Left Wing).

Brigg: H. Rose (Goal); J.T. Barley, C. Peck (Backs); H. Storm, J. Bartle (Half Backs); W. Rowbottom, R. Flowers (Right Wing), H. Hett, G. Haddelsey (Centres), G. Carr, C. Spight (Left Wing).

SHEFFIELD PROVIDENCE 0 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 2 (T.E.Cawley,G.Anthony:awarded as a goal:see +N.B.below)(H.T. 0-0)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Quibell's Field near Hyde Park,Sheffield)

+N.B. Anthony goal(SDT see below:"Wood threw the ball back to Anthony,who returned it rapidly. One of the backs stopped it with his hands,and the referee decided that the ball would have gone through and awarded it a goal." (This was due to the Rule,only in force for 81/82 Season)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 7/11/81 P.4/Sheffield Independent 7/11/81 P.4(No teams)/Athletic News 9/11/81 P.6/Field 12/11/81 P.709:

SDT:"This was one of the two matches in the first round of the English Association Cup.The Wednesday played as advertised,but there were several alterations on the other side,the Brothers Woodcock and another of their best players being absentees.It was fully 3.15 before the Providence men put in an appearance.Gregory won the toss,and decided on kicking up hill,the wind somewhat favouring that end.Very soon after Bennett had set the ball in motion,the Wednesday men pressed their opponents' goal,at which Hudson had a shot,but he was dexterously foiled by the goal keeper. Gregory then made an excellent single-handed run up the centre,and eventually only just failed to breast the ball through.A corner by Cawley yielded no result,and a shot by Bingley went on the wrong side of the post.After playing about ten minutes play was stopped to count the Providence players,when it was found that they had twelve men.After a clever concerted run by Anthony and Gregory,Mosforth rushed in and made two excellent shots in rapid succession,the first of which was very finely stopped by the goalkeeper,the second going close to the post.The Providence men again got within range of the Wednesday goal,at which C.Hall had a shot,but missed the mark.Anthony, who worked very hard,once more got close up,but his final effort was erratic.A corner by Stratford did not yield any result,and shortly afterwards"half time" was called without any score having been made.On changing ends Wednesday forced the pace,and a splendid shot was made by Cawley,and Anthony again only just failed to score.Bingley and Cawley had three corner kicks in quick succession,but all proved futile,as did also a fine shot by Bingley.The siege was temporarily raised by Hobson,who made a neat run up the middle,but he did not get far before the ball was wrested from him and sent back into the Providence defences,and Cawley had a shot at their goal,but it lacked force to roll over the goal line.After another erratic shot by Anthony,the Wednesday men-who so far had held a decided advantage-by a fine combined run by Gregory,Mosforth and Cawley,secured the downfall of the Providence goal.On resuming hostilities Guest showed prominently on the Providence side,and their forwards were getting dangerously close to the Wednesday goal,when Stacey,with a tremendous rush,checked them and returned the ball into the centre.From a grand return by Malpas,Gregory was enabled to get down into the Providence territory,where he was charged,and in the meleé he sprained his knee,and he exchanged places with Ledger.Mosforth,by his usual clever dodging tactics,bested two men on the low side,and made his way down to the goal, where he was joined by Anthony,who had three shots in rapid succession but without avail.After being cooped up for some time,the Providence forwards seriously menaced the Wednesday goal, Gregory being scarcely able to hobble to the ball to check their rush.Hobson followed up with a clever run and cross,but could not penetrate the Wednesday backs.The Wednesday forwards now again swept down on the Providence goal,at which Bingley made a grand shot.Wood threw the ball back to Anthony who returned it rapidly.One of the backs stopped it with his hands,and the referee decided that the ball would have gone through and awarded it a goal.Another determined

scrimmage ensued in front of the Providence goal, which was ultimately relieved, and soon after time was called. The Wednesday had decidedly the best of the match."

F; 'This tie in the national cup competition was played in Sheffield, on Saturday last, the venue being Quibell's field. The match does not call for lengthy description. The ground is very uneven, and reliable play is quite out of the question. The sides were pretty fairly matched, Wednesday being slightly the favourites, owing to their having the assistance of the two internationals Mosforth and Gregory. Up to half time neither team had managed to score, though Wednesday had had the best of the play, the wind having favoured them a little. After change of ends, the fight waged fierce for a time, but Providence finally gave way, and then their antagonists had matters pretty much their own way. Gregory scored one goal, and Anthony another, and when time was called the Wednesday had won the match by two goals to none."

Sheffield Providence: G.H. Wood (Goal); J.H. Helliwell, A. Guest, J. Pollard, T. Bingley, H. Hobson (Capt.), G. Daubney, W.H. Allan, D. Willey, B. Bennett, C. Hall (F has the full 11 men with J. Pollard)

Sheffield Wednesday: H. Ledger (Goal); W.H. Stacey, E. Buttery; C.L. Stratford, A. Malpas, J. Hudson; R. Gregory (Capt.), W.H. Mosforth, T.E. Cawley, J. Bingley, G. Anthony.

Umpires: H. Muscroft and J. Buttery. Referee: W.E. Clegg.

SHEFFIELD 8 (H. Barber, W. Robinson, F.H. Marsden 3, W. Bradbury, 2 Others) BRIGG BRITANIA 0 (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Bramall Lane, Sheffield)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 7/11/81 P.4/Sheffield Independent 7/11/81 P.4/Athletic News 9/11/81 P.6/Field 12/11/81 P.709:

AN/SDT: "The Sheffield Club won by eight goals to none, three falling to Marsden, and one each to W. Bradbury, E. Barber and Bearsdshaw." (Only total six so last two goalscorers not known)

SI "This encounter took place at Bramall lane ground, in the presence of rather a limited number of spectators. Rain fell more or less heavily during the whole of the match, with the effect that on the termination of the game there would probably not be more than 60 or 70 onlookers. The leather was set in motion by Marsden from the Shoreham Street end, and the Sheffield men almost immediately placed their opponents' goal in danger, the visitors sending the ball behind in self defence. Nothing, however, came of the corner, the Brigg team placing the leather behind the sticks. After the second corner, kicked by Marsden a foul, close up, was given against Brigg, but the backs managed to stave off the threatened danger. Hilton, for Brigg, next got possession of the ball, and took it down the bottom side, when Wake rushed up, and returned the leather with a capital lunge. The ball was then rapidly carried to the other end, and after a hot scrimmage Bright succeeded in saving the Brigg citadel. Hereabouts, from a splendid throw in by Hewitt, the Sheffield goal was placed in jeopardy, and the ball was sent behind by Wake.

Sheffield, however, soon began to have all the best of the play, and the leather was twice put through their opponents' goal, but the scores were disallowed on the ground of offside. Just before half time, however, a fine run by Bradbury ended in his crossing to H. Barber, who thereupon scored the first goal for Sheffield. On resumption the home team took a commanding lead, and they were constantly firing away at the antagonistic goal. Score after score was secured in rapid succession, and the Brigg eleven became quite disorganised. Robinson, by a fine long kick, obtained goal number two, Marsden

the third, fourth and fifth. Robinson then relieved Wake in goal, the latter having had next to nothing to do. E. Barber, whose play throughout had been most brilliant, here effected a magnificent run, and, judiciously crossing to Bradbury, that player caused the downfall of the Brigg fort for the sixth time. Two other goals were also secured by Sheffield, while the Briggites did absolutely nothing; and eventually the game ended in the very one-sided victory of the home team by eight goals to none."

F: "Goal after goal was scored by Sheffield, while Brigg rarely had the ball in their opponents' lines, and so little was Wake in goal troubled that he at last got tired of his task, and came out to play."

Sheffield: W. R. Wake (Goal); W. Robinson, W. F. Beardshaw; J. H. Barber (Capt.), C. K. Baker, F. H. Marsden, E. Barber, J. Bradbury, H. Barber, C. E. Sorby, W. Bradbury.

Brigg Britannia: W. Asling (Goal), R. M. Hewitt (Capt.), J. Bright, B. Neil, F. H. Walker, W. H. Fieldsend, H. Hilton, H. Knott, R. Clifton, H. Sizer, J. Binns.

Umpires: F. J. Whelan for Sheffield and F. G. Rob for Brigg Britannia. Referee: W. Pierce Dix.

#### METROPOLITAN DISTRICT:

##### FIRST DIVISION:

Brentwood v Great Marlow

West End v Remnants

St Bartholemew's Hospital v Wanderers

Hendon v Reading

Caius College Cambridge v Dreadnought

GREAT MARLOW 3 (R. H. Lunnon, E. Flint 2) BRENTWOOD 1 (H. S. Bowen) (H. T. 1-1)

(Sat Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Field 29/10/81 P. 639/Bucks Herald 29/10/81 P. 8/Referee 23/10/81 P. 6/Reading Mercury 29/10/81 P. 5 (Short report, no Brentwood team)/Athletic News 26/10/81 P. 6/Sporting Life 25/10/81 P. 1/Sportsman 24/10/81 P. 1:

F: "Of the several matches in the first round that were decided on Saturday afternoon, none of those engaged experienced anything but dirty weather, and, indeed, before their work was over, dirty costumes. In London the state of affairs was simply execrable, and no surprise was occasioned by the meagre array of spectators at Kennington Oval during the contest between the clubs above named. Neither could be said to possess a great chance of advancing far into the competition, but Great Marlow numbers amongst its members some first-rate players, and Brentwood as on Saturday constituted was a great improvement on the team which sustained so severe a defeat at the hands of the Old Etonians in the first round of the Challenge Cup competition last year. Despite, however, the slippery condition of the turf and the persistent downpour, the contest proved interesting. At twenty minutes past three Shaw kicked off from the western end of the ground. The Brentwood forwards began in very promising style and, meeting the ball as it fell, soon had it well into the Marlow half; but that Marlow were by no means content was soon evident, and their rivals had in turn to act on the defensive. For half an hour the game progressed with no material advantage to either side, but a brilliant run by Shaw baffled the Brentwood backs, who were unable to prevent that player passing in

grand style to R.H.Lunnon.This cost them dearly,as the last-named shot the ball between the posts, thus gaining first goal for Marlow.Ten minutes' further play,however,saw the scores level,the Brentwood goal being kicked by Bowen.In this position the game was when ends were changed,but it threatened to be altered in favour of Brentwood before too long,and it needed some sharp play to avert the danger.Success greeted Marlow's efforts,and out of a scrimmage Flint was enabled to secure a second goal for them.Another and similar opportunity was afforded the same player as time approached,and as he successfully availed himself of it,Great Marlow retired masters of the situation by three goals to one."

BH/REF:"It must have created an almost pardonable feeling of envy in the breasts of the comparatively few spectators who on Saturday last pluckily stood their ground at Kennington Oval to watch the glowing faces of the combatants who,though particularly dirty,looked so becomingly warm during the progress of the above match,one of many played on that day in the first round of the Association Cup competition.The visitors shivered under the cruel visitation of a particularly searching north-east wind,accompanied by drifting rain that fell remorselessly almost without intermission throughout the whole of a miserable afternoon.The game was,however,keenly contested,and though the Brentwood team were ultimately defeated they lost nothing in honour,as they fought bravely for victory from first to last,and gave their opponents considerable trouble. Nickisson having won the toss,elected to play the first half of the game from the Clayton-street side of the ground,and at twenty past three Shaw started the game from the Crown Baths,and in a pitiless storm of rain and wind that not even umbrellas and other supposed safeguards against adverse weather could possibly encounter with impunity.When the ball,heavy already with wet, tardily fell the Brentwood men met their advancing enemies with great determination and at once drove them back on their supports,Bowen,A.J.Secretan,Morice and Muriel making themselves very conspicuous in the assault.Nothing daunted,however,the Marlow team soon sent their adversaries to the right-about, E.Flint making himself very objectionable in the retrograde movement. The action continued to be carried on with tolerably even results until about ten minutes to four o'clock when Shaw making a good run down the centre,passed the ball to R.H.Lunnon who,amidst great rejoicing from his partisans,made the first goal for Marlow.On resuming operations the Brentwood representatives worked harder than ever to retrieve their loss and just before the clock struck the hour their wishes were gratified through the instrumentality of Bowen who made the score level.On changing ends at half time Morice made a fine run down the right hand side,looking very mischievous,but Milward threw himself in the way,and turned the danger aside.The men of Marlow,urged on by the shouts of their adherents,worked vigorously to gain an advantage over their adversaries,which was at last gratified rather unexpectedly,for out of a rather fierce scrimmage E.Flint was successful in driving the ball between the posts;and just before time was called a similar performance was gone through,the match thus ending in favour of Marlow by three goals to one.For Marlow the Flints,Lunnons,and Milward did their duty bravely,and Nickisson,Bowen,Morice,Muriel, and Stratford held up the reputation of Brentwood with accustomed courage and perseverance."

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

Brentwood:E.A.How(Goal),F.W.Stratford(Back),J.L.Nickisson(Capt.),E.H.Secretan,F.P.Oakley(Half Backs),G.E.Muriel,W.S.Morice(Right Side),H.S.Bowen,A.J.Secretan(Centres),B.H.S.Barnes, F.J.Abbott(Left Side).

Umpires:J.C.Crossman,hon.sec. for Great Marlow and E.C.Bambridge(Swifts) for Brentwood.  
Referee:M.P.Betts(Old Harrovians)

WEST END 3 (F.Elmslie 3) REMNANTS 2 (A.Deare,T.B.Hughes)(H.T. 2-1)(At Wormholt Farm)  
(Sat Oct 29<sup>th</sup>)

Filed 5/11/81 P.676/Bell's Life 5/11/81 P.10/ Sportsman 1/11/81 P.4/Sporting Life 3/11/81 P.1/  
Referee 30/10/81 P.6/Morning Post 31/10/81 P.2:

F:"This match, in the first round of the above,was played on Saturday last,at Wormholt Farm, Shepherd's Bush,in the presence of about 400 spectators,and ended in favour of West End by three goals to two,after a very fast and exciting game.Remnants won the toss and elected to play against the wind,but the sun was shining in their opponents' eyes.After four minutes' play Elmslie,after some capital passing by Cooper,well backed up by Black,scored the first goal for the home team. Repeated attacks were made to capture the visitors' goal,but Cousins proved very active.Elmslie, however,thirty-eight minutes from the start gained another goal for the home team from a splendid side shot.Remnants played with redoubled energy,and pressed their opponents very hard,and,from a well-directed shot,Deare secured the first goal for his side,the West End goal keeper in throwing out the ball stepping under the bar.The umpires disagreeing,the goal was allowed by the referee. West End now tried hard to add another goal to their score,their half backs and the passing of their forwards being very good,but were unable to do so before half time was called.Ends changed,the pace seemed to increase.The visitors,from some splendid runs by Scoones and Hughes,beseiged their opponents' goal,but Houghton and Scott were ready to meet every attack,the former giving the ball to Elmslie,who on the left made a grand run the length of the field and finished up with a good goal.The play now became very exciting,the Remnants' forwards particularly distinguishing themselves,and,from a throw in,Hughes headed the ball through the West End goal fifteen minutes before time.The play was still as spirited as ever,the visitors trying to equalise matters,and the home team to hold their advantage;and,although repeated shots were made at both goals,thanks to good goal keeping neither side scored,and when time was called West End retired the victors by three goals to two."

BL:"Black started the ball at 3.10 pm.Evidently both teams were on their mettle,and some fine play was shown all round,but after four minutes' play Elmslie,after some capital passing by Cooper,well backed up by Black,scored the first goal for the home team.The ball now travelled well,Scoones being particularly brilliant,and the Remnants had by this time found their opponents all there,by their repeated attempts at the visitors' goal,Cousins(goal) being very active,when Elmslie,38 minutes from the start,gained another goal for the home team by a splendid side shot.The Remnants now worked with redoubled energy,and pressed their opponents very hard,and from a well-directed shot,Deare secured the first goal for his side,the W.E. goalkeeper in throwing out the ball,slipping under the bar.The umpires disagreeing,the goal was allowed by the referee.West End now tried hard to add another goal to their score,their half backs,and the passing of their forwards being very good,but were unable to do so when half time was called.Ends changed,the pace seemed to increase.The visitors,from some splendid runs by Scoones and Hughes,besieged their opponents' goal,but Houghton and Scott were ready to meet every attack,and Houghton giving Elmslie the ball,he on the left made a grand run the length of the field,finishing up with a good goal.The play



now became very exciting, the Remnants' forwards particularly distinguishing themselves, and from a throw in Hughes headed the ball through the W.E. goal 15 minutes before time. The play was still as spirited as ever, the visitors trying to equalise matters, and the home team to hold their advantage, and although repeated shots were made at both goals, thanks to good goalkeeping neither side scored, and when time was called West End were the victors by three goals to two. Scoones, Deare, Hughes and Finch played well for the Remnants, and Elmslie, Cooper, Turner, Palmer, Scott, and Houghton for West End."

N.B. The above F/BL Reports are very similar to each other as is the REF Report

SM/SL: "These clubs contested their tie in the first round of the above at Wormholt Farm, Shepherd's Bush, last Saturday, when, after a well-contested game, the West-Enders were victorious by three goals to two." N.B. MP Report is very similar

West End: J. Laphorn (Goal), J. G. Scott, T. Houghton (Backs,; P. G. Turner, R. A. Palmer (Half Backs), J. S. Black (Capt.), F. Huxtable, F. Elmslie, W. E. Robinson, A. Edwards, O. H. Cooper (Forwards).

Remnants: Cousins (Goal), A. W. Cotton, Finch (Backs), H. McCalmont, A. Bird (Half Backs), T. B. Hughes (Capt.), Hutchings, W. Gordon, Zigomala, A. Deare, O. Scoones (Forwards).

N.B. Remnants initials from elsewhere.

Umpires: John Bright (West End) and E. Hawtrey (Remnants). Referee: H. Manghan (Hotspur).

ST. BARTHOLEMEW'S HOSPITAL walked over WANDERERS scratched (SM 8/11/81 P.4)

READING 5 (F. B. Thompson 3, C. G. Field, C. H. Turner) HENDON 0 (H.T. 3-0) (Sat Oct 29<sup>th</sup>) (At Reading)

Reading Mercury 5/11/81 P.3/Field 5/11/81 P.676/Berkshire Chronicle 5/11/81 P.5/(No teams or scorers in Bell's Life 5/11/81 P.10/Reading Observer 5/11/81 P.3/Sportsman 31/10/81 P.4:

RM: "The weather was fine but very windy. A large number of spectators, including a few ladies, were present. Reading won the toss and Hendon kicked off at 3:45. The game started fairly even, each side frequently taking the ball up to the respective goals. After fifteen minutes' play Thompson scored the first goal for Reading, and shortly afterwards a free kick fell to Reading in front of goal, and resulted in another goal for the home team. Hendon now played up with great determination, but shortly before half time Turner obtained a third goal for Reading. On ends being changed it was thought, with the wind in their favour, Hendon would score, but this they were unable to do in spite of praiseworthy efforts, and towards the close of the match Reading added two more goals to their score, thus making them winners by five goals to nothing. Despard, Coutts and R. Redford played well for Hendon, and among the Reading team the names of Franklin, Haydon, Tuck, H. Field, Thompson, and Holbrook deserve mention."

F: "The weather was fine but very windy. A large number of spectators were present, including a fair sprinkling of ladies. Reading won the toss and Hendon kicked off at 3.45. The game started fairly even, each side taking the ball up to the respective goals. After fifteen minutes' play Thompson was the means of scoring the first goal for Reading, the ball going swiftly between the posts from a Hendon man. Shortly after a free kick fell to Reading in front of goal, and resulted in another goal for the home team. This was rather a lucky point, as some of the Hendon men were talking to the

Referee, and apparently waiting for him to give the signal for play. Hendon now played up with great determination, but shortly before half time, Turner obtained a third goal from an easy shot, (RO: "which might have been stopped by the Hendon goalkeeper"). On ends being changed, it was thought, with the wind in their favour, Hendon would score; but, although attempt after attempt was made, the Reading backs, Tuck, and Herbert Field, and Hayward the goalkeeper, prevented disaster. Reading towards the close of the match again assumed the aggressive, and Thompson and C.G. Field each added another goal to the score, thus making Reading winners by five goals to nothing."

N.B RO report almost identical to the F report.

Reading :S. Hayward(Goal); F.J. Tuck, Herbert H. Field(Backs); W.L. Franklin(Capt.), F. Haydon(Half Backs), W. Holbrook, G. Sillence(Right), C.G. Field, T.H. Turner(Centres), A.C. Bartholemew, F.B. Thompson(Left).

Hendon: H.A. Redford(Goal); E. Harvey, W. Howard(Backs); R. Redford(Capt.), A.V. Despard(Half Backs); R.F. Mayhew, A.B. Coutts(Right), A. Redford, C. Jonny(Centres), E.B. Perry, J. Wiseman(Left).

Umpires: W.S. Morice(Brentwood) and J. Owthwaite(Henley). Referee: Edgar Field(Clapham Rovers).

DREADNOUGHT walked over CAIUS COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE scratched (BL 12/11/81 P.10)

SECOND DIVISION:

Mosquitoes v Pilgrims

Barnes v Rochester

Morton Rangers v Old Foresters

Kildare v Royal Engineers

Esher Leopold v Old Carthusians

MOSQUITOES 1(A.J. Cornford) PILGRIMS 1(S.W. Scott)(H.T. 0-0)  
(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Greyhound Field, Dulwich)

Bell's Life 12/11/81 P.10/Field 12/11/81 P.709/Sportsman 7/11/81 P.4/Referee 6/11/81 P.5/6:

BL: "Played at the Greyhound, Dulwich. No score was obtained up to half time, but soon after change A.J. Cornford sent the ball between the Pilgrims' posts. A good run and kick by Scott gave the Pilgrims the next point, and in the absence of any further score the match was drawn."

F: "The ground at the Greyhound, Dulwich, was very well attended on Saturday last, on the occasion of the meeting of these two clubs in the first round. Ramsey kicked off at a quarter past three, having lost the toss, and after a corner kick by the Pilgrims, the home team ran the ball down and kicked outside. A fine shot by A.J. Last was cleverly diverted by H. Denny in goal, and some rather erratic kicking occurred on both sides up to half time. With the change of ends little variation was made in the play, Swepstone saving one good shot, while several by Scott and Clark barely missed the Mosquito goal. At length A.J. Cornford, Davey and Stokes ran the ball down between, and though the Pilgrims claimed "offside" the leather was sent through the posts, and a goal allowed to the Mosquitoes. The visitors followed up this reverse by several attacks on the latter's goal, in which A.J. Last, Knowles, and Scott were conspicuous, the latter at length taking a clever goal, making the score even. The last twenty minutes' play failed to increase the advantage of either side, and the

match was declared drawn. Puttick kicked admirably for the Pilgrims, who failed to make anything like the show expected of them, though Last, Scott and Clark worked hard; the forwards seemed to work independently of each other. Whittle, for the Mosquitoes did plenty of work, and was ably supported by the full backs and goalkeeper; the forwards passed very well, and were fast on the wings, but, with the exception of T.G. Thompson, did not dribble much; Cornford and Stokes had plenty of pace."

REF: "This match, in the first round, was played today (Saturday) at the Greyhound, Dulwich, and resulted in a drawn game, each side scoring one goal. The Pilgrims were on the ground at the time appointed (a quarter to three), but were kept waiting by the home team until a quarter past three, when Ramsey kicked off, having lost the toss. The first part of the game was very even, the kicking being rather wild, Thompson, Whittle, Cornford, and Davey playing rather well. The goalkeeper saved one fine shot by A.J. Last, and Swepstone had to parry one from Thompson. After the change of ends the Pilgrims played up a little more, but nothing definite was scored until twenty minutes before time, when some passing resulted in a goal for the Mosquitoes, an appeal for a previous off-side being disallowed. Directly the ball was started it was taken to the Mosquitoes' end, and a goal kicked by Scott from the centre. During the last few minutes several shots were had by Poland and Scott, and one scrimmage occurred right between the posts, but nothing further was scored. The goal-posts were 6ft less apart than the regulation distance. A.J. Last, Puttock, and Clark played well for the Pilgrims."

Mosquitoes: E.A. Whittle (Capt.), T.G. Thompson (Half Backs); J.H. Cornford, H. Young (Backs), W. Spilman, A.R. Kirkpatrick (Centres), A.J. Cornford, S. Stokes (Right Side), C.J. Davey, A.E. Denny (Left Side), H. Denny (Goal).

Pilgrims: H.A. Swepstone (Goal); A.W. Ramsey (Capt.), M.E. Dovaston (Backs), C.H. Last, A.J. Puttock (Half Backs), H.G. Poland, H.A. Knowles (Right Side), A.J. Last, S.W. Scott (Centres), F.A. Clark, C.E. Mott (Left Side)

N.B. Positions in REF are different

Umpires: J.H. Sharpington for Mosquitoes and J. Henderson for Pilgrims. Referee: R.L. Jackson (Finchley)

Umpires as Sir J. Kirkpatrick, Bart, and C.E. Hart and Referee: N.L. Jackson in REF 6/11/81 P.6

REPLAY:

PILGRIMS 5 (S.W. Scott, H.A. Knowles 2, A.J. Last, A. Maund) MOSQUITOES 0 (H.T 3-0) (Sat Nov 12<sup>th</sup>) (At Pilgrims' ground, Copper Mill-lane, Walthamstow)

Sportsman 14/11/81 P.4/Referee 13/11/81 P.6:

SM: "This undecided Cup tie was played out on Saturday, on the Pilgrims' ground, at Walthamstow, and a well-contested game resulted in the Mosquitoes being defeated by five goals to none. Ramsey having won the toss elected to kick with the wind, and the Mosquitoes started the game at three o'clock. After ten minutes a long throw by E.H. Puttock sent the ball towards the Mosquitoes' goal, and Scott quickly guided it through the posts. Again the Pilgrims scored, Knowles rushing the leather under the tape. For a time, Denny, Thompson, and Kirkpatrick removed the play to the other end, but a combined run of the home forwards enabled A.J. Last to take a third goal by a corner kick from the

centre. After a close shot by Scott half time was called, and the visitors were hard at work on the offensive. Dovaston and C. Last were busily engaged in frustrating their efforts, and Swepstone hit out two good shots. The play then was carried on in Mosquitoes' territory, and a fine long shot by Knowles produced the fourth goal, the same player quickly followed up, and again sent it under, but being declared "off-side" the score did not count. Stokes very nearly effected the downfall of the Pilgrims' colours, but following up a clever run by A. J. Last, the fifth goal was taken by Maund, who had played hard and unselfishly throughout, victory thus resting with the Pilgrims by five goals to nil. For the winners, who played with much better effect than on the previous Saturday, A. J. Last, Puttock, C. H. Last, and Ramsey were prominent, though all worked hard. The visitors did not seem so much at home (as) on the Dulwich ground: for them, Whittle, Cornford, and Denny played hard."

REF: "This cup tie, which resulted in a drawn game, on November 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Greyhound, Dulwich, was played again this (Saturday) afternoon on the Pilgrims ground, in Copper Mill-lane, Walthamstow, when, after a very pleasant game, the Pilgrims were declared winners by five goals to none. Punctually at three o'clock the ball was started by the Mosquito captain, the home team having won the toss, and consequently obtained the advantage of a stiff wind that was blowing from the reservoir goal. After some minutes' play, a good throw in by Puttock enabled Scott to take the first goal, which was soon followed by one from Knowles, who was backing up well. The Mosquitoes played hard, but were evidently at a disadvantage, their ground being much faster than the Walthamstow venue. A. J. Last scored the third goal by a fine screw kick from the centre, and Scott narrowly missed the post just as half time was called. Urged on by their captain, the visitors made several attacks on the Pilgrims' goal after the change of ends, but Swepstone was "all there" with his wonderful defensive powers, and Knowles took a fourth goal by a fine long shot from the right. Again the same player had the ball through, but was given "off side", and (Maund added the last score) to the Pilgrims by good following up, the Mosquitoes claiming "off side," which was disallowed by the referee. Several corner kicks fell to each side, but nothing more was scored. Whittle, Thompson, Denny, Davey, and Cornford played admirably for the beaten club, who did not show to such advantage as on their own ground, while A. J. Last, Scott, Puttock, and Ramsey played a good game for the Pilgrims, who were in much better form than the previous week."

Pilgrims: H. A. Swepstone (Goal), A. W. Ramsey (Capt.), M. E. Dovaston (Backs), C. H. Last, E. H. Puttock (Half Backs), H. A. Knowles, H. G. Poland (Right), A. J. Last, S. W. Scott (Centres), F. A. Clark, A. Maund (Left).

Mosquitoes: H. Denny (Goal), J. H. Cornford, T. Sharpington (Backs), E. A. Whittle (Capt.), W. Spilman (Half Backs), E. Cane, J. W. Stokes (Right), T. G. Thompson, A. R. Kikpatrick (Centres), C. J. Davey, A. E. Denny (Left).

Umpires: A. W. Letts (Old Foresters) and A. J. Frost (Grey Friars). Referee: E. H. Bambridge (Swifts).

BARNES 3 (Not traced) ROCHESTER 1 (G. W. Prall) (H. T. 2-1) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Barnes)

Field 12/11/81 709:

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F: "The match between these two clubs in the first round of the Cup ties, was played on Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup>, at Barnes, and resulted in a somewhat easy victory for the home team. Barnes having lost the toss, had to play during the first half of the time against the wind. In spite of this they managed to put two goals to their credit within the first quarter of an hour. The visitors then played up with

considerable determination, and, after several very erratic shots, secured a goal through the agency of G.W. Prall. After this success Barnes played up with more resolution, and their goal was never again in serious danger. During the second half of the game the home team had it almost entirely their own way; but only managed to add one more to their score, the game thus resulting in a victory for Barnes by three goals to one. For Barnes the two Freemans, Hawker, and Ibbs played well forward, but their victory would have been more complete if the play had been less selfish, and there had been more passing, especially from the centre. Carlisle and Muspratt were very good behind. For Rochester, G.W. Prall and A. Henry played very well, and the passing of the forwards all round was good; but their backs, with the exception of Smith, were weak."

Barnes: J.H. Wilson (Goal); E. Carlisle, J.E. Vintcent (Backs); J.P. Muspratt, W.R. Sheldon (Half Backs); C.R. Freeman (Capt.), G.L. Hawker (Rights), R.S. Ibbs, A.H. Aitken (Centres), C.O. Wilson, A. Freeman (Lefts).

Rochester: A. Woodhams (Goal); H. Thomas, W. Langhorne (Backs); F.F. Smith (Capt.), F. Wyles (Half Backs); R. Lake, R. Bathurst, G.W. Prall, A. Henry, H.H. Prall, W. Henry (Forwards).

OLD FORESTERS 3 (E. Burrows, C.J. Horner, G.C. Mills) MORTON RANGERS 0 (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)  
(At Forest School Ground, Snaresbrook, Walthamstow)

Field 12/11/81 P.709:

F: "This Association Cup tie was played off on Saturday last, Nov. 5, on Forest School Ground, Walthamstow, and ended in a victory for the former by three goals to none. The Foresters won the toss and elected to play downhill, and against the wind, so Morton Rangers kicked off at 3.25. Until half time the Rangers, with the help of the wind, managed to make a moderate fight of it, though the runs of the day down the left side were very dangerous at times. About ten minutes before half time was called, Burrows, by a magnificent shot, scored the first goal for the Foresters. After half time it was evident that the severe pace had told on the visitors, and until the call of time the play was confined almost entirely to their territory, two more goals being scored by Horner and Mills. The Old Foresters all played well, Day being most prominent, and Fairclough in goal doing well, but the shooting was very wild."

Old Foresters: P. Fairclough (Capt.) (Goal); F.W. Sewell, L. Horner (Backs); B.J.W. Grieve, J. Bolton (Half Backs); T.M. Day, C.J. Horner, R.W. Burrows, J. Gilbey, G.C. Mills, J.H. Matthews (Forwards).

Morton Rangers: Nicholls (Goal); F. Fife, G. Weir (Backs); A. Knight, Browning (Half Backs); Wright (Capt.), McPherson, Butler, Broughton, Davill, Welmshurst (Forwards).

Umpires: (M. Ranger) and A.W. Letts. Referee: Robert Redwood.

KILDARE 0 ROYAL ENGINEERS 6 (No scorers traced) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Shepherd's Bush)

Sportsman 7/11/81 P.4/Nottingham Evening Post 7/11/81 P.4/Sporting Life 8/11/81 P.1/Referee 6/11/81 P.6:

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NEP: "This match was played on Saturday at Shepherd's Bush, and resulted in favour of the Engineers by six goals to love."

REF: "This match was played today (Saturday) at Shepherds Bush, and resulted in favour of the Engineers by six goals to love."

N.B. No full report

Kildare: A.S. Grey (Capt.) (Goal), W. Baker, G. Endall (Backs), R.H. Dewhirst, T. Cross, A.C. Mayor (Half Backs), H. Lee, R.S. Saunders (Right Wing), G.F. Foxhall (Centre), R.F. Davey, G.W. Stone (Left Wing).

Royal Engineers: C.A.R. Browne (Goal); B.B. Russell, H.N. Dumbleton (Backs); R.M. Ruck (Capt.), W.S. Vidal (Half Backs); H.H. Barnet, R.S. Maclagan (Right Wing), O.M. Thackwell, +G. Williams (Centres), W.S. Kincaid, L. Quill (Left Wing).

+S. Williams thought to be wrong

Umpires: A.E. Haynes (R.E.), and J.W. Harvey (K.F.C.). Referee: J. Winn, R.E.

ESHER LEOPOLD 0 OLD CARTHUSIANS 5 (No scorers traced) (H.T. 0-2) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) ("In the beautiful grounds of" Sandown Park, Esher)

Field 12/11/81 P.709/Nottingham Evening Post 7/11/81 P.4/Referee 6/11/81 P.6:

F: "Played in lovely weather on Saturday, Nov. 5, in the beautiful grounds of Sandown Park, Esher. The home team won the toss, and chose the wind for the first half. The Old Carthusians soon scored a goal, shortly followed by a second, which was disallowed from an appeal of "offside". Some excellent play was then witnessed on both sides, and at the call of half time only two goals were scored. Several corner kicks now followed for the Old Boys, but no goals were obtained from them, thanks to the splendid play of Money in goal. The match ultimately ended in a victory for the holders of the cup, by five goals to none."

NEP: "This match was played in Sandown Park, Esher, on Saturday, and after a very fast and pleasant game resulted in a victory for the Old Carthusians by five goals to love."

Athletic News 9/11/81 P.5: "The Old Carthusians had little difficulty in knocking out Esher Leopold, the match being played on a beautiful ground in Sandown Park, famous to the lovers of horse-racing; the Esher goal was finely kept by the Old Harrovian, Rev. W.B. Money, whose pupils of the extinct Weybridge club formed the greater portion of the local team. Five goals were kicked by the Carthusians, for whom Princep, Norris, Colvin, Parry, and Page were conspicuous." PILGRIM

Esher Leopold: Rev. W.B. Money (Goal), F.A. Richards, F. Eldridge (Backs), F.W.J. Fricker (Capt.), T.M. Row (Half Backs); H.H. Hayden, H.A. Baldwin (Right Wing), E.W. Pratt, A.J. Lomer (Centres), A.C. White, G.B. Jump (Left Wing).

Old Carthusians: C.W. Wright (Goal), W.H. Norris, E.G. Colvin (Backs), J.F.M. Princep, H. Somers-Cocks (Half Backs), E.J. Wilson, L.M. Richards (Right Wing), E.H. Parry (Capt.), W.R. Page (Centres), R.L. Escombe, A.H. Tod (Left Wing).

THIRD DIVISION:

Swifts v Herts Rangers

Acton v Finchley

Clapham Rovers v Old Etonians  
Henley v Maidenhead  
Olympic v Old Harrovians

HERTS RANGERS 0 SWIFTS 4(E.C.Bambridge 4)( Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Watford)

Nottingham Evening Post 7/11/81 P.4:no teams/(No report in Watford Observer for 12/11/81 presumably because badly defeated!All other games were fully reported.)

NEP:"This match,one of the ties in the above competition,was played at Watford on Saturday,and resulted in favour of Swifts by four goals to nothing.The goals were kicked by E.C.Bambridge."

WAIT FOR Herts Guardian to be digitised as per BL Newspaper site plans.

Watford Observer 5/11/81 P.3:

"The match today(Saturday) will be Herts Rangers v Swifts(cup tie),at Watford.

HERTS RANGERS:C.R.Humbert(Goal);J.R.Napier,C.P.Wilson(Backs);H.S.Springett,C.R.Chance(Half Backs);R.Barker(Capt.),C.P.Harvey,P.H.Morton,F.Sargent,J.Kennedy,+W.B.Briscoe(Forwards)."

+Corrected from W.B.Bacot

FINCHLEY 0 ACTON 0(Sat Oct 29<sup>th</sup>)(At Alexandra Palace Cricket Ground,Muswell Hill)

Sportsman 31/10/81 P.4/Sporting Life 1/11/81 P.1/Acton Gazette 5/11/81 P.7:

SM:"These metropolitan clubs,being drawn together in the first round,met to decide the question of superiority on Saturday last,at the Alexandra Palace Cricket Ground,Muswell Hill.The weather was bitterly cold,whilst a number of brief but heavy showers caused the attendance to be somewhat limited.Acton won the toss,and the usual preliminaries having been arranged the ball was set in motion shortly after three o'clock.At starting the visitors,who were located at the western goal,had a decided advantage,the ball being several times shot across the Finchley goal-line,Thornton showing to marked advantage.The latter then rallied,and obtained several corners from which,however, nothing resulted.Grey then relieved his side with a fine run,but "half-time" was called after three-quarters of an hour's sharp play,without anything having been obtained.Ends having been changed, play was resumed,but the ball had by this time become very slippery causing the shots to fall somewhat wide of the mark.Shortly after re-starting Acton obtained their first and only corner kick, but failed to send the "leather" between the posts.Finchley then played up with some determination and a ding-dong game ensued in which either side alternately held an advantage until time was called at the expiration of ninety minutes' play without any goal being scored.The teams will therefore have to meet again on Saturday next on the ground of the Acton eleven.The game throughout was remarkably even,Savage,Grey,and Thornton deserving special mention for the visitors,whilst for Finchley some hard work was put in by F.Southern,Chambers,Tatham,Dodd,and Brown."

SL:"This match in the first round was played on Saturday last at the Alexandra Park Cricket Ground, Muswell Hill.The weather was bitterly cold and the attendance limited.Acton,who commenced to kick from the western goal,had at first a decided advantage,the ball being several times sent over

the Finchley goal-line. Finchley then obtained several corner-kicks, from which, however, nothing resulted, and "half-time" was called without any score been obtained. Ends having been changed, play was resumed, but the ball was very slippery, causing the shots at goal to be very erratic. Acton now obtained a corner-kick, but failed to utilise the opportunity. The game thus settled in a draw, and the elevens meet again on Saturday at Acton. Savage, Grey, and Thornton for Acton, and F. Sothern, Chambers, Tatham, Dodd, and Brown for Finchley showed prominently throughout."

Sporting Gazette 5/11/81: "but the match at the Alexandra Palace was undecided" / Sporting Gazette 19/11/81: "having played a drawn game at Alexandra Palace"

AG: "The eleven selected to represent Acton playing off the cup tie journeyed to Alexandra Palace last Saturday. Thornton, having won the toss, elected to play with the sun behind him, and Gore kicked off for Finchley. A strong wind was blowing across the ground, and for the first fifteen minutes the ball was continually out of play. At length Winsland, who was playing well on the right side, eluded the backs, and passing the ball to Thornton, the latter made a fine shot, which was just saved by Hamilton in goal. The game became here pretty fast, but principally near the Finchley goal, and Grey, bringing the ball out of a thick scrimmage, passed to Thornton, who kicked between the posts; the goal was disallowed by the umpire. A smart run by Hearne for Finchley looked dangerous, but he shot too high, the ball going quite four feet over the tape. A sharp shower of sleet fell, and made the grass so slippery that fast play was impossible, the match being carried on very evenly till the finish, when it was left drawn, no goal being registered by either side."

Finchley: J. Hamilton (Goal), F. R. Southern, H. A. Chambers (Backs), E. Tatham, H. Alderson (Half Backs), W. B. Browne (Capt.), G. H. Dodd (Right Wing), H. A. Gore, J. A. Southern (Centres), F. W. Hearne, R. Lake (Left Wing).

N.B. Sometime Browne and Hearne are spelt Brown and Hearn: there is no consistency

Acton: B. J. Young (Goal); J. G. Mellers, W. Boosey (Backs), A. Savage, F. Attoe, C. Collins (Half Backs), W. Biggs, F. Winsland (Right Wing), F. L. Thornton (Capt.) (Centre), R. Grey, C. A. Sykes (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Hooper (Clapham Rovers) and R. W. Jackson (Finchley). Referee: H. J. Morrison (Gresham)

REPLAY:

ACTON 4 (F. L. Thornton, C. A. Sykes, R. Grey 2) FINCHLEY 0 (H. T. 2-0) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Acton)

Field 12/11/81 P. 710 / Sportsman 7/11/81 P. 4 / Sporting Life 8/11/81 P. 1 / Referee 6/11/81 P. 6 / Acton Gazette 12/11/81 P. 7:

F: "Played at Acton on Saturday. At first the play was even, but Thornton soon made a good run, kicking a very fine goal. Finchley now played hard, but Acton would not be denied, and after some pretty passing, the ball was crossed to Sykes, who, with a well directed shot, scored another goal. No change took place until after half time, when Grey, getting possession, ran the ball well down and shot a goal, a feat he repeated directly afterwards. No further score being made, Acton won by four goals to love."

REF: "This match was played at Acton today (Saturday). Finchley won the toss, and Thornton kicked off. At first the play was even, but Thornton soon made a good run, kicking a very fine goal. Finchley



now played hard, but Acton would not be denied, and after some pretty passing the ball was crossed to Sykes, who with well-directed shot, scored another goal. No change took place until half time, when Grey, getting possession, ran the ball well down and shot a goal, a feat he repeated directly afterwards on the ball being kicked off, no further score being made. Acton won by four goals to love. Acton played well together, being well supported at half-backs, and back, while Finchley tried hard to score."

