

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP

1883-84

FIRST ROUND:

FIRST DIVISION:

Grantham v Spilsby

Spital v Rotherham

Notts County v Heeley

Middlesbrough v Staveley

Sheffield Club v Lockwood Brothers

Hull Town v Grimsby

Notts Forest v Redcar

Sheffield Wednesday(a bye)

GRANTHAM 3 (G.F.Curtis,H.Bell,R.F.Lee) SPILSBY 2 (B.Robinson 2)(H.T.2-1)(Sat Nov 10th)(At London Road,Grantham)

Grantham Journal 17/11/83 P.4/Stamford Mercury 16/11/83 P.5/Nottingham Evening Post 12/11/83 P.4/Sporting Life 12/11/83 P.4/Referee 11/11/83 P.6:

GJ:"As we mentioned in our last,Grantham was drawn against Spilsby in the first round of the above competition,and the two clubs met at Grantham on Saturday last,when an exciting game,witnessed by over three hundred and fifty people,resulted in a victory for the home team by three goals (Curtis,Bell,and Lee) to two(Robinson).Spilsby's first goal was kicked very soon after play commenced;this made Grantham play up harder,and they soon settled down to good steady work,the play of their backs being admirable.Spilsby obtained the other goal shortly before time, from a free kick.By a clever manoeuvre,which escaped the notice of many,the ball when kicked was passed to Robinson,who quickly placed it between the bars.When all the Grantham backs played so well,it is difficult to particularise,but perhaps Shannon and Bryan excelled.Hutchinson has never been in better form this season,and played a very good game,whilst Curtis in the centre worked very hard and with singulalry good effect.For Spilsby,Robinson,Barrett,and +Curtis(sustitute) were most prominent,and the backs did some very useful kicking.The game was a most pleasant one,and particularly free from dispute throughout."

STMERC:"The visitors at once played forward,Robinson kicking a goal in the first 20 minutes.Then Grantham settled down to their work,their backs play being exceptionally good.Some clever combined play with hard work enabled them to score three goals(Curtis,Bell,and Lee),and hold Spilsby in check.Shortly before time Spilsby was awarded a free kick immediately in front of the goal and by a clever manoeuvre,which escaped the notice of the Grantham goalkeeper,secured a goal, Grantham thus winning by three goals to two."(No teams)

NEP:"Spilsby made the running at once,Robinson kicking a clever goal in the first twenty minutes. Grantham then settled down,and had the best of it,their back play being extremely strong.Some good combined play,with hard work,enabled them to score three goals(Curtis,Bell,and Lee)and hold Spilsby in check.Shortly before time Splisby was awarded a free kick and by a clever manœuvre,

which escaped the notice of the Grantham goal keeper,secured a goal,Grantham thus winning by three goals to two.For the winners Shannon,Wood,and Bryan(backs),and Curtis and Hutchinson (forwards);For Spilsby,Robinson,Barrett,and Curtis(+substitute)played best.”(No teams)

SL:”These clubs met on Saturday at Grantham.Robinson kicked a goal in the first twenty minutes. Then Grantham settled down,and some good combined play ,with hard work,enabled them to score three goals(Curtis,Bell,and Lee),and hold Spilsby in check.Shortly before time Spilsby was awarded a free kick,and secured a goal.Grantham eventually won by three goals to two.”(No teams)

Grantham:Rev.B.G.Jarrett(Goal);F.R.Shannon,C.R.B.Bryan(Backs);J.Segar,D.J.Wood(Half Backs); A.Hutchinson(Capt.),H.Bell(Right Wing),G.F.Curtis,T.Bryan(Centres),F.J.Parker,R.F.Lee(Left Wing).

Spilsby:F.Banks(Goal);H.O.Curtis(+substitute),H.R.Bellamy(Backs);Jno.Searby,F.Conch,M.Freshney (Half Backs);H.Taylor,B.Robinson (Right Wing),J.H.Barratt(Capt.)(Centre),C.Lee,W.S.Mawer(Left Wing).