AG: "The match between the above clubs having resulted in a draw last Saturday week, was played over again at Acton last Saturday. Thornton lost the toss, and kicked against the wind. For some time the play was very even, but Thornton, getting away with the ball, raced down the ground at a tremendous pace, and finished up with a splendid shot, to the great delight of the onlookers. Shortly afterwards, after some good passing between Sykes and Grey, who had neither been playing up to form, the latter muddled to Sykes, who shot it through. On starting after half-time Finchley played up hard, Hearne, Alderson, and Brown working their hardest; but the excellent play of Hooper and Boosey frustrated their efforts. A claim of offside near the Finchley goal being given in their favour, Hamilton sent the ball by a fine kick to Hooper, who passed it on to R. Grey, and the latter breaking away with it, passed the Finchley backs, and shot it through their goal. Scarcely two minutes had elapsed after the kick-off when Grey, again getting possession of the ball, dashed down the field, and eluding the backs, ran the ball through the Finchley goal again, Acton thus winning a fine match by four goals to nothing. For Finchley, F. Southern, Browne, and Broadhurst, worked hard to avert defeat. For Acton, Hooper was in splendid form at back, and Boosey played coolly and well, while the half-backs left nothing to be desired."

SM: "This undecided tie was contested at Acton on Saturday, when the home team won by four goals to love."

Acton: B. J. Young (Goal), P. W. Hooper, W. Boosey (Backs); A. Savage, F. Attoe, C. Collins (Half Backs), R. Grey, C. A. Sykes, F. L. Thornton (Capt.), J. G. Mellers, W. Biggs (Forwards).

Finchley: J. Hamilton (Goal), F. R. Southern, A. J. Hearne (Backs), E. Tatham, H. Broadhurst (Half Backs), W. B. Browne (Capt.), A. Bathurst, G. H. Dodd, H. Alderson, F. W. Hearne, J. A. Southern (Forwards).

Umpires: R. Messer (Acton) and N. L. Jackson (Finchley). Referee: H. Morison (Gresham).

CLAPHAM ROVERS 2 (W. N. Tayloe, H. S. Payne) OLD ETONIANS 2 (R. H. Macaulay, H. C. Goodhart) (H. T. 1-2) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Bell's Life 12/11/81 P. 10/Nottingham Evening Post 7/11/81 P. 4/Field 12/11/81 P. 709/Sporting Life 8/11/81 P. 1/Sportsman 7/11/81 P. 4/Windsor & Eton Express 12/11/81 P. 4/Referee 6/11/81 P. 5/6:

BL: "With the wind the Etonians obtained (during the first half) two goals (Macaulay and Goodhart), and the Rovers one (Tayloe). After change the Etonians still had the best of it, but Payne kicked another goal for the Rovers, and the game ended in a tie."

F: "to anyone unacquainted with the capriciousness of our climate the many changes experienced in a few days would appear bewildering. During last week it was cold (snow being experienced), and warm by turns, and on Saturday last those who assembled to witness the Old Etonians and Clapham Rovers contest their match in the first round of the Association Challenge Cup competition found the south-

westerly breeze almost acceptable. Each club has held the cup, and for this reason the match was considered more interesting than any of the other cup matches being played at the same time. A large number of spectators were present, and the fact that, after an hour and a half's play, the result was a draw proves that the proceedings were invested with no small amount of excitement. Choice of goals fell to the Etonians, and they left their rivals to kick off against a strong breeze. With such a valuable ally the wearers of the light blue were enabled at once to set up a strong attack, and, although the defence, as may be expected, was of a formidable character, had the best of the early situation. Macaulay, after some fine play had been shown on both sides, missed a chance which might have been successful, but atoned for his error shortly afterwards by taking the ball out of a loose scrimmage and sending it smartly between the Rovers' posts. This caused the game to be even more stoutly contested than before, and some very smart work was done by the forwards of both sides, while the kicking of the backs all round was exceptionally good. Edgar Field and Weston were particularly effective, and at length the Rovers, despite the wind and energetic play of the Etonians, carried all before them, and an excellent middle by Tayloe struck Whitfeld who had the mortification of seeing the ball rebound from him and pass through the posts. This piece of bad luck had a by no means disheartening effect on the old boys of Eton, who succeeded in giving their rivals a good deal of hard work, Kinnaird indeed was ubiquitous, and frequently when the Rovers were in full flight: stayed their progress with a plucky charge. It was on one of these occasions that Kinnaird was enabled to pass the ball direct to Novelli, and the last-named centred so accurately to Goodhart as to make the task of scoring a matter of considerable ease. The score underwent no further change previous to half time, and the Rovers' prospects seemed exceedingly good, as the wind had not abated in the least. For a brief period the Etonians more than held their own, but the play of the Rovers' backs, one and all, and the right wing of the forwards, caused the opponent much anxiety. Burridge, a Westminster School boy, played uncommonly well, dribbling and passing at times in masterly style; and Weston, always noted as a determined player, was never seen to better advantage. Bailey's throwing-in was exceedingly good, and, what with a number of corner kicks, the ball was so frequently found so close to the Etonian goal, that it was surprising no score fell to the Rovers, who, however, seldom had anyone in the centre to make use of the many apparently good opportunities. The Etonians were most energetic in their defence, but the strong play of their rivals, assisted by the wind, caused the ball to be oftener in their quarters. A throw-in was made by Weston, which the referee disallowed, and at his second attempt Tayloe took possession, and, middling very finely to Payne, the last-named kicked directly between the posts. Thus the scores were made level, and so they remained until the end of the game, which was accordingly left drawn, with two goals to each side."

REF: "There was a large assemblage of spectators to-day (Saturday) at Kennington Oval, when the representatives of Eton and the celebrated Clapham Rovers played a match in the first round of the above competition, which, at the conclusion of the customary hour and a half, resulted in a draw, each team being credited with a couple of goals. Having lost the toss, the Etonians had to play the first part of the game from the Crown Baths side of the ground, with a strong wind against them, and at ten minutes before three Macaulay kicked off. At first, notwithstanding the wind, the Etonians rather penned their adversaries in their own domain, and some efficient play was shown by both teams, till at length, out of a scrimmage that took place in front of the Clapham goal, Macaulay succeeded in driving the ball through the posts, having previously missed an easy one. At so early a stage of the game this unfortunate incident for the Claphamites evidently had the effect of dampening the

ardour of their adherents, who, however, when they had somewhat recovered from their surprise, cheered on their favourites to renewed exertions to figuratively lower the colours of the Etonians. At length, after repeated efforts, the Clapham forwards, led on by Burridge, White, and Payne, dashed across the ground, and Tayloe receiving the ball from his comrades, cleverly middled it, when, coming into contact with Whitfeld, it rebounded and glanced under the bar, thus making the score level. The play went on fast and furiously for some time, the Etonians still continuing to hamper their opponents, in spite of the efforts made by Bailey, Field, Weston, and Squire to prevent them, till, in about ten minutes after the last goal was scored, Kinnaird sent the ball to Novelli, who in turn middled it to Goodhart, and Eton again took precedence, amid great cheering. Thus the fight went on, still rather in favour of the Etonians, who played admirably throughout, Foley, Macaulay, Dunn, Goodhart, Chevalier, and Novelli particularly distinguishing themselves. At half-time ends were changed, and Bailey re-started the game. The Etonians on receiving the ball, charged over the line, and severely threatened the safety of the enemy's fortress, but Burridge, the Westminster captain, getting possession of the ball, dribbled it down the right side, till checked by Paravicini, who turned the danger away. A number of corner kicks fell to both teams, though nothing came of them, till at last, when the game seemed all in favour of the Etonians, the Rovers made a desperate onslaught, when, from a throw-in by Weston, Tayloe middled the ball to Payne, and the score once more became equal. After this rather unsatisfactory termination of a well-contested game—for nothing further occurred of any particular moment for the rest of the time allotted for the play—the match was left drawn, as above stated."

Clapham Rovers: R. H. Bailey (Goal); Edgar Field, R. T. Squire (Backs); N. C. Bailey (Capt.), V. Weston (Half Backs), C. Holden-White, W. A. Burridge (Right Wing), J. S. Oxley, H. S. Payne (Centres), W. N. Tayloe, S. S. Sprigge (Left Wing).

Old Etonians: J. F. P. Rawlinson (Goal); T. H. French, P. J. de Paravicini (Backs); C. W. Foley, Hon. A. F. Kinnaird (Capt.) (Half Backs); A. T. B. Dunn, J. B. T. Chevalier (Right Wing), R. H. Macaulay, H. C. Goodhart (Centres), H. Whitfeld, P. C. Novelli (Left Wing).

REF has Foley as Captain and Betts as umpire for Clapham with Hart as referee.

Umpires: C. E. Hart (Pilgrims) and C. H. R. Wollaston (Wanderers). Referee: M. P. Betts (Old Harrovians).

REPLAY:

OLD ETONIANS 1 (Scrimmage) CLAPHAM ROVERS 0 (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Nov 19<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 21/11/81 P.4/Field 26/11/81 P.783/Athletic News 23/11/81 P.6/Sportsman 21/11/81 P.4/Sporting Life 22/11/81 P.1/Referee 20/11/81 P.6:

SDT: "The weather was fine and there was a large and fashionable attendance. The Clapham Rovers won the toss and at twenty minutes to three o'clock the Old Etonians kicked off with both wind and sun in their faces. For some time the play was fairly even, and as the backs on both sides were in excellent form neither side could claim the lead. A good shot by Burridge went very close to the Eton goal, and touching the ropes that secured the posts, but this was the only time either fortress was endangered. After about twenty minutes a corner fell to the Rovers, but nothing came of it. Towards the end of the first half from a throw in by Foley, Goodhart charged the Clapham goalkeeper and although he once got rid of the ball a scrimmage took place under the posts, and one of the Clapham

backs, unable to get it out, sent it between his own posts, thus giving a point to the Etonians. The change of ends was all in favour of the Etonians, and their forwards playing with much greater dash than their opponents, kept them on the defensive, with very few exceptions, till the end. Three corners, all well taken by Kinnaird, were registered against the Rovers, but none proved successful. Goodhart and Macaulay more than once sent the ball over the Rovers' bar, and again a corner kick fell to Kinnaird, Ogilvie twice saving his goal in fine style. During the last ten minutes the game was entirely in the Clapham half, and the backs several times had to send the ball over their own lines. Just before the close the Rovers obtained a corner, but they had to beat a hasty retreat, and when time was called the Etonians, who showed much better form, were left the winners by one goal to none."

F: "The advantage of concerted play was again demonstrated on Saturday, when the tie was played off on the scene of the former engagement, Kennington Oval. Fine weather was experienced, and the amount of interest in the contest was evidenced by the large number of spectators. For this meeting the Rovers secured to themselves the advantage of the wind during the early half, and at first pressed their opponents so severely that it was surprising the Old Etonians were able to hold their own. Having kept up an almost continuous attack for ten minutes, the Rovers were at length driven back, and, but for Field's timely kick, their goal would have been endangered. Bailey's shot sent the ball even further up the field, and a run by Tayloe put the Etonians again on the defensive. Securing two throws-in successively then helped Eton, who, however, were once more forced back, and goal-keeper compelled to use his hands. A rush was made for the Clapham goal, which Goodhart nearly succeeded in capturing. The ball remained some time close to the Rovers' citadel; but Sparks, Field, and Weston behaved admirably, and at length Burridge and White got it well away. A capital shot each was made by Burridge and Sparks, and an allowed claim of hands still furthered the Rovers' chance, and the free kick (an excellent one by Burridge) resulted in a corner. Each goal narrowly escaped, but for the remainder of the first half Eton had by far the best of the situation. Several times the Clapham goal was only just kept intact, while the Eton goal was always well defended. From a throw in on the left a sharp scrimmage occurred in front of the Rovers' posts, between which the ball was forced for the first and only time in the match. Ends having been changed, Eton were favoured by the wind, and for a greater portion of the time they were acting on the aggressive, working admirably together. Two corners fell to Eton, and twice Goodhart just kicked over the tape; indeed the Clapham Rovers' backs had a great deal of work, but certainly did it well, saving their goal on one or two occasions, when its downfall seemed almost certain. Some very smart play was shown by Burridge and Weston at this portion of the game, and two capital shots by the former would probably have been more dangerous had the Rovers been closer to their rivals' goal. No score whatever was made in the second half, and the game consequently ended in favour of the Old Etonians by one goal to none."

SL: "So the game was carried on, each team alternately gaining some slight advantage, till shortly before "half time", when Macaulay arrived close on the Rovers' goal, and out of a fierce bully the Etonians rushed the ball under the bar."

REF: "Shortly before half-time, Ogilvie, having previously twice saved his goal, was at last overpowered, for Macaulay, having shown off his dribbling powers in a run well down the centre, got close upon the Clapham goal. A fierce scrimmage then took place, out of which the ball was passed through the posts."

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

(F/SM/REF have R.D.Anderson for W.J.Anderson

Clapham Rovers :R.A.M.M.Ogilvie(Goal);Edgar Field,R.T.Squire(Backs);N.C.Bailey(Capt.),V.Weston (Half Backs),W.A.Burridge,C.Holden-White(Right Wing),F.J.Sparks,T.G.Styan(Centres), W.N.Tayloe,S.S.Sprigge(Left Wing).

Umpires:C.W.Alcock(Old Harrovians) and C.H.R.Wollaston(Wanderers).Referee:M.P.Betts(Old Harrovians).

HENLEY 0 MAIDENHEAD 2(G.Green,J.Bailey) (At Henley)(Sat Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Maidenhead Advertiser 26/10/81 P.3/Henley Advertiser 29/10/81 P.4/Sportsman 24/10/81 P.1/Referee 23/10/81 P.6:

MA:"The club mounted the first step for the Association Cup on Saturday,by defeating Henley on their own ground,after a very pleasant game,by two goals to "nil".The weather was of the worse description,and the ground in consequence was very slippery on the surface,and falls were numerous.Our team had the best of the game from the first,and Lovegrove's charge was never in much jeopardy,though a very sharp cross shot just before the end of the match might have puzzled him had it been a little more to the left.Maidenhead having won the toss,Marlow kicked off at about 3.30,and the ball was soon down in their territory,and after a little passing backwards and forwards it was well worked down by our sides,and the first goal was scored from the foot of Green,who worked hard through the game.His partner Vardy,in the centre,was always handy to help the progress of the ball towards its proper destination,though he did not seem quite natural in his new place.The two "young 'uns" on the right-W.Mackie and J.Bailey-worked very well together,and were deservedly applauded on several occasions;but the two lefts-F.Mackie and Goodchild,though hard workers-were rather inclined to be out of their places,and so were the means of confusing the others when passing the ball across to them.Smith at back was always good,and Wilks came out strong again after his illness,but was "called over the coals" for holding his opponents every now and then.The two half-backs,Hazeldine and Reay,were of great service and put in a lot of work,though the former did not always confine his operations to his own position in the field.The latter was instrumental in putting in his spke when wanted,and made two or three really good dribbling runs down,and dodged his opponents well.Some of the Henley men were heavier than ours,and played well individually,but they did not act in concert when the pinch came.Ive,Lowther,Smith,and Down were most prominent,and Outhwaite in goal found the benefit of his height,and saved several shots in good style,which would otherwise have certainly scored to us.Our second goal was well got by Bailey,after a corner kick by Hazeldine.Everyone was glad when time was called."

HA:"The cup tie was played at Henley on Saturday and won by the visitors by two goals to love.For the visitors,A.Smith,Ray,W.Mackie,Bailey,and W.Goodchildwere conspicuous;while for Henley, Owthwaite,Lowther,F.Smith,and Down worked hard to avert defeat."

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SM: "These clubs contested their tie in the first round of the above at Henley on Saturday when the home team were defeated by two goals to none."

Reading Mercury 29/10/81 P.4 : "Rain fell during the whole time the game was being played. The visitors won by 2 goals to none." (No teams)

Berkshire Chronicle 29/10/81 P.8 : "The game was played in miserably wet and cold weather." (No teams)

Bucks Herald 29/10/81 P.8: "The home team played up in a most determined manner, but they were unable to cope with Maidenhead who were declared winners by two goals to none." (No teams)

Henley: J. Owthwaite (Goal), H. A. Lowther, C. R. Hodges (Backs), W. H. Browning, F. P. Ive (Capt.) (Half Backs), A. C. Buchanan, W. J. Down (Rights), T. C. Sharp, A. L. Secretan (Centres), A. Cooper-Smith, F. Smith (Lefts).

Maidenhead: W. E. Lovegrove (Capt.), (Goal), J. Wilks, A. Smith (Backs), F. Hazeldine, C. E. Reay (Half Backs), W. Mackie, J. Bailey (Right Wing), C. A. Vardy, G. Green (Centres), F. Mackie, A. Goodchild (Lefts).

Umpires: A. Moyses (Maidenhead) and Rev. J. M. Collard (Henley). Referee: J. H. Clark (At request of the Henley team).

OLYMPIC 2 (B. Sinclair, A. N. Other) OLD HARROVIANS 4 (J. O. F. Murray 3, A. H. Davidson) (H.T. 1-2)  
(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (Olympic's Ground, Forest Gate)

Field 12/11/81 P. 709:

F: "This match, in the first round of the above competition, took place on Saturday last, at Forest Gate, on the ground of the Olympic Club. Play was fixed for three o'clock, by which time the visitors were ready and on the ground; but, in consequence of the inexcusable delay on the part of the home eleven, the ball was not kicked off until half an hour later, a delay which necessitated continuance of the play far into the darkness. The Harrow captain, having won the toss, elected to play up the hill, but with the wind, with which advantage the visitors were at once able to force the ball into their opponents' quarters, and before twenty minutes had elapsed, Murray secured for them their first goal, a success which he very shortly repeated. Meanwhile the Olympic forwards had endeavoured more than once to get away, but Law and Bowen, supported by the brothers Welch, easily repelled their efforts, until at last they were outpaced by Sinclair, Ashworth, and others, and, as the Harrow goalkeeper stumbled at the critical moment, Sinclair's kick passed through the posts, the umpire allowing the goal, though to all appearances a flagrant breach of the offside rule had occurred. Ends were soon after changed, but, in spite of the increased force of the wind, the home team were still severely pressed by the Harrow forwards, of whom Hargreaves and Murray worked wonders, the latter speedily gaining his third goal, a feat which he followed shortly after by a splendid run down the ground, from which Davidson easily scored the fourth success for his side. Twice after this the visitors drove the ball through the home goal, the ball once striking the tape, and passing under it, and

subsequently during a scrimmage in front of goal, the custodian with the ball in his arms being driven over the line; but by this time it was growing dusk, and the umpire, apparently unable to see what had actually taken place, gave the defenders the benefit of the doubt. Five minutes before time, and after the Harrovians had lost the services of one of their half backs, the Olympic forwards under cover of the night, advanced up the hill and secured a second goal before the Harrow backs or goalkeeper were aware of the proximity of the ball; the match thus ending in favour of the Old Harrovians by four goals to two."

Olympic: W.E. Mills (Goal); C. Beer, F.W. Fisher (Backs); G. Johnston, C.A. Gauntlett, H. Duggleby (Half Backs), R.F. Thompson (Capt.), A. Ashworth, D. McDonald, J. Betts, B. Sinclair (Forwards).

Old Harrovians: H.W. Greene (Goal); R. de C. Welch (Capt.), W. Welch (Backs); Rev. Wm. Law, E.E. Bowen (Half Backs); W.Y. Hargreaves, A.H. Davidson (Right Side), J.O.F. Murray, G.H. Daughlish (Centres), A. Chater, J.W. Holloway (Left Side).

#### FOURTH DIVISION:

Romford v Rangers

Hotspur v Union

Windsor Home Park v Reading Minster

Upton Park v St Albans

Woodford Bridge v Reading Abbey

Hanover United, a bye

ROMFORD walked over RANGERS scratched (SM 8/11/81 P.4)

HOTSPUR 1 (S.R. Carr) UNION 0 (H.T. 0-0) (Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Shepherd's Bush)

Referee 6/11/81 P.6/Sportsman 7/11/81 P.4/Sporting Life 8/11/81 P.1:

REF: "This match, under Association Rules, was played today (Saturday) at Shepherd's Bush, and resulted in favour of the Hotspur by one goal to nil. The Union won the toss, and took advantage of a strong wind that was blowing. The leather was started for the 'Spurs by Rees at 3.30 p.m., and the wind aiding them, the Union ran the ball down and gained a corner kick, but the wind sent the ball behind. They continued their offensive tactics, but Muir splendidly defended his fortress, and prevented them scoring. Hands were now given against the Union; Forster, however, unfortunately kicked twice, and the ball being kicked off by the Union, it was put between their opponents' posts, but the goal was disallowed on account of off-side. The Spurs now warmed to their work, and the ball being worked up the ground, three corner kicks in succession fell to them. The Union retaliated by carrying the war to their adversaries' ground, and obtained three corners. No score was made up to half time, but five minutes after the game being once more started, Carr, making a good run, scored for the Spurs. Splendid runs were made by Sutton and Winter for the Spurs, and by 'Poulton for the Union, but the score remained unaltered. The last quarter of an hour's play was almost in darkness, and both teams were glad when time was called, leaving the Hotspur winners by one goal to nil."

SM: "Played at Shepherd's Bush on Saturday, and resulted in favour of the Hotspur by one goal to nil."

SL: "On Saturday last this tie was played at Shepherd's Bush, a good game resulting in favour of the Hotspur team by one goal to nothing."

Hotspur: G. Muir (Goal), J. Kay (Capt.), G. Dowie (Backs), W. Roberts, I. Sutton (Half Backs), W. Winter, S. R. Carr (Right), G. Randall, J. Rees (Centres), J. Sutton, S. Forster (Left)

Union: G. M. Smith (Goal), Frank Webster (Capt.), J. E. MacFarlane (Backs), H. H. Mansfield, J. A. Ronald (Half Backs), S. W. Poulton, J. A. Macfarlane (Right), H. J. Gidney, +J. Thurlow (Centres), Richards, Boney (Left).

+T. Thurlow: check 82/83

Referee: M. Jackson (Dreadnoughts)

READING MINSTER 1 ("Disputed goal") WINDSOR HOME PARK 0 (Sat Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>) (At Minster Club Ground, Prospect Park)

Windsor and Eton Express 29/10/81 P.4 (No Reading Minster team) / Reading Observer 29/10/81 P.3 (No teams) / Field 29/10/81 P.639 (No teams) / (No report in Reading Mercury) (No teams or "scorer" in Bell's Life 29/10/81 P.10 nor in Field) (Not in Berkshire Chronicle):

Reading Observer 29/10/81: "Notwithstanding the bad weather on Saturday, these clubs met on the ground of the Minster Club, Prospect Park, in the presence of a large number of people. During a sharply contested game the Windsor team made several good shots at the Minster goal, but through the good play of the goal keeper (Rev. E. S. Hilliard) they were unable to score. Ultimately the Minster men took the ball from one end of the field to the other, and obtained a well-earned goal, which was disputed by the Windsor. We hear that it will be settled by the Football Association." (No teams)

W&EE records 0-0 score because the "winning" goal was disputed by Windsor Home Park and referred to the Football Association.

W&EE/F: "This match took place at Reading last Saturday, the weather being anything but pleasant for lookers-on. In the first fifteen minutes Windsor attacked the Reading goal, several near shots jeopardising it. Some even play ensued, Reading making one or two good shots, but none quite home, and after playing an hour and a half no goal was scored on either side, and the match was left drawn. For the Home Park team, Ashley, Wells, De Bay, Brown, and Buckland did good service." (No mention of the disputed goal)

Windsor Home Park: H. Wright (Goal); G. R. Ashley (Capt.), C. Wells (Backs); O. De Bay, W. Gale, C. O. Oliphant (Half Backs); T. Brown, E. Kemsley (Right Side), C. E. C. Ellis (Centre), R. Knight, F. W. Buckland (Left Side). (W&EE specified positions)

Reading Minster: Rev. E. S. Hilliard (Goalkeeper): no other names found.

Umpires: E. F. Bird for Windsor. Referee: Turner (Reading).

UPTON PARK 3 (C. Mitchell, H. A. Lafone, S. R. Bastard) ST ALBANS 0 (H. T. 1-0) (Sat Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>) (At Upton Lane, Upton Park Ground) (Scorers as per F: Mitchell, Lafone 2)

Field 29/10/81 P.639 / Sportsman 24/10/81 P.1 / Sporting Life 25/10/81 P.1 / Referee 23/10/81 P.6:



F: "Played on Saturday last on the ground of the former at Upton-lane. The weather was most inclement throughout, and Upton Park, who won the toss, had to play the first half of time against a blinding rain. Upton, having kicked off, at once took the ball into their opponents' quarters, and several sharp attacks were made upon the goal. After a few minutes' play Mitchell succeeded in kicking the ball under the tape, thus securing the first score for Upton Park. A vigorous rush subsequently by the St Albans men took the ball to the Upton goal line, and some defective play on the part of the backs resulted in a corner kick. Upon this being made Lafone got well away with the ball, and took it back to the St Alban's end, where it chiefly remained, in spite of many efforts of the home team to get it away. Clever but short runs were made by Barnett, Lafone, and Barnard, the middling of the extreme wings being wonderfully good. The St Alban's forwards were almost more persevering in their play, F. Ambler and Jefferies making a very fine combined run down the ground, ending in a corner kick in their favour. Morgan's back play at this time, and in fact throughout, was very good, in spite of the condition of the ball, which rendered all accurate kicking out of the question. Snell, in goal, was most cool and collected, repelling all attacks that were within reach. The weather slightly improved just before half time, but no further score was made until just after change of ends, when Lafone managed to get a shot out of a loose scrummage, and the ball, glancing off the post, gave the second score in favour of the Uptonians. The Uptonians, having now the wind in their favour, seemed to do as they liked with their opponents, Morgan's back play and Snell's goalkeeping alone preserving them from frequent disaster, aided perhaps by the fact that the state of the ball prevented any accident in the shooting at goal. Only on one occasion was the Upton goal menaced, the ball being punched away by C. Warner in his well-known and effective style. Lafone kicked another goal for Upton, and Mitchell made some determined shots, but was very unlucky, one of his shots striking the post, which inclined considerably inwards, and rebounding into play, while another would have been a goal had the tape only been stretched tight. At the conclusion of time Upton were declared winners by three goals to none. Undoubtedly the better team won, but St Albans made a good fight of it. Upton Park's back play will have to be considerably improved before they will be fit to cope with their more formidable opponents in the succeeding rounds, as, although their backs were indefatigable, their tackling was not sure, and their kicking often erratic. Some of this might be ascribed to the terrible state of both ground and ball."

SM: "These clubs met on Saturday, on the ground of the former, at Upton Park, in cheerless weather. The visitors made a plucky uphill fight and despite the good play of the Uptonian forwards, the latter could only manage to score one goal (kicked by Mitchell) prior to half time. On ends being changed the visitors tired somewhat, and despite some fine back play by Morgan, two more goals were added by Lafone and S.R. Bastard respectively, the Uptonians thus proving victorious, after ninety minutes' play, by three goals to none."

SL: "Mitchell scored for the Uptonians previous to half time and after ends were changed Lafone and Bastard each added a goal. St Albans tried hard to save the day, Morgan at back being particularly noticeable, while the Upton men showed good form all round."

REF: "Mitchell kicked one goal for Upton before half-time, and Lafone and Basatard each added one afterwards."

Upton Park: Conrad Warner (Capt.) (Goal), W.J. Mangles, P.C. Bates (Backs), H.P. Ward, H.B. Raven (Half Backs), H.R. Barnett, H.M. Joscelyne (Right), S.R. Bastard, C. Mitchell (Centres), H.A. Lafone, J. Barnard (Left)

St Albans:F.G.Snell(Goal),J.H.Morgan,C.Hathaway(Backs),W.Price(Capt.),G.L.Brown,W.S.Slooman (Half Backs),J.Jeffery,+J.T.Hardy(Right),J.Ambler(Centre),F.Ambler,F.Doyle(Left)

+SM/REF have J.T.Harvey and SL has J.T.Hardy(see 80-81),for A.E.Jarratt in F

Umpires:F.J.Sparks(Clapham Rovers) for Upton Park and +J.Armstrong for St Albans.

Referee:C.E.Hart(Pilgrims).

+F has R.F.Thompson(Olympic).

WOODFORD BRIDGE 1(Overton) READING ABBEY 1 (C.Vaisey)(H.T. 1-1)(Sat Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>)(At Woodford)

Woodford Times 29/10/81 P.6/Sportsman 24/10/81 P.1/Sporting Life 25/10/81 P.1/Referee 23/10/81 P.6:

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REF:"This match,being one in the first round of the Challenge Cup ties,was played at Woodford Bridge on Saturday,and resulted in a draw,each side scoring one goal.Play was much interefered with by rain and wind.The goal for the home team was kicked by Overton,and that for Reading Abbey by Vaisey.Besides these Maxwell and Vaisey(backs),and Goulding,Hadley,and Cox(forwards),deserve special mention for their play on behalf of the visitors,Tighe and Hooper(backs),and Wood,Shrewsbury,and Overton(forwards) playing well for Wodford Bridge."

SM:"This tie in the first round was played on the ground of the latter on Saturday in boisterous weather.Afer an evenly contested game each side had scored one goal,the result being a draw.The goals were obtained by Vaisey for the visitors and Overton for Woodford Bridge."

SL:"Played on Saturday at Woodford,and resulted in a draw,each obtaining one goal.The goals were obtained by Vaisey for the visitors and Overton for Woodford Bridge."

Woodford Bridge:Kennerley(Goal),Gingell,Hooper(Backs),Robilliard,Tighe(Half Backs), Overton,Venning(Capt.)(Right Side),Shrewsbury,Green(Centres),Hants,S.M.Wood(Left Side).

Reading Abbey:C.Scrivener(Goal),Eggington,H.Maxwell(Backs),C.Vaisey,E.P.Batten(Half Backs); H.Hadley,H.G.Cox(Right Side),W.Nash,J.N.Day(Capt.)(Centres),F.J.Plumer,S.Goulding(Left Side).

Umpires:Harris and Bawden.Referee:Jarvis(St Mark's College).

REPLAY:

READING ABBEY 2 (H.G.Cox,H.Maxwell) WOODFORD BRIDGE 0(H.T. 0-0) (Sat Oct 29<sup>th</sup>)(At Reading)

Reading Observer 5/11/81 P.4/Berkshire Chronicle 5/11/81 P.5/Field 5/11/81 P.676/Chelmsford Chronicle 11/11/81 P.7(No teams):

RO:"These clubs met again on Saturday to decide their tie in the first round of the Association Challenge Cup.Having played a drawn game at Woodford on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>,the Woodford team came to Reading to again try conclusions.The visitors winning the toss,Day kicked off for the home team,and the ball was soon taken into the visitors' quarters.It remained in their territory for some time,when

Overton bringing the leather down, made a capital shot, which was cleverly stopped by Scrivener. Hadley next getting the ball and making a good run, passed it to Vaisey, who sent it between the posts; the goal, however, was disallowed on the plea of off side. Several other shots were made by the Abbey men, but Robilliard being on the alert, half-time was called without any goals being scored. Ends being changed, the Abbey team had the wind in their favour, and soon pressed their opponents, several corner kicks falling to their share, and from a splendid corner kick by Batten, Cox sent the ball under the tape. On the ball being started again, Vaisey and Nash, who all through the game were exceedingly active (the passing of the latter being very good), now made some good shots at goal. Just as time was called Maxwell, who was playing well up, sent the ball once more under the tape." (No Woodford team)

F/CC: "Having played a drawn game at Woodford on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Woodford team went to Reading to again try conclusions. Half time was called without any goals being scored. Ends being changed the Abbey team had the wind in their favour, and soon pressed their opponents, and from a splendid corner kick by Batten, and out of a loose scrimmage in front of the posts, Cox sent the ball under the tape. Just before time was called, Maxwell, who was playing well up, sent the ball once more beneath the tape."

Reading Abbey: C. Scrivener (Goal); C. Pontin, H. Maxwell (Backs); E. P. Batten, F. J. Plummer (Half Backs); J. N. Day (Capt.), S. Golding (Right), W. Nash, C. Vaisey (Centres), H. Hadley, H. G. Cox (Left).

Woodford Bridge: Robilliard (Goal); Hooper (Capt.), Gingell (Backs); Tighe, Reynolds (Half Backs); Hants, Overton (Rights), Sharp, Shrewsbury (Centres), Wood, Green (Lefts).

Umpires: Bawden and Harris. Referee: J. Vaughan.

HANOVER, a bye

SECOND ROUND:

Bell's Life 12/11/81 P.10:

"The Second Ties were drawn on Monday as under." To be played off by Dec 3."

NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT:

Accrington v Darwen

Eagley or Bolton Wanderers v Blackburn Rovers

Turton or Astley Bridge v Bootle

DARWEN 3 (T. Marshall, T. Rostron 2) ACCRINGTON 1 (E. Hacking) (H.T. 2-1) (At Barley Bank, Darwen: at Accrington's choice) (Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>)

Athletic News 30/11/81 P.3/Blackburn Standard 3/12/81 P.3 (No teams) :

AN: "This match took place, on Saturday last, on the Barley Bank ground. Great interest was taken in the game, as Darwen in the first of home and home matches some three weeks ago were defeated by their opponents at Accrington. Some 3,000 to 4,000 spectators attended, and stayed throughout

the game, in spite of the heavy rain which fell incessantly, and was almost blinding, owing to the strong wind which blew during the afternoon. Darwen won the toss, and no time was lost getting to work. Darwen immediately paid a visit into their opponents' ground, and from a throw in their chance looked rosy; but Hindle by a powerful kick removed the danger for a time. A nice dribble and pass to Rostron was capitally executed by Marshall. The former then gave the ball to Bury in the centre who safely landed it under the Accrington cross bar, but the score was disallowed for "off side". Another attempt to score on the part of Marshall, Bury, and Rostron was stopped by Talbot heading the ball over the line. A corner kick followed by Marshall, but when the danger was most prominent a foul relieved the visitors' goal. Returning again and again to the assault, the Darwen forwards were times without number on the eve of scoring, but the goal-keeping of Horne was perfect, as he stopped one shot after another in a splendid manner and under the most difficult circumstances. Towers and Bury displaying some smart work in front of the Accrington goal; the latter by a capital screw placed the leather at the toe of Rostron, who was too eager to score, consequently, at an easy chance, he sent the ball flying over the bar. Owing to the smart play of Kirkham, Towers, and Rostron, corner kicks fell to Darwen thick and fast, but they still could not score, the strong wind in many instances carrying the ball in the wrong direction. The visitors' forwards up to this had never been able to pass the Darwen backs, but from a long kick by Hartley, Yates got the ball on the right, and managed to get past Entwistle, and, running the ball further up, he sent it right across the Darwen goal mouth; Broughton endeavoured to knock it away, but the wind carried it out of his reach, when Hacking, who had been lying clearly off-side, rushed up and breasted the ball through. Off-side was claimed, but not allowed, the goal being registered amidst loud cheering. After this and during the remainder of the first half the visitors had all their work cut out for them in defending, as the Darwen men, greatly helped by the strong wind, kept up one continual attack on their citadel. A grand run by Marshall, clean past the Accrington backs and half back, and a splendid shot which defeated Horne, scored the first goal for Darwen, which was disputed, but allowed. In less than a minute after this success Bury got the ball in the centre, and, after taking it down into the visitors' division, gave it to Rostron, who completely baffled the backs, and scored again for Darwen. Although the Darwen forwards worked hard, and caused the Accrington supporters great uneasiness by the near attempts they had for further scoring, the game remained unaltered at half-time. Changing ends the Accrington men had now the wind and rain at their back, which, if anything, blew fiercer than ever across the field from goal to goal, and caused the popular opinion to be that the Darwen team would be thrown out for the Cup. This, however, was not the case, as the Accrington men had no more chance of winning this half than they had of scoring (in) the first, the strong back play of Fish, Entwistle, and Moorhouse, and the splendid tackling and judgment of Brindle, scarcely ever allowing their opponents to get further than mid-field; playing up in a most surprising manner, and never flagging for a moment the remainder of the game. The Darwen forwards fairly bothered the visitors' backs, Rostron and Towers throughout being very conspicuous, the latter almost running Whittacker and Hartley to a standstill, constantly robbing both of the ball and placing it in the centre. These attacks, though they were well kept up, were gallantly repulsed by Hindle, Talbot, and the goalkeeper for a time, but at length a run by Bury enabled Rostron to get at the ball, and by a hard kick, landed it between the visitors' uprights. Following this the Accrington centres repeatedly tried to get at the Darwen goal, but the play of Moorhouse and Fish always was just too good, as they always returned the ball to midfield. Added to these attempts the visitors' forwards were greatly hindered by the persistent off side play of Hacking, who spoiled many times by this bad habit, the chances his side might have had of scoring.

Up to the call of time the Darwen men, although the elements were against them, greatly pressed the visitors, and at the conclusion, won by three goals to (+one).” +Not “nothing”

BS: “When it became known that the above clubs were drawn together in the English competition, unusual interest was manifested in anticipation of their meeting. A reason for this is not far to seek, and the enthusiasm displayed owes itself to the fact of Accrington having so recently defeated Darwen in a friendly game. The holders of the Lancashire trophy scoring a win of seven goals to five was a matter of no small amount of dissatisfaction to the adherents of the late holders. And the latter were all the more dissatisfied because of the circumstances under which their defeat was sustained. Smarting under that reverse, and possessing sanguine hopes that it could be reversed when Accrington met them at Darwen, it was not surprising that the devotees of the Darwen eleven rejoiced when Accrington decided to play their cup tie on the ground at Barley Bank. The public at Accrington, as well as at Darwen, must have looked forward to this match with no small amount of interest, as a special train was got up and well filled, and the ground where the match was played was lined by an enthusiastic throng of persons, £56 being taken at the gate. Darwen won the toss, and ordered their opponents to kick against the wind. The home team immediately made tracks for Accrington territory, and danger of a serious kind threatened Horne’s charge, but Whittaker and Hindle defended well. The latter gave the ball to Yates, and he and Hargreaves sped away along the right, until Entwistle and Moorhouse, getting in their way, nicely landed matters to Towers and Kirkham. The first-named executed a beautiful run, and Bury and Kirkham closing in, Darwen seemed certain of a goal. Talbot and the other backs worked hard, however, and after some trying moments for Horne had elapsed, and at a time when the Darwen backs had ventured a long distance from their own defences, Yates broke away in a fine manner on the Accrington right, and passing at the proper moment, Lonsdale and Hacking received the ball on the left close to goal, and before Broughton or any of the Darwen backs could intercept them, the ball was sent between amidst vociferous cheering amongst the Accrington section. Thus with a goal ahead and fighting against the wind, the visitors became naturally elated for their hopes of ultimate victory to them appeared rosy indeed. Darwen on the other hand did not lose heart, and believing in the motto “make hay while the sun shines”, they fairly began to press, as indeed they had already done, the Accrington stronghold. Nothing could have been greater than the brilliant runs of Rostron and Marshall—Rostron was in fine form—Bury, too, in the centre, and the left couple all asserted themselves, which did credit to the Darwen forwards, and in five minutes from the time of their late reverse too, the home team effected the downfall of the visitors’ colours twice. This placed Darwen ahead, a position which they maintained all through the remaining portion of the game. With the match at two goals to one in favour of Darwen, ends were changed, after which, for the first ten minutes, Accrington made great use of the wind, and the home goal was severely pressed. The back play of Brindle and Holden, however, was very fine; Brindle especially tackled in a superb fashion while none the less effective was the half back defence of the little captain (Moorhouse). Fish and Entwistle, Lonsdale, Hacking, Eastham, and Yates strained every effort to get behind the Darwen defenders; but at last the ordeal was over; Darwen came out of it with colours quite safe, and in their turn, which now proved to be a long one, the home forwards, with Rostron and Towers to the fore, executed some fine attacks on the Accrington citadel. Horne demonstrated his fitness as a custodian by the brilliant shots he stayed, and Whittaker and Hindle were backs of no common merit, and notwithstanding the very powerful forward play of Darwen, the latter (from the foot of Bury) could only chronicle another point. This was sufficient however, and at the call of time Darwen left the field victors by three goals to one.”

Darwen:L.Broughton(Goal),W.Brindle,J.Holden(Backs),W.H.Moorhouse,S.Fish,R.Entwistle(Half Backs),T.Rostron,T.Marshall,T.Bury,W.Towers,R.Kirkham.

Accrington:R.Horne(Goal),J.Hindle,W.J.Whittaker(Backs),J.Hartley,D.Talbot(Half Backs),James Yates, G.Eastham,J.Hargreaves,T.French,E.Hacking,J.Lonsdale.

BLACKBURN ROVERS 6 (G.Avery,H.McIntyre 2,J.Brown 2,H.Sharples)

BOLTON WANDERERS 2(W.G.Struthers,J.Atherton)(H.T. 3-0)(Sat Nov 19<sup>th</sup>)(Leamington Road,Blackburn)

Blackburn Standard 26/11/81 P.6/Field 26/11/81 P. 783/Athletic News 23/11/81 P.6:

BS:"Owing to the Wanderers a short time since drawing with the Rovers,considerable interest was manifested in the match,and it was witnessed by nearly 4,000 spectators.The Rovers won the toss,and chose to play with the wind against them.Struthers kicked off,and the leather was immediately run into the Rovers' ground.A judicious kick on the part of Greenwood sent the leather to Duckworth,who dribbled up the right wing and centred.Avery headed the ball when in front of the posts and caused it to strike the cross bar.The goalkeeper then struck it with his fist,but to all appearances the ball was through before he struck it,and the Rovers claimed a goal.The referee, however,disallowed it and play was resumed.The Wanderers from the goal kick ran the ball once again into Rovers' territory,but its stay there was of short duration,for Brown,who played on the left wing,seized it,and was doing one of his clever dribbles when he accidentally tripped.Avery sprang at the ball and passed to McIntyre,who shot at the goal,but his kick proved rather too powerful,and the ball went in the adjoining field. Again the Wanderers tackled the Rovers,and it was with difficulty that Howarth parried a swift shot at the goal.Duckworth secured the sphere,and making a dart,ran up the right wing,and it was alledged that it had gone out,and a throw in was claimed by the Wanderers.Duckworth,however, centred the ball and Avery shot it between the posts.A dispute arose as to whether it was a goal or not,but for the second time the Rovers had to succumb.From the throw in the Rovers again became the possessors of the sphere,and it was crossed to the left wing.Avery again seized it,and finding an opening,shot as quick as a bird could fly,and this time, without any disputing,was allowed a goal,amid loud cheers.(F:"Avery putting it through the uprights amidst tremendous cheers,after sixteen minutes' play.")" From the centre kick Avery and Brown were once again" in it",and the former,saving the ball from going out,kicked it to Brown,and that player shot,when a visitor sent it behind his own goal.Brown delivered the corner kick,sending the ball to F.Hargreaves,who shot at the goal,and it was again sent behind the posts by a Wanderer. Douglas delivered the next kick,and directed the sphere to McIntyre in the centre,and that player,by a neat shot,lowered the Wanderers' colours for the second time.The Wanderers played well up afterwards,and attacking the Rovers on their weakest point,were enabled to overcome their backs.A shot was then made at the goal but Howarth fisted the leather away and it was run up the right wing by Douglas,who shot at the posts,but the ball went too high.Having invaded the Wanderers' territory,the Rovers meant business,and could not be driven away.Brown ultimately secured the ball and passed to Avery,who passed back,and Brown registered goal three.After this both teams played hard and some very good shots were made at both goals,but nothing further noteworthy occurred up to half time.On change of ends(F:"...Rovers now having the advantage of the wind..") both teams went to work with a will and for some time the ball was not carried past either the Rovers' or the Wanderers' backs.Eventually,however,Struthers,who played right in the centre of Suter and

Greenwood, received the ball from the right, and dribbling it up, it was a very easy matter for him to shoot it past Howarth. The goal was got so quietly and so swiftly that one-half of the spectators were unaware of the fact that it was a goal until it was carried to the centre of the field. The Rovers after this played harder than they had been doing, and Brown looked as though he was about to score, when Naylor interfered and kicked the ball in mid-field. It was quickly returned by F. Hargreaves, but Naylor again sent it away. Once more the ball was shot in by McIntyre, and this time Brown, running up, ending matters by assisting it through the posts. Atherton, from the kick off, secured the ball, and running up the wing, shot at the goal, but Howarth kicked it away. Some loose play afterwards ensued, and for 25 minutes nothing further was done. At the expiration of that time, however, the Rovers, bent on scoring, took the Wanderers' citadel by storm, and secured a corner kick. Brown gave the kick, and a scrimmage ensued in front of the posts, from which McIntyre registered goal five. Bolton, nothing daunted, dashed in as lively as ever, and some good shots were directed towards the Rovers' goal, some of which Greenwood and Suter met, whilst Howarth stopped the rest. The Wanderers' goalkeeper had plenty of work, and had it not been for Naylor, who rendered the Wanderers some excellent service, he would have found great difficulty in staying some of the flying shots that were directed towards him. As time was drawing nigh the Wanderers put on one last strenuous effort, and, once more breaking through the Rovers' backs, shot at the goal. The ball went straight, about a foot from the ground, and Howarth fisted it, but was unable to knock it clear of the Wanderers who ran it through the posts (F: "Atherton gave it the final touch"). The Rovers quickly retaliated, and after a beautiful combined run down the field, secured a corner kick. Brown, once again, delivered it, and another scrimmage ensued, when Sharples secured the sixth and final goal. The game throughout was a lively one, and occasionally exciting."

F: "The day was fine but gloomy, and the ground, owing to the heavy rain of the preceding day, was in but very poor condition, being in several places thick with mud, and all over very spongy. The crowd was one of the largest that has assembled on the Rovers' ground to witness the dribbling game, numbering between five and six thousand persons, and great enthusiasm was manifested from the start to the finish of the game. The Rovers won the toss, and decided to play against the wind, which was pretty strong for the first half, and half an hour after the time announced for the start-three o'clock-Struthers put the ball in motion for the Wanderers."

Blackburn Rovers: R. Howarth (Goal); F. Suter, D. H. Greenwood (Backs); F. W. Hargreaves (Capt.), H. Sharples (Half Backs), J. Douglas, J. Duckworth (Right Wing), T. Strachan, H. McIntyre (Centres), J. Brown, G. Avery (Left Wing).

Bolton: T. R. Wilson (Goal); J. Devlin, T. Naylor (Backs); J. Ward, J. Gleaves ((Capt.) (Half Backs); T. Howarth, J. Fowler (Right Wing), W. G. Struthers, J. Robertson (Centres), W. Steel, J. Atherton (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Duckworth for Blackburn Rovers and J. Parkinson for Bolton Wanderers.  
Referee: T. R. Sutton.

TURTON 4 (J. J. Bentley 2, J. Hamer, H. and J. Howarth: see below) BOOTLE 0 (H. T. 3-0) (Sat Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Athletic News 7/12/81 P.6/Sheffield Independent 5/12/81 P.4:

AN: "These teams met at Turton on Saturday, in the second round of the competition in the English Cup. The visitors were three men short at the commencement, but two arrived shortly before half

time.Heaton,the captain of the visitors,set the ball in motion,and for some minutes the game was of a give and take description.The home forwards then made a rush,and Bentley kicked a goal.Directly afterwards J.Hamer scored a second.Following the kick off Heaton put in a good run,but R.Trainor,at back,relieved his goal,and the forwards taking the ball on,Bentley made a shot at goal,H. and J. Howarth rushing up at the moment and carrying goalkeeper and ball between the uprights,Turton thus scoring their third point.The visitors now played in improved form,but could not overcome the back play of the brothers Trainor. J.Howarth had a nice opportunity,but his kick went wide of the mark.Half time found the ball in the vicinity of the Bootle goal.On re-starting J.Haworth kicked off and Jones returned very cleverly,play for a time being very even.Eventually,however,a good run on the right enabled Bentley to place the ball right up to the Bootle goal,and the custodian,evidently afraid of H.Howarth's rush,allowed the ball to roll gently under the crossbar.From the kick off J.Howarth put in a neat run,but Jones saved well,and for a time the Turton men were pressed,the services of R.Trainor being missed,as he had retired through a severe kick.From this point till the close the game was (evenly) contested,the leather visiting each end alternately,and at the call of time Turton were victorious by four goals to nothing.For the visitors Jones did best,whilst Heaton contributed capital runs occasionally."

SI:"This match in the second round was played at Turton,on Saturday,in the presence of a large number of spectators.Bootle played a man short the whole game,and their opponents completely overpowered them,winning by four goals to none.Heaton,the Bootle captain,played a very plucky game,but was not well backed up."

Turton:H.Brown(Goal),W.Trainor,R.Trainor(Backs),C.Tootill,H.Seed(Half Backs),J.J.Bentley(Capt.),E.Rothwell,J.Hamer,J.W.Halliwell,J.Howarth,H.Howarth(Forwards).

Bootle:S.G.Smith(Goal),S.W.Jones,R.M.Sloan(Backs),J.Rogers,F.Owen(Half Backs),F.G.Heaton(Capt.),Henstock,R.E.Lythgoe,P.Bateson,G.W.Turner(Forwards).(10 men played)(SI has errors)

#### MIDLANDS DISTRICT:

Small Heath Alliance v Wednesbury Old Athletic  
Nottingham v Wednesbury Strollers  
Aston Villa ,a bye

WEDNESBURY OLD ATHLETIC 6 (J.Roberts,J.Reeves,R.Morley 3,A.N.Other) SMALL HEATH ALLIANCE 0 (H.T.1-0)(At the Oval,Wood Green,Wednesbury)(Sat Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Athletic News 7/12/81 P.6/Lichfield Mercury 9/12/81 P.8/Referee 4/12/81 P.6:

CHECK WEDNESBURY PAPER for scorers etcetera

N.B.Scorers and initials from AFS

LM:"Played on the Oval,Wood Green,Wednesbury,Saturday afternoon,in the presence of about 3,000 spectators.The Old Athletics won by six goals to nil.During the game two of the visitors were injured."



AN: "Considerable interest was manifested in this match, which was played at Wednesbury on Saturday last, but instead of its being a close and exciting game, the Old Athletics won by six goals to love. Only one goal was scored in the first half, Grocutt giving the ball the finishing touch. After the change of ends the Alliance were more pressed than ever, and scored five more goals."

REF: "Played here to-day (Saturday) in the presence of upwards of 1,500 spectators. The athletic had much of the best of the game throughout, and won by six goals to none."

Wednesbury Old Athletic: C. Kent (Goal), W. H. Moon (Capt.) (Back), E. Cliffe, T. Hodgkiss, J. Holden (Half Backs), R. Morley, A. Woodcock, J. Reeves, J. Roberts, A. Groucutt, G. Wood (Forwards).

Small Heath: J. Bodenham (Goal), S. Gessey (Back), L. Summers (Three Quarter Back), T. James, J. Tatton, F. James (Half Backs), W. Hards, W. Rotherham, V. Teychenne, J. G. Whitehead, W. Slater.

Umpires: W. Willis for Wednesbury and J. T. Harlow for Small Heath. Referee: A. W. Mason (Calthorpe).

NOTT5 CLUB 5 (H. A. Cursham 2, A. W. Cursham 2, J. J. Knowles (o.g.)) WEDNESBURY STROLLERS 3 (S. Parker 2, A. N. Other) (H. T. 0-2) (At Castle Cricket Ground, Nottingham) (Thurs Nov 24<sup>th</sup>)

Nottingham Evening Post 25/11/81 P.4/Nottinghamshire Guardian 2/12/81 P.12/Nottingham Journal 25/11/81 P.4/Field 26/11/81 P.783:

NEP: "Yesterday afternoon an Association Cup tie match between the Notts Football Club and Wednesbury Strollers came off upon the Castle Cricket Ground, Nottingham. Great interest was centred in the match yesterday, and there was a good attendance to witness the game. The day, however, was anything but favourable for football, the wind being so strong, that the team who were playing against it, had the utmost difficulty to hold their own. During the first half of the play, with the wind in their favour, the Strollers were more than able to maintain their advantage, the home team having to act entirely on the defensive. With the exception of a couple of runs, one of which enabled them to score a goal, they had to use every effort to defend their territory. The Notts team, however, were too strong for them, and before play had concluded had made five goals, against their opponents' three. One of these goals was disputed by the Wednesbury team, it being stated that the ball had passed over the bar rather than under. The referee gave his decision, however, in favour of the goal, and this resulted in some dissatisfaction, several of the Strollers leaving the field, but after a time they were persuaded to return, and the match was resumed, but at its conclusion a formal objection was raised by the Wednesbury captain to the Notts team playing Moore and Fletcher, who, it was alleged, were not qualified to play in a Cup tie.

Play commenced at 2:50, Notts playing against a strong wind. On three occasions the ball shot into the hands of Jessop, who, however, succeeded in clearing his goal, but for the most part, the leather was kept in the mouth of the Notts goal. H. Cursham made a brilliant run on the left, and again the "dark reds" drove the Notts back into their own quarters. A. Cursham on the right next compelled the Strollers' goalkeeper to use his hands. Notts for a short time held the advantage, and some good heading was shown on the part of A. T. Dobson, while on one occasion the ball was sent just over the Wednesbury bar. From a corner kick, which followed soon after, Parker secured the first goal for his team after twenty six minutes' play, and soon after the same player obtained a second. The Notts men were not able to break the strong line of their opponents, and when half time was called had failed to score. On ends being changed it was not long before the Wednesbury were forced into their

own territory, where they kept for the greater portion of the remainder of the game. The ball was kept at the Strollers' end, and some very good attempts were made by H. Cursham and his brother C. Cursham to score. Eventually out of a scrimmage H. Cursham, by a well-judged kick from the left, sent the leather just under the goal. A dispute arose as to the legitimacy of the point, but the referee gave his decision in favour of Notts. This caused a dispute and for some time the game was suspended. On play being resumed the Wednesbury forwards succeeded in forcing their opponents back, and some very pretty passing took place in the Nottingham end. Before any effect could be made, however, on the Notts stronghold, the leather was taken possession of, and at once kicked to the right, and resulted in a corner kick. H. Cursham placed the ball in front of the goal, and it was headed between the posts by A. Cursham, this registering the second goal for the Notts. The Strollers then took the ball up the right, but it was returned by A. Cursham, who made a good attempt to score, the ball just passing upon the wrong side of the post. The Notts were not to be denied, and after a determined scrimmage the ball was passed from the right to H. Cursham, who with a neat kick made the third goal. The Wednesbury men resumed play with vigour, and the two right men, Bailey and Baines, were successful in relieving their goalkeeper, and carrying the ball to the opposite end. Some lively play resulted in a corner kick, and out of a scrimmage a third goal was made for the Wednesbury team, this making matters once more equal. The Strollers, with the wind against them, were unable to continue upon the offensive, and it was not long before the ball was again in very close proximity to the visitors' quarters. From a free kick the ball was passed from Fletcher to A. Cursham, and the latter player was able to place it past the goalkeeper, adding a fourth goal to the home side's score. Harvey, who made an exceptionally good back, succeeded, with the help of J.J. Knowles, in relieving the goalkeeper once or twice, but for the most part the ball was confined to the Wednesbury territory. Several corners followed, and upon one occasion a corner kick by H. Cursham gave Fletcher a good opportunity of increasing the score, but he failed. The leather was then taken up the centre by Burns, but returned in splendid style by H. Cursham on the left, whose attempt, however, to score, failed. Shortly after the ball was thrown in by Dobson, and was headed through his own goal by J. Knowles, who was playing half back for the visitors. No further points were gained on either side, and the game resulted in a victory for the Notts team by five goals to three."

Notts County History P.14:

"In the Cup Wednesbury Strollers were defeated easily enough, but they protested about the referee and one of the Notts players. The game was ordered to be replayed allowing Notts to run up their (then) record win, 11-1, with Harry Cursham scoring six of them."

F: "Thursday last was not a very favourable day for the meeting of these clubs in the second ties of the "cup", on the ground of the Notts Castle Club at Nottingham. The wind was boisterous, the turf was slippery, and the enthusiasm generally one-sided. Play began at ten minutes to three o'clock, Notts being opposed to the wind..." "During the second half the home team had the advantage of the wind, and right well did they utilise it. The first goal was credited to H. Cursham, who, however, never got it, as the ball passed above the Strollers' barrier; yet the referee declared it a goal. Out of a scrimmage A. Cursham headed a second score, and in five minutes afterwards the same player kicked a third from a well judged throw in on the part of A.T. Dobson. Wednesbury next retaliated out of a scrimmage, and thus far the game was even. But the wind proved all powerful to Notts, and before the close two additional goals were recorded, the first emanating from A. Cursham, and the second off the body of J.J. Knowles. Wednesbury naturally protested against the decision of the referee as to the

Notts' first goal, and it was probably fortunate that the latter were subsequently able to run their score into five."

Notts Club: H. Jessop (Goal) A. T. C. Dobson, H. T. Moore (Backs); H. Fletcher, H. Chapman, C. F. Dobson (Half Backs); C. L. Cursham, A. W. Cursham (Right Wing), T. Bausor (Centre), E. H. Greenhalgh (Capt.), H. A. Cursham (Left Wing).

NEP has H. Wheeler for H. T. Moore: but "Wheeler" was his pseudonym (see below as dispute about his eligibility which caused the game to be replayed).

FIND WEDNESBURY PAPER

Wednesbury Strollers: J. Bryan (Goal); T. Bryan, A. Harvey (Backs); S. Parker (Three Quarter Back); W. Richards, J. J. Knowles (Half Backs); H. Bailey, J. W. Baines (Right Wing), M. Burns (Centre), B. C. Knowles, S. Taylor (Left Wing).

(F. Taylor in AFS) (AN has J. Bailey)

Umpires: Mr T. Oliver (Notts) and Mr E. M. Scott (Strollers). Referee: Mr L. Lindley (Nottingham Forest).

REPLAY: Sat Dec 10<sup>th</sup>:

NOTTS CLUB 11 (H. A. Cursham 6, C. L. Cursham, C. F. Dobson, A. W. Cursham 2, T. Bausor)  
WEDNESBURY STROLLERS 1 (B. C. Knowles) (H. T. 6-1) (At County Cricket Ground, Derby)

Nottinghamshire Guardian 16/12/81 P.12/Nottingham Evening Post 12/12/81 P.4/Nottingham Journal 12/12/81 P.4/Sheffield Independent 12/12/81 P.4/Field 17/12/81 P.895/Athletic News 14/12/81 P.3 (Short Report):

NEP/NG: "An objection having been lodged by the Wednesbury Strollers, after having been beaten by the Notts team at Nottingham, the English Association decided that the match should be played over again upon neutral ground in the presence of a referee chosen by the Committee. Derby was the town fixed for where the teams should meet, and the match took place on the Saturday afternoon upon the County Club Cricket Ground. Although the weather was cold, there was a very fair attendance, including a large sprinkling of Nottingham people, who watched the game throughout with great interest. The unfortunate dispute had put both sides thoroughly upon their mettle, and the result was that the game, during the greater portion of the time was a very fast one. The Strollers fought well at the commencement, but the Notts men, without exception, played in splendid form, and before half time it was seen that they were superior to their opponents both in speed and staying powers. Baynes and Bailey worked hard on the right wing, but they were nowhere when opposed by H. Cursham who played throughout in a style which it would be almost impossible to surpass. His brother, A. W. Cursham, on the right wing, also played exceedingly well, several runs he made being loudly applauded. It was quite clear that the Strollers were over-matched, and when half-time was called they had only scored one goal, while the Notts men had succeeded in making six. A change of ends brought no change of luck to the Wednesbury team, and when "Time" was called their opponents had secured five other goals. After their first goal they were unable again to get the ball past Jessop, and the game, therefore, resulted in a splendid victory for the Notts Team by 11 goals to 1.

Notts kicked off shortly before three o'clock, and the game at once became very fast, both sides working their utmost. For some little time neither eleven gained any decided advantage, but ultimately the Strollers were forced back into their own quarters, where the Notts men made a most determined attack on their antagonists' stronghold, but were successfully repelled. A kick by H. Cursham sent the ball just over the bar, and Bailey then getting possession of the leather relieved his side's goalkeeper by carrying it down the right wing. In the struggle that followed a corner kick was obtained but no good came of it, and the Notts forwards drove the ball to the opposite end. There it was passed to C. Cursham on the right who kicked it between the posts, but it was returned by one of the spectators. An objection was raised but the goal was allowed. The ball was then taken down the centre by the Wednesbury men, but they met a strong resistance in Emmett and Moore, and after about five minutes' play the ball was run up the right side by A. W. Cursham, and passed across to H. Cursham, who obtained the second goal for his side. Almost immediately afterwards Greenhalgh again passed the ball to the same player, but his attempt to score was this time thwarted by the goal-keeper, who sent it flying into mid-field. The Notts, however, had much the best of it, and, although on one occasion, Bailey cleverly ran the ball down the right and passed it into the centre, Parker was not quick enough, and it was returned up the left.

The Strollers fought hard, and from a throw in the ball was placed in front of the Notts goal. The "dark reds" being well up, a determined scrimmage took place, during which B. C. Knowles scored the first goal for his team. The ball, being again set in motion, Emmett passed it to H. Cursham, who by a well-judged shot, all but sent it through the posts, and Bryan sending it to the right, it was secured by C. Dobson, who obtained the third goal for Notts. The Wednesbury men, nettled at this further disaster, tried their utmost to change the tide of battle, but without success. Though they managed by stages to get the ball some short distance from the Notts' goal, it was soon returned up the right by A. W. Cursham, and passed to Bausor, who had a good, but ineffectual, try to put it under the cross bar. H. Cursham again ran up on the left, but the ball was taken from him very cleverly by Harvey. Bausor next received the leather from H. Cursham, and succeeded in putting it through, but the goal was disallowed on the ground of offside play. By this time the Strollers appeared to have lost a great deal of that spirit which had characterised them at the commencement, and the result was that H. Cursham, after a capital run the whole length of the field, scored the fourth goal. This was followed by a fifth, well kicked by A. Cursham, and the Strollers were forced to act upon the defensive. From a corner kick by H. Cursham the Notts again claimed a goal, but it was disallowed and the Wednesbury forwards succeeded in relieving their line for a few seconds, but just before half time A. Cursham again passed the ball to H. Cursham, who credited his club with their sixth goal. On ends being changed Parker ran the ball dangerously close to the Notts citadel, but after a short and sharp struggle the Strollers were once more forced back to their own quarters where A. Cursham soon kicked the seventh goal. After this advantage play for several minutes became a trifle more even, but it was evident that the pace was telling on the Wednesbury team, and several good attempts were made by both Chapman and Bausor to add to their total, but without success. B. Knowles upon one occasion managed to land the ball down the left, but he was not well supported, and Bausor, returning it to the right side, crossed it to H. Cursham, who was in waiting, and who rushed it through, this making the eighth point. Immediately afterwards the same player kicked two more goals from passes by Greenhalgh, and the Strollers, who had become thoroughly disorganised, were unable to prevent A. Cursham from running the ball down the right and passing it to Bausor in the centre, who scored the eleventh goal. When the last named point was obtained it only wanted about five minutes

to time, and neither side scoring again, the game resulted in a victory for Notts by the total previously mentioned."

Notts County History P.80: "County beat the Wednesbury Strollers 5-3 at the Castle Ground in the Second Round of the FA Cup on Nov 24<sup>th</sup>, 1881. Strollers protested that the result should have been 3-3, claiming two of the goals had been allowed by the referee, who was a Nottingham man, L.O. Lindley; also that Notts full back, H.T. Moore was not properly qualified and played under the name "Wheeler", plus the fact that the crowd had encroached on the pitch and threatened the visiting team and umpire. The FA upheld the protest and ordered a replay on a neutral ground with a neutral referee. This was duly played at Derbyshire County Cricket Ground on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1881, resulting in an 11-1 win for Notts."

Notts : H. Jessop (Goal); H.T. Moore (Back); A.T.C. Dobson, C.F. Dobson, H.W. Emmett (Half Backs); A.W. Cursham, C.L. Cursham (Right Wing), T. Bausor, H. Chapman (Centres), H.A. Cursham, E.H. Greenhalgh (Capt.) (Left Wing).

Wednesbury Strollers: J. Bryan (Goal); A. Harvey (Back); T. Bryan, W. Richards, J.J. Knowles (Half Backs); H. Bailey, J.W. Baines (Right Wing), +M. Burns, S. Parker (Centres), S. Taylor, B.C. Knowles (Left Wing).

+CHECK WEDNESBURY PAPER: Some give Barnes for Burns (1<sup>st</sup> Round also have Byrne)

(AFS wrongly has F. Taylor) (NG/NEP have J.S. Knowles and W. Byrne) (F has errors) (AN has Baynes and Barnes and some initials errors) some errors)

Umpires: T. Oliver for Notts and Scott for Wednesbury. Referee: Pierce Dix .

ASTON VILLA, a bye

NORTHERN DIVISION:

Grantham v Staveley

Sheffield Heeley v Sheffield Club

Sheffield Wednesday, a bye

STAVELEY 3 (H.P. Marples, E. Widdowson, G.B. Marples) GRANTHAM 1 (C.P. Bryan) (H.T. 1-0) (Mon Nov 28<sup>th</sup>) (At Recreation Ground, Staveley)

Grantham Journal 3/12/81 P.4/Sheffield Independent 29/11/81 P.8/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 29/11/81 P.7/Athletic News 30/11/81 P.3 (Short Report)/Bell's Life 3/12/81 P.9:

GJ: "This match was played at Staveley on Monday last, in the presence of an immense number of spectators, and ended in the defeat of our local eleven by three goals to one. The ground was on a hillside and in a very muddy state; yet Grantham made an excellent fight for it - indeed they may fairly be said to have had the best of the game, though their shots at goal were not successful, partly owing to the safeness of the Staveley custodian. Staveley scored their first goal against the wind by a long shot from H. Marples: of the other two, the last was made in the dark, during a discussion which arose owing to the above player striking one of the Grantham backs. Bryan by a fast shot made the only score for his side. The Grantham forwards never played in finer form, but luck and the ground were against them." (No Staveley team)

SI: "The ground was in a heavy condition. The game—which was one of the best played at Staveley this season—was witnessed by about 800 spectators. The Grantham captain won the toss, and decided to play with the hill and wind in his favour. From the kick off the visitors paid a visit to the opposing goal, which was soon relieved by Young. Then the home team ran the ball into their adversaries' quarters, but it was soon transferred into the centre, +Hutchinson, Cox, and Frith by a good run, carried the leather forward, and a splendid kick by the former was finally saved by Hay, the keeper, sending the ball over the bar. The corner kick, and several others which fell to the visitors, were ineffectual. The home forwards made a determined run into the Grantham territory, and finally the leather was passed to H.P. Marples, who made a capital shot, which just passed under the bar. The visitors now played with renewed vigour to equalise matters, and threatened the Staveley goal. Marples and Beresford, on the left, next effected a good run, but the Grantham backs played stubbornly, and relieved their lines. Some excellent passing by W. Cursham, Howard, and Hutchinson, enabled them to take the leather into their opponents' lines, whose goal was endangered, and the visitors gained a corner kick, which proved futile. Half-time was now called, and ends were reversed, which gave Staveley an advantage. The game was played with determination, and after about twenty minutes a second goal was secured by Widdowson. Although the visitors menaced the home goal on several occasions, they could not obtain a point until after 40 minutes' play, when Hutchinson made a shot at goal. The keeper hit the ball away, but on appealing to the referee a goal was allowed. Before time was called a third goal for Staveley was secured by G.B. Marples. Thus the Staveley team won a very pleasant match by three goals to one." +See below

Staveley: T. Hay (Goal); D. James, S. Hay (Backs); T. Kenyon, W. Young (Half Backs);  
G.B. Marples, J. Beresford (Left Wing), H.P. Marples, E. Widdowson, J. Hay, +R. Wallace (Forwards).

+N.B. W. Wallace in SDT/AN/BL (See 1<sup>ST</sup> Round)

Grantham: R.F.M. White (Goal); G.W.G. Beaumont, R. Shannon (Backs); D.J. Wood, W.J. Deacon, C.P. Bryan (Half Backs); A. Howard, W. Cursham (Right), +A. Hutchinson (Capt.) (Centre), H.C. Frith, W.D. Cox (Left).

+(GJ has J. Dobbs (Centre) (who was captain on other occasions) for A. Hutchinson (Capt.) (Centre) who is in all other lists as a forward and in SI Report: in another game he played on right wing)

Umpires: W.R. Wake and J.T. Till. Referee: J.R. Harvey (Hon Sec, Sheffield Football Association).

SHEFFIELD CLUB 0 SHEFFIELD HEELEY 4 (I. Swallow, J. Whitham 3) (H.T. 0-1) (Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>)  
(At Bramall Lane, Sheffield)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 28/11/81 P.3/Sheffield Independent 28/11/81 P.4/Field 3/12/81 P.822 (in 2<sup>nd</sup> Association Cup section):

SDT: "The weather for this contest at Bramall lane on Saturday was very unfavourable, rain falling incessantly during the match. Despite this drawback fully 500 persons witnessed it. Heavy rains during the week had made the ground soft, and as play progressed the further downpour made it still more slippery and treacherous. The Club was weakened by the absence of three of their best men. They won the toss, and at 2.35 Hunter kicked off, the wind favouring neither end. The Heeley forwards at the outset rushed the ball down to their adversaries' goal, at which Whitham made a grand shot, the ball almost touching the post. This was quickly followed by two corner kicks by Hunter, the second endangering the safety of the Sheffield citadel. Eventually a capital concerted run was made by

E.Barber and Matthews,who crossed to each other admirably.After two huge returns by Wake and Moss,Matthews again got away down the right wing,but the ball was quickly returned,and a Heeley forward made a fine shot from the side.The goal-keeper just stopped it,but only put it to Swallow, who closed in at the right moment and put it through.Winterbottom next had a shot,but without avail.Shortly afterwards,by excellent dodging and vigorous play,by Matthews and Dixon,they broke through the Heeley backs,and seriously menaced the Heeley goal,but failed at the last moment. About this time,Whitham,who had got hurt in a charge,retired,and did not resume playing until after half time had been called.Hunter next had a corner,but sent the ball too far,and Matthews again getting possession,had a very nice chance of capturing the Heeley goal,but was too impulsive,and in his hurry sent the ball outside.An outburst of applause greeted a brilliant run by C.E.Sorby,and H.Barber supplemented his effort by another which he wound up with a grand left screw shot,which sent the ball flying across the Heeley goal.Matthews tried hard to get up to the ball in time,but failed to do so.Very shortly afterwards he repeated this grand performance,and the Heeley goal had another marvellous escape.A determined raid was next made by the Heeley forwards,who swept down on the Sheffield goal,which in turn was marvellously saved from capture by the backs and its custodian.Half time was now called,and ends reversed.Goaded by the success of the other side,the Sheffield men went in with a renewed vigour to equalise matters and at once threatened the Heeley goal,which was further imperilled by a grand corner kick by Marsden,when a hot scrimmage ensued in its portals.This success was but momentary,and immediately the ball was taken up to the other end,when Whitham had three corners in succession,the first two giving the Sheffield backs much trouble to get the ball out of danger.C.E.Sorby now once more got possession of the ball,and got it down to the Heeley end until confronted by their backs,who returned it,and the forwards again assaulted the Sheffield goal.Another raid was made by the Sheffield forwards into the Heeley quarters,and C.E.Sorby made a splendid shot at their goal,which was finally saved by J.Tomlinson,its custodian.Robinson,with a determined rush,carried the ball through the Heeley forwards,but it was instantly brought back by Whitham,who secured a second goal.From this point the Sheffield team appeared to fall off considerably,and the Heeley men had matters pretty much their own way. Whitham soon secured a third goal from a throw in from the side,to which he almost immediately added another but it was disallowed on the plea of "off side".Sheffield now had a very easy chance of scoring,the Heeley goal being once more at the mercy of Matthews but he mulled the ball.Ere long the Heeley forwards by unselfish crossing,got up to the Sheffield goal,which was again captured by Whitham,the ball being touched in its flight by the goalkeeper,but who was not able to stop it.As the Sheffielders failed to score,they were somewhat easily defeated by four goals to nil.Heeley all but scored a fifth goal just before the call of time,a wonderfully fine run being made by Whitham and Winterbottom,who were marvellously checked by the Sheffield goalkeeper at the last moment. All the Heeley men played well,Whitham showing much better form than when playing v Berks and Bucks recently.Some of the other side are yet too fond of sticking to the ball,and it looked as if they imagined that victory rested on their unaided efforts."

SI:"The tie in the National Cup competition between the above prominent clubs was played at Bramall lane ground on Saturday when,notwithstanding the fact that rain descended during the whole of the match,there was a numerous and respectable attendance.The toss was won by +Heeley,who for the first half set their opponents to kick in the direction of Bramall lane.The Sheffield Clubites began well,and several times compelled the Heeley team to act on the defensive,but the latter then broke through and obtained a couple of corner kicks.Nothing accrued

from these and though Bradbury, Matthews, Beardshaw and Robinson strove hard for the Club, and Hunter, Swallow, W. Moss and Jaques for Heeley, it appeared probable that the first half would be played out without a goal being obtained for either side. Not so, however, for at last, the ball being well run up to the Club's goal by Whitham and Winterbottom, the leather was put through the posts amid immense cheering. Rain was pouring down heavily when ends were changed, and although it was beating in the faces of the Club players, as it had done previously in those of Heeley, it was thought matters would soon be equalised. Those who speculated on this, however, reckoned without their hosts. The Clubites seemed quite unable to get the ball between their antagonists' citadel, even when they appeared to possess a capital chance. Again Matthews, Bradbury, Robinson and Beardshaw strove their utmost, but with their goal in hand Heeley played very coolly, and at the same time determinedly effectually warding off all attempts to capture their fort. Their opponents were less fortunate. At one part of the contest Whitham sustained an injury and had to retire, but upon coming into the field again he performed better than ever, and, principally owing to his exertions, in conjunction with Winterbottom, reduced the Club's stronghold three times in succession in most brilliant fashion. Heeley thus won by four goals to none." +Disagrees with SDT Report

Sheffield Club: R.A. Sorby (Goal); W. Robinson, W.F. Beardshaw; F.H. Marsden, W.R. Wake, J. Bradbury, C.E. Sorby, E. Barber, H. Barber, S.S. Dixon, W.A. Matthews.

Sheffiled Heeley: Jos. Tomlinson (Goal); J. Hunter (Capt.), W. Moss; T.A. Tomlinson, W.E. Jacques, H. Winterbottom, J.T. Senior, R. Martin, J. Wild, J. Whitham, I. Swallow.

Umpires: Liddell and Deans. Referee: W. Pierce-Dix.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY, a bye

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT:

FIRST DIVISION:

Reading v West End

Great Marlow v St Bartholomew's Hospital

Dreadnought, a bye

WEST END 1 (O.H. Cooper) READING 1 (C.G. Field) (H.T. 1-1) (Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>) (At Wormholt Farm, Shepherd's Bush) (+West End Disqualified)

+Bell's Life 10/12/81 "West End played a draw with Reading, but were subsequently disqualified" WHY?

Reading Mercury 3/12/81 P.5/Reading Observer 3/12/81 P.3/Field 3/12/81 P.822 (in 2<sup>nd</sup> Association Cup section)/Berkshire Chronicle 3/12/81 P.5/Sportsman 29/11/81 P.4/Sporting Life 29/11/81 P.1:

RM: "This match was played in London, Reading having lost the toss for choice of grounds. The weather was unfortunately wet, and the ground very slippery. The game was well contested and resulted in a draw, each side scoring one goal, C.G. Field obtaining the goal for Reading. Towards the



end of the match Reading completely penned the home team and were on several occasions within an ace of scoring. West End will have to play the second match at Reading.”

F:”This match, in the second round of the above, was played on Saturday last, at Wormholt Farm, Shepherd’s Bush, in the presence of about five hundred spectators (who in spite of wind and rain were most enthusiastic), and ended in a draw, each side scoring one goal. West End won the toss, but the wind, blowing right across the field of play, gave the home team no advantage. C.G. Field started the ball at 2.55 pm, and, although the rain made the ground unusually heavy, the game was fast from start to finish, the home team in a very short time placing the visitors’ goal in jeopardy, but the back play of Field and Franklin prevented them scoring. Bird on the left, getting the ball, made a capital run down, and would have scored but for the quickness of Laphorn (goal), who was very smart throughout the game. For the first fifteen minutes play was very even, the backs of both teams showing some capital play, when Elmslie getting the ball made his usual run, and, passing it to Cooper, enabled the latter to score from a splendid screw kick, which passed off the goalkeeper’s hand under the bar, twenty minutes from the start. Reading now seemed determined to make the game even, their forwards playing together in capital style, and must have scored but for the splendid defence of Houghton and Scott, who always placed the ball judiciously for their forwards. Elmslie and Cooper repeatedly attacked the visitors’ citadel, but without effect; several corner kicks fell to both sides, but owing to the high wind, nothing came of them. Just before half time from a scrimmage in front of the W.E. goal, C.G. Field sent the ball through, thus equalising matters. Ends changed, both teams tried their best to take the lead (excitement being intense), but in spite of every effort, fortune would not smile, and, although the home team penned their opponents the last quarter of an hour, they failed to score; and when time was called, darkness preventing further play, the match ended in an unsatisfactory draw.”

SM:”Played at Shepherd’s Bush on Saturday, the result being a tie, one goal each.”

Reading: S. Hayward (Goal); W.L. Franklin (Capt.), Herbert Field (Backs); A.J. Richardson, F. Haydon (Half Backs); W. Holbrook, G. Sillence (Right), C.G. Field, T.H. Turner (Centres), A.C. Bartholomew, R.M. Bird-Thompson (Left).

West End: J. Laphorn (Goal); J.G. Scott, T. Houghton (Backs); R.A. Palmer, P.G. Turner (Half Backs); F.H. Huxtable, C.J. Hope (Right), F. Elmslie, R.A. Cave (Centres), A. Edwards, O.H. Cooper (Left).

Umpires: F. Boyce (Reading) and P. Davies (West End). Referee: C.W. Alcock (Hon Sec Football Association)

GREAT MARLOW 2 (R.A. Lunnon, R.H. Lunnon) ST BARTHOLOMEW’S HOSPITAL 0 (H.T. 0-0)  
(Wed Nov 30<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Bucks Herald 3/12/81 P.8/Bell’s Life 3/12/81 P.9/Sportsman 1/12/81 P.4/Sporting Life 1/12/81 P.3:

SL:”This match in the second round of the Association Challenge Cup competition was decided yesterday at Kennington Oval in the presence of but few spectators. Marlow won the toss, and Hewett having the Crown Baths in his rear, Muriel at twenty minutes to three o’clock commenced operations by kicking off from the Clayton-street end with a strong breeze against him. Directly the ball got into play it was blown out, and this occurred three times consecutively. At length Marlow carried the ball over to their opponents’ quarters, and some good play followed, and a corner kick

falling to their lot,R.A.Lunnon dropped the ball neatly in front of goal,but out of a loose bully Bartholemew's got the ball away,and,taking it across to the frontier line,it went behind the Marlow goal,and Hewett had a free kick.The game continued on pretty equal terms,and at half time ends were changed.Bartholemew's now with the wind in their favour charged vigorously,but Marlow dribbled the ball up close to their adversaries' goal,and at twenty minutes to four o'clock R.A.Lunnon shot it between the posts out of a rather warm bully.From this to the end all went on in favour of Marlow,and shortly before "Time!" R.H.Lunnon,from a corner kick,sent the ball at the head of an opponent,from which it rebounded under the bar;the match thus ending in favour of Marlow by two goals to none."

BH:"At starting the Bucks team had far the best of the struggle,and several corners fell to them,but without success.The medicals then pulled themselves together somewhat,and the play became more even.R.A.Lunnon was favoured with a good chance of scoring,but unfortunately missed the opportunity.Shaw then made a dribble and another corner soon fell to Marlow.Horwood was now applauded for some fine play,followed by some pretty passing and run down of the St Bartholemew forwards.A like effort on the part of the visitors followed,but the ball went behind.Half time was now called,and ends changed.On restarting Marlow at once began to assert their superiority,and soon obtained a corner kick,though without effect.Jessop and Morris more than once saved their fortress,till at length after some pretty passing R.A.Lunnon got possession of the ball,and dribbled it down to the St Bartholemew's goal,landing it safely through.A fine run by R.A.Lunnon next resulted in a corner for Marlow,but nothing came of it,another run by the same player being followed by a shot at goal by Shaw,which,however,went wide of its mark.Another corner by Marlow soon resulted ,Hoyland saving the downfall of his goal.After some brilliant play by Snow,Morgan,R.A.Lunnon and R.H.Lunnon for their respective sides,the St Bartholemew's team made a final effort,and Jessop taking the leather well into Marlow territory by a magnificent dribble all but managed to equalise matters.Luck,however,was against him,and after several throw ins the Marlow backs returned the ball to the centre of the ground,when the forwards took it into the medicals' quarters.Here Marlow obtained yet another corner kick,thanks to R.H.Lunnon,the ball being kicked "in" glancing off the back of Morris through the goal,just before "time" was called.The Marlow eleven thus became entitled to enter the third round of the competition,having proved victorious,after a capital game of ninety minutes' duration,by two goals to none."(SM Report almost identical)

Great Marlow:H.R.Hewett(Capt.)(Goal);R.Way,E.Horwood(Backs);W.Morgan,J.Flint,R.H.Lunnon (Half Backs);E.Flint,W.Milward(Right Side),R.Shaw(Centre),R.A.Lunnon,T.G.Lunnon(Left Side).

St Bartholemew's Hospital:E.Wood(Goal);A.J.Weakley(Capt.),T.H.White(Backs);E.Morris,L.M.Snow, S.S.Hoyland (Half Backs)E.Jessop.A.H.Davis(Right Side),C.J.Muriel(Centre),S.Wimbush,E.J.Humphrey (Left Side).

Umpires:J.G.Crossman(Marlow) and J.Armstrong(Dreadnought).Referee:C.W.Alcock(Wanderers).

DREADNOUGHT ,a bye

SECOND DIVISION:

Old Carthusians v Barnes

Old Foresters v Pilgrims or Mosquitoes

Royal Engineers, a bye

OLD CARTHUSIANS 7 ("Out of a loose bully", E.G. Wynyard, E.H. Parry 2, L.M. Richards, W.R. Page 2)  
BARNES 1 (R.S. Ibbs) (H.T. 2-0) (Sat Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Field 10/12/81 P.858/Sporting Life 6/12/81 P.1/Sportsman 5/12/81 P.4/Morning Post 5/12/81  
P.2/London Daily News 5/12/81 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 5/12/81 P.4/Referee 23/10/81 P.6:

F: "These clubs, successful in the first round of the challenge cup competition, met at Kennington Oval, on Saturday, to decide which had the better right to advance to the third stage. The Old Carthusians, we need scarcely remind our readers, are the present holders of the cup, and have already proved themselves this season, as they were last, a strong team, playing well together. Barnes were thought to be very unlucky in being drawn against them so early in the competition. It was probably due to the fact that Barnes were considered to possess a somewhat remote chance that, despite a fine afternoon, spectators were not more than ordinarily numerous. The Old Carthusians won the toss, and it may at once be said that, commencing with the advantage of the wind, they nearly always had the better of a game which was too one-sided to be of any great interest, even to the partisans of the winners, several of whose representatives exhibited many a brilliant bit of play. Though completely overmatched, Barnes struggled gamely, and succeeded in once lowering their opponents' colours—a feat that seemed at one time very doubtful they would be able to accomplish. A commencement was made at a quarter to three, and it still wanted five minutes to the hour when a capital run begun by Richards, and continued caused one of many sorties to take place close to the Barnes fortress, through which it was finally forced. This success was soon followed by a second goal, Page again making a good run, and Wynyard administering the finishing stroke. The Old Carthusians kept up a continual siege, and on one occasion a corner kick, well centred by Princep, seemed certain of carrying with it success, but the ball went under the tape harmlessly, as no one had touched it after it had left the foot of Princep. Half time arrived, however, without any addition to the score; but it was not long after the change of ends ere the Carthusians were testing the defence of Barnes in a very determined style, and Parry, to whom the ball had been very cleverly passed, placed a third goal to the credit of the holders. The Carthusians, one and all, played uncommonly well; but perhaps no more brilliant thing was done in the course of the game than Parry's run which transferred the ball more than half the length of the ground and wound up with another goal. A fine run by A. Freeman for the other side was the next most noteworthy incident, and from an excellent middle by that player, a goal was kicked by Ibbs for Barnes. As if nettled at this unexpected reverse, the Carthusians made matters uncomfortable for Barnes, beneath whose crossbar the ball was shot once more by Richards, twice by Page, and once by Parry, but the last-named player was offside and therefore his effort did not count. From the above it will be gathered that the Old Carthusians secured victory by seven goals to one."