+Stated as such in reports:see above

Umpires:W.Woodward for Grantham and C.T.Preston for Spilsby.Referee:H.Kirk(Wanderers)

SPITAL 1(“Scrimmage”) ROTHERHAM 1 (“Scrimmage”)(H.T. 1-1)(Sat Nov 10th)(At Chesterfield Recreation Ground,Spital)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 12/11/83 P.4/Derbyshire Times and Chesterfield Herald 17/11/83 P.3/Sheffield Independent 12/11/83 P.4:

SDT:”These teams met on Saturday afternoon on the Chesterfield Recreation Ground to play off their tie in the first round of the English Cup in the presence of a large number of spectators. Rotherham set the ball in motion shortly after three o’clock,and a determined attack was made on the home team’s goal.This position of things,however,was soon reversed,and for a time play was at the Rotherham half.Some give and take play was followed by a visit to the Spital end,and one of the visitors put in a shot which nearly went through the posts.For some time the Chesterfield goalkeeper was kept on the alert,but the Wilkinsons put in some good play and the siege was raised.Bishop,who played exceedingly well throughout,now showed up well and had very hard lines in not scoring, slipping when about to put in a final kick.The exertions of the home team were,however,at length rewarded for being allowed a free kick near the visitors’ goal.Spital pressed their opponents very closely,and the ball was at last put through out of a scrimmage.Though pressed for a time after the kick off from the centre,the Rotherham men played up well,and being granted a corner kick,utilised it so well that they too obtained a goal from a scrimmage,and thus placed themselves on a level with their opponents.After this several corner kicks and shots at goal fell to Spital,but nothing came of them,and at half time each team was credited with a goal.Hostilities were quickly resumed and each side worked with great vigour,the Rotherham forwards at times being very prominent.Osborne, Bishop,and *Severns also played up well,and the play was of so even a character,that when time was called no addition to the score had been made,and therefore the match ended in a tie.”

*Played but not in lineup:see below

SI/DT: "There was a numerous attendance of spectators on the Recreation Ground, Chesterfield, on Saturday afternoon, to see the above clubs contest their tie in the first round of the competition for the English Association Cup. Both teams were well represented, but a chopping wind marred the play. Rotherham lost the toss, and kicked off, the ball being taken dangerously near the Spital goal. The attack was repulsed, and the ball visited the Rotherham quarters only to be again brought back, and a shot at the home team's stronghold only just missed. Some fine play by Wake, C.H. Wilkinson, and C. Wilkinson was neutralised by Aizlewood and Ward, and Hopkinson was for a time severely pressed, saving his charge on one occasion in splendid style. Bishop, *Severn, Emmett, and Douglas were prominent, and both goals were in turn threatened. The first-named player had the Rotherham goal apparently at his mercy on one occasion, but slipped when administering the final kick and the leather went behind. Shortly afterwards, however, Spital were awarded a free kick near the Rotherham goal, and from the scrimmage which followed the ball was put through the posts to the great satisfaction of the Spital partisans. The ball was quickly returned from the centre, and for a while the home team had the best of the play, Osborne and Gregory putting in some good work. The Rotherham backs, however, played exceedingly well, and by their efforts the ball was transferred to the Spital half. A corner kick was obtained by the visitors, and the ball being landed right in front of the Spital goal, some fierce play was witnessed, which ended in the score being equalised. Following the kick-off from the centre, Spital had several shots at the Rotherham goal, but were unsuccessful, and half time was called with the score one goal each. After half time excellent play was shown by both sides and in turn each custodian had to put in all he knew to save his charge from downfall. No other decisive point was obtained, however, and consequently the game ended in a tie. For Spital the Wilkinsons, Wake, Osborne, and Bishop were most prominent, whilst Brown, Aizlewood, Ward, Emmett, and Douglas were to the fore for Rotherham."

*Severn(s) not listed in team: but see below

Spital: G. Hopkinson (Goal); W. Wilkinson, C.H. Wilkinson, T. Wake, G. Osborne, T. Gregory, T. Bishop (Capt.), C. Wilkinson, W. Cropper, *T. Severns, W. Booker.