SL: "An interesting, but one-sided match, was won by the holders of the Cup on Saturday last, at Kennington Oval, by seven goals to one. Parry won the toss, and at a quarter to three o'clock, C.O. Wilson kicked off from the gasometer side of the ground, with the wind against him. After some smart play in the vicinity of the Barnes' stronghold for about ten minutes, out of a loose bully the ball was passed through the posts, while shortly afterwards Page, doing a vast amount of work, middled

the ball to Wynyard, and scored a second goal. Ends having been changed at half time, the Carthusians impetuously charged over, and Page passing the ball to Parry, the latter shot it between the posts. The game being once more renewed the Carthusians pressed their adversaries unmercifully, until at last Parry, dashing down the left side of the ground almost without interruption kicked the ball under the bar. Barnes now, their opponents being slightly off their guard, gained a lucky point, through the smartness of A. Freeman, who, running down the side, muddled the ball to Ibbs, who scored the solitary goal gained by Barnes during the afternoon. Richards, after a smart run by Page, then added another goal to the Carthusian score. Page, also, as an ultimate "crusher", gained the crowning event of the day."

Old Carthusians: C.W. Wright (Goal), E.G. Colvin, C.K. Harrison (Backs), J.F.M. Princep, H. Somers-Cocks (Half Backs), L.M. Richards, E.J. Wilson (Right Side), E.G. Wynyard, W.R. Page (Centres), E.H. Parry (Capt.), A.H. Tod (Left Side).

Barnes: J.H. Wilson (Goal), J.P. Muspratt, E. Carlisle (Backs), W.R. Sheldon, C.T. Perkin (Half Backs), G.L. Hawker, A.G. Webb (Right Side), C.R. Freeman (Capt.), R.S. Ibbs (Centres), C.O. Wilson, A. Freeman (Left Side).

Umpires: C. Keith-Falconer and P.C. Bates. Referee: W. Dorling.

OLD FORESTERS 3 (R.W. Burrows, C.J. Horner, T.M. Day) PILGRIMS 1 (H.G. Poland) (Sat Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>) (At Pilgrims' ground, Copper Mill Lane, Walthamstow):

Sporting Life 6/12/81 P.1/ Sportsman 5/12/81 P.4/Referee 4/12/81 P.6:

SL: "On Saturday last this match in the second round was played at Walthamstow, when a capital game resulted in favour of the Foresters by three goals-kicked by Burrows, C.J. Horner, and Day-to one goal, obtained by Poland."

SM: "Played at Walthamstow on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the Foresters by three goals to one."

REF: "This match in the second round was played at Walthamstow on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the Old Foresters by three goals to one. The goals were kicked by Horner, Day and Burrows. The goal for the Pilgrims was kicked by Poland."

Old Foresters: P. Fairclough (Capt.) (Goal), F.W. Sewell, L. Horner (Backs), E.H. Topham, R.B. Johnson (Half Backs), J.B. Matthews, T.M. Day (Rights), R.W. Burrows, C.J. Horner (Centres), G.C. Mills, B.J.W. Grieve (Lefts)

Pilgrims: H.A. Swepstone (Goal), A.W. Ramsey (Capt.), M.E. Dovaston (Backs), C.H. Last, E.H. Puttock (Half Backs), H.G. Poland, S.W. Scott (Rights), A.J. Last, G.B. Tucker (Centres), F.A. Clark, E.C. Scott (Lefts).

(Have changed A. Clark in SM/SL/REF to F.A. Clark)

Umpires: C.E. Hart (Pilgrims) and A.W. Letts (Foresters). Referee: J. Armstrong (Dreadnought).

ROYAL ENGINEERS, a bye

THIRD DIVISION:

Maidenhead v Acton  
Swifts v Old Harrovians  
Clapham Rovers or Old Etonians, a bye

MAIDENHEAD 2 (W.Blackwell,G.Green) ACTON 1(F.Winsland)(At Maidenhead) (H.T. 0-0)(F.T.1-1)(After Extra Time)(Sat Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Maidenhead Advertiser 7/12/81 P.3/Acton Gazette 10/12/81 P.7/Sportsman 5/12/81 P.4/Sporting Life 6/12/81 P.1/Reading Observer 1/12/81 P.3:

MA:"TYPE

AG:"This match was played at Maidenhead on Saturday.The game was started about a quarter to three,Heinemann kicking off for Acton.For some time the home team had the advantage,several corner kicks falling to them,but Young's capital goal-keeping averted the threatened danger,and Winsland and Springfield by good dribbling and passing got the ball down to the Maidenhead quarters,where for some time Smith and Wilks had a lively time of it.Reay now made a brilliant run for the home team,but Blackwell,who took the ball on,kicked over the tape,shortly afterwards repeating the feat.The kick-off by Boosey landed the ball to Heinemann,who passed it on to W.Grey. The latter passed it neatly to R.Grey who finished up with a long shot right into the mouth of the goal,where Lovegrove caught it well,and smartly got rid of it.Half-time was now called,with nothing scored to either side.Shortly after re-starting,the game became fast and furious,and out of a scrimmage Winsland passed right across the ground to R.Grey,who,after a short run,sent the ball through the Maidenhead goal.The umpires could not agree on the plea of "off-side" that was raised,so it was referred to the referee,who decided against Acton.Acton,however,quickly retaliated,as W.Grey,after a neat dribble,passed to Winsland,who shot it through the Maidenhead goal.Time was now called,the game being drawn;but as the rules compel clubs to play an extra half-hour,the match had to be continued in the fast increasing darkness.Just before the half-hour was up,after some fluky play,the players being scarcely able to see the ball,a lucky shot won the match for Maidenhead.For the winners Reay,Mackie,and Green played well.Acton were excellently represented and,we think,never played better together."

SM:"Played at Maidenhead on Saturday.At call of time,each side having obtained a goal,they played on for an extra half-hour when Green was successful in kicking the winning goal for Maidenhead."

SL:"A very even game resulted,and as each side had obtained a goal when the proper time had been played,it was agreed to continue for another half hour.During this extra allowance of play,Green for Maidenhead scored another goal,and thus won the match for his eleven by two goals to one."

Maidenhead:W.E.Lovegrove(Capt.)(Goal),A.Smith,J.Wilks(Backs),F.Hazeldine,C.E.Reay(Half Backs),W.Mackie,J.Bailey(Right),F.Mackie,W.A.Blackwell(Left),G.H.Green,A.Goodchild(Centres).

Acton:B.J.Young(Goal),F.L.Thornton(Capt.),W.Boosey(Backs),F.Attoe,C.Collins,A.Savage(Half Backs); F.Winsland,W.C.Stringfield,F.S.Heinemann,F.W.Grey,R.Grey(Forwards).

Umpires:A.Moyse(Maidenhead) and T.Murray-Ford(Acton).Referee:S.H.Wright(Marlow).

N.B. SL lineup wrongly has forwards as W.Hooper,R.Grey,J.G.Mellers,C.A.Sykes, W.Gibbs.CHECK

SWIFTS 7 (E.C.Bambridge 5,L.B.Keyser,F.W.Bain) OLD HARROVIANS 1 (C.L.Des Graz)(H.T. 4-0)  
(Sat Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>)(At Slough)

Sportsman 5/12/81 P.4/Sporting Life 6/12/81 P.1:

SM:"This match in the second round was played at Slough on Saturday.E.C.Bambridge scored the first goal for the Swifts;this was soon followed by another goal,got by Keyser.Shortly after E.C.Bambridge shot the ball through the Harrovians' goal once more,and before half time he again caused the downfall of the visitors' citadel.After ends were changed,Keyser centred to E.C.Bambridge,who shot it under the tape,thus placing the fifth goal to the Swifts' credit,repeating the performance,and shortly after this example was followed by Bain,after an excellent run.About ten minutes before time,after some good backing-up play,the Harrovians rushed the ball into the Swifts' territory and +Des Gray secured a well-earned goal.Thus when time was called the Swifts were left the winners by seven goals,five of which were kicked by E.C.Bambridge,to one." +Des Graz

SL:"For the first twenty minutes the game was very even,but then E.C.Bambridge got possession and scored the first goal for the Swifts.This was soon followed by another by Keyser.Bain,well middling the ball to E.C.Bambridge,the last-named scored a third goal,and before half time a fourth resulted. After ends were changed the ball was quickly taken down the side by Keyser and Bain,the former well centring it to E.C.Bambridge,who kicked a fifth goal.Some good passing then enabled E.C.Bambridge to again score,and this example was soon followed by Bain.About ten minutes before time,by some good backing up play,the Harrovians rushed the ball into the Swifts' territory,and Des Graz secured a well-earned goal;thus the Swifts were left the winners by seven goals to one."

Swifts:J.H.Savory(Capt.),H.Nicholls,(Half Backs)G.F.Wells-Cole,A.L.Bambridge(Backs),G.D.Perkins, L.B.Keyser, F.W.Bain,W.Wild, E.C.Bambridge,E.J.Wild, and W.S.Bambridge(Goal)

Old Harrovians:R.J.McNeill,R.de C.Welch,Ramsey,Rev.W.Law,P.J.T.Henery,+W.Y.Hargreaves, C.L.Des Graz,J.O.F.Murray,C.Colbeck,Davidson,A.F.Hills.

+Not W.G.Hargreaves?

(SM has Dundson and Des Gray)

OLD ETONIANS,a bye.

FOURTH DIVISION:

Hanover United v Upton Park

Hotspur v Reading Abbey

Romford v Reading Minster

HANOVER UNITED 1 (F.Farmer)UPTON PARK 3(S.R.Bastard,"scrimmage",J.Barnard)(H.T. 0-2)  
(At Barnes)(Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>)

Field 3/12/81 P.820/Sporting Life 29/11/81 P.1/Sportsman 29/11/81 P.4/Bell's Life 26/11/81  
P.10(No teams)/Referee 27/11/81 P.6(No teams):

F: "This tie in the second round was played at Barnes on Nov 26. Warner won the toss for ends, and aided by a powerful wind, his side kept the ball almost entirely in their opponents' quarters for the first period of the game. Only a few minutes had elapsed when a well-judged corner kick by Ellis enabled Bastard to kick the first goal for Upton. Several more corners accrued to the visitors, with Lafone shooting just over the tape from the second, while Joscelyne put the ball through (for) the third after Bastard had charged Nottingham out of the way, but an appeal for hands was allowed against him. In the other instances the ball was blown behind. After some fast play Barnard middled the ball, and Nottingham saved a shot by Barnett, who, however, got possession again, and his shot brought Nottingham down on his goal line with the ball between his knees. The Uptonians immediately charged in, and after a prolonged struggle, in which nearly all the players were engaged, the Hanovers were forced back, and a second goal was registered to Upton (REF: "... a prolonged scrimmage took place between the Hanover posts, and the Uptonians forcing their opponentes over the line, a second goal was registered to them."). Nothing had occurred to alter this state of affairs when half time was called. The wind was rapidly gaining in strength, and together with the rain, completely spoilt the game, though, fortunately, the well-drained ground made some amends; but the Upton backs had a hard time, Bates having received a kick, which rendered him of very little use to his side. Following the kick off Upton ran the ball up to the Hanover end, but failed to utilise a corner kick which fell to them; and then their opponents began to play up hard, and before long Ward and Mangles, hampered by the gale, failed to clear their posts, and Farmer rushing in, kicked a goal for Hanover, to the great delight of the noisy spectators, who at times hindered the play by encroaching far over the boundaries. Bates now had to retire permanently into goal, and Warner to attempt the unwanted feat of playing half back. Play, in the wind that now raged, became of a most uncertain nature, added to which drawback darkness also set in and made the players almost indistinguishable for the last half hour, and it was a relief to the Uptonians when Barnard scored a third goal for them. Following this, several consecutive corner kicks fell to the Hanovers, but Bates saved their only dangerous looking shot; and when time was whistled they were left vanquished by three goals to one. The Hanover team played up unexpectedly well, and, gave their opponents plenty of work. Quentin Hogg, Mangles, and Ellis worked very hard back, the latter being of great service to his side."

Hanover: H. T. Nottingham (Goal); Quentin Hogg, G. Clifford (Backs); J. Nottingham, J. Arnold (Half Backs); J. Deas, C. Irvine (Right), E. C. Ravani, F. Dodd (Centres), C. Stanning, F. Farmer (Left).

Upton Park: C. Warner (Capt.) (Goal); W. J. Mangles, A. H. Ward (Backs); E. D. Ellis, P. C. Bates (Half backs); H. R. Barnett, H. N. Joscelyne (Right), S. R. Bastard, C. Mitchell, (Centres), H. Lafone, J. Barnard (Left).

Umpires: C. E. Hart (Pilgrims) and Hon. A. F. Kinnaird (Old Etonians). Referee: N. L. Jackson (Finchley).

READING ABBEY 1 (C. Pontin) HOTSPUR 4 (J. Sutton 3, S. R. Carr) (H. T. 0-2) (Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>) (At Reading Cricket Ground)

NO TEAMS TRACED

(No report in the 3/12/81 Reading Observer nor Reading Mercury nor Berkshire Chronicle even though all have report of the Reading v West End game :see below)

Referee 27/11/81 P.6:"This match(second round) was played today(Saturday) at Reading Cricket Ground,and resulted in favour of the Hotspur by four goals(J.Sutton,3,S.R.Carr,1) to one (C.Pontin). The Hotspur won the toss,and elected to play with a strong wind at their backs.The first half of the play was mainly in the Reading quarters,the wind causing several corners to fall to the visitors,from which,however,nothing resulted.Two goals fell to the 'Spurs from the foot of J.Sutton.After half time the unselfish passing of the 'Spurs gained for them another goal,again by J.Sutton,soon after followed by one to Reading Abbey from a long shot by C.Pontin.Two minutes before time Carr kicked another for the visitors.Rain fell the whole time,and the ground was very slippery."(No teams)

Bell's Life 26/11/81 P.10:"The former(Hotspur) had all the best of this game at Reading,and won by four goals to (n)one."

Sheffield Independent 28/11/81 P.4:"..and Reading Abbey were beaten by Hotspur by four goals to one."

READING MINSTER 3 (H.Woodland,W.Winkworth,F.Wilson)ROMFORD 1(W.Wright) (+H.T. 2-1)  
(Sat Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>)(At Minster Ground,Prospect Park,Reading) +RO states 1-1

Reading Observer 10/12/81 P.3(Reading Minster team and scorers only)/Essex Times 10/12/81 P.6/Chelmsford Chronicle 9/12/81 P.7/Essex Herald 6/12/81 P.5/(No Reading Minster team in ET/CC/EH):

ET/CC/EH:"The match between these two clubs in the second round of the Association Cup took place at Reading on Saturday in fine weather.The home team had the advantage of the slight wind in the first half,and a few minutes after starting they made a run down and scored a goal.The visitors had claimed offside before the goal was kicked and no attempt was made to stop the ball,but upon appealing to the referee the goal was allowed.After this the game was fairly even and very fast,and eventually Wright equalised matters in following up a good run by kicking a goal for the visitors. Shortly afterwards Martin made a fine run the whole length of the ground,but when within six yards of the Reading stronghold and just about to make a shot for the goal one of the Reading men caught him by the arm and pulled him round.He therefore failed in the attempt.The Romford men claimed a foul,but this also,on appeal to the referee,was disallowed.Just before half time by some good passing on the part of the home team the ball was carried into the Romford ground,and by a good long shot they succeeded in scoring a second goal,the ball just touching the cross bar and going under.In the second half the Romford men completely pinned their opponents,and had numerous shots at the goal,and a fine shot by Earle struck the cross bar and knocked it over.However,they were most unfortunate and failed to add to their score.They made several claims for fouls on account of tripping,but they were all disallowed.In one instance,Earle having got well away with the ball,was about to take a shot for goal when his legs were deliberately kicked from under him.A foul was claimed for this,and being allowed by one of the umpires,one of the Romford men picked up the ball for the purpose of passing it back to where the foul took place,but the referee gave "hands" to the home team.The home team carried the ball into the Romford ground two or three times in the second half,and the last run just before the call of time resulted in a third goal to the Reading men,who thus won by three goals to one.The decisions of the referee were considered to be so partial that the Romford Club are considering the question of appealing.Earle,Roberts,Wright and H.W.Palmer played well for Romford"(See also Romford History P.39)



RO: "Reading Minster, 1<sup>st</sup> XI, played Romford (Association Cup tie) on the Minster ground, Prospect-park, on Saturday afternoon, before a large and enthusiastic gathering of spectators, though (we are asked to state) several members of a local club were conspicuous by their ungentlemanly behaviour. Play commenced at three, and five minutes from the start the Minster scored the first goal; Woodland giving the final kick. The Romford played up well, and with some good passing obtained their first goal. At half-time the match stood 1 goal to 1. Ends being changed, Prior, who throughout played in splendid form, getting well hold of the ball, took it down the field, when Winkworth, from a good shot, obtained a second goal for Minster. Shots were then made in rapid succession at the Minster goal, but they were cleverly met by Rev. E. S. Hilliard (goal). At five minutes before the call of time, Wilson took the ball to the Romford's territory and, amidst great cheering, succeeded in scoring the third goal for the home team, Minster being thus left the winners of the second round of the Association Cup ties by 3 goals to 1. For the Minster, besides those mentioned above, A. Bilson and H. Hatsell played well, while Palmer, Martin, and Roberts were conspicuous on the part of Romford."

Reading Minster : Rev. E. S. Hilliard (Capt.) (Goal); C. Shatcher, W. Winkworth (Backs); H. Simmonds, H. Hatsell (Half Backs); A. Bilson, F. Wilson (Right Side), J. C. Prior, H. Bilson (Left Side), S. Earles, H. Woodland (Centres).

Romford: E. Champness (Goal), H. W. Palmer, A. D. Cornell (Backs); C. Couzens, J. E. Clark (Capt.) (Half Backs); P. M. Earle, A. G. Martin, M. Roberts, W. D. Matthews, W. Wright, C. S. Palmer (Forwards).

#### THIRD ROUND:

Bell's Life 10/12/81 P.10:

"On Monday last the Third Ties for the Cup were drawn as under:

#### NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT:

Darwen v Turton

Blackburn Rovers, a bye

DARWEN 4 (T. Rostron 2, T. Marshall, R. Kirkham) TURTON 2 (E. Rothwell, J. Howarth) (H.T. 2-1) (At Barley Bank ground, Darwen) (Sat Dec 17<sup>th</sup>) (35 Minutes each way)

Athletic News 21/12/81 P.3/Bolton Evening News 19/12/81 P.4/Nottingham Evening Post 19/12/81 P.4/Referee 18/12/81 P.6:

AN: "This tie was played off on the Barley Bank Ground, Darwen, on Saturday last, in the presence of 1,500 to 2,000 spectators. Owing to the frequent falls of snow during the early part of the week and the heavy and almost incessant rain of the three days previous, the ground was in an almost indescribable condition, being nothing but heavy mud, six inches deep, which made play very exhausting, and of a very uninviting character. Taking this into consideration, and the lateness in starting, the two teams agreed to play thirty five minutes each way. Turton won the toss, and T. Bury kicked off for Darwen at three o'clock, with the wind in his favour, and the home forwards at once made an inroad on the Turton goal, Marshall sending the ball across the front of it, but a good attempt by Towers was unsuccessful in getting the desired point. Hands for a foul, again gave the Darwenians a chance, but a capital kick by Greenhalgh cleared the danger away, though only

momentarily, as Entwistle replied by an equally telling shot, and Rostron did his best to put the ball through, but Brown, the Turton custodian, was all there and speedily relieved his charge. The Turton forwards, getting the ball, at once carried it into Darwen quarters where Bentley and Howarth tried hard to get past the Darwen backs, but some fine work by Brindle repulsed them, and in turn their own goal was greatly jeopardised, a shot from Marshall all but scoring, the ball falling just over the bar. A throw in for Turton near the Darwen goal, caused the home supporters some anxiety, but a grand piece of play by Holden removed the danger, and a huge kick by Moorhouse landed the ball well into the visitors' division, where, after a hard fight, a corner kick fell to Darwen. Another struggle for supremacy followed, but Greenhalgh and Trainor were fully equal to the occasion, the ball at length being shot out by Towers. A throw in from the home team narrowly missed being scored from, Rostron making a good shot, which just cleared the bar. Then followed a capital piece of dodgy work by Towers on the left, in conjunction with Kirkham, and a clinking run by Rostron, who, considering the heavy nature of the ground, worked the ball well, but in each case the Darwenians were unsuccessful in scoring. Later on a combined attack by the whole of the home forwards, in which Towers and Bury were conspicuous, ended in a similar manner. The Turton right wing, aided by Howarth in the centre, now worked the ball up to the Darwen backs, where through a slight misunderstanding between Holden and Brindle, the latter being knocked down, Rothwell took the ball, and, with a clear course, scored first blood for Turton amidst great cheering. Later on a good shot by Bentley Massey stopped well; then Entwistle, in a capital fashion, dashed in at a most critical moment and robbed Howarth, Bentley, and Rothwell of the ball. A corner kick for Darwen was not utilised. Time after time the Turtonians were pressed back in defence of their goal, the Darwen forwards working hard to effect its downfall, experiencing hard lines. At length, after some give and take play in midfield, a long kick by Moorhouse gave the ball to Rostron, who, getting the desired opening, promptly sent the leather between the visitors' uprights. Again pressing forward, the Darwenians, aided by a splendid run on the part of Towers, who completely ran round the Turton right wing, ended in the ball being centred. Rostron gave it to Bury, who again scored for Darwen, but the goal was disallowed through "off side". Scarcely had the ball been kicked off before the Darwen right wing pair were in possession, and a grand screw (BEN: "by Rostron") almost from the goal line completely beat the Turton custodian. Ends being changed, Darwen again assumed the aggressive, but, as usual, at the last moment, the shots were ineffectual. An attempt by the visitors to get at the Darwen goal, was well stopped by Fish; then Brindle and Rostron, with his partner, worked the leather up to the Turton goal, where it was played out by Trainor in defence; a corner kick for Darwen ensued, but the ball was played over the line. A shot by Rostron, after some warm work in front of the goal, was not good enough to score. Then a piece of clever play by Towers gave both Bury and Rostron a chance, but Greenhalgh, who played well throughout, relieved the danger in a capital manner. A capital run by Bury, who passed the ball to Marshall, gave the Darwenians another opening, but before they could take advantage Greenhalgh again stopped all danger by a long kick. A good run by Towers on the left and centre Rostron made badly out of. The Turtonians, who had been forced to act on the defensive, now made a combined run to the Darwen goal almost but Brindle nicely took the ball from the lot, and could have got it out of danger, but, dribbling too long with it, Howarth and Bentley were on him, and Howarth getting the ball, scored the second time for Turton. Playing up, and scarcely giving the visitors another chance, the Darwen forwards made one continual attack on their stronghold, scoring a third goal from a run by Towers, Bury passing the ball to Marshall, who did the needful. Again the Darwen left wing were instrumental in bringing the ball well up and centring to Bury this player gave it to Marshall on the right, who passed it back again to

the centre,where Kirkham neatly placed it between the uprights,the game eventually ending in favour of Darwen by four goals to two.”

N.B. BEN:This report is almost identical to the AN report above,but one or other report has small additional details,the most important of wich is that BEN states that Rostron scored the second Darwen goal(see above) whereas in AN the scorer is not named

NEP/REF:”These teams met at Darwen on Saturday,in the presence of 1,800 spectators.The ground was in bad condition,owing to the heavy rain,and only half an hour was played each way.Darwen scored four goals and one disallowed for offside,and Turton obtained two goals.Rostron scored the first two goals for Darwen,and Marshall and Bury one each,Rothwell and Howarth getting the points for Turton.”

Darwen:W.M.Massey(Goal),W.Brindle,J.Holden(Backs),W.H.Moorhouse,S.Fish,R.Entwistle (Half Backs),T.Rostron,T.Marshall,T.Bury,R.Kirkham,W.Towers(Forwards).

Turton:H.Brown(Goal),J.Greenhalgh,W.Trainor(Backs),C.Tootill,R.Trainor(Half Backs), J.J.Bentley,E.Rothwell,J.Hamer,J.W.Halliwell,J.Howarth,H.Howarth(Forwards).

Umpires: J.Wolstenholme for Darwen and W.T.Dixon for Turton..Referee:Ormerod(Accrington FC).

BLACKBURN ROVERS,a bye

MIDLAND DISTRICT:

Aston Villa v Nottingham or Wednesbury Strollers  
Wednesbury Old Athletic,a bye

ASTON VILLA 2(E.C.Davis,O.Whateley) NOTTS CLUB 2 (T.Bausor 2)(H.T. 2-1)(F.T. 2-2)(After Extra Time)(Sat Dec 31<sup>st</sup>)(At Perry Barr,Birmingham)

Birmingham Daily Post 2/1/82 P.6/Nottingham Evening Post 2/1/82 P.4/Nottinghamshire Guardian 6/1/82 P.4/Athletic News 4/1/82 P.3/Sportsman 2/1/81 P.4/Sporting Life 3/1/82 P.1/Field 7/1/82 P.21/Referee 1/1/82 P.6:

BDP:”These clubs played off their tie in the above competition on Saturday,at Perry Barr,in the presence of about 5,000 spectators.Brown kicked off downhill.The play at the start was very even, but eventually H.A.Cursham succeeded in passing the Villa backs,and finished a splendid run with a good centre which Bausor converted into a goal.This reverse caused the Villa to play up with renewed energy,and Davis shortly after made the score equal with a shot from the left.The Notts men now redoubled their efforts,and the Villa goal was kept in a state of siege for a while.Davis and Vaughton at length got away and Whateley was instrumental in scoring the second goal for the home team off a throw in by Davis shortly before half time was called.The Notts men were now very prominent making frequent incursions into the Villa territory;and Whateley and Brown retaliated,the latter putting the ball through the goal for the third time off a centre by Hunter.The score,however, was disallowed on the plea of “offside”.After some good play by H.A.Cursham,Bausor was enabled to register another goal for the visitors,making the score equal.The Villa goal was now hotly besieged,several corners being given,which were well placed by H.A.Cursham,but the Villa managed to keep their goal intact,and when time was called the score was still equal,two goals each.It was

then agreed to play an extra half hour to decide the tie, but no point being added on either side, the match, which was splendidly contested throughout, was obliged to be declared a draw."

NEP: "The interest taken in the contest was very great, and there was a very large attendance, fully 7,000 being present.

The choice of goals fell to the Notts captain, and Aston Villa kicked off down-hill with a slight wind in their favour. The home team started without Whateley, who was late, but at once showed to advantage, the forwards taking the game into the strangers' half of the ground. However, Nottingham returned the charge, and the game became very even; a capital run by H. Cursham, and the ball well centered, enabled Bausor to draw first blood for Nottingham ten minutes after the start. Nettled by this reverse, Brown, Davis, and Whateley put in some good work, and Vaughton, after a clever piece of dodging, came near to scoring. H. Cursham soon after got away on the right, and the Nottingham forwards following up well, a continued fusillade was kept up on the Villa goal. Clarke used his hands well, and Whateley relieved the pressure. Davis dashed away, and the forwards following up smartly, Dobson kicked behind in self defence. The corner and another, which Brown compelled Dobson to give, came to nothing. A long throw in by Davis near the goal gave Davis a chance. Moore returned the leather, but Davis came up and sent the ball through with a clean shot high out of the goalkeeper's reach. The game continued fast each side striving to gain the winning point, Brown, Vaughton, and Whateley playing prettily together and causing Moore and Dobson a lot of trouble. The Notts backs, however, being faster than the Villa forwards, kept them at a safe distance, though a clever centre by Hunter afforded Whateley a chance. Moore came up in time, and sent the ball into touch. The throw was well taken by Davis, but Hunter was too slow, to take advantage of the opportunity. H. A. Cursham then had a fine run, and, ably backed by Bausor and Greenhalgh in the centre, came near scoring. Simmonds relieved the pressure, but A. W. Cursham came again, and by dint of sticking to him, Dawson compelled him to send the ball behind. A long spell of give and take play now took place. H. A. Cursham relieved the monotony with a fine run, which Pank got back in time to save resulting disastrously. Whateley started another run, which Vaughton and Davis continued down the Notts lines, and a corner kick entrusted to Brown was fruitless. Davis then had a throw in, and after some sharp passing in front of goal, Whateley, with a hard low shot, scored number two, the ball glancing through off Moore's leg. Immediately after the kick off, by some grand play, the home team attacked, and a long "maul in goal" was at last cleared by the visitors' backs. Two or three times Jessop had to use his hands from splendid shots by Whateley, Brown, and Hunter. H. A. Cursham at last got away, and a long run carried the fight up to the Villa lines, when half time was called. On change of ends the home team again assumed the offensive, and Brown made a brilliant attack, though a claim of "off-side" spoiled a grand run. Notts now gave signs of wavering, the great pace of the game seeming to tell on the heavier visitors. Still the grand defence of Moore and Dobson, and the ease with which they were able to outstrip the Villa forwards, kept their lines intact, Moore and Dobson playing in fine style, while the brothers Cursham were often seen dashing up the wings. On the other hand Dawson, Whateley, Brown, and Vaughton were hard at work, and Pank saved well, his pace being extremely useful. At last A. W. Cursham, by a fine run and brilliant centre enabled Bausor to score the second goal, and thus equalise matters. After this the Notts played up very hard, and having the wind and hill in their favour, completely penned in the Villa. Only occasionally did the Birmingham men break away, but Brown falling back assisted the defence so well that at the call of time no further score was made. An extra half hour was played in darkness, but nothing additional was obtained, and thus the match ended in a draw of two goals each. A. W. and H. Cursham were the best of the

forwards, while the defence of Moore, Jessop, and Dobson was very fine. For the Villa, Brown, Vaughton, and Whateley were very good, and Simmonds and Pank in the back division were conspicuous."

Aston Villa: W. Clarke (Goal); J. Simmonds, E. B. Lee (Backs); T. Pank, S. Law, F. Dawson (Half Backs); Andy Hunter, O. Whateley (Right), Arthur Brown (Centre), Eli C. Davis, O. H. Vaughton (Left).

Notts Club: H. Jessop (Goal); A. T. C. Dobson, H. T. Moore (Backs); H. Fletcher, H. Chapman, C. F. Dobson (Half Backs); C. L. Cursham, A. W. Cursham (Left), T. Bausor (Centre), E. H. Greenhalgh, H. A. Cursham (Right).

Umpires: J. Hughes (Aston Villa) and T. Oliver (Notts County). Referee: N. L. Jackson.

REPLAY: Sat Jan 7<sup>th</sup>:

NOTTS CLUB 2 (H. Chapman, A. W. Cursham) ASTON VILLA 2 (Arthur Brown, Archie Hunter)  
(H.T. 1-0)(F.T. 1-1)(AET 2-2)(At Castle Cricket Club, Nottingham)

Birmingham Daily Post 10/1/82 P.5/Nottingham Evening Post 9/1/82 P.4/Nottinghamshire Guardian 6/1/82 P.12/Athletic News 11/1/82 P.6/Field 14/1/82 P.54/Sportsman 9/1/82 P.4/Sporting Life 10/1/82 P.1/Referee 8/1/82 P.5:

BDP: "On Saturday last the Aston Villa travelled to Nottingham to play off the tie. In the presence of about 8,000 spectators Brown kicked off for the Villa with a slight slope in their favour, and the ball was quickly taken into the visitors' quarters. Pank, however, promptly returned the leather and Whateley made a smart run, finishing with a shot at goal, which Jessop put out. Andy Hunter took the ball into the home quarters, but Moore cleared his lines, and Bausor, Greenhalgh and Chapman had a combined run up the centre, the latter with a high shot, scoring the first point for Notts. The Villa played up sharply and Whateley shot just outside the post. H. Cursham replied with a magnificent run, but was effectually checked by the Villa backs; and Archie Hunter invaded the Villa quarters shooting right into Jessop's hands, Archie Hunter also having two shots at goal. The Villa goal was in turn attacked, Clarke smartly saving his charge from a shot by Bausor. Davis and Whateley relieved the pressure, the latter shooting just over the bar. No further score was made up to half time; and upon the change of ends Villa assumed the aggressive, Brown passing to A. Hunter, that player securely centred, and Brown registered the first point for the Villa. The home team then retaliated with a shot at the visitors' goal, which Clarke saved smartly. No further score was made up to the call of "time" and the game being equal, one goal each, it was necessary to play another half hour. The Villa from the start pressed their opponents, and from a throw in, after a bit of passing, Archie Hunter kicked the second goal for his side. H. Cursham was then very prominent, Dawson having to give a corner, from which A. Cursham headed a goal, which again made the score equal. The two clubs, therefore, stand in the somewhat unprecedented position of having to play a third match to decide which of them shall have the honour of playing in the fourth round of the National Cup ties."

NEP: "...the remarkable levelness of the antagonists, and the certainty of a fine struggle being witnessed, attracted a crowd to the Castle Ground, which in round numbers, fell little, if any, short of 7,000 spectators. The attendance was far in excess of what has ever previously been seen at a football match played in Nottingham, and the excitement of the vast number of onlookers, especially in the last minutes of the struggle, reached an indescribable height. The weather was brilliantly fine, though cold, while the ground appeared to be in excellent condition, but the existence, especially

during the first half of the proceedings, of almost a gale of wind, which blew almost directly across the ground, had a considerable influence on the game, and rendered the play not a little unsatisfactory and uncertain. Almost times without number the ball was blown out of boundary, and over the touch line to the left hand on entering the enclosure, and this circumstance materially upset calculations, and rendered anything like a good passing game impracticable, and accurate kicking by the backs and half-backs a matter of sheer impossibility. Towards the finish the wind moderated, and the play consequently became all the more interesting for those who were anxiously watching every phase of the conflict, the feelings of the partisans and supporters of the two clubs being most intense during the last quarter of an hour, and when, during the final five minutes before the call of time, the Notts men, by a most determined effort, managed to make matters once more equal the enthusiasm of the crowd was manifested in a scene rarely witnessed in connection with a decision of any outdoor pastime. Both teams were substantially the same as those which had encountered one another the previous weekend, and were as strong as either organisation could place on the field. Although Vaughton was absent from the ranks of the Aston Villa, the visitors had found a good substitute in Brookes, while any slight difference there might have been between the two was amply compensated by the presence in the eleven of Archie Hunter, who, it is said, had come especially from Scotland to assist his old comrades of the leading club in Birmingham. No great change was noticeable in the ranks of the local eleven, although they were placed at a serious disadvantage by the lameness of H. Cursham, who had sprained his ankle playing against the Old Carthusians on the previous Thursday afternoon. This drawback was not so noticeable in the first quarter of an hour's play, but after that time had elapsed the brilliant left wing player of the Notts club managed to render matters worse in a heavy charge he sustained, and he had at once to change places with his brother Arthur Cursham on the right wing. This alteration was absolutely necessary, most of the work, owing to the cause to which reference has previously been made, devolving on the players acting on that particular side of the ground, where H. Cursham, under ordinary circumstances, is so wonderfully effective. Although undoubtedly lame, he still managed to do several particularly neat feats, and it was in some measure owing to his pluck and speed, shown under great difficulties, that his friends were able to render the match a tie at a time when the issue, so far as they were concerned, appeared exceedingly discouraging. In the original time fixed for the duration of the match there could not be any possible doubt in the minds of the impartial section of the onlookers that the Notts club had far the best of the game and the worst of the luck."

"Aston Villa having won the toss, at 2.45 Notts kicked off, there being at the time a strong wind blowing, across the field, and to some slight extent in favour of the visitors. The Birmingham team at once made a vigorous onslaught upon their opponents' stronghold, but met with a determined resistance, and the ball was soon passed over to the opposite end, where, in a struggle between H. Cursham and Davis, a corner kick was obtained for Notts. Nothing came of it, however, and for some short time after this play was confined chiefly to the Notts left wing, the wind continually sending the leather out of play. From a throw in H. Cursham had his first good run up the left, and by splendid play succeeded in placing the ball in front of goal. One of the Notts centres then made a good attempt to score but was cleverly prevented by Clarke. Immediately afterwards A. W. Cursham sent in a smart shot from the right, but Clarke again showed his fitness for the position he held. He had to give a corner kick, however, from the right, and the Villa eleven brought all their strength to bear to ward off the attack. The ball was placed in front of the goal posts, but in the scrimmage that followed H. Cursham kicked it out of play. Shortly afterwards Archie Hunter had a splendid run down the

right, but an equally good attempt to score was frustrated by Moore, who by a fine kick sent the ball spinning into mid-field. It was carried up the left to the Birmingham end, where H. Cursham passed it cleverly to his brother Arthur upon the right, but the latter player misjudging his kick, sent the ball on the wrong side of the post. Immediately afterwards A. T. Dobson placed the ball dangerously near the Aston Villa citadel, and ten minutes from the start Chapman, by a well-judged kick, obtained the first goal for Notts. On play being resumed the game continued as fast as ever and Andy Hunter had a good shy for the Notts goal, but the kick was frustrated by A. T. Dobson, who played exceedingly well throughout. H. Cursham carried the leather cleverly up the left, but was successfully opposed by Davis, and two "throws-in" made matters warm at the Notts end; a screw kick by Andy Hunter only just being saved from scoring by Jessop. Exchanges were pretty frequent, both sides doing their best to get the ball under the cross-bar. A good try to score from the left by H. Cursham was neutralised by Simmons, and this was followed by a pretty piece of play between Andy Hunter and Chapman, in which the former got the worst of it; but Brookes, coming to the rescue, by a neat exhibition of dribbling, took the ball down the centre. In his anxiety to score, he sent it on the wrong side of the post. After a tough fight between Davis and A. Cursham, the latter managed to bring the ball to the visitors' end, but, although it resulted in some lively play, from which the home eleven obtained a corner kick, the Aston eleven succeeded in keeping the leather from passing under the cross-bar. A few minutes later the united efforts of A. and H. Cursham brought the ball into the mouth of their opponents' stronghold, and the struggle that followed was of the liveliest description. Both sides were well up, and it looked any odds on the Notts scoring, but their antagonists admirably defended their goal, and the leather was eventually kicked out of play. The Birmingham eleven took up the offensive, and succeeded in forcing the Notts back into their own quarters. A thrown in by Brown was cleverly headed by Bausor and Chapman reversed matters for a time. Davis had a good run down the left, but was too slow at the finish, and before he could make a final kick the ball was taken from him by A. T. Dobson. After an exhibition of clever passing between Whateley and Brookes, H. Cursham, who had his ankle injured on Thursday last, became lame, and shortly afterwards he changed places with his brother Arthur, the bulk of the play at that time, being chiefly on the left wing. H. Cursham played with wonderful pluck, and when the opportunity offered he made a fine run down the right, but the ball was wrested from him by Davis, who had a similar smart run up the opposite side. His career being cut short by Moore, Brown came up, and gaining the mastery, once more brought the ball down to the centre of the Notts quarters. Pank's attempt to score was a failure, and Chapman and H. Cursham conveyed the ball between them to the Aston end. There it was passed to Greenhalgh, who made a splendid try to score, but he was not sufficiently backed up, and after an equally good attempt by Brown to make matters equal, which was well saved by Jessop, half time was called. With the change of ends, Notts at once took up the offensive, and succeeded in obtaining a corner kick, but no good resulted from it, and Whateley relieved his goal-keeper by taking the ball along the centre. Arriving at the opposite end he passed it to Brookes, who had a splendid kick for the goal, but was prevented by Jessop, who seemed for ever on the alert. The next event was a run on the right by A. Cursham, who had resumed his old position. Notwithstanding the great opposition brought to bear on him, he was successful in placing the ball in front of his opponents' goal, but there being no one to support him, it was passed over to the left and kicked over the bar. The game at this point was tolerably even, but H. Cursham was to the fore with a brilliant run down the left wing and succeeded in transferring the leather safely to Bausor in the centre. The latter player had a fine opportunity, and a goal seemed inevitable, but the ball went on the wrong side of the posts. From a free kick for the visitors the game became very lively near the Notts goal, and A. Brown seeing his opportunity scored

the first point for his side. The play was very exciting, the Notts eleven making a vigorous attack upon their opponents' goal. A. Cursham was within an ace of scoring, but was thwarted by Clarke. The leather was kept at that end, and shortly after C. Cursham passed it to H. Cursham, who centred it to Bausor, but the latter player was again in fault and missed a splendid chance of scoring by a kick which sent the ball over the bar. The efforts of Davis relieved his goal-keeper for a time, but H. Cursham was not long before he forced the ball back. Simmons had to kick out of bounds to save the Aston goal being besieged. The corner kick which followed was productive of an exciting scrimmage, but Whateley's play forced the home team to retire. Again did A. Cursham pass to Bausor in the centre, who once more failed to score. Some few minutes later H. Cursham dodged the whole of his opponents, but missed his final kick. The ball was carried to the Notts end, where some warm shots were made by the visitors' forwards, but their opponents were too active for them, and cleared their posts. Numerous corner kicks were afterwards given to the home eleven, but although several good tries were made to add to the total, notably on the part of Fletcher and H. Cursham, when time was called neither side had gained any further advantage.