*Wrongly recorded in lineups as a second G. Osborne!

Rotherham: R.J. Brown (Goal); W.J. Aizlewood, W.H. Warmby, H.B.T. Ward, A. Andrews, W. Bone, F.C.W. Musson (Capt.), A. Emmett, C. Green, B. Bennett, C. Douglas.

REPLAY: Sat Nov 17th:

ROTHERHAM 7 (W.R. Lampard 2, W. Kelly, F.C.W. Musson 2, C. Douglas 2) SPITAL 2 (C.H. Wilkinson 2) (H.T. 4-0) (At Rotherham)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 19/11/83 P.4/Sheffield independent 19/11/83 P.4:

SDT: "On Saturday last the Chesterfield team journeyed to Rotherham to meet the team and settle who should meet Lockwood Brothers in the second round of the English Cup. The visitors were minus the services of +Wilkinson, one of their backs, while the home team were short of no less than ++three of their previous cup team. The home captain winning the toss, decided to kick with a slight breeze, and Cropper kicked off. The ball was quickly carried to the visitors' quarters, but was returned into the centre of the field by Osborne. A good crossing run was effected by the home forwards resulting in a corner, which was misplaced. After the free kick Lampard secured the ball, and after a

good run on the left the visitors' backs kicked out, and the corner that followed was well directed, and enabled Lampard to score goal one for Rotherham. Again the home team made a raid on the visitors' goal, and after a scrimmage in the mouth of the goal Kelly rushed through and scored the second goal by a magnificent fast low shot. The Spitalites now retaliated, but could not pass the home backs, who were showing excellent form, and the forwards again managed to elude Hopkinson, Musson scoring the third goal for Rotherham, which was quickly followed by a fourth by the same player. No further score was obtained up to half time. On the resumption the visitors made a determined onslaught on the home citadel and, but for the timely intervention of Brown, must have scored. Bennett here began to show noticeably by a fast run on the right together with Kelly, and the former from a splendid long shot, sent the ball right into the goalmouth. Lampard rushing from the left, placed the ball through for a fifth time. The ball being again set in motion, a piece of crossing play by the Rotherham forwards, which has seldom been excelled, was the means of Douglas scoring a sixth goal for Rotherham, quickly followed by a seventh from the toe of the same player. The Spital forwards here, for the first time in the match, began to show good form, and a magnificent run was made by them which resulted in a corner. It was entrusted to Cropper, who sent the ball nicely into the mouth of the goal, and C.H. Wilkinson managed to head the ball through, scoring the first goal for Spital. Again the visitors' forwards were to the fore, and from a foul near the corner, C.H. Wilkinson managed again to put the ball through, making the last score during the match. Rotherham thus won by seven goals to two much to the surprise of the Spital partisans. There is no doubt that had the visitors played throughout the game as they did in the last ten minutes, the match would have been much more even than it was. Of the Rotherham team special mention should not be made, as they all played in their best form. Bon(e)'s and Ward's heading of the ball frequently elicited applause. For Spital, Cropper, C.H. Wilkinson, Storer, and Bishop were the pick."

+W. Wilkinson ++Andrews, Emmett, and Green

Sl: "This, an undecided tie, was played on Saturday, on the ground of the latter (Rotherham), and, contrary to expectation, ended in a most substantial victory for the home team. Spital lost the toss, and Rotherham took the advantage of a slight wind, and from the first showed a remarkable superiority over the visitors. From the kick-off the Rotherham forwards took charge of the ball, and secured a corner, from which Musson kicked with such accuracy that a goal resulted, quickly followed by four others in the first and two others in the last half. Spital gained two others in the last half. Without exception all played well." (No teams)

Rotherham: R.J. Brown (Goal); W.H. Warmby, W.J. Aizlewood (Backs); H.B.T. Ward, W. Bone, (G.C.) Hatfield (Half Backs); W.R. Lampard, C. Douglas, F.C.W. Musson (Capt.), B. Bennett, W. Kelly (Forwards).