The score thus standing equal with one goal each, the referee ordered the teams to play a further half hour-fifteen minutes from either end. Aston kicked off in the direction of the pavilion goal, the Notts representatives showing, for a time, evident signs of fatigue, the strife was carried on in the neighbourhood of their citadel. A corner kick to the wearers of the black jersey came to nothing, and the admirable play of H. Moore also prevented several other attacks ending disastrously. One or two smart efforts by Arthur Cursham had the effect of temporarily removing the play to the Birmingham end, but without much difficulty the contest was soon again transferred to the home team's line. From the result of some smart passing Archie Hunter was given a chance, of which he managed to take the full benefit, sending in a fast high shot, which Jessop could not reach. The Notts goal-keeper, however, stopped a good effort by Davis, and half time was called with the ball in the territory of the local team. Ends were soon changed, and Notts reviving, quickly pressed their antagonists, but good fortune did not attend several determined efforts they made to score. At last, however, after a protracted struggle in front of the Villa goal, the ball was sent between the posts, this success being greeted with the most vigorous cheering. Nothing further was obtained, and the game ended in a draw, with two goals to the credit of each side."

Notts Club: H. Jessop (Goal), A. T. C. Dobson, H. T. Moore (Backs), H. Fletcher, H. Chapman, C. F. Dobson (Half Backs), A. W. Cursham, C. L. Cursham (Right Wing), T. Bausor (Centre), E. H. Greenhalgh (Capt.), H. A. Cursham (Left Wing).

Aston Villa: W. Clarke (Goal), J. Simmonds (Back), E. B. Lee (Three-Quarters Back), T. Pank, F. Dawson (Half Backs), Andy Hunter, F. Brookes (Right Wing), O. Whateley, Arthur Brown (Centres), E. C. Davis, Archie Hunter (Left Wing).

Umpires: T. O. Oliver (Nottingham) and W. B. Mason (Birmingham). Referee: N. L. Jackson (Assistant Secretary, London Football Association).

SECOND REPLAY: Sat Jan 14<sup>th</sup>: (At Perry Barr)

ASTON VILLA 4 (Archie Hunter, +O. Whateley, Arthur Brown, F. Dawson) NOTTS CLUB 1  
(++A. W. Cursham) (H. T. 2-0)



+O. Whateley per AV Complete Record but it appears that he centred the ball and that the goal being scored from a scrimmage or by a rush by the Villa forwards:

NJ: "A run down the right wing by Brown followed, Whateley centred, and out of a slight scrimmage another goal was obtained by the Aston Villa."

++It appears that H.A. Cursham did not score this goal, as he took the throw-in and his brother A.W. Cursham scored the goal (see AN Report extract below)

Nottingham Evening Post 16/1/82 P.4/Nottinghamshire Guardian 20/1/82 P.12/Birmingham Daily Post 16/1/82 P.5/Nottingham Journal 16/1/82 P.4/Athletic News 18/1/82 P.6/Field 21/1/82 P.90/Sportsman 16/1/82 P.4/Sporting Life 17/1/82 P.1/Referee 15/1/82 P.6:

SM: "Notts played exactly the same team that has done duty for them on previous occasions, but owing to illness, Andy Hunter was absent from the Villa, and it was decided to replace him by a half back-Laws-thus allowing Dawson to play half back or forward as circumstances might dictate."

NEP/NG: "It was computed that over 10,000 spectators were present at the Aston Villa grounds, Perry Barr, near Birmingham, on Saturday, to witness the third competition between these clubs for the Association Challenge Cup. The weather was threatening, though fortunately fine, and the ground was heavy. The Nottingham team was composed of the same men who have represented the club on previous occasions, but Andy Hunter was absent from the Villa team and Dawson was chosen as his substitute. At a quarter to three o'clock Archie Hunter kicked off, with a steady wind and the fall of the ground in his favour. J. Dobson returned it, and Whateley and Dawson ran it well on to the Notts goal, Chapman coming to the rescue. A combined rush of the Villa forwards next compelled Fletcher to kick over his own line, and from the corner, by Lees, Law put in a good long shot, which Jessop averted. Davis immediately returned it to the goal mouth with a nice screw kick, but H.A. Cursham securing it on the left wing, made away with it up the field, and got very close to the Villa goal before Simmons deprived him of the leather. Again Cursham and Greenhalgh tried to get in, and again they were baulked by Simmons; and then Hunter and Davis came down the field, passing with great exactness, Dobson kicking out near his own goal. Davis threw the ball right among the Villa forwards, and Hunter headed it into goal, but it struck the cross-bar and went behind. The kick from goal did not give a long respite to the strangers' backs, for Lees placed the ball by another throw straight in front of the goal, but Greenhalgh got it away, and passing to H. Cursham, the latter worked it into the Villa territory before he was stopped by Lees. Shortly afterwards Simmons had hard work to keep Greenhalgh off, and a throw in by T. Dobson was only neutralised by Pank in the nick of time. (H.) A. and A.W. Cursham were next conspicuous with a good run, the latter passing well to his brother on the opposite wing, and a shot by him was only prevented from scoring by the vigilance of the Villa goalkeeper. From the throw out from goal Whateley came away grandly, taking the ball the whole of the field. A throw in by Davis was the next feature, and T. Dobson had to give a corner kick for safety. A second followed, but it was not well judged, and the ball went outside. For some little time Notts were kept on the defensive, the ball once rolling slowly out of a scrimmage across the goal mouth and going over the line. The kick for goal gave Hunter the ball in mid-field and he took it straight down the centre. Dobson met him in front of goal, but Hunter pushed him aside and rushed clean through the goal with the ball at his feet, scoring the first point for the Villa fifteen minutes after the start. On resuming the Notts forwards forced their way to the Villa backs, and were then repulsed, while a run by Whateley was taken up by Dawson, whose shot sent the ball just on the

wrong side of the goal posts. In turn A.W. Cursham got within a few yards of the Villa goal, before Lees tackled him, by giving the Notts a corner kick. Whateley got the ball to mid-field—where Brown joined in, causing Jessop to work hard to save his goal. Give and take play followed, a throw in by Davis almost ending in a score, Hunter's parting touch carrying the ball against the cross-bar of the goal. H.A. Cursham after this had a couple of fine runs, but he was too well watched to prove dangerous, Lees, in particular, retarding his progress with the ball. From a miskick by Moore, Brown ran away with a clear field into the Notts goal, but Moore caught him just in time, and gave a corner kick, which Lees took. H.A. Cursham and Greenhalgh relieved their goal, the latter finishing the run with a good close shot, which all but scored, Clarke clearing the ball well. Both teams next fouled the ball in mid-field, and from the free kick for the Villa the forwards made a beautiful combined run. Moore in tackling Brown missed the ball, which dropped right in front of the Notts goal, and it was at once forced through, the Villa forwards, in their eagerness, carrying Jessop with it. With two goals against them Notts still played with vigour. From the kick off Villa had a corner kick, and Greenhalgh met the incoming ball, but was tackled by Dawson, who put in a beautiful long shot, Jessop, with difficulty stopping the leather as it was going through the goal. The right wing of Notts then exhibited a good dashing run, which gave H.A. Cursham an opportunity of scoring, and the Villa goal had a narrow escape. The same player again tried to get away and he was held nicely by Lees, but A.W. Cursham got well in, and Laws gave a corner kick to save his goal. Hunter cleared his posts in fine style, Notts, in turn, having to resort to safety play. The corner kick by Lees gave Pank an opening some distance out, but his shot just skimmed the wrong side of the cross-bar. From this up to half time the play was very even, the ball travelling up and down the field to be stopped at each end by the backs. On changing positions Notts had the advantage of the wind and ground, and at once carried the fight into the other territory, a shot by Greenhalgh being well repelled by Simmons. In turn Davis and Hunter caused the strangers to fall back on their own goal, the former attempting to lower the opposition colours with a well-timed shot, which Moore met. A mis-kick by Law next gave Notts a corner, but it was fruitless. Soon after, however, the Curshams, on the right wing, and Bausor came away grandly, and invaded the Villa goal. A hard fight was ended by Hunter breaking away, but he was repelled by Dobson, and Simmons checked a dangerous onslaught by H.A. Cursham. Taking advantage of the Notts backs lying too far upfield, Brown rushed in and with a clear field made off. He got right in front of the Notts citadel with plenty of time to gauge a close shot, but his heel sticking in the stiff ground caused him to put the ball over the line. From this point the Notts forwards broke away, and J. Dobson had a shot at the Villa goal, and a short scrimmage followed, Hunter at last coming to the rescue. With Vaughton, he made a grand passing run close into the Notts lines, giving Brown an opening, which he availed himself of, and it was only by extreme vigilance that Jessop stopped the ball. Davis and Vaughton were next conspicuous, and a rush by Hunter gave a corner kick off Moore. From it H.A. Cursham led a good run, but he was well stopped by Simmons on the Villa lines, and the good passing of the home forwards for a time kept Jessop on the alert, Brown and Hunter finding him lots of work. The siege at last ended by Whateley screwing the ball right into the Notts goal, and Brown kicked it through, making the score three to none. On resuming H.A. Cursham made a wild shot at the Villa goal, but a better one by Greenhalgh shortly afterwards pressed Clarke severely, but he was equal to the occasion. Another by H.A. Cursham was splendidly repulsed by Clarke, who played grandly, and the Villa goal was relieved by the same player throwing the ball over the line. A run by the Villa right wing, and a reply from the Notts left, was followed by the nicest piece of play in the match. Brown, from mid-field, ran the ball to the left, and on getting near the Notts goal dodged the backs grandly, till an opening presented itself, when he sent in a beautiful oblique shot, and the ball

was just rolling through the goal when Dawson rushed up and "made assurance doubly sure", scoring the fourth goal for the Villa. With but thirteen minutes to play, the chances of Notts averting a defeat were very small, as their opponents were playing in fine combination. Still they worked hard till the very end, and three minutes before time their efforts were rewarded from a throw in by +H.A. Cursham. Time was then called, with the ball just taken from the Villa goal, by Whateley and Dawson, the Villa winning a splendid match by four goals to one." +A.W. Cursham scored :see NJ Report extract below

N.B. There are many name errors above: Nottingham papers report :Lees for Lee, Laws for Law, C.A. Cursham for H.A. Cursham, and J. Dobson for T. Dobson

BDP: "These clubs, having played two drawn games in the above competition, met for the third time on Saturday, at Perry Barr, to play off the tie. A great amount of interest was evinced as to the result, and it is estimated that 10,000 persons assembled to witness the match. Archie Hunter commenced hostilities for the Villa, and the ball was rushed into the Notts position, and a corner given, but it was got away. From a throw in by Davis Archie Hunter headed the ball just over the cross bar, and then H.A. Cursham made a splendid run, but his career was stopped by Simmonds almost on the goal line. Whateley and Archie Hunter retaliated, the latter scoring the first goal for the Villa. The visitors were now prominent, making several dashing runs, to stop one of which Clarke had to give a corner, which Simmonds kicked outside, and from the throw in by H.A. Cursham, Brown and Whateley made an incursion into the Notts territory, and out of a scrimmage Villa gained another goal.

A. Cursham, C. Cursham and Bausor then made a pretty combined run, and the Villa goalkeeper had to give another corner to save his charge but Pank cleared his lines, and when half time was called the ball was bobbing in front of the Notts goal. The visitors now played up very determinedly causing the home team to play on the defensive for a while, but Archie Hunter and Brown relieved the pressure, and a shot by the former caused Jessop to give a corner, which was headed out by Moore, and H.A. Cursham had to be tackled smartly by Lee and Simmonds. The ball going outside off Cursham, the throw in was taken by Lee and Brown was enabled to score the third goal for the Villa. After a splendid bit of tackling in midfield by Dawson, H. Cursham, Whateley and Chapman, the Notts men invaded the Villa quarters, and three corners were given, but the home team kept their goal intact, Archie Hunter, Vaughton and Davis with a brilliant passing run carrying the contest into the visitors' lines, and Dawson with a good hard shot registered the fourth goal for the Villa. Off a splendid throw in by H.A. Cursham, after a dashing run, +C.A. Cursham succeeded in lowering the colours of the Villa for the first time; and shortly after "time" was called, the Villa winning a splendidly contested match by four goals to one." +A.W. Cursham

++AN: "During the last fifteen minutes the play of Notts considerably improved, and every effort was made to retrieve their loss. H. Cursham was particularly conspicuous, but he seldom had an opportunity to distinguish himself by the magnificent runs which have made him so famous, being looked well after by Lee, Simmon(d)s and Pank. H. Cursham and Greenhalgh made a fast run down the left, and a shot from the latter was fisted out by Clarke in excellent style. Davis, seizing an opportunity, made off at a rare pace up the left wing, and screwed in for goal, the leather just missing its mark. Shortly afterwards H. Cursham got the ball into the left wing corner, where Lee(s) tackled him and kicked outside. Quick as thought Cursham threw in, right in front of the goal. Law(s) missed his kick, and A.W. Cursham, just in the nick of time, rushed up, and, with a fast shot, placed it through the timbers for the first and only time. From the kick-off, C. Dobson secured the trophy, and sent in a

splendidly-judged shot, which was put out by the custodian in capital style. Dawson got possession, and by a grand run steered the ball into the visitors' ground. Law received his shot from the wing, and passed to Vaughton, who made a shot which struck the cross-bar, and rolled down in front of the goal. Much to the surprise of the spectators, however, the referee ruled Dawson off-side, and consequently the ball had to be brought back and a free kick awarded to Notts. Immediately afterwards time was called, leaving the Aston Villa winners by four goals to one."

Aston Villa: W. Clarke (Goal), J. Simmonds, E. B. Lee (Backs), T. Pank, S. Law, F. Dawson (Half Backs), Arthur Brown, O. Whateley (Right Wing), Archie Hunter (Centre), O. H. Vaughton, E. C. Davis (Left Wing).

Notts County: H. Jessop (Goal), A. T. C. Dobson, H. T. Moore (Backs), H. Fletcher, H. Chapman, C. F. Dobson (Half Backs), C. L. Cursham, A. W. Cursham (Right Wing), T. Bausor (Centre), E. H. Greenhalgh, H. A. Cursham (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. B. Mason and T. O. Oliver. Referee: N. L. Jackson.

WEDNESBURY OLD ATHLETIC, a bye

NORTHERN DISTRICT

Sheffield Wednesday v Staveley

Sheffield Heeley, a bye

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 2 (E. Rhodes, T. E. Cawley) STAVELEY 2 (H. P. Marples, G. B. Marples) (H. T. 1-1) (Wed Dec 28<sup>th</sup>) (At Bramall Lane, Sheffield)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 29/12/81 P.7/Sheffield Independent 29/12/81 P.7/Field 31/12/81 P.965/Bell's Life 31/12/81 P.10:

F: "Some three thousand spectators were present at Bramall Lane Ground, Sheffield on Wednesday, to witness this tie in the third round for the national cup."

SI: "The Staveley team was the same as was advertised, whilst there was one alteration in the Wednesday team, viz., F. West for J. Hudson, who had been hurt."

SDT: "This important match in the third round of this division for the National Association Cup ties was played yesterday at Bramall Lane, and was witnessed by about 2,000 spectators. A great deal of interest was taken in the game, as was evidenced by the excitement that prevailed all through. The ground was very heavy, and a pretty picture the contestants presented when they returned to the stripping room. Wednesday won the toss and Staveley kicked off with their backs to Shoreham Street, there being no wind to benefit either side. G. B. Marples soon had a corner kick which was unproductive and then Berrisford and H. Marples on the right effected a neat crossing run, the latter securing a goal close to the post. This early success was received by the Staveley partisans with the utmost enthusiasm, and slight odds were offered on their chance. Anthony and West on the Wednesday right, by a good zig-zag run, caused Hay to use his hands. The back division of both teams made some sound returns and fed their forwards very judiciously. Another grand run by Anthony and West looked certain of success, but Rhodes was not up in time to give the ball a final touch. However, in a few minutes after, from an accurate corner by Stratford, Rhodes headed the ball through for Wednesday thereby making the game equal. G. B. Marples, on the Derbyshire left wing, broke away

several times, but the opposing backs were equal to the occasion. Gregory, Anthony, and Mosforth, from successive shots, almost captured the Staveley stronghold, the latter striking the goal post. Cawley had a try, but he was also unsuccessful, the ball going over. The home team kept pegging away at the Staveley goal, West from a throw-in almost effecting its capture, but the backs and Hay stuck manfully to their work and stayed off all attempts. West again had what looked like a good opportunity, but he was too eager, the ball once more going over. Tired of being cooped up so long H. Marples and Berrisford raised the siege, and Ledger had to handle the ball to get it out of danger. Half time was called without any change in the game—one goal each. Immediately after the re-commencement H. Marples got away by himself, and had Gregory not followed at great speed and forced him he no doubt would have scored. As it was Ledger had only time to put the ball out, thereby giving his opponents the advantage of a corner kick. This, however, availed them nothing. Some good kicks and timely rushes were made by James and S. Hay. After a foul near the Staveley goal and which threatened to prove troublesome, Mosforth by good dodging play got within range, but Hay disposed of the ball cleverly. However, Rhodes, Anthony and Cawley came again, the latter achieving a second goal for Wednesday amid deafening cheers. Still the home team was in the ascendant and shot after shot was nullified by the backs and the custodian. The Wednesday representatives had hard lines, as nearly all the last half the play was confined to the Staveley end of the ground. A few minutes after G. B. Marples broke away on the right and took the ball the whole length of the field. The Wednesday goalkeeper knocked it away, but not sufficiently far enough, and Marples, coming again, once more equalised matters. This success was received by their friends with throwing up of hats and general cheering. Time was played out without any further scoring leaving the match tied at two goals each. West played brilliantly on the wing for Wednesday, and if he would centre more instead of repeatedly shying at goal, he would, no doubt, be more successful. All the Staveley men turned up as advertised but Wednesday were short of the valuable services of Hudson, Gregory playing back, and Rhodes in the latter's place." (i.e. Gregory played at No 6 not No 9 and Rhodes came in at No 9 to take the place of Gregory)

"Saturday first is the last day for this round, but as it is impossible to play the match off before that date, it will of course be left to the Association in London to dispose of. Wednesday had by far the best of the play."

N.B. Beresford in SI report and line-up correct for Berrisford in SDT.

SI: "At last G. Marples relieved his side by effecting a brilliant run nearly the whole length of the ground, and evading the home goalkeeper he equalised matters, by putting the ball between the posts. Mosforth next made an excellent run on the left side, and ended with a shy which nearly reduced the visitors' fortress. Time was then called, the game ending in a tie, two goals each."

Sheffield Wednesday: H. Ledger (Goal); A. Malpas, H. Wilkinson; C. L. Stratford, E. Buttery, R. Gregory (Capt.); G. Anthony, W. H. Mosforth, E. Rhodes, F. West, T. E. Cawley.

Staveley: T. Hay (Goal); D. James, S. Hay; T. Kenyon, W. Young, G. B. Marples (Capt.); H. P. Marples, J. Beresford, E. Widdowson, R. Wallace, J. Hay.

Umpires: G. Cropper for Sheffield Wednesday and G. Hay for Staveley. Referee: R. Harvey.

REPLAY: Sat Jan 7<sup>th</sup>: At Recreation Ground, Staveley

## STAVELEY 0 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 0 (After Extra Time)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 9/1/82 P.4/Sheffield Independent 9/1/82 P.4/Sporting Life 10/1/82 P.1/Athletic News 11/1/82 P.6/Field 14/1/82 P.54:

SDT: "These teams met on the Recreational Ground, Staveley, on Saturday, before 1,000 spectators, to play their undecided tie in the third round of the above trophy. The ground was in good condition but a strong wind blew across the field of play and considerably interfered with the game, the ball being continually out of boundary. Wednesday captain losing the toss, set the ball rolling up-hill and against the wind. At the very outset the ball was run into the Wednesday quarters, but the backs soon averted the danger, and Mosforth and Cawley obtaining possession, effected a good run on the Wednesday left, but their progress was cut short by S. Hay, who landed the ball into mid-field. A combined attack on the Wednesday goal nearly proved successful, the final shot of H. P. Marples just passing on the wrong side of the post. Gregory and Rhodes, in the centre, now showed conspicuously, and when near the Staveley goal passed judiciously to Cawley, who made a fast shot, which was grandly stopped by T. Hay, the Staveley custodian. The Wednesday backs were now found plenty of work in staving off the attacks of the home forwards, the brothers Marples and Berisford playing in fine form, and making several good attempts to capture the visitors' stronghold, which was well defended by Ledger. Wilkinson, Buttery, and Hudson, played a splendid game at back, while Mosforth, Cawley, and West were to the fore for the forwards, the latter relieving his side by a splendid run and screw shot into the centre, but the fine back kicking of James and Young could not allow any score being made. The play for a time was very even, each goal being hotly besieged. At length the Staveley forwards made a dash into the Wednesday quarters, and the goal was nearly captured by Rice, the ball running a few inches outside the post. Half time was now called. The visitors with the wind and hill in their favour were much fancied, and it was thought they would have no difficulty in winning the match, but such proved not to be the case. On resumption of play Mosforth, Cawley, and Anthony made a good combined run, but S. Hay, who had tackled well throughout the match, wrested the ball from them, and G. B. Marples and Berisford ran it into the Wednesday territory, but Wilkinson and Malpas, by their clean kicking, succeeded in clearing their goal. Wednesday had now to finish the game with only 10 men, Anthony having to retire through receiving an injury to his knee. Neither side was able to score at the end of the stipulated time (an hour and a half) so it was agreed to play an extra half hour, but even then the game was left undecided, consequently the contending teams will have to play again today (Monday) on neutral ground Lockwood Bros.' being the one fixed upon."

N. B. Beresford believed to be correct for Berisford

Staveley: T. Hay (Goal), D. James, S. Hay, T. Kenyon, W. Young, G. B. Marples, H. P. Marples, J. Beresford, E. Widdowson, J. Rice, J. Hay.

Sheffield Wednesday: H. Ledger (Goal), A. Malpas, H. Wilkinson, E. Buttery, R. Gregory, J. Hudson, G. Anthony, W. H. Mosforth, E. Rhodes, F. West, T. E. Cawley.

N. B. No proper order for above lineups, so have put in order for last match as far as possible.

Referee: J. R. Harvey.

SECOND REPLAY: Mon Jan 9<sup>th</sup> (At Lockwood Brothers' Ground, Eccleshall Road)

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 5(E.Rhodes 3,"melée",T.E.Cawley) STAVELEY 1 (H.P.Marples)(H.T. 2-1)

N.B SI has different scorers:see extract from the report below.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 10/1/82 P.7/Sheffield Independent 10/1/82 P.8:

SDT:"The above celebrated teams,after playing a tie for the National Cup at Bramall lane,and a draw at Staveley on Saturday,mutually arranged to contest again yesterday,on neutral ground,viz. Lockwood Brothers' field,Eccleshall Road.The weather was in every way favourable,and upwards of two thousand spectators witnessed the match.Two o'clock was the time specified to commence the fray,but it was twenty-five minutes after that time when Rhodes kicked off towards Sharrow Vale,the Staveley captain having been successful in the spin of the coin.The first noticeable pieces of play were grand returns by James,Buttery,and Stevens."Hands" in favour of Staveley were allowed contiguous to the Wednesday goal,but the threatened danger was averted.Then Gregory effected a splendid run down the right hand side and crossed to Cawley and Rhodes,the latter scoring the first goal for Wednesday.However,affairs were soon equal as G.B.Marples and Berrisford passed all opposition on the Staveley right wing,and after a brief struggle H.Marples was successful in passing the ball between the posts.West got to the ball after it had been a few inches through,but on appeal the referee's fiat was in the affirmative.Applause greeted some really good returns by Stevens, James,Buttery,and Wilkinson,the former-a new importation for Wednesday-doing a lot of work all through the match.The Staveley custodian was hard pressed,but by wonderful activity he at length eluded his opponents and transferred the ball to Bishop and H.Marples,who quickly made tracks to their opponents' goal.Here,Malpass,by a brilliant rush,stopped their career,and a corner for Wednesday was the result.Stevens was entrusted with the kick,and right well he used it,the ball dropping fair in the portals of the Staveley goal,and after a fierce struggle a second goal was secured for Wednesday in the melee.Cawley had a nice opportunity but the ball went over the bar.Mosforth and Bishop each endeavoured to lower the opposition colours,but were unsuccessful.Nothing more worthy of note was done up to half time,at which period of the game Wednesday stood at two goals to Staveley one.After resumption Berrisford made a nice run on the right but his forward confreres were not up in time to avail themselves of the advantage he had gained.From a throw in by Hudson Rhodes got a third goal for his side.Staveley now played up with vigour and H.Marples got the ball between the Wednesday posts,but on an appeal for offside the referee gave his decision against the visiting team.Widdowson and Smith placed the Wednesday goal in great jeopardy,but Ledger was equal to the occasion.Immediately after he was again required to bestir himself,just getting the ball away at the critical moment.Then West and Gregory raised the siege,the latter making a grand shot which Hay endeavoured to knock away,but Cawley rushed up opportunely and headed the ball through.Four goals to one seemed to dishearten the Staveley representatives a little,while on the other hand,Wednesday played with redoubled energy,and Hay twice in succession had to knock the ball away with his hands.Hudson,Malpass,and Stevens allowed very few liberties with their stronghold.Mosforth and Cawley on the left were the means of what looked like a certain goal for Wednesday,but Hay stuck to his post manfully,and miraculously saved his citadel from being stormed.However,the Wednesday forwards came again in an unbroken phalanx,and Rhodes once more scored for them.After a corner by Bishop,which was unproductive,time was called,leaving this three times hard fought struggle in favour of Wednesday by five goals to one.

There were two alterations in the Staveley team-Bishop,of Spital,and Smith of Marsh Lane-while Wednesday requisitioned the services of J.Stevens,of Pybank,in the place of G.Anthony,who was injured on Saturday at Staveley."

SI:

"a fine cross by Gregory resulted in C(o)wley scoring the first goal for Wednesday."(1-0)

"a good cross by Ber(r)esford hit one of the Wednesday uprights and rolled about a foot through the citadel,thus making matters even"(1-1)

"Amends for this were made shortly afterwards,a goal resulting in a hot rally after a corner, beautifully directed by Stevens."(2-1) (H.T.)

"However,the leather being at the Staveley end Gregory again reduced the visitors stronghold,the ball going right out of reach of the goalkeeper,but the backs should have got rid of the globe before."(3-1)

"A fine shot by Gregory hitting one of the uprights,and rebounding into play,C(o)wley received it on his "noddle" and headed it between the sticks."(4-1)

"Hay now saved his charge in miraculous style,and was loudly applauded,but he was less fortunate directly afterwards,as he slipped down,and West put the ball through a fifth time."(5-1)(F.T.)

Sheffield Wednesday:H.Ledger;A.Malpas,E.Buttery;J.Hudson,H(enry)Wilkinson,J.Stevens; E.Rhodes,T.E.Cawley,R.Gregory,W.H.Mosforth,F.West.

Staveley:T.Hay;D.James,W.Young;S.Hay,T.Kenyon,H.P.Marples, T.Bishop,G.B.Marples,J.Beresford,J.Smith,E.Widdowson.

Umpires:Muscroft and G.Hay.Referee:J.R.Harvey.

SHEFFIELD HEELEY,a bye

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT:

FIRST DIVISION:

Dreadnought v Great Marlow

Reading,a bye

GREAT MARLOW 2(R.Shaw 2) DREADNOUGHT 1(Untraced)(H.T. 1-1)(Sat Dec 17<sup>th</sup>)(At Marlow)

N.B.No record found of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Shaw goal except in AFS.

Bucks Herald 24/12/81 P.8/Sporting Life 20/12/81 P.1/Bell's Life 17/12/81 P.10/Sportsman 19/12/81 P.4:

BH:"These clubs being drawn against each other in the third round for the Association Cup met at Marlow on Saturday last and played the game in the worst possible weather,the wind blowing hard and the rain falling in torrents.Marlow may be said to have had the best of the game throughout.



Soon after play began Shaw secured a goal, and some time afterwards, during some confusion arising from a claim of foul, which was disallowed, Dreadnought got the ball between the Marlow posts, thus equalising the score. On ends being changed the home team again carried the goal, and nothing more being done won the game by two goals to one. We are unable to give the names of the Dreadnought team." (Great Marlow team only)

SL: "This match in the third round was played at Marlow, on Saturday last, and resulted in a victory for the home team by two goals to one goal. The weather was most unfavourable, the game being played in a perfect storm of wind and rain, which interfered considerably with the play. Great Marlow were, however, decidedly the better team all round, their dribbling and passing being first rate. R.A. Lunnon, Flint, and Milward especially distinguished themselves among the forwards, while R.H. Lunnon and Way were the most indefatigable backs. For the Dreadnought, Harrison and Pettigrew (forwards) and Greenhill (back) played well, whilst their captain, F.S. Bacon, was most valuable in goal for the clever way in which he defended his charge." (No teams)

BL: "This match, (in) the third round of the Association Cup, was played at Marlow, (yesterday (Saturday)), and ended in a victory for Marlow by two goals to one. The game took place amid a storm of wind and rain, which interfered in really good play. Great Marlow were certainly the better team, and all round their passing was very good, each man playing a most unselfish game. R.A. Lunnon, Flint, and Millward among the forwards, and R.H. Lunnon and Way (backs) showed decidedly the best form of the victors. For the Dreadnought, Wylie, Harrison, Pettigrew (forwards), and Greenhill (back) played well, and the captain, F.S. Bacon, distinguished himself in goal, defending his posts in splendid style." (No teams)

SM: This match, in the third round, was played at Marlow on Saturday, and ended in a victory for the home team by two goals to one. R.A. Lunnon, Flint, Milward, R.H. Lunnon, and Way showed the best form for the victors. For the Dreadnought Wylie, Harrison, Pettigrew, Greenhill and F.S. Bacon played well." (No teams)

Great Marlow: H.R. Hewett (Capt.) (Goal); R. Way, E. Horwood (Backs); R.H. Lunnon, W. Morgan (Half Backs); J. Flint, R. Shaw (Centre), R.A. Lunnon, T.G. Lunnon, E. Flint, W. Milward (Sides).

Dreadnought: F.S. Bacon (goal); Greenhill (Back); Wylie, Harrison, Pettigrew (Forwards).

READING, a bye

SECOND DIVISION:

Royal Engineers v Old Carthusians

Old Foresters, a bye

OLD CARTHUSIANS 0 ROYAL ENGINEERS 2 (G. Williams, R.M. Ruck) (H.T. 0-1) (Thurs Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
(At Kennington Oval)

Field 24/12/81 P.931/Bell's Life 24/12/81 P.9/Athletic News 28/12/81 P.3/Sportsman 23/12/81 P.4 (Very long report)/Sporting Life 24/12/81 P.4:

F: "A surprise awaited the majority of those at the Oval on Thursday who watched the progress of the match in the third round between the holders of the cup and the winners of 1875. The weather

was not of the most agreeable description, being cold and foggy, while the ground proved rather heavy. It may be mentioned that the Engineers had previous to this match done nothing during the present season to lead one to suppose they had more than a very slight chance against the Old Carthusians, who had earned a reputation for fast and well organised play, but it must also be stated, that while the Sappers were better represented than in their earlier engagements this year, their rivals had to take the field deprived of several valuable assistants, and had an indifferent goalkeeper. The Old Carthusians won the toss, and chose the eastern goal, although there was not much advantage to be derived from this position. The game was started at half past two, and had proceeded interestingly for five minutes, when a piece of loose play on the part of Searle enabled Williams, to whom the ball had been passed by Barnett, to score the first goal for the Engineers. During the remainder of the opening half the Old Carthusians had rather the worst of the game, but Druitt's post was not altogether a sinecure. Kincaid sent the ball for the second time under the Carthusian crossbar, but being offside his effort went for nothing. The second portion of the contest began in a very interesting manner, as each goal in turn narrowly escaped. In endeavouring to save his goal from a shot by Ruck, the Old Carthusians' custodian stepped back, and thus caught the ball after it had passed between the posts. Thus a second goal was obtained by the Engineers. From now until the close of the match the play was very fast and even, but no further score was effected, although the Old Carthusians lost several apparently good chances by kicking too hurriedly. At the expiration of the customary hour and a half the Engineers were hailed winners by two goals to none."

BL/AN: "The match between these clubs in the third round of the above competition attracted about five hundred spectators to Kennington Oval on (Tuesday: in fact Thursday) last. Neither club had quite its best eleven, as Vincent, Richards and E.J. Wilson were unable to represent the Carthusians, and Learoyd and Von Donop were absent on the other side. The Carthusians, despite their easy victory over Barnes in the second round, had not been playing up to their form of last season, but the Engineers, although only weakly represented, made such a poor show against Cambridge a few weeks ago, that their chances were not too much fancied for the occasion. The ground had not quite recovered from the recent rains and was heavy on the lower side, but there was no wind, and altogether the game took place under very favourable auspices. Play began at half past 2 o'clock, when the Engineers kicked off, occupying the southern goal. For the first few minutes the game was a little in favour of the Carthusians and two corner kicks fell to them. Neither of these proved successful, and the game progressed with more equality. Barnett, Kincaid, and Williams played so hard up that the Charterhouse backs soon found they were not going to have an easy time of it. The kicking of Vidal and Russell, too, was so true that the Sappers were able to hold their own thoroughly, and the excitement of the spectators increased, as it was found that the two elevens were equally matched.

For a quarter of an hour nothing was scored, but at this point, a claim for hands in the centre, allowed by one of the umpires, caused the Carthusians to stop, and the opposite forwards, taking the ball down in good style, it was ultimately sent through by Williams, though the goalkeeper ought to have stopped the final shot. Encouraged by this success the Engineers played with increased vigour and only a few minutes passed before the Charterhouse goal was a second time carried, though a claim for offside being allowed no point was registered. Up to half time the game continued to be fought with great determination on both sides. More than once Page, Wynyard and Parry got within range of the Sappers' posts, but Druitt's defence was excellent, and two corner kicks to the Carthusians were

well got rid of. A fine run along the centre by Kincaid once previously jeopardised the safety of the Charterhouse goal, and some good runs were also made by Barnet and Williams for the same side. At the expiry of the first period of three quarters' of an hour nothing further had fallen to either side, and the change of ends left the Engineers one goal to the good. On the resumption the game was maintained without any decrease of vigour, and, for a time, the play was very even. Barnet made several excellent runs for the Engineers, but some minutes elapsed before anything definite was gained. The Charterhouse goalkeeper got rid of an attack by Kincaid, but Ruck with a long shot returned the ball so close to the cross bar that Searle dropped back with it between his posts, giving the Sappers a second goal amidst considerable applause. During the last half hour the play never flagged, and both sides strained every effort to gain a point. Several times the Charterhouse forwards got well within range of the Sappers' stronghold, but they certainly failed to make the best use of their opportunities, and their shots at goal were by no means clever. Once Parry sent the ball just outside the posts and towards the finish they had undoubtedly a little the best of the game. Still the Engineers held their positions securely to the last and at the end of an hour and a half the Old Carthusians had to retire vanquished by two goals to none. The defeat of the holders was rather a surprise, but it must be admitted that their play was by no means up to their standard. Princep, as he always does, kicked with extraordinary precision, but he was a little slack at times. Colvin did a lot of work throughout, but the goalkeeping did not impress anyone, and the forwards failed to show the dash which so greatly contributed to their success in carrying off the cup in the spring."

SM: "The only opportunity of judging their real public form this season was their matches against Cambridge University at the Oval on November 12, in which they were defeated by five goals to one, and against Oxford University, at Oxford, on December 3, the dark blues being victorious by one goal to none. They were not, however, very well represented, while yesterday they had infused into their ranks some "new blood", which was a great improvement upon the old. The Carthusians were without the services of Richards, Vintcent, Wilson, and Gillett, their places being filled by younger members of the club. It is pretty certain that had they been represented in goal by a man of Swebstone's calibre, the sappers would not have scored at all"

Old Carthusians: G. Von U. Searle (Goal); E. G. Colvin, W. H. Norris (Backs); J. F. M. Princep, H. Somers-Cocks (Half Backs); W. E. Hansell, W. Morrison (Right), W. R. Page, E. G. Winyard (Centres), E. H. Parry (Capt.), A. H. Tod (Left).

Royal Engineers: E. Druitt (Goal); B. B. Russell, H. N. L. Dumbleton (Backs); W. S. Vidal, R. M. Ruck (Capt.), (Half Backs); H. H. Barnet, G. Williams (Right), W. S. Kincaid, H. A. R. Paterson (Centres), J. Winn, C. V. Wingfield-Stratford (Left).

(S. Williams in first round)

Umpires: C. W. Alcock (Wanderers) and E. M. Pollock (Old Carthusians). Referee: Major Marindin (Royal Engineers)

OLD FORESTERS, a bye

THIRD DIVISION:

Old Etonians v Swifts  
Maidenhead, a bye

OLD ETONIANS 3 (R.H.Macaulay 2,A.T.B.Dunn) SWIFTS 0(H.T. 0-0)  
(Sat Dec 17<sup>th</sup> ) (At Kennington Oval)(BL/NEP has Dunn 2,Macaulay)

Field 24/12/81 P.931/Referee 18/12/81 P.6/Bell's Life 17/12/81 P.10/Nottingham Evening Post  
19/12/81 P.4/Sporting Gazette 24/12/81/Athletic News 21/12/81 P.3/Sporting Life 20/12/81 P.1/  
Sportsman 19/12/81 P.4:

Umpires:C.H.R.Wollaston(Wanderers) N.L.Jackson(Finchley) .Referee:C.W.Alcock (Hon Sec Football  
Association)

F:"For this match,in the third round of the above competition,these clubs experienced most wretched weather,as all who were present at Kennington Oval on Saturday afternoon last can bear witness to.Rain and wind were in the ascendant,not only while play lasted,but both before and after, and the ground was in very deplorable condition.The Swifts,a good club always,were disappointed in one or two choices,but still were well represented;while the Etonians had the pick of their playing members,led on by that indefatigable worker,the Hon. A.F.Kinnaid.An even contest was a result that seemed likely;but the play,owing to the slippery state of the ground,proved far less interesting than it otherwise would have been.The Swifts won the toss,and elected to receive assistance from the wind during the first half,Macaulay setting the ball in motion soon after half past two from the Clayton-street end.At first the Etonians pressed their opponents but the scene was soon changed to the centre,where some hard work was done by both sides.Dribbling was difficult and many a misskick and fall had to be put up with.A smart run by E.C.Bambridge and pass to E.J.Wild threatened to be dangerous,but nothing came of it;and the same result was produced after a rush of the Swifts,in which Bambridge,Keyser,and Perkins figured most conspicuously.Several times after this the ball was brought dangerously close to the Etonians' goal,but nothing was scored previous to change of ends.Commencing the second half,the Swifts seemed to play better against the wind than with it;but the Etonians gradually but surely gained the ascendancy,and then ensued frequent attacks on the Swifts' quarters.One or two corners fell to the Etonians,and out of a loose scrimmage following one of these Macaulay secured the first success.For some little time afterwards there seemed every chance of matters being equalised;but although going very near the mark,the Swifts could not quite accomplish their object.As time advanced,the Etonians made use of the wind to good effect,and a second goal fell to them from the foot of Dunn,while Macaulay scored a second. The ball,a fourth time,just went between the Swifts' posts,but as the umpires were not in a position to decide the score was not allowed.Thus the match ended in a victory for the Old Etonians by three goals to none."

REF:"The Swifts,favoured considerably by the wind,made repeated efforts to obtain a lodgment in the enemies' fortress,and a fine shot by E.C.Bambridge only missed taking effect by about a foot. Having changed ends at half time,the Etonians repeatedly charged across the ground,and on more than one occasion almost succeeded in scoring,till at last Macaulay,out of a loose scrimmage in front of the Swifts' goal,kicked the ball between the posts at twenty-two minutes to four o'clock.The Swifts,though they sadly missed the services of Collins,Heygate,and Bain,who were unavoidably absent,tried all they knew to equalise matters,but in vain,for in a very short time after the first goal was won,Dunn,with a fine kick,gained another;and just before time was called,Macaulay,out of a loose scrimmage,was credited with the last event of the day,the match thus ending in favour of the Etonians by three goals to none."

BL/NEP: "In a gale of wind and on a ground sodden with the week's heavy rains, these clubs met at Kennington Oval yesterday (Saturday) to decide their match in the third round of the above competition. In the first half the Swifts had the benefit of the wind, but they were unable to score, chiefly through the good back play of Kinnaird and Paravicini. After change, with the wind at their backs, the Etonians, despite the energetic play of the opposite forwards, had the best of the play, particularly towards the finish, and Dunn, scoring two goals and Macaulay one, they were left the winners by three goals to none."

SG: "The match was played on Kennington Oval, and on commencing proceedings the Swifts had a strong wind in their favour, but failed to gain any advantage from it, and at half time no score had been obtained by either side. Afterwards the Etonians took the ball down to their opponents' end, and a goal was kicked by Macaulay. This was soon followed by a second by Dunn, made by a very fine shot, and shortly before time was called Macaulay kicked a third goal—rather a lucky one—for the Etonians, and the Swifts having failed to score the latter were left victorious by three goals to none."

SM: "Having changed ends, the Etonians, led on by Macaulay and Goodhart, supported by Novelli, Dunn, Anderson, and Chevalier, forced the fighting in the enemy's camp, and on more than one occasion almost succeeded in scoring, till at last Macaulay, out of a scrimmage in front of the Swift's goal, shot the ball under the bar at twenty-two minutes to four o'clock. The Swifts tried their best to equalise matters, but all to no purpose, for in a very short time after the first goal was obtained Dunn with a fine shot gained another, and just before the call of time Macaulay, out of a rather fierce scrimmage, scored the third."