Check bracketed initials

Spital: G. Hopkinson (Goal); T. Wake, G. Osborne (Backs); T. Gregory, W. Storer, C.H. Wilkinson (Half Backs); W. Booker, C. Wilkinson, W. Cropper, T. Bishop, T. Severns (Forwards).

NOTTS COUNTY 3 (J.A. Dixon, H.A. Cursham 2) SHEFFIELD HEELEY 1 (F.H. Marsden) (H.T. 3-1) (Sat Nov 10th) (At Trent Bridge)

(SDT/NJ/AN all have Dixon scoring the 1st goal)(SI/SL have H.Cursham as does Notts County
History:CHECK WITH TONY(No scorers in SM)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 12/11/83 P.4/Nottingham Journal 12/11/83 P.7/Sheffield Independent
19/11/83 P.4/(Nottingham Evening Post Extra Special Edition 10/11/83:not on line)(Nottinghamshire
Guardian 16/11/83 P.2 only reports the game in its "Sports and Pastimes" summary)/Athletic News
14/11/83 P.3/Sporting Life 12/11/83 P.4/Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4:

SDT:"These clubs,which had been drawn together in the first round of ties for the English Challenge cup,met to try conclusions on Saturday on the Trent Bridge Ground,Nottingham in the presence of between 3,000 and 4,000 spectators.A very strong wind was blowing across the ground from the direction of the old pavilion,and as a consequence the ball was continually out on the railway side. Both the teams were well represented but Gunn was an absentee on the side of Notts,Woolley taking his place on the right wing with Smith.Play commenced at five past three "Venables" kicking off towards the Gamston road end,which the Sheffielders had chosen after winning the toss.The leather was quickly carried towards the Notts goal,but it did not long remain in that quarter,being taken into the middle of the field,and taken possession of on the left by Cursham,who made a run up on that side,and passed to Dixon,the latter shooting it between the posts,about five minutes after the commencement of play.On a resumption being made play became very lively,both sides exerting themselves to the utmost.Witham and Duty showed prominently on the left,but before they could reach the home fortress they were tackled by Macrae and C.(F).Dobson,and the ball was returned to Woolley,who made a good run-up on the right,and sent in a shot,which,however,went over the cross-bar.From a throw in on the right the visitors' goal was again threatened,and to avert the danger the Heeley men had to give the advantage of a corner kick,from which,however,nothing resulted.Marsden,who played in the centre for the Sheffielders,got possession of the ball,and made a good run,but Macrae proved too much for him,and then Dixon and Cursham became masters of the situation.By their efforts the ball was taken up on the left,and Cursham made a grand shot,which was cleverly stopped by J.Tomlinson.Play continued in the same part of the ground for some little time,and C.T.Dobson showed prominently by a well-aimed shot,which passed over the bar.The visitors then,by some good and judicious passing,got nearly to the bottom of the ground,where it went out of play.Two or three further good runs were made by the Sheffield forwards,but Chapman and Macrae were always exceedingly busy;and although Heeley had one chance of scoring an erratic kick from one of their forwards landed the leather many yards over the crossbar.Some well-judged kicking by Emmett and a brilliant run by Cursham came in for recognition on the part of the spectators.From the last-named piece of play,a well-directed shot was made,but no score resulted, the ball just passing by the posts.Play remained in the Sheffielders' ground,and Cursham's shot was followed by one from Smith,Tomlinson being kept pretty busy.Shortly afterwards the ball was got hold of by "Venables",who passed it to his brother,and the latter had a shy,but failed to score.On the left hand Cursham made several magnificent runs,and on two or three occasions was within an ace of scoring.A downfall was averted by one of the Sheffield backs,who put the ball behind the line.The corner kick,which was entrusted to Cursham,was cleverly met by the Sheffield men,who took it down the whole length of the ground.Here it was taken charge of by the Sheffield right wing,by whom another good run was made,and play for a time became more even.Marsden,after a short interval,ran down well and shot at goal,but the leather did not come dangerously near.Another brilliant run by the Sheffield forwards was stopped by Emmett,and Macrae,reversing the position of affairs,made an attack,which was with difficulty met by the Heeley goalkeeper.Tomlinson was again