Old Etonians: J.F.P. Rawlinson (Goal); T.H. French, P.J. de Paravicini (Backs), Hon. A.F. Kinnaird (Capt.), E.B. Lehmann (Half Backs), W.J. Anderson, J.B.T. Chevalier (Right Wing), R.H. Macaulay, H.C. Goodhart (Centres), P.C. Novelli, A.T.B. Dunn (Left Wing).

Swifts: W.G. Roff (Goal), A.L. Bambridge, G.F. Wells-Cole (Backs), J.H. Savory (Capt.), H. Nicholls (Half Backs), E.J. Wild, W. Wild (Right Wing), E.C. Bambridge, H. Perkins (Centres), L.B. Keyser, W. Nichol. (Left Wing)

Umpires: C.H.R. Wollaston (Wanderers) and N.L. Jackson (Finchley). Referee: C.W. Alcock (Hon Sec Football Association).

MAIDENHEAD, a bye

FOURTH DIVISION:

Reading Minster v Hotspur

Upton Park, a bye

HOTSPUR 0 READING MINSTER 0 (Sat Dec 17<sup>th</sup>) (At Hotspur Ground, nr Uxbridge Road, Acton)

Shepherd's Bush, opposite the Askew Arms, Uxbridge Road as per Sporting Life 17/12/81

P.1/Sportsman 17/12/81 P.6

Reading Mercury 24/12/81 P.3 (No Hotspur team)/Bell's Life 17/12/81 P.10/Sportsman 19/12/81

P.4/Sporting Life 20/12/81 P.1/Referee 18/12/81 P.6:

N.B. Reading Observer 24/12/81 P.7 missing on line

RM: "The Reading Minster and Hotspur(London) teams met at Acton on Saturday last the match being played in a field near the Uxbridge Road. Hotspur won the toss, and agreed to play with the wind. Both sides set to work amidst a drenching rain, and sleet, the field being like a mud pond. Play was almost impossible, and at half time neither side had obtained a goal, rain and sleet descending in such torrents that it was almost impossible to see. Play being resumed, the Minster took the ball down into the Hotspur territory, and Bilson shot a goal, but it was disallowed on the plea of offside. Nothing happened until time was called, when the match was left drawn. The Minster team were, after the match, entertained by their captain's father (the Vicar of Christ's Church, Ealing) to a good tea."

BL: "This match took place yesterday (Saturday) at Shepherd's Bush, on the ground of the former (Hotspur). Kay, winning the toss, elected to play with the wind, and during the first half the ball rarely left the Reading backs. Numerous corners and throws in near the Reading fortress fell to the Hotspur, but the strong wind made them of no avail. On change of ends the ball flew backwards and forwards over the ground, and one of the Reading team shot it between the Hotspur posts, but it was disallowed on the ground of offside. During the remainder of the game it was impossible to see the ball well, and it was just on the cards that in the darkness either side might score. At the call of time the game ended in a draw, and will have to be fought again on Saturday next."

Hotspur: G. Muir (Goal); G. Dowie, J. Kay (Capt.) (Backs); H. Christmas, S. Forster, W. Roberts (Half Backs); J. Sutton, G. Randall, J. Rees, W. Winter, S. R. Carr (Forwards).

Reading Minster: Rev. E. S. Hilliard (Capt.) (Goal); J. Davis, W. Winkworth (Backs); H. Simmonds, W. Wilson (Half Backs); J. C. Prior, A. George (Right), S. Earles, H. Bilson (Centres), F. Wilson, A. Bilson (Left).

REPLAY:

READING MINSTER 0 HOTSPUR 2 (J. Sutton, J. Randall) (H.T. 0-0) (Sat Dec 24<sup>th</sup>) (At Prospect Park, Reading)

Reading Mercury 31/12/81 P.7/Field 31/12/81 P.965/Reading Observer 31/12/81 P.3/Referee 25/12/81 P.5/Sportsman 27/12/81 P.4/Sporting Life 27/12/81 P.1:

F: "These two clubs having met once in the third round of the above competition without satisfactory results, had to play a second time to decide which should be entered for the fourth draw. As the first meeting was on the Hotspur ground at Acton, the Reading team had the choice of the second and Saturday last saw the two teams again in opposition at Reading. Two o'clock had been fixed for the hour of commencement, but, owing to unavoidable causes, play could not be opened until half past two o'clock, when the home captain set the ball in motion. The ground was very slippery from the hard overnight frost, and the players at first found the surface so treacherous as to cause frequent falls. For a few minutes the play suffered materially in consequence, but as the forwards got more used to the condition of things it improved proportionately. The visitors soon showed that they were the more skillful team, and the forwards, working together in creditable style, took the ball immediately into the vicinity of the home goal. Carr was the first to get a fair chance at the Reading posts, but his aim was faulty, and the leather went outside. Simmonds' kicking was very useful for Minster, but otherwise the backs were not difficult to pass, and Winter, on the

right wing, had the pace of most of his opponents. With Sutton, Randle, and (+Rees) he helped to give the Hotspurs a decided advantage, and the fight was maintained chiefly in Reading territory. More than one corner kick fell to the London team; but, in attempting to cut things too fine, they overdid themselves sending the ball each time over the line. During the first half the office of the Hotspur goalkeeper was a sinecure, and he only had a cause to revert to decisive tactics once. The Reading goal, on the other hand, was closely assailed; but the shooting of the Hotspur forwards was by no means deadly, and when half time arrived, neither side had succeeded in obtaining any score. After the change of ends, the Minster forwards showed better form, and at times they penetrated well into the visitors' lines. Some good runs were made by George who once was dangerously close to the London goal, but he was not so well supported as he might have been, and the play on the whole was in favour of Hotspur. For an hour and a quarter the game had not produced any points for either side, and it certainly looked as if another draw was quite on the cards. Towards the finish, though, the home backs seemed as if they had had quite enough of the struggle, and the last quarter of an hour was all in favour of Hotspur. Sutton, Randall, and Winter were all particularly busy in Minster's half, and at length, after some good passing, the first-named came to the help of his side with a goal, the ball hitting one of the spectators behind the posts, and rebounding into play. Only ten minutes now remained, but, encouraged by their success, the Hotspur team resumed the fight with an increase of determination, and Winter, after a fine long run down the right wing, crossing to Randall, the latter had no difficulty in planting the leather securely in the middle of the Minster goal. Though the visitors did not relax their efforts until the call of time, they had to rest content with the points already noticed and at the end of an ++hour victory rested with the Hotspur by two goals to none. The winners were undoubtedly the superior team, but they will have more formidable opponents in the next round, as they have to meet Upton Park in the fourth drawing before the 21<sup>st</sup> prox." +Not Rennie ++hour and a half?

RO: "These two clubs met at Reading on Saturday, to determine which should enter the fourth round of the above competition, the clubs having met for the same purpose before, but on that occasion played a drawn match. The home team winning the toss, elected to play with the advantage of a slight breeze during the early portion of the game, and Randall kicked off for the visitors, who quickly assumed the offensive, and considerably pressed their opponents. After some clever passing a good shot by Carr nearly had the desired effect. The Minister's backs, however, performed most energetically, and successfully repelled attack after attack of their adversaries (conspicuous amongst whom were Sutton, Carr, and Randall). The ground was in a slippery condition, which not only rendered play dangerous, but accurate kicking by no means easy, and despite the vigorous play of either side, half time was called and ends changed without anything definite having been accomplished. The Reading captain re-started the game, but the ball was soon returned to the home quarters, where, after some close and exciting play, Sutton was instrumental in scoring first goal for the visitors. Incited by this disaster the Reading men worked very hard to equalise matters. The combined play, however, of the visitors again asserted itself, and a splendid run by Winter, enabled Randall to score the second goal for his side. Only a few minutes now remained for play, and both teams made strenuous efforts to score, but "no side" left victory for the Hotspur by two goals to (n)one."

REF: "Ends being changed, Reading kicked off, and the ball was kept by the 'Spurs in their opponent's territory until just four o'clock. The ball going behind, was kicked off by the Reading goal-keeper, and being well returned by Hotspur backs, was taken into proximity of Reading goal, and was here passed

to Sutton, who sent it under the bar, and so gained first goal for the visiting team. No sooner was the ball kicked off by Reading than, being sent back to Carr, he passed to Winter, who, by a splendid run, nearly the whole length of the ground, being tackled on the goal line, muddled to Randall, who kicked the second goal for 'Spurs. Time being called soon after, the game resulted in a win for the Hotspur by two goals to none."

Reading Minster: Rev. E.S. Hilliard (Capt.) (Goal); J. Davis, W. Winkworth (Backs); H. Hatsell, H. Simmonds (Half Backs); A. Bilson, F. Wilson (Right), H. Woodland, S. Earles (Centres), A. George, H. Bilson (Left).

Hotspur: G. Muir (Goal); J. Kay (Capt.), G. Dowie (Backs); W. Roberts, H. Christmas, S. Forster (Half Backs); W. Winter, R.S. Carr (Right), J. Randall (Centre), J. Rees, J. Sutton (Left).

Umpires: Rev. H.G. Mills (Minster) and J. Clark (Hotspur).

Referee: C.W. Alcock (Hon Sec Football Association)

UPTON PARK, a bye

FOURTH ROUND:

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT:

BLACKBURN ROVERS 5 (J. Hargreaves 2, J. Duckworth 2, T. Strachan) DARWEN 1 (Own goal) (H.T. 5-0) (At Leamington Street, Blackburn) (Mon Jan 30<sup>th</sup>)

Blackburn Standard 4/2/82 P.2/Athletic News 1/2/82 P.3 (Long Report)/Bell's Life 4/2/82 P.10/  
Sportsman 31/1/82 P.4/Field 4/2/82 P.153/Sporting Life 31/1/82 P.2:

N.B. All the reports are very similar and scorers consistent as above.

BS: "The great event of the season took place, on Monday, at Blackburn, between the above contestants, and in connection with the English Competition. It will be fresh in the minds of our football readers how the Rovers and Darwen engagement in Nov. 1880 was abruptly brought to a stop, and that ever since a vast amount of animosity has been displayed against each other by the adherents of both teams. We need not recount that in consequence of the disturbance that transpired the Rovers cancelled their return match with Darwen. This fact, of course, has been the real bone of contention between the parties, and it was because the matter had not been settled, that Darwen withdrew from the County Competition at the beginning of the present season. They however remained in the English contest, and fortunately it is through doing so that a settlement of their dispute with the Rovers has been effected. For it was in connection with the above tie that both Darwen and the Rovers were summoned to send representatives to London, there to meet the National Association, and the latter were the means of prevailing upon Darwen to accept, one of the very reasonable proposals of the Rovers, that was done, viz., to play the cup tie before the return match, divide the former gate, and Darwen to take all the latter. When it was known that the dispute was over, and that the match would come off, excitement at once ran high, and speculation was much rife among the Darwen public as to which side would win. The supporters of the Rovers, however, had never a doubt on the matter, and they looked forward to the event with the greatest confidence. Of course a vast amount of interest was centred in the match, and persons even from London and other distant parts of England made a journey to Blackburn in order to witness it.



The public of both Darwen and Blackburn, notwithstanding the fact of it being a business day, and mills working, turned out en masse, and long before the advertised time of starting many thousands of individuals lined the enclosure at Leamington Street. A change had been made in the price for admission—2s for grandstand and 1s for the rest of the field. Ladies were also charged for entrance. It was either the cold weather or the price that operated against the latter, for very few were present. However, a very big crowd indeed were present of spectators, and greatly to their joy a start was made ten minutes before the announced time (2.30). We may here say that Darwen had not left a stone unturned in order, if possible, to win. McGuire of Beith, Scotland was included in the team, and G. Brindle of the Lower Darwen club. The ground was in fearful condition owing to the snow of the previous day. The Rovers won the toss for choice of ends, and elected to play down the slight incline and with a powerful wind in their favour. McGuire kicked off for Darwen. His kick landed the ball to McIntyre, who returned it to Douglas and Duckworth. The latter made a fine shot at goal but failed to score, Massey stopping the leather. After the goal kick J. Hargreaves and Avery got possession, and again the Darwen goal was placed in danger. Fish came to the rescue and Marshall and Rostron endeavoured to get away on the Darwen right. Suter and F. Hargreaves were too smart for them, and once more the leather was seen travelling very fast towards the Darwen citadel. Douglas exhibited some grand play and then passed to Brown. The latter and Avery exerted themselves beautifully in front of goal, and J. Hargreaves was given a fine chance, and in a clever manner dashed the leather between at the expiration of two minutes from the start. The home spectators rent the air with a loud cheer at this early success to the Rovers' colours. Placing the ball in the centre again, McGuire kicked off once more, exactly in the same direction as previously. McIntyre returned the leather, and play was continued down the right by Douglas and Duckworth. Entwistle and Holden were greatly troubled by this couple, but Holden worked very hard, and effectually landed matters the other way. G. Brindle and Towers put on a spurt, and were fast becoming dangerous, when Greenwood stepped in, and with a grand long kick gave the ball to Brown, who sped away in a fine manner, but Fish closed in to meet him, and Rostron and Marshall were given possession. Rostron acquitted himself finely, but when he had passed F. Hargreaves, Suter robbed him of the sphere and once more things began to wear a very black aspect indeed for Darwen. Passing grandly forward, and exhibiting remarkable skill, the home vanguard dashed upon the unfortunate Darwenians. J. Hargreaves spied an opening and sent the ball between Massey's goal; the point, however, was disallowed on the plea of offside. After a good run by Towers and G. Brindle the Rovers' centres came down the field at a rattling pace, and a corner kick was obtained. Brown made it but McIntyre headed the ball over the bar. The Darwen backs again became extremely pressed, and Douglas and Duckworth were doing some fine work and displaying some fine passing. Duckworth getting the leather at his toe made a fine side shot so accurately aimed that Massey failed to keep the ball from passing between, great cheering marking the registration of a second goal. The Darwen forwards now looked up a little; some very fine runs were put in by Marshall, Rostron, and McGuire, but although they were able to get pretty close to the home fortress, the defenders of the latter to a man played brilliantly, Suter particularly shining, and without being able to notch a point Darwen were driven back. There now began an amount of sieging and storming of the Darwen stronghold which no backs could have withstood. Shots and assaults quickly followed upon each other, and the Rovers' backs closed in on the assistance of their forwards in front. Duckworth, who seemed to be to the fore in shooting at goal, again became conspicuous, and amid intense cheering registered a third point. Scarcely had the echoes of the last cheer died away when, with unparalleled brilliance, and bearing down upon the Darwen defenders like a pack of hungry wolves, the Rovers' vanguard achieved a fourth success from

the foot of Strachan. This was sufficient to place in the background the assumption of Darwen being as clever a team as the Rovers, and as if to place victory entirely out of the reach of Darwen, J. Hargreaves, after good work by Brown and Douglas, chronicled a fifth goal, and half time was called. A start was again made after ends were changed, Darwen now having the benefit of the wind. Nothing could have proved more conclusively that Darwen was inferior than the fact that in this half the Blackburn team had as much of the game as their opponents, and, though \*Darwen were accredited a goal, the decision of the referee must have been given more in sympathy than anything else, for, as a matter of fact, the leather never passed between the Rovers' posts. Play in this half was very stubborn on both sides. The Rovers pressed nobly forward and ought to have scored once or twice. Darwen also displayed some good points, but at the finish the latter were defeated by five goals to one. On the Rovers' side none played better or harder than Suter. Greenwood was in grand form, so was McIntyre and F. Hargreaves. Howarth had not a very large amount of work to do, but what he had he did well. The forwards, too, played grandly all through. As to Darwen they were best represented behind by Fish and Brindle. Massey kept goal indifferently. Rostron was best forward but we did not care too much for the new man McGuire ."

\*AN: "A rather curious affair occurred at this point. The ball had been worked down by the Darwen left wing, and the Rovers' captain claimed that the ball had been over the line, and most of his men stood still. The Darwen men, however, played on and M'Guire kicked the ball into the hands of Howarth, the Rovers' goalkeeper, who stood a second and then threw out the leather. Darwen thereupon claimed a goal, saying that Howarth was through his own goal when he shied the ball, and, to the surprise of most people on the ground, a goal was allowed for Darwen. Five minutes remained for play, and in this time the play was pretty even..."

BL: "By mutual agreement Monday last was chosen and with a view to prevent incursion of the crowd which took place at the last meeting between the two clubs, most elaborate precautions were made by the Rovers' committee. A most substantial fence had been prepared all the way round the field, capable of resisting the greatest pressure, and the arrangements were in every way perfect, reflecting the greatest credit on those who had the supervision of the ground. The naturally high feeling existing between the supporters of the two clubs had been increased by their long disagreement, and every precaution had been made for a big crowd. Two hours before the time fixed for a commencement (2.30) the principal approaches to the ground were thronged with spectators eager to secure a favourable position, and by two o'clock there could not have been less than 7,000 spectators, despite that the admission fee had been raised to a shilling, and that Monday was anything but a convenient day for the working people of Blackburn. By a quarter past 2 o'clock the ground and grandstand were both filled, and it was deemed advisable under these circumstances, as both teams were ready, to begin ten minutes before the appointed time. The ground, unfortunately, was in wretched condition from the heavy snowfall of the previous day, and the players not only sank in the mud with every stride they took, but the ball became so heavy as to be at times almost immovable, dropping down into the slush with a heavy thud. Under these conditions anything like scientific play was out of the question, and as the Rovers were much the stronger team, everything was in their favour. Darwen, too, were additionally unfortunate at the outset in losing the toss, and Blackburn thus gained the advantage of the slope as well as the stiff breeze blowing directly down the ground."

(Second Half) "With the wind to help them Darwen were able to make a better show, but the players had by this time become so bespattered with mud, and their exertions on the heavy ground had told

on most of them so effectually that the game progressed under decided difficulties.”  
(Darwen goal):”The play proceeded without scores until five minutes from time,when an appeal about a throw out from touch in the Blackburn half was given in favour of Darwen,and Towers chucking out,M’Guire shot the ball into the hands of Howarth.The latter threw it out,but Darwen claimed that the ball was through the posts when he returned it,and a goal was thus given to Darwen.”

Blackburn Rovers:R.Howorth(Goal);F.Suter,D.H.Greenwood(Backs);F.W.Hargreaves ,H.McIntyre (Capt.)(Half Backs);J.Duckworth,J.Douglas(Right Wing),J.Brown,T.Strachan(Centres),J.Hargeaves, G.Avery(Left Wing).

Darwen:W.M.Massey(Goal);W.Brindle,J.Holden(Backs);W.H.Moorhouse(Capt.),S.Fish,R.Entwistle (Half Backs);T.Marshall,T.Rostron(Right Wing),+W.McGuire(Beith)(Centre),W.Towers,++G.Brindle (Left Wing).

+Of Beith ++Of Lower Darwen Club

Umpires:C.W.Alcock(London) and W.Pierce-Dix(Sheffield).Referee:Major Marindin(President of the Football Association)

#### MIDLAND DISTRICT:

WEDNESBURY OLD ATHLETIC 4 (G.H.Holden,A.Woodcock 2,R.Morley)

ASTON VILLA 2(O.H.Vaughton,Archie Hunter)(H.T. 3-2)(Sat Jan 21<sup>st</sup>)(At the Oval,Wednesbury)

Birmingham Daily Post 23/1/82 P.8/Athletic News 25/1/82 P.6/Lichfield Mercury 27/1/82 P.7/  
Sheffield Daily Telegraph 23/1/82 P.4/Sheffield Independent 23/1/82 P.4/Nottingham Evening Post  
23/1/82 P.4/Sportsman 23/1/82 P.4/Field 28/1/82 P.120/Bell’s Life 28/1/82 P.3/Referee 22/1/82  
P.6:

N.B BDP/LM had the same report and lineups as each other(adopted for Aston Villa) and SDT/SI had the same report and teams as each other and NEP had the same lineups as them:but not the same report.

BDP/LM:”The contest between these clubs,in the fourth round of the National Association Cup ties took place at the Oval,Wednesbury,on Saturday.Two special trains carried the admirers of Villa to Bescot,and the partisans of the Old Athletic mustered strongly,the two contingents mustering about 6,000. Woodcock started the ball for the Athletic,and it was soon in the vicinity of the home goal,the Villa gaining a corner,which was nicely placed by Brown;but Lee kicked just over the bar.Woodcock fouling the ball in midfield,the free kick was entrusted to Pank,and Vaughton cleverly headed the first goal for the Villa.Woodcock then made a dashing run,but shot outside the post;and Archie Hunter,Vaughton and Horton replied with a raid into the home quarters;but the latter missed a good chance of scoring by shooting wildly.Woodcock was next conspicuous with a good run up the centre ,and passing to G.Holden,that player scored the first goal for the Old Athletic.Both goalkeepers were now kept very busy,Kent saving his charge in a remarkable manner from a hard shot sent in by Pank and Clarke from shots by G.Holden and Roberts.A splendid passing run by the Villa forwards ended

in Archie Hunter kicking the second goal for his side. The play was now very even, but at length Roberts got away, and centring accurately Woodcock was enabled to register the second goal for his side. The excitement was now intense, each side striving to score, G. Holden and Roberts for the Athletic and Whateley, Archie Hunter and Vaughton for the Villa, being most prominent. The visitors were then pressed and unable to clear their lines, Woodcock again scoring for the home team. The Villa now showed better form and gained a couple of corners, but the strong defence of their opponents nullified their efforts to score, and G. Holden getting possession of the ball, made a brilliant run into the Villa territory, and caused Clarke to handle the leather. No further score was made up to half time, and Archie Hunter restarted the ball, the game being stubbornly contested by the Villa; but the good back play of the Old Athletic defied their efforts to score. Roberts and Morley carrying the contest into the visitors' quarters, the latter caused the downfall of the Villa goal for the fourth time. Brown then succeeded in eluding the Athletic backs, and sent in a splendid shot, the ball just lodging on the cross bar, and just toppling over. Woodcock and G. Holden replied with a dashing run, but shot wide, and the Villa, who were now playing up grandly, made several incursions into their opponents' lines, and shots by Whateley and Horton were saved in a miraculous manner by Kent and Stokes. Law and Pank were also instrumental in saving their goal from shots by Woodcock and G. Holden, heading out very cleverly. No further score being added, the match resulted in a win for the Old Athletic by four goals to two. It should be mentioned that the Villa were minus the services, through indisposition, of their best right and left wing men, Andy Hunter and Eli Davis." (SM: "...and the substitutes, Dawson and Horton, played very badly."

N.B. Not F. Brookes (as in SDT/SI/NEP) for Horton

Wednesbury Old Athletic: C. Kent (Goal); W. H. Moon (Capt) (Back); J. Stokes (Three Quarter Back) , J. Holden, E. Cliffe, T. Hodgkiss (Half Backs); G. H. Holden, A. Groucutt (Right), A. Woodcock (Centre), R. Morley, J. Roberts (Left).

N.B. C. Kent is often recorded as W. Kent

Aston Villa: W. Clarke (Goal); J. Simmonds (Back); E. B. Lee, S. Law, T. Pank (Half Backs); F. Dawson, O. Whateley (Right), Archie Hunter (Capt.), Arthur Brown (Centres), O. H. Vaughton, T. Horton (Left).

Umpires: Holmes and Mason. Referee: J. R. Harvey (Hon Sec Sheffield Football Association).

NORTHERN DISTRICT:

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 3 (E. Rhodes, T. E. Cawley, W. H. Mosforth) SHEFFIELD HEELEY 1 (R. Martin) (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Jan 21<sup>st</sup>) (At Bramall Lane, Sheffield)

Sheffield Independent 23/1/82 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 23/1/82 P.4/Athletic News 25/1/82 P.6 (No teams)/Sportsman 23/1/82 P.4/Sporting Life 24/1/82 P.4/Bell's Life 28/1/82 P.3/Field 28/1/82 P.120/Referee 22/1/82 P.6:

SI: "The immense interest centred in the tie in the fourth round of the National Association Cup competition, between the above prominent local clubs, was strikingly demonstrated by the large attendance which met to witness the engagement at Bramall Lane Ground on Saturday afternoon. Upwards of four thousand spectators were present, the assembly being quite as numerous as any

seen on the ground this season. Both clubs were well represented, but favouritism rested slightly with the Wednesday team, odds at 5 to 4 being wagered in their favour. The ground was in capital condition, and the weather very fine and clear, while but little wind prevailed to assist one side or the other. The Heeley captain (Hunter) was successful in winning the toss, and at a quarter to three o'clock Rhodes kicked off for the Wednesday in the direction of Bramall lane, and almost directly afterwards West had a shot at the Heeley goal, but Mallinson stopped and threw the leather away. For a few minutes following this the Wednesdayites kept up a strong siege, the Heeley backs having their work cut out to defend their ground. At last, however, a return by W. Moss helped the Heeley forwards, Tomlinson and Swallow being also busy in the work. Tomlinson had a throw-in close up, but, though the ball was splendidly dropped, it went out. A grand long kick by Swallow was next noticeable, and one of the Heeley forwards had a shy at the Wednesday citadel, but the custodian handled and threw away in hot haste. However, for five minutes the Wednesday party were thoroughly pressed, but eventually West relieved his side by bringing the ball into the middle, only, however, for it to be immediately returned, when Tomlinson threw in from the side, and the leather was so well directed that it was only after a desperate scrimmage that the ball was extracted from danger. Good work in the centre by Cawley and Gregory next attracted attention, and hereabouts Malpas bested Whit(h)am at the dribbling or dodging game. The Wednesday player named then put in such a hot kick that the ball burst, and another had to be provided. Mosforth now effected a neat run and cross, but it was fruitless, and then a foul gave Heeley a free kick in the middle of the play, and the ball being carried forward, the Wednesday stronghold again narrowly escaped reduction. Capital dodging by Mosforth followed, but W. Moss frustrated his clever crossing by a huge lunge. Excellent dribbling by Cawley compelled Mallinson to handle and throw away, and then West directed the globe over the Heeley bar. Thus far the play had been about of an even character but Heeley now secured the first corner kick, which Hunter steered outside. Nice passing by Whit(h)am and Winterbottom followed, and then Wyld shot the ball outside. A few minutes later Wednesday obtained a corner, which was entrusted to Stevens, but nothing accrued from it, the same fruitless result following another corner to Heeley, though they for a time appeared within an ace of scoring. Half time had now nearly arrived without either side having obtained a goal, but the Wednesday men now got a throw in close up and a score looked imminent. A desperate rally, however, relieved the citadel but the ball was returned and Gregory hit the Heeley cross bar; the leather rebounded into play, and Rhodes rushing up put it through the posts thus, amid tremendous excitement, giving the first goal to Wednesday. On resumption Wednesday got the benefit of a free kick owing to a foul, and the ball had just been sent into the middle when half time was called. On change of ends Wednesday had a couple of throws-in close up, but they proved useless. Wyld next ran the leather up, but Hudson stopped him in the nick of time, and the ball was returned to the centre. Jaques was here very busy playing Mosforth—by no means an easy task, but he acquitted himself creditably. A splendid back kick by Rhodes was applauded and then West crossed to Cawley, and he rushing forward, again carried the ball through the sticks—making the second goal for Wednesday and the score, as may be expected, eliciting vociferous cheering. Two goals to nothing looked a serious matter for Heeley, but they recommenced business with considerable energy. Jack however was quite as good as his master, and Rhodes was very close in reducing the Heeley citadel, Mosforth three minutes later actually accomplishing that feat, amid further applause, and thus placing Wednesday in the position of three goals to none. With the ball again rolling a hot scrimmage resulted in the mouth of the Wednesday citadel, but Ledger saved his charge. A splendid run and shot by West followed, but although he followed the ball up well, his efforts proved abortive. Buttery now put the ball out giving

a corner to Heeley, and again a score all but resulted, the danger only being averted at the very last moment. Whittam here made an excellent run on the left side, and crossing to Martin the latter evaded the goalkeeper, and amid terrific cheering obtained Heeley's first goal. Time, however, was now almost up, and eventually the Wednesdayites were declared the victors by three goals to one. Mosforth, Rhodes, Wilkinson, Cawley, and Malpas excelled for Wednesday; while Hunter, Swallow, W. Moss, and Tomlinson showed up best for the others."

N.B. Whitham and Wild not Whittam and Wyld

Sheffield Wednesday: H. Ledger; A. Malpas, E. Buttery; J. Hudson, H. Wilkinson, J. Stevens; E. Rhodes, T. E. Cawley, R. Gregory (Capt.), W. H. Mosforth, F. West.

Sheffield Heeley: A. Mallinson (Goal); W. Moss, T. Moss; J. Hunter (Capt.), T. A. Tomlinson, W. E. Jacques, H. Winterbottom, J. Whitham, I. Swallow, R. Martin, J. Wild.

Umpires: J. Bradshaw and T. Willey. Referee: W. Pierce-Dix.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT:

FIRST DIVISION:

GREAT MARLOW walked over READING scratched:

Bell's Life 14/1/82 P.9: "Reading has scratched to Great Marlow, so that the latter has advanced into the second series of ties."

N.B. There was trouble from the spectators at the Reading v Great Marlow game at Reading on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, so it was hoped there would be no repeat at the cup tie at Marlow on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> (see Reading Observer 14/1/82 P.2) but it appears that Reading may have been concerned about a repetition and scratched before the game took place, and Great Marlow got a bye.

SECOND DIVISION:

OLD FORESTERS 2 (J. H. Matthews, R. W. Burrows) ROYAL ENGINEERS 1 (W. S. Kincaid) (H. T. 1-1) (Sat Jan 21<sup>st</sup>) (At Forest School Ground, Snaresbrook)

Bell's Life 28/1/82 P.3/Sportsman 23/1/82 P.4/Sporting Life 24/1/82 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 23/1/82 P.4:

BL: "This match, in the fourth round of the Association Cup competition, was played in the Forest School Ground, at Snaresbrook, on Saturday. The Engineers, winning the toss, decided to take the school goal, thus having the benefit of playing slightly downhill. Barnet on the right was first to show up for the Sappers, but the back of the Foresters was too good to allow him to become dangerous. The game for the first quarter of an hour was in favour of the Sappers, but at length (Day) and Matthews getting possession, worked the ball prettily down the right wing, and the latter, by a good shot, scored the first goal for the Foresters, amidst ringing cheers from their partisans, most prominent of whom were the "present boys". Kincaid kicked off, and the play for some time was very even. Gradually, however, the Sappers forced their opponents back, and "hands" being given for them, Dumbleton took the kick, and placed the ball so well that Kincaid had little difficulty in

equalising matters. Soon after this half time was called and Guy started the ball. At this period of the game Learoyd was playing in fine form, as in fact he did all through the game, though he lacked support, Stratford on his left showing very poor form. Mills and C.J. Horner, by some really good combined play, took the ball well into the Sappers' quarters, and Horner by a good left screw, just missed scoring for the Foresters. Druitt kicked out, but the ball was well returned by Staley-Horner to Burrows, who took it past the Engineers' backs, and placed a second goal to the credit of the home team. This reverse seemed to rouse the Sappers, who worked with redoubled energy, Barnet and Learoyd very finely, and for a time they pressed the Old Foresters, but Horner and Sewell kicked well, and were ably assisted by Johnson at half back. With only five minutes remaining, both sides tried hard to increase their score, but to no purpose. As time was called, and the Old Foresters were left winners by two goals to one. In addition to those mentioned above, Russell (back), Dumbleton (half back), and Kincaid, played well for the (losers). Of the (winners) all the backs showed rare form, especially Staley-Horner; the forwards played well together, Mills, C.J. Horner, and Matthews being worthy of notice, in addition to those already mentioned."

SM: "Although the latter, who had beaten the present Cup holders, were considered as certain winners, in the end played the winners, they came off second best, being defeated by two goals (Matthews and Burrows) to one (Kincaid)."

SL: "This match was played upon the Foresters' ground at Snaresbrook, on Saturday, when the home team won by two goals to one goal. The Engineers kicked off shortly after half-past two, and fifteen minutes later Matthews kicked a goal for the Old Foresters. Kincaid retaliated with one for the Engineers, but towards the close Burrows scored for the home team, who thus won as already stated. For the winners, Mills, Horner, Sewell, and Johnson played very prominently, as did Barnet, Kincaid, and Learoyd for the Engineers."

Old Foresters: P. Fairclough (Goal); F. W. Sewell, L. Staley-Horner (Backs); W. Walker, R. B. Johnson (Half Backs); T. M. Day, J. H. Matthews (Right), R. W. Burrows, R. Guy (Centres), G. C. Mills, C. J. Horner (Left).

Royal Engineers: E. Druitt (Goal); R. B. Russell, M. A. Boyd (Backs); H. N. Dumbleton, C. A. R. Browne (Half Backs); H. H. Barnet, P. G. von Donop (Right), W. S. Kincaid, J. Winn (Centres), C. Wingfield-Stratford, C. D. Learoyd (Left).

Umpires: R. Redwood (Pilgrims) and J. Quill (R.E.). Referee: J. Armstrong (Dreadnought).

#### THIRD DIVISION:

OLD ETONIANS 6 (A. J. Chitty 2, W. J. Anderson, scrimmages 2, R. H. Macaulay)

MAIDENHEAD 3 (W. Blackwell 2, J. Bailey) (H. T. 3-0) (Sat Jan 14<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 16/1/82 P. 4 / Field 21/1/82 P. 90 / Maidenhead Advertiser 18/1/82 P. 3 / London Daily News 16/1/82 P. 3 / Referee 15/1/82 P. 6 / Athletic News 18/1/82 P. 6 / Bell's Life 14/1/82 P. 10 / Sporting Life 17/1/82 P. 1:

SM: "There was a large attendance of spectators at Kennington Oval on Saturday last, when an interesting and finely-contested match, in the fourth round of the above competition, was played between the Old Etonians and the representatives of Maidenhead, which resulted, after many exciting changes had taken place, in an easy victory for the Old Etonians by six goals to three. The

weather was everything that a football enthusiast could desire, as there was scarcely any wind to make the choice of goals of any consequence to either team, the ground also being in first-rate working order. Kinnaird won the toss, and having chosen the Crown Baths side of the ground to play the first half of the game from, at ten minutes to three Hazeldine kicked off from the Clayton-street end. The Etonians, on receiving the ball, returned it immediately, and Kinnaird, with a fine kick, sent the ball straight into Clarke's hands, who had only just time to throw it away before the Etonian forwards were on him. Soon after a claim of hands gave Anderson a free kick, but the ball missed its destination, and Tilbury had to make a fresh start. At length, Foley, having a corner kick, dropped the ball with great judgment in front of the Maidenhead goal, when, out of a rather warm scrimmage, it was rushed through the posts, the first score of the game thus falling to the lot of the Etonians. Though the Berkshire forwards worked diligently to try and make some impression on the ranks of their opponents, they seemed incapable of doing so, and the Etonians invariably drove them back again on their own lines, till at length Paravicini having dribbled the ball down the right side, turned it over to Smith, who middled it to Chitty, and Maidenhead had to deplore the loss of another goal, twenty minutes only having elapsed since the commencement of play. The Etonians still continued to bully their adversaries without mercy, and Foley once more having a corner-kick entrusted to him, was equally successful as on the previous occasion, for the ball falling almost at Anderson's feet, the latter sent it under the bar. Everything now promised well for the Etonians, and darkness figuratively hung over the spirits of the Maidenhead team, who nevertheless fought on with determined courage, and were thus enabled to ward off any further mischief till half-time was scored, when they reversed their positions. On making a re-commencement a singular and unexpected alteration took place in the state of the game, for the Berks team now became the assailants to some purpose, and making a powerful attack, Green centred the ball to Blackwell, who gained the first Maidenhead goal. The Berks team, no doubt elated with success, now attacked their foes with greater energy than they had hitherto shown, and Bailey soon afterwards scored the second, but the enthusiasm amongst the partisans of Maidenhead could scarcely be described when Blackwell made the score level. The interest in the match after this important incident increased greatly, each team working hard to gain the crowning honour of the odd event, but the cheering shouts of approbation from the followers of Berkshire all at once received a check, when out of a +scrimmage in front of the Maidenhead goal, Eton scored one game ahead. This was followed by another through the instrumentality of Macaulay, and, as a final blow, Chitty won the last event of the day. The match, therefore, when time was called, came to a conclusion as above stated. Macaulay, Kinnaird, Anderson, Chitty, and Foley, played well, as they always do, for the Etonians, while Mackie, Bailey, Reay, Blackwell, and Tilbury did their duty gallantly for the losing team."

+F:"A capital bit of play by Anderson, however, produced a sharp tussle in front of the Maidenhead fortress, and in the end a fourth goal was registered for Eton, who play was afterwards characterised by a greater amount of spirit than had been the case since change of ends. A fifth goal was obtained principally by the efforts of Macaulay, and a few minutes before the completion of time, Chitty accomplished another."

MA:"TYPE

LDN:"The game was started just before three o'clock, and the Etonians soon acted on the aggressive, Foley, Chitty and Anderson quickly kicking goals for them, and although Berkshire made several efforts to score, they had not done so up to half time. After positions had reversed,



Maidenhead soon equalised matters,two goals being kicked for them by Blackwell and one by Bailey.The play now became most exciting,but Eton played up with great vigour.A fourth goal was obtained by them out of a loose scrimmage.Macaulay added a fifth and Chitty a sixth.Maidenhead failed to add to the three mentioned,and were therefore defeated by six goals to three.”

REF:”The sides were tolerably equal as far as skill was concerned,though the Maidenhead captain sadly missed the services of Lovegrove,their usual goal-keeper,through indisposition,Clarke,who did duty in his place,though a good all-round player,being unaccustomed to that particular office.”

Old Etonians:J.F.P.Rawlinson(Goal),P.J. de Paravicini,J.E.K.Studd(Backs),C.W.Foley,E.B.Lehmann (Half Backs),W.J.Anderson,C.M.Smith(Right Side),R.H.Macaulay,A.J.Chitty(Centres), Hon A.F.Kinnaird(Capt.),A.T.B.Dunn(Left Side).

Maidenhead:J.H.R.Clark(Goal),A.Smith,J.Tilbury(Backs),C.E.Reay(Capt.),J.Wilkes,F.Hazeldine (Half Backs),W.Mackie,J.Bailey(Right Side),G.H.Green(Centre),W.A.Blackwell,A.Goodchild(Left Side).

N.B. Not T.Tilbury :MA corrects to J.Tilbury

Umpires:Major Marindin(R.E.) and and A.Moyse(Maidenhead).Referee:C.H.R.Wollaston(Clapham Rovers).

#### FOURTH DIVISION:

UPTON PARK 5 (H.Lafone,”own goal”,J.Barnard,C.Mitchell,S.R.Bastard) HOTSPUR 0(H.T.2-0) (Sat Jan 21<sup>st</sup>)(At West Ham Park)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 23/1/82 P.4 describes Upton’s second goal:” ....after a hot scrimmage in front of the Hotspur posts,in which Barnett and Lafone were conspicuous,the ball went through off a Hotspur back.”

Bell’s Life 28/1/82 P.3/Field 28/1/82 P.120/Sporting Life 24/1/82 P.4/Sportsman 23/1/82 P.4/Athletic News 25/1/82 P.6/Referee 22/1/82 P.6:

BL”Upton won the toss and Warner elected to start with the sun at his back.Randall kicked off for Hotspur at 2.45 ,and the ball was at once run down to the visitors’ end,their captain kicking it into touch.Moore made a good throw in,and after a short scrimmage Lafone kicked the first goal for Upton Park after about two minutes’ play.Following the restart Barnard and Lafone made a good run ,but were well checked by Kay,who put the ball to Winter,who ran it back at a great pace,but Bates was impassable,and returned it to Lafone who made a clever run on the Upton left,and middled to Mitchell,who,however,was sadly hampered by his injured knee,and the latter kicked over.Winter then ran the ball down,but Barnard brought it back.Dowie kicked behind but the corner kick by Upton was unproductive.A good run by Carr also ended in a corner kick for Hotspur,also unfruitful. J.Sutton then made a good run,but Mangles checked him,and passed the ball to Barnett,who,with Joscelyne,made a good combined run,which resulted in “hands” close to the Hotspur(goal?),and from Stafford’s free kick,Upton again scored after a scrimmage.Ends were now changed and Hotspur shortly kicked out at their end.Moore made a splendid throw and Mitchell headed to Barnard,who,in turn,headed the ball through.Three goals to Upton.Soon afterwards a good passing run by Lafone, Barnard and J.Ba(rn)ard enabled Mitchell to score again for his side.Another run by the same three

resulted in a scrimmage, out of which Bastard kicked a fifth goal for Upton. The next incident was a good run by J. Sutton, and a middle to Randall, whose shot, however, was saved by Warner. Mitchell then showed some good dribbling, and on his shot being stopped by Muir, time was called and Hotspur left vanquished by five goals to nil. Kay, Dowie, the Suttons, Carr and Winter played hard and well for them. For the winners all played well, Bates (Back) and Barnard and Lafone (Forward) being especially noticeable."

F: "This match in the fourth round was played on the ground of the former team last Saturday at West Ham Park in splendid weather. Owing partly to this, and also to the fact that this was the first Cup match played there for four years, a numerous concourse of spectators, estimated at from five hundred to six hundred, assembled, who exhibited a keen appreciation of the game, cheering impartially any good piece of play on either side, although undoubtedly the Uptonians received the greater support. The Uptonian captain having won the toss elected to play with the sun at his back, and the ball was kicked off by the Hotspur centre at 2.45. It was at once run down towards the visitors' goal by Bastard and Mitchell, the attack being warded off by Kay, the ball going into touch on the Hotspur left. A magnificent throw by Moore enabled the Upton centre to make a fierce onslaught upon their opponents' goal, and, the ball being well passed to Lafone, he had no difficulty in putting it between the posts, the first goal being thus secured to Upton within two minutes of the commencement of the game. Immediately after the kick off Lafone and Barnard ran the ball down, but the attack proved unsuccessful, and Kay again relieved his side, passing the ball to Winter, who took it at a tremendous pace three-fourths the length of the ground, where, however, he was well met by Bates, who returned the ball into the Hotspur quarters. Shortly after this Lafone, who played in splendid form throughout, his stopping and returning the ball remarkably clever and clean, made a very fine run, ending with a perfect middle to Mitchell. The latter, however, who was playing most pluckily under the disadvantage of an injured knee, missed his shot, and another good run by Winter relieved his side. Barnard, however, with a good run, brought it back, and the Hotspur back, Dowie, in warding off the middle, kicked behind. The corner, well put by Stafford, was, however, of no avail, and shortly after a good run by Carr ended in a corner at the Upton end. This, however, proved abortive, and Barnard and Lafone again made a fine run. This, however, was stopped by the good tackling of Sutton and Kay, whose clever turning and kicking were much admired. The ball now travelled up the Hotspur left towards the Upton end; but Mangles met the attack, and, passing to Barnett, enabled the latter and Joselyne to execute a good combined run, ending in hands in favour of Upton near the Hotspur goal. This was well put by Stafford into the mouth of the goal, and, out of a loose scrimmage, the ball was most unluckily put through from a mis-kick by one of the Hotspur team just before half-time. Shortly after the change of ends the ball went out near the Hotspur goal line, and Moore, whose throwing in was very fine, put it right in front of goal, where an unsuccessful attempt at heading by Mitchell passed the ball to Barnard, who managed with a jump to butt it through the goal. The play now remained chiefly in the Hotspur end of the ground, the Upton backs being impassable. A clever and dodgy dribble by Barnard, Lafone, and Bastard ending with a good turn and pass to Mitchell, enabled the latter to kick a fourth goal for his side. After a few minutes' play a good combined run by Bastard, Lafone, and Barnard ended in a corner kick, which was well placed by Stafford. A loose scrimmage ensued in front of goal, out of which Bastard put the ball neatly between the posts, making the score five goals to nothing. Immediately after the kick off a good run was made by Sutton, and the ball was well middled to Randall, who made a good shot at the Upton goal. This was the only serious attack made upon the quarters of the home team, and was well stopped and got

away by Warner, who only handled the ball thrice in the match, and kicked it perhaps four times, on two occasions running out in a somewhat reckless manner to get even this small number of times on the ball. A corner soon after fell to Hotspur, but nothing came of it; and for the remainder of the game the ball was mostly near the Hotspur goal. Mitchell made a good run, marked by his usual clever dodging, but the shot failed; and soon after this time was called. In the Hotspur team Kay and Dowie played well back, especially the former, while I. Sutton, Carr, and Winter worked very hard forward. For Upton the whole team played well and most unselfishly, the passing being very good. The feature of the game, however, was the play of Lafone and Barnard on the left. The back play of the winners was also very certain, Bates playing especially well."

Upton Park: C(onrad). Warner (Capt.) (Goal), P. C. Bates, W. J. Mangles (Backs), J. E. S. Moore, T. G. Stafford (Half Backs); H. R. Barnett, H. M. Joscelyne (Right), S. R. Bastard, C. Mitchell (Centres), J. Barnard, H. Lafone (Left).

Hotspur: G. Muir (Goal), J. Kay (Capt.), G. Dowie (Backs), I. Sutton, + W. Roberts, S. Forster (Half Backs); J. Sutton, J. Rees (Right), G. Randall (Centre), S. R. Carr, W. Winter (Left).

+ G. Roberts interchanges with W. Roberts name

Umpires: J. Messer (Acton) and E. D. Ellis (Notting Hill). Referee: C. E. Hart (Pilgrims).

#### FIFTH ROUND :

Bell's Life 21/1/82 P.9:

"On Monday evening last the Committee of the Association met at their offices to draw the fifth round in the competition for the cup. As the clubs still left in had to be placed together in the hat considerable interest attached to the result, and singularly enough the two most dangerous clubs in the north came out first. The draw was as under:

Aston Villa or Wednesbury Old Athletic v Blackburn Rovers or Darwen

Royal Engineers or Old Foresters v Great Marlow

Upton Park or Hotspur v Sheffield Wednesday or Heeley

Old Etonians, a bye

There was a very full meeting as the principal business was to come to a final decision respecting the cup tie between Darwen and Blackburn Rovers. The latter had won the toss, and consequently claimed to have the match played at Blackburn, as was their due. Darwen demurred to the decision of the Cup Tie until the return match of last season had been played, and as it was this question that had kept the two clubs at variance for over a year, the Committee had asked each club to send two delegates with a view to a mutual understanding. Fortunately this proved to be a very easy task. An offer of the Rovers to give their neighbours the same terms offered before they had won the toss formed the basis for a satisfactory treaty, and both clubs having agreed to abide by the decision of

the Committee it was decided that the cup tie be played at Blackburn on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> inst., the gate to be divided and that an additional club match to recompense Darwen for the loss of the return of last season should take place at Darwen later in the season, the whole proceeds to go to the local club. The Committee made the proviso that they should appoint umpires and referee. Since the meeting the two clubs have mutually arranged that the match should take place on Monday Jan 30<sup>th</sup>."

WEDNESBURY OLD ATHLETIC 1 (A.Groucutt) BLACKBURN ROVERS 3 (J.Lofthouse,G.Avery,T.Strachan) (H.T. 0-3)(Sat Feb 11<sup>th</sup>)(The Oval,Wood Green,Wednesbury)

Blackburn Standard 18/2/82 P.3/Athletic News 15/2/82 P.3/Birmingham Daily Post 13/2/82 P.6/Bell's Life 11/2/82 P.5/Sportsman 13/2/82 P.4/Sporting Life 14/2/82 P.4/Field 18/2/82 P.227:

BS:"Next to importance to the Rovers v Darwen match, of Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, was this one, which was played at Wednesbury, on Saturday. Everything proved favourable for a big turnout of spectators. The fame alone of the Rovers would have been sufficient to have drawn together a large crowd. In addition to this, however, their opponents are anything other than an obscure organisation. Lately they have achieved some brilliant victories, and like the Rovers, appeared on the scene of action with an unbeaten certificate. Then, again, the weather was beautiful—just of such a nature that devotees of outside sport delight in. It is, therefore, not surprising that an immense number (8,000) persons wended their way to the Oval, Wednesbury, where the contest took place. Notwithstanding the great ability of the Staffordshire contingent, the bulk of the onlookers were decidedly of the opinion that the Blackburn club would win, and events proved their reasoning to be correct. We may state that long before the advertised time of starting (three o'clock) the sightseers had taken up their stand around the enclosure. What with the rows of smiling faces in the front, and a host of conveyances of folks in the background, the view of the scene of action was indeed interesting to look upon. Expectation ran high among the vast crowd as the minutes rolled by. The Rovers were the first to appear, having driven from Birmingham with a four-in-hand. At last the supreme moment arrived, and exactly at three o'clock both teams stepped within the field of play, which was in magnificent order, but narrow. Loud cheering greeted each, the Rovers seeming to come in for more applause than the others, and throughout the game afterwards the most impartiality was displayed by the spectators. Fred. Hargreaves, as is his luck, won the toss, and elected to play with a strong breeze behind him. Drawing up their forces, the Wednesbury team prepared for action, and Woodcock put motion to the leather by passing to his right wing, when G.H. Holden endeavoured to clear a way forward, but the ball was played in touch. From the throw in J. Hargreaves and Avery tried to get in the home quarters, but failed, J. Holden returning the leather. Once again the ball was kicked out, and afterwards, when the ball was being steered towards the Rovers division, Suter made a grand kick. Avery and J. Hargreaves this time fairly brought about an aggressive attitude of a serious character, and menaced Kent's position, and a corner kick resulted. Nothing good became of this, and the irrepressible right wing of Wednesbury once more took matters in hand, but with unerring precision, Suter returned the leather. Brown and Strachan worked it along nicely, but from the centre Cliffe forced the ball to the Rovers right, when after a tough fight the visitors obtained a throw in. McIntyre made the fling, and Douglas with his useful partner Lofthouse who, by the bye, was officiating in place of Duckworth, sped away through the opposing ranks. The Athletics seeing danger approaching, kicked out, and Douglas had a corner, which, however, was badly judged, and a goal kick for Kent resulted. After the latter point had been disposed of, the Rovers' vanguard again came quickly to the

fore. J. Hargreaves executed a good run, but at the finish kicked behind. The Rovers were now nicely set for work, and the Wednesbury team were greatly pressed. Brown at this juncture put in his first dangerous run, and all but scored, while a few moments later, and, after a good corner by McIntyre, Avery dashed the leather against the crossbar, but only another corner kick resulted, which was hard lines indeed. Things however seemed likely for ending differently from this corner, for Brown beautifully planted the ball in front. A dangerous scrimmage ensued, when fate once more directed the leather over the crossbar. Woodcock now relieved the monotony by a fine run up the centre, passing to his left. Roberts and Morley strained every nerve to get past McIntyre and Greenwood. Both these latter players acquitted themselves well, and their opponents were beaten back. The choicest bit of passing of the whole day was next displayed by all the Rovers' forwards, who from one to the other crossed the ball in such a magnificent and effectual style as to call forth the plaudits of the onlookers. It seemed nothing could prevent them from scoring, but the ball was fouled by the home team 15 yards from goal. The scrimmage which followed passed away without the registration of a goal. Holden now put in a brilliant run and the other forwards pressed well up, but the good shot which was made at goal was grandly saved by Haworth. The visitors after this brief interruption again went to the attack; this time their efforts were combined, and after a beautiful run by Brown, supplemented by an excellent shot by J. Hargreaves, Lofthouse was able to chronicle the first point, which appeared to put extra vitality in the Rovers' team, for in a very few minutes after Suter had a free kick. A scrimmage ensued from which Avery scored the second goal for the Rovers twenty five minutes having elapsed from the start. With fears awakened for the result of the game, the Athletics now made many grand efforts to gain a counterbalancing point. Holden on the right, Woodcock in the centre, Morley on the left, and Cliffe ably backing them up, began to display an unlooked for front. It required extraordinary efforts on the part of F. Hargreaves, Suter, and the other defenders to keep them at bay, and Haworth once or twice had to use his hands; but at length all anxiety passed away, and the famous blue and whites were again to be seen dashing with great impetuosity on the unfortunate rearguard of the Athletics who amid the cheers of the onlookers were defeated for a \*third time. With Douglas again pressing towards the Wednesbury stronghold, the referee announced half time. Three goals were something handsome to have to their credit, and the Rovers crossed to the other end with no fear as to what might follow. Strachan re-started the leather, and for about five minutes some beautiful passing was displayed by the Rovers, who in one or two instances were within an ace of scoring. Now, however, the Wednesbury forwards, with the aid of the wind, began to press upon the Blackburn team rather severely. The efforts of the visitors' forwards were relaxed, and Douglas fell back a little. There was great cause for this, for the home forwards were working with the energy of despair. But in Greenwood, Suter, McIntyre and F. Hargreaves, with Haworth in goal, they had to face the strongest back division in England, and every raid for a long time was frustrated. At last Hodgkiss made a capital throw in, and from the fight which ensued Groucutt landed a point for Wednesbury. A great many hard struggles followed this in both parts of the field, but no further score was effected, though the Rovers towards the finish experienced very hard lines indeed, and while pressing the Athletics time was called, a hard-earned victory of three to one resting with the visitors. The Rovers are now looked upon as certain winners of the Cup and to do this they have only twice more to play."

\* AN: "...Strachan rushed the ball through the Athletic posts for the third time."

Wednesbury Old Athletic:C.Kent(Goal);W.H.Moon(Capt.)(Back),J.Stokes(Three Quarter Back),  
J.Holden,E.Cliffe,T.Hodgkiss(Half Backs);G.H.Holden,A.Groucutt(Right Wing),A.Woodcock(Centre),  
R.H.Morley,J.Roberts(Left Wing).

CHECK INITIALS IN WEDNESBURY PAPER C.Kent alternates with W.Kent .E.Cliffe or J.Cliffe?

Blackburn Rovers:R.Howorth(Goal);D.H.Greenwood,F.Suter(Backs),F.W.Hargreaves(Capt.),  
H.McIntyre(Half Backs),J.Douglas,J.Lofthouse(Right Wing),J.Brown,T.Strachan(Centres),  
J.Hargreaves,G.Avery(Left Wing).

Umpires:C.Crump(President Birmingham and District Football Association) and T.Hindle(Hon Sec  
Lancashire Football Association).Referee:C.W.Alcock(Hon Sec Football Association).

OLD FORESTERS 0 GREAT MARLOW 0 (After Extra Time) (Tues Feb 7<sup>th</sup>)(At Kennington Oval )

Sportsman 8/2/82 P.4/Sporting Life 8/2/82 P.3/Field 11/2/82 P.192/Bicester Herald 10/2/82 P.7:

SM:"Yesterday(Tuesday) at Kennington Oval,these clubs played a match in the fifth round of the  
above competition.The Foresters won the toss,and chose the Clayton Arms goal.Shaw,at a quarter  
past three o'clock,kicked off from the tram-road end.The Marlow team,following up,paid a flying  
visit to the opposite end,Milward leading the way,with J.Flint in close attendance,but the former  
kicked behind,and Fairclough had a free kick.A fierce scrimmage presently occurred not far from the  
Marlow goal,but Milward,in trying to get away,was instrumental in giving a corner kick,which J.Flint  
prevented from proving mischievous.Both teams continued to work with commendable spirit and  
the exertions made by Burrows,Day,Grieve,Mills,Walker,and Horner on the part of the Foresters are  
worthy of praise,whilst J.Flint,R.A.Lunnon,Milward,Shaw,and Horwood,did their duty gallantly for  
the countrymen.A good assault by the men of Marlow,led on by Milward,looked particularly  
dangerous,but Fairclough coming to the rescue made all safe,and the whistle announced the advent  
of half-time,when ends were reversed.On getting to work again some animated play took place near  
the half-way line,and great deeds of valour were performed by both teams,till at length a claim of  
"hands" by Marlow being allowed,J.Flint had the kick,but Fairclough was ready at the post and drove  
the ball far away into the distance.The game still went on in much the same fashion without any  
satisfactory result being achieved,till time was called,when the captains of the respective teams  
mutually agreed to continue play for another half hour,a quarter each way,but as at the expiration  
of the extra time,no advantage was gained by either of them,the match was declared drawn,and  
they will have to try their fortunes in a second fight on some future day yet to be named."

London Standard 8/2/82 P. "The tie in the fifth round of the Challenge Cup was played yesterday at  
Kennington Oval.There was a fairly large number of spectators present to witness what turned out  
to be a most even encounter.The Foresters were unsuccessful in the toss,and defended the eastern  
goal.Shaw kicked off,but although the game extended for half an hour beyond the usual time,there  
was no definite result arrived at,and the teams will consequently have to meet again."

Old Foresters:P.Fairclough(Capt.)(Goal),F.W.Sewell,L.Horner(Backs);R.B.Johnson,F.W.Woolley,  
W.Walker(Half Backs),T.M.Day,B.J.W.Grieve(Right Side),R.W.Burrows(Centre),G.C.Mills,+C.E.Horner  
(Left Side).

+It appears there may well have also been a C.E.Horner but C.J.Horner played in the previous rounds

Great Marlow:H.R.Hewett(Capt.)(Goal);R.Way,E.Horwood(Backs);J.Flint,T.G.Lunnon,W.Morgan(Half Backs);R.A.Lunnon,R.H.Lunnon(Right Side),R.Shaw(Centre),E.J.Flint,W.Milward(Left Side).

Umpires:C.E.Hart(Pilgrims) and C.W.Foley(Old Etonians).Referee:J.Armstrong.

REPLAY:Sat Feb 18<sup>th</sup>:At Dolphin Square,Slough):

GREAT MARLOW 1 (R.Shaw) OLD FORESTERS 0 (H.T. 0-0)

Bell's Life 25/2/82 P.12/Sportsman 20/2/82 P.4/Sporting Life 21/2/82 P.4/Field 25/2/82 P.261/Bicester Herald 24/2/82 P.2:

SM/BH:"This undecided tie in the fifth round was decided on Saturday afternoon on the Dolphin Ground,Slough.Notwithstanding the nasty cold day,there was a large number of spectators present to witness the match.At 2.30 the ball was started,the Foresters kicking from the road,having the wind slightly in their favour.For the first half the game was very evenly contested and nothing was obtained on either side.Soon after the change Marlow ran the ball down,and a goal was got for the Buckinghamshire team,but was disallowed,the umpire giving "off-side".The leather was again set in motion,and the Foresters working well together made several capital runs down,but could not score. Marlow then got a corner kick,soon after which the Foresters bullied the ball down two or three times to their opponents' goal,and had a capital shot,the ball nearly touching the top.Several bullies took place near the Foresters' goal,but failed to score,Marlow then obtaining two corner kicks,and shortly before time was called R.Shaw made a splendid run down passing the backs,and obtained a goal amidst great cheering and excitement.This seemed to put the Foresters on their mettle,and the game became very fast,the Foresters playing extremely well together and rushed the ball down, which was just above the tape.Time was then called and Marlow proved themselves victorious by one goal to nil."

BL:"These clubs having played a drawn game at the Oval,on Feb. 7,met again last Saturday,at Slough,when Marlow proved the winners by one goal to none.Fairclough having won the toss,Shaw set the ball rolling on behalf of Marlow.After some even play and ten minutes from the start,the Foresters worked the ball down to the Marlow goal.Burrows made a capital shot,and a goal was claimed by them,but on being appealed to the referee,decided against the claim,the ball going over the tape.From this point,until about 20 minutes from time the game was carried on with great spirit. Marlow,by some good long passing,at last got the ball well within the Old Foresters' lines,and Milward kicked a goal,though being offside it was disallowed.Only a short space of time remaining, both sides worked with a will.At length seven minutes before time Shaw got possession of the leather,dribbled it right through the Foresters' backs,and kicked an unmistakeable goal. Restarting the ball the Foresters got it close to the Marlow goal line when Burrows had a splendid chance,but kicked too high.Time being called the game ended as above.None of the forwards showed up with special prominence,but Sewell and Fairclough played well for the losers,and Shaw did a lot of work for the winners."

Great Marlow:H.R.Hewett(Capt.)(Goal),W.Shaw,E.Horwood,T.Walker(Backs),T.G.Lunnon, W.Morgan(Half Backs),R.A.Lunnon,E.J.Flint,W.Milward,R.Shaw,J.Flint.

Old Foresters:P.Fairclough(Goal);F.W.Sewell,L.Horner(Backs);R.B.Johnson,F.W.Woolley(Half Backs); T.M.Day,S.Gilbey,G.B.Childs,G.C.Mills,+C.E.Horner,R.W.Burrows(Forwards).

+See also in first game

Umpires/Referee:Not traced

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 6 (E.Rhodes,T.E.Cawley 3,W.H.Mosforth 2) UPTON PARK 0  
(H.T. 2-0)(Tues Feb 7<sup>th</sup>)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 8/2/82 P.3/Sheffield Independent 8/2/82 P.8/Sportsman 8/2/82  
P.4/Sporting Life 8/2/82 P.1/Field 11/2/82 P.194:

SDT:"These two teams were drawn together in the fifth round of the above-named trophy.In tossing for the choice of ground the spin of the coin went in favour of Wednesday.As the Southerners had no Saturday or Monday at liberty it was decided to play the match at Bramall Lane yesterday,one of the worst days in the week,seeing that it is market day in the town,when the majority of the inhabitants are more than ordinarily occupied.This is the first football contest ever played in the town on a Tuesday.The weather in the morning was very dull and a thick,heavy,fog hung over the district.Fortunately no rain had fallen for some time and as there had also been no frost for several days the ground was in much better playing condition than it has been at any time during the present season.As was to be expected the attendance was not so large as it would have been on almost any other day of the week,but there were nevertheless about 3,000 present.The Wednesday captain won the toss and at 2.35 Mitchell kicked off towards Shoreham street.At the very commencement the home team played up well and at once took a commanding lead.The backs,who played very strong throughout,kept the forwards fully employed,good returns being made by Buttery,Hudson,and Malpas.The latter sent the ball to West,who had the first shot,but it availed nothing.Some clever heading was done next by Mosforth,and Hudson then landed the ball well in from the side,and the forwards only just failed to force it through.The visitors' goal had a narrow escape from a corner kick by Hudson,Gregory putting the ball close to the goal post.Bastard was the first to show prominently for the visitors,but he was checked before he had made much progress. West got on the ball and ran it cleverly up the right wing,and then centred to Cawley,who had a rare chance,but did not avail himself of it.Stevens next had a corner and dropped the ball with rare accuracy in front of the Upton goal.A severe struggle ensued and the ball was eventually put through by Rhodes.By good play on the part of Bates,and a neat run by Barnett,the Upton team got near to the Wednesday goal,but Hudson came out and foiled them.Bates next with a clever backwards kick got the ball into the Wednesday quarters,but Wilkinson returned it,and directly afterwards Cawley had another nice opening but failed to utilise it.Good work was next done by Malpas,who propelled the ball to West,and he was loudly applauded for the dexterous manner he ran it up the right side. The applause was continued when Lafone made a nice run for the visitors and was well backed up by the forwards who crossed most admirably and unselfishly.Mosforth then broke away with the ball along the left wing.Stevens came to his aid and centred the ball to Cawley,who managed to elude the Upton custodian a second time.The Upton forwards goaded by these reverses put forth fresh efforts to turn the tide,and by dint of fine combined crossing got dangerously near the Wednesday goal,but only to be foiled by Wilkinson.Useful work was then done by Mangles,West similarly responding on the other side,and Rhodes made a well aimed shot,but was foiled by the goalkeeper.Excellent work was next done by Buttery and Rhodes,and some neat crossing was



executed by the Wednesday forwards until they were eventually stopped by the backs. More telling returns by Buttery and Bates followed, and then Cawley shot the ball outside. Moore had the first corner obtained by the visitors, but being accustomed to a wider ground, sent the ball flying to the other side of the goal. Capital play by Barnard and Bates, and another fine run by Mosforth, were the next noticeable incidents, the visitors' goal being again seriously menaced, and marvelously saved by its custodian twice in rapid succession. By some smart dribbling on the part of Lafone the Wednesday goal was seriously endangered, and he finished up by sending the ball flying only a few inches over the cross bar. West retaliated with a shot at the other end, but his aim lacked accuracy. Quickly the Wednesday goal was again hard pressed and Ledger in stooping to pick up the ball fell, but he managed to get rid of it whilst down.

Half time was now called and ends changed. Immediately after resuming Stevens had two corner kicks, the first being headed behind by an antagonist and the second by a Sheffielder. An onward rush by the Upton forwards was well stopped by Malpas, and directly afterwards Mosforth had a shot, but his aim was erratic. The Southern forwards again tried hard to make their way up to the Wednesday goal, and by clever crossing made considerable progress, but only to be foiled by Buttery and Malpas. They soon returned to the charge, and the backs were tempted to get up too far. The ball was sent back to Mosforth, who lay on the outskirts of the attacking party, and he had but one antagonist to face. He quickly dodged the ball past him, and putting on the steam left him in the rear and taking the ball unaided from one end of the field to the other ended up by putting it through. This magnificent piece of play on his part evoked enthusiastic applause from the spectators. Cawley and Hunter were the next to distinguish themselves, and Malpas had a shot, but without avail. Another particularly good one by Gregory gave the goal-keeper some trouble to stave off, but he just managed to steer the ball against the cross-bar, and it was then put over the goal-line. A corner by Hudson yielded no result, but shortly afterwards Mosforth got possession, and finding his path barred crossed the ball to Gregory at the other side, and he in turn passed it to Rhodes, who shot it against the goalkeeper. It rebounded from him to Cawley, and he had no difficulty in securing a fourth goal for his side. In a very short time subsequently the Wednesday goal was in turn hotly besieged and Mitchell made a grand shot at it, but Ledger got rid of the ball splendidly. Only a few minutes elapsed before the Southerners' goal was again surrounded and a hot fight ensued close in the portals, the ball ultimately being sent through by Mosforth. Two more fine shots by him followed in rapid succession, the ball again going close to the post each time. Lafone next had a go at the Wednesday goal, but it was saved by a back. West, Mosforth and Rhodes next had shots at the visitors' goal in quick succession but Mr Warner defended his goal stubbornly and kept them at bay. It fell again, however, directly afterwards to a long shot from the side by Stevens, Cawley rushing up at the right moment and heading the ball out of his reach. Some fine play was next shown by Mitchell and he got dangerously near, when he was heavily charged and upset, and evidently disabled for a while. A Southerner came to his assistance and made an unerring shot, but Ledger showed brilliant defence and saved his charge. After another shot by Mosforth, who hit the goal post, time was called and the visitors were decisively beaten by six goals to nil. They certainly played the best passing game, but the home team tackled more successfully, and also had a superior turn of speed. On returning to the dressing room Mosforth was carried off the ground by some enthusiastic admirers."

F: "We did hear it observed as some excuse for the poor show effected by the Southern team that the width of the ground (sixty yards) was too limited for them; but we are bound to say that the local team played by far the faster game, so that an increase in the width of the ground would actually

have been in their favour rather than that of Upton Park. We rather think it might be that the visitors entered the field after a rather long and tedious railway journey, which took some of the dash out of them."

Sheffield Wednesday: H. Ledger (Goal); H. Wilkinson, A. Malpas (Backs); E. Buttery, J. Hudson, J. Stevens (Half Backs); R. Gregory (Capt.), F. West (Right Wing), E. Rhodes (Centre), W. H. Mosforth, T. E. Cawley (Left Wing).

Upton Park: Conrad Warner (Capt.) (Goal); W. J. Mangles, P. C. Bates (Backs); T. G. Stafford, J. E. S. Moore (Half Backs); H. R. Barnett, J. B. Hunter (Right), C. Mitchell, S. R. Bastard (Centres), J. Barnard, H. Lafone (Left).

Umpires: W. Pierce-Dix and W. F. Beardshaw. Referee: N. L. Jackson, Assistant Secretary, London Association.

#### SEMI-FINALS:

BLACKBURN ROVERS 0 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 0 (Mon Mar 6<sup>th</sup>) (At St John's Road, Huddersfield Rugby Football Club Ground)

Blackburn Standard 11/3/82 P.3/Athletic News 8/3/82 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 7/3/82 P.7/Sheffield Independent 7/3/82 P.8/Bolton Evening News 7/3/82 P.4/Sportsman 7/3/82 P.4/Field 11/3/82 P.333/Sporting Life 7/3/82 P.4/Bell's Life 11/3/82 P.11:

BS: "Extraordinary interest was manifested in this encounter, which took place at Huddersfield on Monday. The English trophy has never yet been won by a provincial team, and it is because of the great chance possessed by either of the Rovers or Sheffield Wednesday of wresting it from the grasp of the Southerners that uncommon interest was taken in the above event. Whichever wins of this couple is booked as certain of achieving final victory. The Blades have of late been playing in grand form, and that of the Blackburn team was not one whit behind, so that partisans of both organisations, which partisans hailed from many places other than Sheffield or Blackburn, flocked in large numbers around the boundary on St John's ground. The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company ran special trains from Darwen, Blackburn, Rishton, Church, Accrington, Burnley, and other districts. The passengers from Blackburn alone would number considerably over a thousand. About 200 persons went from Darwen, and the stations of the other towns seemed more than usually busy. The Sheffielders were accompanied by about 1,000 friends, and altogether on the field there could not be less than 8,000 spectators. The day turned out beautifully fine, but a stiffish breeze blew obliquely across the ground, which caused play to be carried on mostly in one corner of the field. The Rovers appeared on the ground first, but the Blades were ahead of them in the enclosure. They were, however, closely followed by the Rovers, and both teams were cheered. The Lancashire captain won the toss for choice of ends, and elected to play with the wind behind him and a blazing sun in the face of his opponents. Lang kicked off at 3.25. A short pass gave the ball to Cawley, but just as the latter and Mosforth were endeavouring to produce a run, McIntyre returned the leather. Lang tried hard to get up the centre back again, but Greenwood met him, and the Rovers' forwards were given possession. Douglas and Duckworth sped away down the right, when Hudson averted danger. Brown became busy, then passed to Duckworth. A foul against the latter caused the Rovers to beat a retreat. Mosforth and Cawley made strenuous efforts to get up the left wing, but McIntyre and Greenwood were in great form, and they were driven back. Greenwood by an excellent kick, gave the leather to Brown, who ran down the centre, and his opponents kicked out in self-defence. Douglas had the

corner, but his kick was not a good one. McIntyre, however, dashed in at the ball, centred it, and the utmost danger threatened the Cutlery stronghold. Being so hardly pressed, they were again under the necessity of kicking behind their own lines, and this time Brown had a corner on the other wing. This proved of no avail, and Brown sped away up the Sheffield middle. Eager eyes were watching him. F. Hargreaves, then Suter had a tussle with him; then the last-named grandly returned the ball, when Hargreaves and Avery became very conspicuous on the Rovers' left. The other side kicked out, and Suter made a good long throw in from which much pressure was brought to bear upon the Sheffield goal. Shots at citadel now became very frequent, but Sheffield were playing almost their entire team behind, and it was apparently almost impossible to force the leather between, owing to the sea of legs which blocked the passage of the goal. A free kick was now awarded the Rovers fifteen yards from their opponents' goal. McIntyre made it, and it was extremely hard lines that no goal resulted. A long period elapsed with the Rovers in the Sheffield quarters peppering away at the goal; and once a claim was made that the leather had been forced between when in a scrimmage. The referee, however, would not allow the point. A slight change now transpired. Mosforth, who all along had been playing a waiting game, received the ball just at a moment when the Rovers backs had been pressing almost between the Sheffield sticks. Of course an unusual scamper was made up the field. The Blades forward was vociferously cheered by the Sheffield contingent, but not the slightest danger menaced Howorth's charge, as the ball was sent harmlessly over the goal line. Greenwood a few moments later put in a grand kick. Avery received possession and finished up with a good shot at goal, the leather only just passing outside the posts. Mosforth again put in a good run, but as before his labours were in vain. McIntyre cleverly robbed him of the leather, and Douglas and Duckworth were the means of placing the Sheffield goal in the greatest danger. Brown and Strachan, the centre and the left wing couple, closed in, when it appeared almost certain that a goal would be scored. The hardest of lines were experienced, however, and all their efforts were fruitless. West and Gregory relieved the monotony, which a large amount of pressure on the Yorkshire goal produced, by a smart canter up the right wing. They passed F. Hargreaves, when Suter charged against Gregory, and a foul was given in favour of the Blades. From the free kick the ball was well placed in front of the goal. A few moments of anxiety prevailed. Suter and F. Hargreaves strained every nerve to get the ball away, and triumphantly enough the ball was forced out of the scrimmage. Brown took it in hand, wading through his opponents in great style, then passed to Avery, who sought to give the ball to Duckworth, who seemed in a favourable position, but as soon as the latter touched the leather a cry of off-side was made, and a free kick was given to Sheffield. At this juncture, and at other times, the Blades made much use of the offside cry, the Rovers only claiming about once or twice, though not without cause. A perfect torrent of assaults were now levelled at the Sheffield goal. The Rovers' backs were playing in splendid fashion, and from the assistance received from them the forwards ought to have scored several times. Corner kicks, free kicks (one only two yards from goal), and throws in were of frequent occurrence, and it was more a marvel than anything else that no point was registered, but all the pressing and hard lines passed away without the least result, and amidst great manifestations of joy of the Tykes' supporters half time arrived with the game nil. Prognostications before the game commenced were overwhelmingly in favour of Blackburn, but with the altered circumstances of wind, ground, and sun, it was only likely that these forecastings changed to a great extent their complexions, and many were of the opinion that the great Rovers' team would see its dismissal from the English competition. Those, however, who were better acquainted with the staying powers of the Lancastrians and their great abilities still held to the opinion that the red rose would eventually triumph over the paler one. And, as if in justification of their reckonings, the Rovers commenced the

second half in brilliant manner by pressing upon the Blades and in the first few minutes the Sheffield goal was twice within an ace of being captured. For about seven minutes the Rovers kept up their bold attitude. Douglas had a grand chance, but he sent the ball flying over the bar. The cutlery representatives now began to menace the Rovers' stronghold, but the latter was defended in the best possible manner, Greenwood being in great form, as indeed were all the others. It must have been very gratifying to their supporters to see how tenaciously, through all the trying moments of danger, McIntyre, Suter, F. Hargreaves, Greenwood, and Howorth held their position in defence of their goal. And they must have been particularly pleased at the bold front frequently assumed by the forwards. Once Avery scored, and we are strongly of opinion that it was a legitimate point, but offside was given against him. The Blades also put the ball between once, but in this case there had been a flagrant breach of the rule which prohibits handling and Howorth did not attempt to stop the ball. The game ended in a draw, no goals being allowed to either side, but it may be truthfully asserted that the Rovers, though they did not play so fine as they are accustomed to, had the best of the play, which means that when they meet at Manchester, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the present month, the Blackburnians, if in form, will easily defeat the Blades. The latter after the game were completely pumped out and refused to play an extra half hour."

+SI: "The Wednesday team, with the exception of Hibbert and Stratford (whose places were filled by Stevens and West) was the same as that which defeated Heeley at Bramall Lane ground on Saturday."

+N.B. H. Wilkinson was playing in that game

Blackburn Rovers: R. Howorth (Goal); D. H. Greenwood, F. Suter (Backs), F. W. Hargreaves (Capt.), H. McIntyre (Half Backs), J. Douglas, J. Duckworth (Right Wing), J. Brown, T. Strachan (Centres), J. Hargreaves, G. Avery (Left Wing).

Sheffield Wednesday: H. Ledger (Goal); E. Buttery, +H. Wilkinson (Backs), J. Hudson, J. Stevens, A. Malpas (Half Backs), R. Gregory (Capt.), F. West (Right Wing), J. J. Lang (Centre), W. H. Mosforth, T. E. Cawley (Left Wing).

+J. Wilkinson is listed in both SDT/SI in both matches and in "Romance of the Wednesday 1867-1926" P.65 as playing in the replay and in "Football in Sheffield" P.51 in the list of players "In the Wednesday team throughout the semi-final" (this is evident also from the SDT/SI reports re the replay below that the same players represented Wednesday in both matches (anyway contra to SWCR records listing J. Wilkinson only in the replay). Conclusion: it is almost certain that this player was the same player as H. Wilkinson.

Umpires: C. W. Alcock and P. H. Morton. Referee: Major Marindin (President of the Football Association).

REPLAY: Wed Mar 15<sup>th</sup> (At Whalley Range, Manchester)

BLACKBURN ROVERS 5 (J. Hargreaves, G. Avery, J. Douglas 2, F. Suter) SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 1 (F. Suter (o.g.)) (H.T. 1-1)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 16/3/82 P.7/Sheffield Independent 16/3/82 P.7/Blackburn Standard 18/3/82 P.2/Blackburn Times 18/3/82 P.6/Athletic News 22/3/82 P.3/Bolton Evening News 16/3/82

P.4/Field 18/3/82 P.368/Sportsman 16/3/82 P.4/Sporting Life 16/3/82 P.3/Bell's Life 18/3/82  
P.5(Short Report):

SDT/SM:"These two clubs,who had been drawn together in the semi-final of the competition for the possession of the English Cup,and who played an undecided game at Huddersfield on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst.,played off the tie at Manchester yesterday afternoon.The weather was delightfully fine,and the football enthusiasts of East Lancashire journeyed to Cottonopolis in great number,fully 10,000 spectators passing through the turnstiles into the ground.The Rovers were without the services of D.H.Greenwood,who was hurt in playing for England in Glasgow Saturday last,and H.Sharpley played in his stead.With this exception the team was the same that played at Huddersfield,but the Sheffield representatives did not change their team in any way.The Rovers lost the toss,and had to play with the dazzling sun in their eyes,and Strachan commenced hostilities at five minutes past three o'clock, with a tip to Brown,but the tactic was not successful,and the Sheffield men were soon invading the Rovers' territory.A good run by West was checked by F.Hargreaves.J.Hargreaves at last drove the ball away,and G.Avery getting possession,soon sent the play to the Sheffield end,where Stevens kicked out twice.Gregory now got the ball,and aided by West,the pair got to the Rovers'end where McIntyre kicked out.The Sheffielders had a corner kick,but J.Stevens' attempt to centre was unsuccessful. J.Hargreaves transformed the play to the other end,and put in a good shot,but Malpas and Stevens defeated him and then Mosforth got off on the wing,so that the Rovers' goal line was again reached.No score was,however,made,and the scene of hostilities was removed to the Sheffield goal,but West relieved his side.Douglas now got off,and,crossing to J.Hargreaves,the latter put in a shot which was of a very fine character.A struggle took place on the Sheffield goal line some half dozen players falling on top of the ball by the side of one of the uprights,and the Rovers' backs tried to push them bodily through the posts,but the ball was at last got away from the lines.The Rovers claimed that the leather had been through the posts,but the umpires decided otherwise.

Immediately after the kick out another attack was made on the Sheffield fortress,chiefly by a fine throw in by F.W.Hargreaves.Gregory,however,ran the ball away,and Hudson helped to relieve the Sheffield goal line.The play was now taken to the Rovers' end,and Malpas was called upon to take the corner kick.The ball was sent into the mouth of the goal with such accuracy,that Suter headed it through his own posts,thus making the first point for the Yorkshiremen twenty minutes after the start.A few minutes later another corner was taken by Malpas,but without success,with the goal kick Avery effected a grand run to the Sheffield end,and J.Hargreaves and J.Brown put in some fine work, Buttery at last saving his goal.A little later on another corner fell to Sheffield,but was again unsuccessful.Douglas got the play down to the Wednesday end,but Lang checked him.Play was not, however,taken away,and a foul for the Rovers immediately in front of the Sheffield goal gave the Blackburn men a grand chance.McIntyre tipped the ball to F.W.Hargreaves,and the latter to J.Hargreaves,who sent the leather into the goalkeeper's hands,but the custodian lost his charge and the ball rolled between the posts just five minutes before half time.

Nothing more was scored and ends were changed with the score one goal each.Cawley kicked off,and soon a corner kick fell to the Rovers,which was taken by Brown.Gregory got the ball away, but Fred Hargreaves returned,and the goal was nearly lowered again,the ball being only just headed out,and the goalkeeper threw behind.Douglas took this corner,and McIntyre with a fine shot sent the leather on the crossbar,but it bounded behind the posts.Brown and J.Hargreaves showed up on the wing after the kick off,but no point was scored.Mosforth also made a good run for Sheffield,and passing McIntyre,was challenged by Suter,who robbed him of the ball.The Sheffield team were not

playing half so well now as they had done in the first half, the sun evidently bothering them to a considerable extent. From a struggle on the goal line Avery and Brown put in some grand shots, and Douglas, centring the ball nicely at this point, Avery shot it through the goal at ten minutes after the re-commencement. Another attack was just stopped by Stevens, and then Gregory getting to the other end made a shot at the Rovers' goal, but the East Lancashire men soon had the play again in the Sheffield quarters, and from "hands" for Blackburn, Stevens just saved by kicking over the line. Douglas again took the corner, but the ball went behind. Immediately after this Douglas again showed in front with the ball, and J. Hargreaves heading to Strachan, the latter outwitted Ledger, and scored the third goal. The Sheffield men now fell all to pieces and their goal had several narrow escapes of being lowered. At last from a corner by F. W. Hargreaves, Douglas scored the fourth goal, and just before the call of time Brown took the management of another corner kick and Suter, who was lying close in, headed the ball through. Time was now called and the Rovers were hailed victors by five goals to one. As the teams returned to their tents they were greeted with loud and continuous cheering. The form shown by the Rovers was far superior to that which they displayed at Huddersfield, and was somewhat in keeping with the brilliant exhibition they have made during the whole of the season. Howarth kept goal well, but little was required of him in the second half. All the backs played grandly, and J. Hargreaves and Douglas were the pick of efficient forwards. Of the Sheffield men Hudson and Stevens did the best work behind, whilst Lang, although somewhat disposed to tread in Mosforth's steps and wait for the ball, was very serviceable to his side. West did some good work, but neither Gregory nor Cawley accomplished anything brilliant." \*Douglas

Blackburn History 1875-1925 P.98-99: "Ten thousand spectators, including a large contingent from Blackburn, had an early thrill when a dashing raid by Avery, Douglas, and Duckworth developed into a fierce scrimmage in the Wednesday goalmouth. The custodian went to earth to stop the ball; in a few seconds half a dozen men were on top of him, all struggling as if for dear life. The attackers pushed the goalkeeper and the attackers through the posts, but as neither of the umpires saw the accomplishment of this feat no goal was allowed. Ultimately the ball came out a short distance and Duckworth screwed it wide. At the end of 20 minutes the Rovers received a setback when their captain, in attempting to head away from Malpas, put the ball through his own goal. However, eight minutes before the interval, J. Hargreaves equalised, after clever work by his brother and McIntyre. So far Sheffield had had the wind at their backs, and had played down the slope, while the Rovers had had the sun in their eyes. Now it was Blackburn's turn to benefit by the conditions, and they quickly proved themselves masters of the situation. Through Avery and Douglas they added two goals in 14 minutes, and in the last two minutes put on another couple, the fourth point following a fine throw in by F. Hargreaves which enabled Douglas to deliver an accurate shot that went through off a defender, and the last one was obtained by Suter from a corner splendidly placed by Brown. The Rovers' captain particularly excelled, and Sharples fully justified his selection."