compelled to use his hands to repel a shot made by Cursham, who directly afterwards ran up on the left wing; but he slipped and fell, and a regular Rugby scrimmage ensued, the ball being underneath the players for nearly a couple of minutes. When the leather came out it was got away by the visitors, and near their goal a foul was given against Notts. Sherwin for this mishap was compelled to use his hands. Smith next had a splendid chance to centre to "Venables", but he slipped. Notts used all their efforts to repel a very determined onslaught, which was at this point made by Heeley, but they were unsuccessful, and the concentrated efforts of the forwards, the foremost of whom was Marsden, were instrumental in lowering the fortress, Sherwin being unable to stop a daisy-cutter which Marsden sent swiftly along. Matters having thus been equalised the Notts men seemed to be put on their mettle, and after two or three minutes' play "Venables" passed the ball to Smith, who centred. It passed in front of the goal where Cursham was standing, and that player put it through without difficulty. No sooner had the leather been got into play again than Cursham, by one of the most magnificent runs that has been seen on a football ground this season, took it up the right and put it through by a low swift shot, Tomlinson being unable to get anywhere near it. Nothing of any moment occurred after half time, but play was decidedly more even, the Sheffielders playing up in far better form. Several good runs were made by Marsden, who once or twice looked like scoring. On the side of Notts the attacks made on the left wing by Cursham and Dixon were pretty frequent, the former displaying much of his old dribbling form. No further goal, however, was obtained, and the game thus ended in favour of Notts by three to one. Marsden put in plenty of work in the centre, and received much assistance from Witham and Duty, and T. Tomlinson and Moss kicked with judgment, and J. Tomlinson was useful in goal. For the home team, Cursham, Macrae, Chapman, and Dobson were most conspicuous, Sherwin, as usual, being active in goal."

NJ: "Sherwin had charge of the goal at the new Pavilion end, and "Venables" kicked off at 3.15. The attack was all on the part of the Notts forwards for the moment, and then Emmett had twice to send the ball from his position on the field of play. Just afterwards, Macrae and Chapman were conspicuous, and then H. Cursham and Dixon put in a grand bit of combination play, which ended in Dixon receiving the ball from his co-operator and shooting a goal, with a low well-judged shot. This occurred five minutes after the commencement."

"....the Heeley men were now thoroughly on their mettle, and Marsden in the centre dashed in and secured the first point for his side with a low shot which Sherwin could not reach. Matters were thus equal after about thirty minutes' play. Just after hostilities were commenced Woolley made an ineffectual stroke. The ball now travelled to the left wing, and Harry Cursham coming with a wet sail, shot the second goal for his side, amid very great applause. A moment after the ball had again been set on the move the same player came out again like a lion, and resisting most effectively the opposition, obtained goal number three. There was nothing great after this up to the call of half-time. The last half of the game proved tame and uninteresting."

SL: "Played on the Old Trent Bridge Ground, on Saturday afternoon, attracted a great assemblage, and created immense excitement. Notts, although not having their strongest team, won by three goals to one. Two minutes after the ball was started Cursham placed a goal to the credit of Notts. Notts afterwards got a "corner" on the left, but nothing resulted, and then in turn Marsden was again busy. A foul was obtained by the local team in their opponents' territory, but again the leather went out. Sheffield, at a quarter to four, worked it in front of their opponent's stronghold, and a finely judged effort on the part of Marsden was the means of equalising matters. Five minutes later

Cursham a second time successfully assailed the Sheffield fortress, and immediately on the resumption the same player added a third goal amid considerable cheering. During the second half Notts had the advantage of the wind, but although they more than held their own, they failed to gain any further advantage."

SM: "Gunn, one of their best forwards, was an absentee."