BT: "After the change of ends there was a very marked difference in the play. With all the surrounding conditions in their favour in the first half the Sheffield team had at times pressed their opponents severely, and kept the play in the Rovers' quarters for a considerable time. But when they had to continue the struggle with the conditions against them they could make little headway, and for a great part of the forty-five minutes the Rovers held them almost at their mercy. A minute after Lang had started the ball from the centre Brown made a kick from the corner flag, which was followed by another from the opposite corner by Douglas, and, though both failed, the pressure was not immediately relieved. A long shot by McIntyre sent the ball against the top-bar, but the kick was such a

good one that cheers were elicited. The kick from the goal enabled West to start down the field, but Avery was quickly at his heels, and Suter returned the leather. Mosforth brought up the ball again, but Suter foiled him, and when the leather was kicked from goal it was carried along the right wing by Duckworth and Douglas, and a corner kick was secured. Brown placed the ball nicely in the centre, and a slight scrimmage resulted, in favour of the defenders for the moment, but Douglas centred the ball again and enabled Avery to score the second goal eight minutes from the commencement of the second half. This success was more heartily cheered than any other, as the Rovers' admirers regarded the match as practically won. As soon as the ball was again in motion the Sheffield territory was again re-entered, and the leather, after a free kick from the centre by Suter, being headed out by a Sheffield player, a corner kick was made by Douglas. The ball was placed beautifully in the centre of the goal mouth, but Wilkinson headed it out again, and Douglas on his further attempt shot it behind the goal. The attack upon the Sheffield citadel was promptly renewed, however, and J. Hargreaves made a good shot for honours. The ball struck the post and rebounded, whereupon Douglas brought up the score to three to one by heading the leather through, six minutes having elapsed between the scoring of the second and the third. On starting from the centre Lang made some progress into the Rovers' quarters, but he was stopped by Suter, and in the course of a minute or two Ledger had to use his hands twice to stop the ball. For some time the severe pressure upon the Sheffield goal was continued, and additional points were almost secured from a scrimmage and a shot by Avery, the ball in the latter case just skimming the top bar. A little relief was gained by a run by Mosforth and Cawley, who got behind Suter, and Fred Hargreaves kicked out in defence. But the play was at once transferred to the Sheffield territory, and three subsequent attempts to approach the Rovers' goal were foiled by McIntyre, Douglas, and Suter respectively. When the Sheffield goal was once again threatened one of the Rovers' forwards was charged from behind, and the free kick awarded in consequence almost resulted in an additional score, but it was not until about a couple of minutes from the close of the game that the fourth point was secured, the ball from a fine throw in by Fred Hargreaves going through the goal off one of the defenders, after being kicked by Douglas. Though the time for play was so short the Rovers attacked their opponents' goal with vigour, and a corner kick made by Brown was converted into a goal, after the ball had been passed to two or three players, by Suter, the whistle sounding for the cessation of play as soon as the ball had gone through. The Rovers thus won by five goals to one. The captain of the victorious team was in splendid form, in contrast with his play at (Sheffield), and all the other members of the team played splendidly, including Sharples. The back division of the Sheffield team played well, particularly in the first half, and Gregory and West were prominent among the forwards. The play was not nearly so rough as was the case on the part of the Wednesday men at Huddersfield though there were a couple of charges from behind and two or three other heavy charges. Brown and Duckworth did not suffer to any great extent, and the play was more of a combined nature than by individual efforts."

BEN: "After the interval, Lang set the ball in motion again, but with the sun in the eyes of the Wednesdayites they were soon compelled to beat a retreat. A fine centre on the part of the Rovers was made by Avery, and J. Hargreaves thereupon took possession of the ball and sent it into the Sheffield stronghold, but the leather passed a little wide of the right hand post. Brown next got away for Blackburn, but he sent the ball into touch about half-way up the field. West was next to distinguish himself, and had a shot at the Rovers' goal, but the ball was readily returned, and the Blackburnites obtained a corner. A few minutes after this Avery kicked a second goal for the Rovers, whereupon more cheering followed. The Blackburn men, instead of relaxing their efforts, played up all

the harder, and soon made another incursion into Yorkshire territory, when Wilson kicked behind his own line. Douglas put in the ball beautifully, but Buttery as grandly kicked out. However, McIntyre returned the leather again, and J. Hargreaves having a shy at goal, the ball hit the post, and Douglas rushing up repeated the business, thus scoring the third goal for the Lancastrians. Following up the kick from centre, Lang made considerable headway, but Suter stopped him, and then Brown, after a good run, passed to Avery, who muddled neatly, Buttery returning the ball, however. Some neat passing by J. Hargreaves when pressed to Suter was cheered, and, on the other side of the field, Mosforth tried to get past Sharples, but failed. A rare good long shot by McIntyre alighted on the Sheffield cross bar, and, after this, nothing could have been neater than the heading and tackling of Fred Hargreaves. Gregory and Lang at length broke away for Wednesday, but Suter returned the ball, and the fine defence of the Sheffield backs that followed is worthy of all praise. From a smart kick by Malpas, West got a chance, but here again he was foiled, and some good passing by Strachan, Brown, and Douglas ensued, and Avery sent the ball over the bar. Once more Gregory and Cawley made an effort to make the game a little more even, but first of all McIntyre, and then F. Hargreaves, saved in splendid style. Avery with J. Hargreaves returned the ball along the left, and a second or two later Douglas was just out of his calculations in trying to lower the Sheffield goal. Mosforth made a couple of feeble attempts to evade Sharples, but without avail; and then the Wednesday right wing broke away, but, as before, was easily repulsed, and from a fine throw in from F. W. Hargreaves, the ball went through the posts. Goal number four to the Rovers. There were only a minute or two left to play after this, but in that brief period the Rovers scored again, Suter this time doing the trick from a fairly long shy. Thus the Blackburn men won, as already stated, by five goals to one."

SL: "The representatives of the cutlery town were the first to score, the ball being passed through the posts off the Rovers' captain, but J. Hargreaves getting the ball clear of the Sheffield goalkeeper, "One all!" was called at half-time. Shortly after resuming the Blackburn team obtained a second goal by the aid of Avery, and Douglas made their chance a very rosy one by making a third goal. The remainder of the play was all in favour of the Rovers, who made two more goals, the first going off a Wednesday man, and the other being obtained by Suter."

Football in Sheffield P. 51: "A feature of this game was the subdued play of Mosforth, but in mitigation it was pointed out that within a week he had played for England both at Glasgow and at Wrexham. There are limits to one man's capacity—even when, as in the case of Mosforth, he was near a genius."

SI: "There was not the slightest change in the Wednesday eleven from that which represented the club on the former occasion, while the Rovers were also substantially the same, the only alteration being that of Sharples for Greenwood."

Blackburn Rovers: R. Howorth (Goal); H. McIntyre, F. Suter (Backs), F. W. Hargreaves (Capt.), H. Sharples (Half Backs); J. Douglas, J. Duckworth (Right Wing), J. Brown, T. Strachan (Centres), J. Hargreaves, G. Avery (Left Wing).

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+See N.B. in first game re J. Wilkinson



Umpires:C.W.Alcock(Old Harrovians) and N.L.Jackson(Finchley).Referee:Major Marindin(Royal Engineers).

OLD ETONIANS 5 (R.H.Macaulay,H.C.Goodhart 3,A.T.B.Dunn,) GREAT MARLOW 0(H.T 2-0)  
(Sat Mar 4<sup>th</sup>)(At Kennington Oval)

Field 11/3/82 P.333/Bell's Life 4/3/82 P.11/Morning Post 6/3/82 P.2/Athletic News 8/3/82 P.3/  
Sportsman 6/3/82 P.4(Short Report)/Sporting Life 7/3/82 P.4(Short Report)/Referee 5/3/82 P.6:

F:"To quote the words of one of the many spectators who assembled at Kennington Oval to witness the above match,Saturday was "the very perfection of a football day."There was no wind to invest the play with anything of an uncertain character;and although the afternoon was as bright as one would wish,there was not sufficient sunshine to dazzle the eyes of the backs.It is almost needless to say that the Old Etonians' chance was estimated very highly,but many expected Great Marlow to make a tolerably good fight of it,and there were substantial reasons for thus thinking,as Great Marlow had in the previous round defeated the Old Foresters,who gained a somewhat easy victory over the Royal Engineers,the vanquishers of last season's winners-the Old Carthusians.The Marlow forwards were fast and much better together during the opening half than their rivals,while their passing was most creditable.Their back play was,however,of a very feeble description,and this weakness led Hewett,who otherwise kept goal very well,into committing two errors of judgment. After change of ends Eton improved greatly;and as their full backs continued to show remarkably good form,the determined efforts of Marlow proved less effective,and they were in the end decisively beaten. Successful in the toss,the Etonians first defended the western goal,and received the ball from Shaw.In passing the Marlow forwards displayed considerable superiority,but found French and Paravicini very difficult to deal with.Kinnaird as usual was astonishingly active,and discounted many a smart pice of play of the opposite side,but Foley at first scarcely played up to form.A good run by Novelli and kick over the crossbar by Chevalier,marked the opening stages,after which E.Flint,on the immediate left,did some smart dodgy work,while the Lunnons rendered good service on the right wing.The game progressed evenly for some time;then on several occasions the ball advanced dangerously close to the Marlow citadel,but its custodian showed remarkable coolness.Anderson and Chevalier never missed a chance,and Novelli dribbled in good style,while Macaulay's pace served him well.Twenty minutes had elapsed when a smart tussle was commenced in the vicinity of the Marlow goal.Hewett,expecting his men to be out-generalled,left his post to assist them,and Macaulay at the same time freeing the ball,shot successfully at goal,which was unprotected.Again some capital concerted play on the part of Marlow caused the Etonians much anxiety,but Rawlinson prevented a fine shot of Shaw's doing mischief.Anderson worked with characteristic energy,and,he,Macaulay and Chevalier all attempted the downfall of the enemy's colours;but it was Goodhart who,shortly before half-time,placed the second goal to the credit of the Etonians,Hewett seeing his backs non-plussed,again thoughtlessly quitting his post in the vain endeavour to assist them.Ends having been reversed,the Etonians,by their play,must have more than pleased their admirers,French,Anderson,Dunn,Novelli,Macaulay,and Goodhart especially so. Several times the ball was at the Eton goal,but Rawlinson always had time to clear it,and the game was carried on principally in Marlow territory,several opportunities being afforded Hewett of displaying his skill.Dunn was first to add to the Eton score,then followed a goal from the foot of Goodhart,and this player again sending the ball between the posts,Eton retired winners by five goals to none.The Old Etonians will thus,as we ventured to predict some time since,again appear in the

final match but whether their opponents will be Blackburn Rovers or Sheffield Wednesday, remains to be seen.”

BL:”A glorious afternoon attracted a thousand spectators to the Surrey Cricket Ground at Kennington Oval yesterday(Saturday),to witness the match between these two clubs in the semi-final of the above competition.The ground was in excellent condition,and,as there was no wind or sun to favour either side,the game took place under the most favourable conditions.During the first half the Marlow forwards played well together,although much inferior in weight to their opponents, and at one time there seemed to be some chance of an even contest.Twenty minutes after the commencement Macaulay,who showed great energy throughout,secured a goal for the Etonians, and not long before half time a long throw in by Foley enabled Goodhart to rush the ball again through the Marlow posts.Though when time arrived for change of ends,the Eton were two goals to the good,there had been very little to choose between the two elevens,but soon after the recommencement R.H.Lunnon strained himself,and though he continued he was of little practical use to Marlow for the rest of the game.The back play of the Bucks Cluib,which had not been good from the first,fell off materially towards the close,and the last half hour was all in favour of Eton.For some time the score remained unaltered,chiefly through the the fine defence of Hewett,who stopped shot after shot,but at last Dunn broke the spell with a rather doubtful goal,an appeal for offside being disallowed by the referee.A few minutes later Goodhart utilised an accurate middle by Anderson to give Eton another point,and just before the close the same player again effected the surrender of the Marlow goal.This left the Etonians the winners by five goals to none,and all round their play was a great improvement on anything they have shown previously this season.Chevalier and Macaulay were conspicuous forward,and Dunn played well during the latter half.The backs all round were hardly up to the mark,but exception must be made in favour of French,who never missed his kick throughout.”

Old Etonians:J.F.P.Rawlinson(Goal),T.H.French,P.J. de Paravicini(Backs),Hon.A.F.Kinnaird(Capt), C.W.Foley(Half Backs),W.J.Anderson,J.B.T.Chevalier(Right Wing),R.H.Macaulay,H.C.Goodhart (Centres),P.C.Novelli, A.T.B.Dunn(Left Wing).

Great Marlow:H.R.Hewett(Capt.)(Goal),F.Speller,E.Horwood(Backs),J.Flint,J.W.Morgan,T.Walker (Half Backs),R.A.Lunnon,R.H.Lunnon(Right Wing),R.Shaw(Centre),W.Milward,E.Flint(Left Wing).

N.B. Is J.W.Morgan the same player as W.Morgan?

Umpires:C.W.Alcock(Wanderers) and C.Warner(Upton Park).Referee:M.P.Betts(Old Harrovians).

FINAL:

OLD ETONIANS 1 (W.J.Anderson) BLACKBURN ROVERS 0 (H.T. 1-0)(Sat Mar 25<sup>th</sup>)(At Kennington Oval)

Athletic News 29/3/82 P.3/Bell's Life 1/4/82 P.10/Field 1/4/82 P.410/Blackburn Standard 1/4/82 P.3 /Sportsman 27/3/82 P.4/Sporting Life 28/3/82 P.1/Referee 26/3/82 P.6:

AN:”The weather on Friday night was not at all promising,but all traces of the over-night rain had disappeared on Saturday,and on arrival at the famous enclosure of the Surrey Cricket Club we found the turf in excellent order,and everything pointed to a grand game.Instead of playing the match on the far side of the Oval,the executive determined to bring off the contest immediately in front of the

pavilion, right over the cricket pitch, this, of course, being of very great convenience to the spectators, who could by this arrangement make use of the grand stands and enclosure. Considerable interest was taken in the match all over the country, but no place more so than Blackburn, and from this and adjacent towns two special trains were run, bringing up to town some eleven or twelve hundred spectators. At the match itself there were nearly 5,000 persons in attendance, and the Oval presented a very lively appearance at three o'clock. The Old Etonians had, of course, made a special whip for the occasion, and as they stood up on the field the Southerners appeared considerably heavier than their opponents, who were weakened by the absence of D.H. Greenwood, who had not recovered from the accident sustained at Glasgow on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. As the uniforms worn by the respective clubs were very similar, it was arranged that the Rovers should wear jerseys with a narrow blue and white stripe, their opponents sticking to a light blue and white harlequin shirt. The players came on to the field in driblets, but when the bulk of the men walked on to the ground there was a lot of cheers given. The play had not been going on long before it was seen that the Rovers were not going to have so easy a game as was anticipated. The fast running of the heavy forwards, and the accurate kicking of the backs gave the Etonians a great pull over their lighter opponents, and the old boys did not fail to utilise their strength. The goal obtained by the Etonians that won them the match was the result of a dashing run, and try as they would the Rovers could not equalise matters. It was thought that in the second half, when the Blackburnians had the wind in their favour that they would alter the aspect of affairs, but the magnificent defence of the Southern backs spoiled every effort, and amid excitement very rarely witnessed in a football match the minutes slipped away, and when time arrived the Old Etonians had won the cup a second time by one goal to love. Rawlinson's goalkeeping was a treat to witness, and the play of all the others on the winning side exceeded expectations. Suter and M'Intyre of the backs, and J. Hargreaves, Strachan, and Douglas forwards were most conspicuous, but it was only fair to Avery to state that the sterling forward was hurt early in the game, and was of little use afterwards. After the match the Rovers dined with the members of Parliament for Blackburn (Messrs Briggs and Coddington) at St James's Hall, Piccadilly. The particulars of the afternoon's play will be found in the following account:-

About ten minutes past three o'clock Kinnaird and F.W. Hargreaves tossed for choice of goals, and the old Eton boy winning, the north countrymen were forced to face the wind which was blowing rather strongly. Defending the Clayton-street goal, Brown started the leather for the Rovers at 3-15. A short pass was made to Strachan, who got it up the field a little way, when French got his toe to the ball and lifted it well into the Rovers' quarters. Here Macaulay fastened on to the sphere, and a corner to Eton ensued. Kinnaird undertook the kick, and for a minute or so the Northerners had hard work to keep their goal intact. Douglas just managed to get the ball a little distance away, but the Etonians with a throw in made matters look very awkward for the Blackburnians. "Hands" against the Rovers were appealed for and obtained, but nothing came of the free kick. Sharples here came in for notice by a fine bit of tackling, whilst Kinnaird worked so hard that neither Brown, Avery, or J. Hargreaves could pass him for a time. At length the last named player got away on the left, but Goodhart soon equalised matters, Suter tackling the Eton centre very cleverly indeed. Macaulay was next to show up, but then after a neat kick by M'Intyre, the Rovers' forwards come away, and drew up in front of the Eton fortress, where some very exciting play ensued. The goal looked like being captured several times, but eventually Dunn got clear away, and, racing down the ground at great speed, he outpaced Sharples and M'Intyre, and crossing to Anderson the latter put the ball through the Rovers' goal amid great cheering from the supporters of the Etonians. Only nine minutes had elapsed from the start, but

without loss of any unnecessary time, the ball was taken to the centre again and Brown set it rolling once more. A smart piece of work by Kinnaird, and a kick by Paravicini gave the old Eton boys a chance, which Chevallier tried to make the most of, but Suter came to the rescue of his side and after a little give and take play J. Hargreaves put in a fine run, and when well in the Eton quarters centred, the ball eventually going over the line from a header by Brown. More equal play followed the kick out, Goodhart and Dunn running well for the Etonians, whilst Avery also distinguished himself by putting in a smart run and centre. It was now the turn of the Southerners to pay a visit to the other goal, and the Rovers for a short time were rather hardly pressed; but Anderson spoiled the business by kicking wildly over the bar. A smart kick by F. W. Hargreaves, and an excellent run by Douglas and Duckworth, brought up the leather towards the Eton goal once more; but, thanks to the energetic tackling of Kinnaird and the grand kicking of French, the Rovers found it a very hard task to keep their footing in the Southern club's territory. Fine heading by Suter and M'Intyre was applauded, and then much cheering from the Lancashire contingent followed a really brilliant run by Douglas and Duckworth, a corner resulting from this. The ball was very well placed in, but Macauley and Goodhart broke away on two occasions, but Brown made almost as pretty runs in reply. The game continued to be of a very fast description, and a foul occurring in front of the Rovers' goal, another score to the Southerners appeared imminent, but Douglas was all there, heading the ball from out of the goal very nicely. Foley and Kinnaird placed in the leather again, and the Northerners had had a very warm time of it, but their heading at this juncture could not have been improved upon. A corner kick to Eton was not improved upon, and then Suter headed out of play in trying to clear his lines. The throw in by Anderson was a magnificent one, but Brown got the ball away to the centre, when French with one of his huge kicks returned instanter, and Novelli made a rash kick over the goal line. From the kick out Strachan and Brown between them made a smart passing run, but French once more proved a stumbling block, and after this Macauley and Dunn made two fine very long runs but the Cantab overran his ball at the finish. The Rovers' backs performed well at this juncture, and Avery and the younger Hargreaves put in some strong work on the left wing, but Avery coming into a strong collision with one of the big Etonians had to retire for several minutes, and on his return was not of much use. Aided by a couple of throw ins, the play was in favour of the Rovers for a little time, but their opponents, wakening up again, took the ball to the centre, and when in this vicinity grand play was put in by Kinnaird and Paravicini on the one part, and M'Intyre and Suter on the other. More good runs by Strachan, Douglas, J. Hargreaves, and Chevallier followed, and the Eton men then bore down upon their opponents' stronghold, and from a throw-in Goodhart made an excellent attempt to lower the Rovers' colours. By dint of hard work the Eton end was visited, Brown, Douglas, and Duckworth shining, but the ball went harmlessly over the line. Kinnaird's tackling earned the Eton captain a hearty cheer, and F. W. Hargreaves, not to be outdone, also put in some smart work, and, after some very pretty passing by the Rovers' front division, the ball was just kicked past the Etonian posts. Upon changing goals the Etonians, with one goal chalked up, had now to battle against the breeze. Macauley started the leather, but a second or two later Strachan robbed Goodhart of the ball. Then Brown and Douglas raised the hopes of the countrymen by putting in some useful as well as pretty play. Duckworth also came in for a shout of applause, but the last-named Rover, after a tough tussle with Foley, sent the ball over the line in attempting to score, a feat which Avery repeated a minute or two later. A fine run by Macauley, and two excellent kicks by French and Paravicini relieved the pressure on the Eton goal, and, after some exciting fighting in mid-field the Rovers once more drew up within hail of the Etonians' goal, when Duckworth had a shy at the posts which Paravicini saved in brilliant style. A really smart long run by Brown was the next feature, and a huge throw-in by

F.Hargreaves was only stopped by the activity of Rawlinson.Dunn next showed up for Eton,going near the whole length of the ground,and after some really pretty passing by the Eton right wing Suter tackled well and returned the leather.Then Duckworth and his partner Douglas made a combined run up the Rovers' right,but Paravicini was all there,and Macauley and Novelli running well Howarth had to use his hands to save the Rovers' goal;and a little later Dunn,after a good run, up the ground,made a poor attempt at goal.From a long kick by F.W.Hargreaves Douglas got a chance but his shot was very wide of the mark.A corner to the Rovers was the next item,but Kinnaird and French spoiled two attempts to lower the Eton colours.Another corner and a free kick to the Rovers were not utilised,in the latter case M'Intyre being easily robbed of the ball.A good dodging sprint by Brown was followed by a strong run by Macauley but this fine player was not successful in his shot at goal.The Northerners were not long in transferring operations to the opposite end of the ground,Brown and Strachan bringing out the applause of the spectators.A couple of corners to the Rovers were as unproductive as ever,but still the provincials played so well that they completely penned their opponents.However,the ball was eventually worked away from goal and Dunn put in a couple of dashing runs,only to be repulsed.Drawing near to the Eton goal again the Rovers experienced the hardest of lines,Douglas and then Duckworth causing Rawlinson to use his hands. Next Brown had a shy at the Eton posts and then F.W.Hargreaves tried to equalise the score,but it was no go as the ball went straight to Rawlinson,and that custodian easily threw out the leather. Amid tremendous excitement the Rovers continued to press their opponents,redoubling their exertions as time drew near.Again and again the Rovers attacked the Eton goal but the shots,for the most part,were bad ones,and went wide of the mark.J.Hargreaves,after some pretty dodging,had a side shot at the goal the ball just grazing the post-a very near shave-and then,a second or two later,the younger Hargreaves again kicked the ball into the goalkeeper's hands,Rawlinson just throwing out in time,whilst the Eton custodian was forced to repeat the operation by Duckworth. Temporary relief was occasionally made by French and Paravicini,and when "Time" was announced,the Old Etonians,as already stated,were winners by one goal to love."

BL:"On Saturday last the final tie in the eleventh competition for the challenge cup of the parent association was played at Kennington Oval before 6,000 spectators.The Rovers were strong favourites,but the Etonians,with the wind scored a goal(Anderson) in eight minutes from the start,and,though the Rovers had the best of the play in the last 20 minutes,they were unable to get on even terms,the Old Etonians winning,amid great excitement,by one goal to none."

N.B.The editorial column in BL comments both on the general feeling outside Blackburn against the Blackburn team's Scottish "professionals" compared to the "amateur" Etonians,whilst acknowledging their skills and sporting behaviour in defeat.

F:"Perhaps no final match for the Association Cup ever evoked such interest as that decided on Saturday last at Kennington Oval,and the reason of this is not far to seek.Never before had a provincial club succeeded in reaching the concluding stage,while their opponents had done so on three previous occasions,in one of which they came out victorious.It may also be mentioned that the Old Etonians,in each of the other competitions,suffered defeat at the hands of the winners.The remarkable success of the Rovers in their engagements this season caused them to be named very strong favourites,notwithstanding that they were deprived,through an accident,of the services of D.H.Greenwood,and a large number of Lancashire folk were among the 5,000 spectators.That part of the Surrey Cricket Ground immediately in front of the pavilion had been apportioned off for the

match, and the turf was in splendid condition. The weather, although at times threatening, remained fine, but a strong wind was blowing from the south-west, which made the issue of the toss a matter of some moment, and success in this respect falling to Kinnaid, the Old Etonian captain promptly elected to defend the goal nearest the press box in the opening half. The Rovers had consequently to start the game, which was done by a short pass from Brown to Strachan. The latter worked his way on the left, but, kicking too hard, gave Paravicini an easy chance of returning the ball to the centre, where Macaulay obtained possession, and outpacing the Northerners, in pursuit, was not stopped until confronted by Suter. A short but sharp scrimmage occurred, which culminated in a corner to Eton. Chevallier's kick sent the ball well in front of the Rovers' goal, away from which it was found difficult to get it, principally owing to the activeness of Kinnaid and Foley. After a smart tussle the last-named shot over the tape. Following this incident, capital runs were made by Chevallier and Macaulay, and so far did the latter encroach upon the enemies' territory, that an excited Northern forward proved guilty of using his hands within three yards of his own goal. Brown met the free kick cleverly, and passing to the left, J. Hargreaves and Avery were away with the ball in a twinkling. To the centre it was sent when well within reach of the Etonian goal, but Paravicini opposed it smartly, and Macaulay, bearing to the left, freed himself of everyone, but could not pass Suter, whose defensive kick causing the ball to fall to the foot of Dunn, that player took a shot at goal, which brought Howarth's ability into play for the first time. A throw-away was effected, and after some sharp work on the Rovers' left, Anderson relieved the visitors by kicking over their line. So far the play of the visiting forwards had created much disappointment, but some very good work was now done by the majority of them, and a free kick for "hands" being judiciously directed by McIntyre, their chance of scoring seemed very rosy, while the ball was being scrimmaged immediately in front of the Etonians' goal. The danger was averted, but at the expense of a corner kick, which Douglas made beautifully, and, as the ball was headed dangerously close to the Eton fortress, the Rovers' partisans were jubilant. Kinnaid, however, came to the rescue, and Macaulay taking the ball on, passed it to Dunn, who finished a very fine run by crossing to Anderson, who took the ball before it reached the ground, and sent it through the Rovers' goal, about a yard from the post low down. This was a very smartly obtained goal, and no blame could possibly be attached to Howarth, as the ball, assisted by the wind, went through with great force. With a goal in hand the Old Etonians seemed to play even better than before, and it needed all the coolness and precise kicking for which McIntyre, Suter, and F. W. Hargreaves are so justly celebrated, to repel the many attacks made upon their citadel. J. Hargreaves and Avery executed many smart bits of dribbling, but their efforts were invariably neutralised by the pace of Dunn. On the right Douglas and Duckworth had to contend with the weight and strength of Chevallier, and the exceedingly determined and hard-working Anderson, whose throwing in frequently caused the Rovers much anxiety. Macaulay, well assisted by Goodhart, proved a thorn in the sides of Brown and Strachan, who, however, played nicely together. The stiff breeze made the work of the Rovers very hard, but the ball was certainly not always at their end. Macaulay twice had the ball close to the Rovers' goal, but each time Suter prevented him having a clear kick at goal, although on the second occasion he crossed to Anderson, whose shot, taken rather hurriedly, went wide of the mark. After this a splendid run down the centre was made by the Rovers, and as Rawlinson rather bungled the ball, there was every likelihood of the score being equalised, but by giving away a corner kick, the danger was averted. The free kick was an excellent one, but an appeal for hands being allowed to the Etonians, their goal was again cleared. Several wonderfully accurate throws in were made by Anderson, and twice Novelli shot over the tape. At length F. Hargreaves relieved his side, and Douglas and Brown approached close to the Eton goal.

Here Novelli stayed their progress, and passing to Dunn, the latter made a brilliant run, which ended in him being floored by Suter. This was followed by a splendid bit of forward play on the part of the Rovers—the passing being simply perfect—by which means a position close to the Eton goal was gained. Goodhart removed the ball some distance, but a case of hands gave the Rovers an advantage, which they failed to utilise, and Dunn coming away made a useful shot at the Rovers' citadel, missing the mark by a yard or so only. Avery, after the goal kick, was fast gaining ground on the left, but was charged by French, and the fall the clever little forward experienced incapacitated him for nearly ten minutes, and affected his play for the remainder of the game. Twice more before half time the Eton goal was stoutly assailed, Brown on one occasion centring to Strachan who headed over the tape, and J. Hargreaves afterwards sending the ball over the line. The Rovers' goal also narrowly escaped, for Macaulay passing to Anderson, the latter centred to Goodhart, whose shot went between the post and the rope that supported it. On change of ends, it seemed to be pretty generally expected that the Rovers would repair their loss, and as the Eton goal was quickly besieged, those expectations were encouraged. After the first attack, however, the Etonians played up in remarkably good form, Dunn, Macaulay, Anderson, and Chevallier doing quite as well as when the wind was in their favour. The ball, however, was principally to be found in the Etonians' quarters, and, consequently, the home backs were kept well employed. Duckworth and Avery attempted the downfall of the Eton goal, but, being foiled, the ball each time merely rolled over the line. A fine run by Dunn and Macaulay changed the game for a brief space, a free kick incurred by the Etonians enabling the Rovers to revisit the enemies' end. Duckworth took a side shot which sent the ball right in front of the goal, only to cross the line after it had passed both posts. For some minutes the Rovers kept up a strong attack; but so perfect was the back play of French and Paravicini, that no success was met with beyond a corner, which Kinnaird cleverly got rid of. Thrice Rawlinson saved his goal by throwing the ball away, and then, after a splendid run by Dunn, the Eton goal-keeper had to save his charge from kicks by Duckworth, Douglas, and F. W. Hargreaves. All this time the backs were playing in splendid style. Two more corners fell to the Rovers, but, as usual, nothing came of them; and as Rawlinson twice again caught the ball and threw it away, and Foley and Kinnaird each spoiled an accurate shot, the Rovers' friends began to despair of their chance, especially as time was rapidly drawing near. Dunn, Macaulay, and Anderson each made fine runs, and the latter caused Howarth to use his hands, besides gaining a corner. From this the Rovers' goal was cleared, and so determined an effort did the Northerners make that even then there appeared a chance of matters being equalised. The ball was carried down the centre and passed to the right, from whence Douglas made an excellent shot, which Paravicini literally threw himself in the way of, and so prevented what appeared inevitable, but incurred a corner. This the Etonians got rid of easily, and, as time was called shortly afterwards, the Blackburn Rovers retired, beaten by one goal to none, a result which surprised no one so much as themselves. On speaking of the winners it is difficult to know on whom to bestow the greatest amount of praise. That the forwards worked well together was never doubted, but they certainly exceeded all expectations. The pace shown by Dunn and Macaulay certainly upset the calculations of the Rovers in no slight degree, while Anderson's untiring efforts neutralised many smart runs made on the left wing of the rival team. Novelli, Goodhart, and Chevallier, as usual, rendered useful service. The weak spot in the team was thought to be the backs, but a pleasant surprise was in store for the Eton party. French and Paravicini played almost faultlessly, while Kinnaird and Foley, neither of whom exhibited very good form in the earlier matches, performed their parts as if they had saved themselves for this final encounter. Rawlinson's goal-keeping, indeed, it would be difficult to praise too highly. Time after time the responsibility of saving the goal rested with him solely, and only once

did he seem at a loss to know how to act. In this instance another moment of hesitation would probably have cost his side dearly, but the somewhat feeble throw out proved the best thing that could have happened, as the ball fell directly in front of Foley, who shot it away. The Rovers were unfortunate in losing the services of D.H. Greenwood, who, it will be remembered, met with an accident at Glasgow on March 18; but they certainly did not play up to the form exhibited by them earlier in the season. The charges, with few exceptions, were not of that combined character which gained for them their great reputation, and some of their shots at goal were exceedingly wild. All the backs played well, and it cannot be denied that during the second half of the game the visitors had a little the better of the situation, although failing to score."

BS: "The weather on Saturday was beautifully fine, and the ground in good condition. Some 6,000 people assembled on the Oval to witness the match, a large contingent being visitors from Blackburn. We may mention that for the first time in the history of Kennington Oval the football match was played across the cricket crease. As the players made their appearance on the ground, they were wildly cheered by the spectators, the varying stature and physique of the Rovers being greatly remarked upon by the metropolitan onlookers. During the first half the Old Etonians had the best of the game but in the second, when the wind was in their favour, the Rovers pressed their opponents severely. During the afternoon Major-General Fellden, M.P., Mr Coddington M.P., and Mr Briggs, M.P., made their appearance on the ground, and they were respectively loudly applauded.

The Rovers lost the toss for choice of ends, and had to face the wind and sun in the first half. Strachan kicked off at three o'clock. The ball was passed to Brown, who ran slightly forward, but as the latter was attempting to recross the leather, Kinnaird by a fine kick sent it well down his right. Suter met the aggressive Etonians, and admirably frustrated all endeavours to score, but a moment later a corner was obtained by the southerners, which passed away without effect. J. Hargreaves now became very noticeable for a fine run on the Rovers' left; passing Kinnaird, he was intercepted by French, and a return visit was paid the Rovers' quarters. Sharples made a magnificent kick, which was replied to by Foley, and Dunn came down the field at a rattling pace. He and Macauley put in a fine amount of work at this juncture, and had it not been for the brilliant defence of Suter they would have scored. McIntyre also displayed great energy. Again the Eton boys came to the attack, which was kept up for a few minutes, Sharples at last relieving his side by a beautiful kick. Douglas and Duckworth got fairly away, and so neatly and effectively did they pass that a goal seemed certain. Paravicini and Foley were greatly exercised, and one of them kicked behind. Nothing, however, came of the corner. Suter earned the plaudits of the onlookers by magnificently tackling Novelli, who was racing towards the Lancashire goal at train speed nearly. Good play was now shown by Brown and Strachan, when Dunn receiving possession, apparently in an off-side position (against whom no claim was made), cantered briskly down the green, then passed to \*(Macauley), who, with a long side shot, effected the downfall of the Rovers' fortress, eight minutes from the start. Nothing dismayed, the Northerners again put motion to the ball in the middle, but McIntyre was immediately called upon to display fine defensive powers in order to avert fresh disasters. Suter also a few minutes later was busy with his head, after which J. Hargreaves sped away up the left, accompanied by Avery. The couple got very dangerous, and a splendid centre by Hargreaves nearly brought about the collapse of the Eton goal. Indeed, a point ought to have been scored, but instead of blocking the ball and shooting with his right foot Strachan made use of his head and the ball passed over the bar. After the goal kick F. Hargreaves again gave Avery and his brother the leather. Another splendid run transpired, but fate was against Blackburn, and danger once more began to threaten Howorth's position. Nothing could



have been more brilliant than the fine dashing runs of Novelli, Macauley, and Dunn, who, together with their other comrades, fairly beat down upon the Rovers' defences. Here, however, a mighty barrier of brave backs obstructed their career. Suter was extremely clever, and as the others were very strong, the great pressure which bothered the Blackburn contingent was relieved. Douglas, after that ordeal was over, got grandly away on the right. A beautiful chance seemed in store for his side, but he put too much force to the leather when passing to centre, and French had a clear opening before him, when by a huge kick he undid the previous run by Douglas. Time crept on, and still no further point was registered, which was to the credit of the Rovers, as they were greatly pressed; and if they could reach half time with only one goal against them, it was thought a certainty that victory would smile upon them. An unfortunate mishap now occurred which, if the truth could be accurately ascertained, cost the Rovers a defeat. Avery had the ball near the centre, and was fast becoming dangerous, when he was badly charged, and for a few moments it was thought that a fracture had been sustained. Dr Morley quickly relieved the fears of the Rovers' supporters on this point, but the injury was sufficiently serious as to render Avery's services during the rest of the match of comparatively little avail. Some more trying moments were passed over successfully by Blackburn, and after a determined and grand struggle half time was announced with the game in favour of the Collegians by one goal to nil. The wind now aided the Rovers, and hope beamed brightly among their friends that the tables would soon be turned on their opponents. Brown early took matters in hand, when Douglas made a fine shot at goal, which Rawlinson just saved. J. Hargreaves also came in for attention, and it was quite apparent that the Blackburn forwards would keep up a lot of pressure. The southern backs, however, were perfect in every respect, either when in the scrimmages or when a flying kick was required. On the Rovers came time after time, Douglas sending in from the right, and J. Hargreaves from the left; but so powerful was the defence of the Etonians, and so dashing were they, that the northern forwards almost became weary of attacking, or if not weary, they were without the usual boldness possessed of them. It frequently happened that during the earlier stages of the (first) half that when the ball was centred from either wing, the forwards were seen lagging behind; this, coupled with the fact that French, Foley, Kinnaird, and Paravicini were playing a capitally defensive game, a long spell of time glided away. The home forwards, whenever they got away, which was seldom the case, were ever frustrated by the Rovers' backs who, to their credit be it said never wavered in their play at any moment of the game. Strachan now seemed as if he would break through all the spells which had kept them from scoring. A bold dash marked his career, but his final shot was parried by Rawlinson. From a smart canter up the Eton right danger really menaced Howarth's charge, but one of his best fisters landed the ball away. The Rovers assumed the attack once more, and spurred on by their eager supporters at last began to make use of their old dash. Half an hour had, however, passed by, the knowledge of which militated against the accuracy of their shots, for, fearful of defeat, the Lancastrian forwards became unduly excited. Before impetuosity had been wanting, now it was too overcharged. The amount of dash now displayed by the Rovers is almost indescribable, and torrents of assaults were aimed at the goal defended by Rawlinson. Several corner kicks and throws-in ensued, shots were made at goal, but cruel fate thwarted every attempt at scoring. A splendid corner by Douglas at last seemed inevitably fruitful, the ball dropped grandly in front of the post. Breathless excitement pervaded during the brief melée which followed, the ball, however, was forced over the line only about an inch on the wrong side of the posts. Coming again to the attack hope was more brilliant than ever, for Strachan placed the leather at the foot of Duckworth, who had only the custodian to face, but he was overcome with excitement, and the result was but a feeble straight shot in the hand of Rawlinson. Suter, nerved by desperation, rushed in from

his position on the backs, and was near dribbling the ball between. The last minute had now arrived, and when, by a fine long kick, Kinnaird planted the ball in mid-field, the matter was settled, and with McIntyre and Suter struggling vainly to bring the ball again in front, time was called, Eton being victorious by one goal to nil." \*Anderson

BT: "There was a considerable body of Rovers' supporters in attendance, the two special trains from East Lancashire in the early hours of the morning having brought about 700 persons, while 200 others had made the journey on the previous day."

"The section of the ground in front of the pavillion, only once or twice previously used for football purposes, was enclosed for the match, and it was in splendid condition as rain had not fallen there the previous day."

"The appearance of the Rovers was somewhat disappointing, for the familiar jerseys had been for the time disgarded and dark blue jerseys with white stripes donned in their stead."

"There was a marked contrast in the style of play of the trival teams, and to Blackburn spectators the game revealed features unusual in the north. While the Rovers worked their way towards their opponents' goal by passing, the Etonians did so by rushes, the player securing the ball at the start retaining possession of it until robbed or checked, and his partner bearing him company to render assistance when opposition appeared. The Etonians indulged in none of the dribbling or dodging which forms an interesting and pleasing part of the Lancashire team's play, reliance being placed instead on the weight and speed of the forwards. A still greater contrast was the kicking of the ball when running. While the Rovers sent the leather forward, so little raised above the ground as almost to touch it in skimming along, their opponents kicked the ball much higher, and springing up at it while dashing along delivered the kick frequently with both feet off the ground. The spring was made whether or not an opponent was close to the ball when it bounded, and the Rovers, unaccustomed to this practice, were badly kicked, particularly towards the finish, when the play was mainly in close quarters. To the same fact was probably due the entire absence, or nearly so, of the scrimmages on the goal line that are often seen on northern football fields, and while the Rovers used heads, chests, and knees as well as feet in manipulating the ball, the Old Boys relied entirely on kicking."

"Kinnaird relieved his side, and Macaley made a run, in which he was aided by Dunn, who passed to Anderson, and that player by a side shot scored a goal at the end of the first eight minutes' play."

SM: "TO BE ADDED"

SL: "The play requires very few words. The Old Etonians won the toss, and first defended the Rectory goal-the ground had been roped out parallel with the front of the pavilion-having a fairly strong wind behind them. With this advantage they at first assumed the offensive and quickly obtained a corner kick. From this, however, nothing resulted, and it was not long ere the Rovers in their turn ran down the ball, with an equally fruitless result. Then the Southerners made a rapid succession of vigorous attacks, and keeping the ball well down in the neighbourhood of the Northern goal-posts, were rewarded, after about a quarter of an hour's play, with a goal, the result of a brilliant run down the left side by Novelli, who finally centred the ball well to the front of the posts, through which it was kicked out of a loose and brief bully. With varying success to either side, play was continued until half-time, the Etonians having slightly the advantage when ends had to be changed. From now to the

finish the match continued to be contested as vigorously as heretofore, first one and then the other eleven obtaining the advantage. For the last quarter of an hour, however, the Rovers were manifestly on their mettle, and playing together in most beautiful fashion, kept Rawlinson and Kinnaird fully employed. Nevertheless, though a constant succession of corner kicks fell to them, the Rovers could make no impression upon their opponents' defence and thus, as, when "Time" was called, with the ball well down in the Etonians' territory, they had still failed to score, they had to acknowledge themselves beaten. A better match one could not wish to see, and both teams as they left the field were heartily cheered, Kinnaird coming in for the lion's share of applause."

Old Etonians: J. F. P. Rawlinson (Goal); T. H. French, P. J. de Paravicini (Backs); Hon. A. F. Kinnaird (Capt) C. W. Foley (Half Backs); W. J. Anderson, J. B. T. Chevalier (Right Wing), R. H. Macaulay, H. C. Goodhart (Centres), A. T. B. Dunn, P. C. Novelli (Left Wing).

Blackburn Rovers: Roger Howorth (Goal); Hugh McIntyre, Fergus Suter (Backs); H. Sharples, F. W. Hargreaves (Capt) (Half Backs); James Douglas, John Duckworth (Right Wing), T. ("Tot") Strachan, James Brown (Centres), John Hargreaves, George Avery (Left Wing).

Umpires: C. H. R. Wollaston (Wanderers) and C. Crump (President Birmingham Association).  
Referee: J. C. Clegg (Vice-President Sheffield Association).

N.B. R. Howarth in Early F.A. Cup Finals: but R. Howarth in all the Blackburn Rovers Complete Record games.