Notts County: M. Sherwin (Goal); A. T. (C.) Dobson, H. W. Emmett (Backs); *C. F. Dobson, S. Macrae, H. Chapman (Half Backs); E. Woolley, S. G. Smith (Right Wing), +A. W. Cursham (Centre), J. A. Dixon, H. A. Cursham (Left Wing). +He used pseudonym "R. H. Venables" *Wrongly listed as C. T. Dobson

Sheffield Heeley: J. Tomlinson (Goal); T. A. Tomlinson, T. Moss (Backs); W. E. Jacques, F. H. Sugg, G. A. Lawson (Half Backs); I. Swallow, G. (H.) Sykes (Right Wing), F. H. Marsden (Centre), J. Whitham, G. Duty (Left Wing).

Referee: Pierce-Dix, Sheffield.

MIDDLESBROUGH 1 (A. Pringle) STAVELEY 5 (I. Potter, W. N. Crookes 2, J. Widdowson, +J. Hay)
(H. T. 1-1) (At Middlesbrough) (Sat Nov 10th) +Assumed J. Hay not S. Hay)

York Herald 12/11/83 P.7 (mistakes) / Sheffield Daily Telegraph 12/11/83 P.4 / Sheffield Independent 12/11/83 P.4 / Derbyshire Courier 17/11/83 P.7 (Staveley team only) / Sporting Life 12/11/83 P.4 / Athletic News 14/11/83 P.3 (No teams):

Yh: "Certainly Middlesbro' did not play their full strength, Mr O. H. Cochrane, who was accidentally injured in the Sheffield match two weeks ago, being a notable absentee; but even with their best men on the field it is questionable whether the result would have been altered, so manifestly superior, though occasionally very rough, was the visitors' play. Their wild play at times reminded one more of the Rugby than the Association game, and the comments and disapprobation of the spectators was deservedly merited. The contest was in two forty-fives, Pickstock, the captain of the home team, being favoured with the spin of the coin, and as a matter of course he elected to try conclusions during first half with a strong wind from the north-west, which blew right down the ground, and the sun at the backs of his team. The Middlesbro' forwards following up their opponents' kick off soon had the ball in Derbyshire territory, and were fortunate to secure a corner kick. The place kick was a capital one, but the defence of the visitors was a treat to witness. S. Hay, passing in grand form to Godfrey, who ran with the ball at his toe until pressed by Borrie, when he dribbled to Potter, and the Middlesbro' club were called upon to defend their fortress, Boshier giving the needful kick and sending the ball into the middle of the field. After this five shots in succession were aimed at the Derbyshire goal, some of which would have been successful had it not been for the leather being kicked behind by the visitors. An appeal to the umpire for a cry of hands was allowed, the ball being then close to the Staveley uprights, but Kay made a rush and the ball was landed over the bar. Ewbank after the kick off secured possession and after dodging the visitors' forwards he passed it to Pickstock, who had a clear shot at goal. He, however, was too hurried in kicking, and the result was that the ball went harmlessly behind. A corner kick was soon afterwards gained on the left wing, which McNellis centred splendidly, but the Staveley goal keeper made a spring at the leather and threw it to his captain, who treated the spectators to a grand display of his fleetness as he succeeded in getting within half a dozen yards of the Middlesbro' uprights before Wynne tackled him and kicked the ball into mid-field. Once more the play was transferred to the visitors' goal, where two corner

kicks were allowed, but neither of them was of any service, and this time Hay, Mather, and Crook worked the ball on the left wing up the field to the goal of their opponents, Crook by a grand shot from the left passing to Potter, who scored amid applause the first goal for Staveley. After the kick off the Middlesbro' forwards increased their efforts, causing the visitors to act almost entirely on the defensive, and their play became so rough that several times the spectators hissed. During one of these rushes, A. Borrie, one of the best of the Middlesbro' forwards, had the misfortune to have his left wrist severely sprained, but he had it bound up, and continued to play until the finish. From a grand run down the field Borrie made a shot at goal from the right wing, the ball hitting the cross-bar, rebounded a couple of yards, and a scrimmage took place, from the midst of which Pringle scored the first and only goal gained by the home team. Half time was then called, and sides were changed, and the Middlesbro' players were again first on the ball, and made a shot at their opponents' goal, which was futile, the globe travelling with great rapidity to the other end, where Hay made a try with a like result. After this the home team acted entirely on the defensive, Peele practising the dodging of kicking out of play whenever the ball got too near the Middlesbro' goal posts, while Bosher twice prevented goals being scored by heading the globe over the bar. Crookes, however, after about ten minutes' play, succeeded in scoring the second goal for the Derbyshire team, and after a short interval (Widdowson) performed the same feat for the visitors. Crookes again scored a goal, making number four for Staveley, and about a minute and a half before time Hay registered the fifth and last goal amid loud applause."

SDT: "On Saturday afternoon this tie was played at Middlesbrough. The visitors came with a very strong team, and as it was known that the Middlesbrough players were weakened by the absence of Mr O. H. Cochrane, who is suffering from a severe kick on the groin, received while playing against Surrey in the Sheffield Challenge Cup, it was expected that the Middlesbrough Club would be beaten, but no one looked forward to the defeat being so easy as five goals to one. The spin of the coin was in favour of Middlesbrough, whose captain elected to play with the strong north-west wind and the sun, which was shining brightly, at his back. The ball was soon in the vicinity of the visitors' uprights, a corner kick being accorded to them on the right wing. M'Nellis, who took charge of it, centred very neatly, but Mather made a jump at the ball, and heading it, passed to Hay, who, by a splendid kick, sent the ball into the middle of the field. Without losing possession the ball was neatly dribbled into the vicinity of the Middlesbrough goal, where a grand attempt was made to put the ball beneath the bar, but Booker was equal to the occasion. The Staveley goal was again threatened, but by the combined play of the Staveley forwards no score was registered. The Staveley players now treated the spectators to a grand exhibition of passing and dribbling against the wind. Hay secured the ball and dribbled it nearly the length of the field before he was stopped by Booker, who kicked the ball to Pickstock, and it once more travelled into the vicinity of the Staveley uprights, Ewbank, who had come up with a rush, securing possession, and passing to Pickstock, who was within three yards of the goal. The Middlesbrough captain missed his aim, and the ball went harmlessly behind the sticks. On being re-started a corner kick on the left was granted by the home players, but to no purpose. Two more corner kicks were gained, but none of the Middlesbrough team seemed able to kick a goal, and Mather and Crook, gaining possession, exhibited some grand passing, the result of which was that Staveley were credited with the first goal, the ball being shot across the ground on the left and after a slight scrimmage in the mouth of the goal, was kicked through by Potter amidst loud cheers. After the kick-off the Middlesbrough forwards confined the play entirely to Staveley territory, and the visitors were compelled to act entirely on the defensive, charging being very

frequent, and as the +visitors were much heavier men than their Middlesbrough opponents, many of the latter came to grief. Ewbank gained possession of the globe, and being hardly pressed, he passed to Borrie, who made a shot at the Staveley goal, the globe striking one of the posts close to the top and bounding on the ground in front of the goal, it was kicked through after a scrimmage by A. Pringle. After half-time the Middlesbrough forwards got possession of the ball, and a shot at the Staveley goal resulted, but the ball went very wide of the sticks. The superior passing, dribbling, and running of the visitors' team was not long in making itself felt, and almost entirely throughout the play in the second half the Middlesbrough men were compelled to act on the defensive. Again and again did the visitors make shots at the Middlesbrough goal, but most of them went wide of their mark or were allowed to fall harmlessly behind. Four more goals were, however, obtained, the match ending in a victory for Staveley by five goals to one. For Staveley, S. Hay, J. Hay, J. Potter, and C. Mather played best, but all the team deserve a word of commendation for their combined play, while for the home team, Ewbank, Thompson, and Borrie were the most prominent workers, Bo(sh)er and M'Nellis putting in some useful work."

Middlesbrough: J. Dawkins (Goal); J. Booker, T. H. Wynn (Backs); R. L. Peel, B. F. McNellis, W. Coates (Half Backs); J. Thompson, J. Ewbank (Right Wing), A. Borrie (Centre), W. Pickstock (Capt.), A. Pringle (Left Wing).

Staveley: A. Kaye (Goal), D. James, H. Peel (Backs); S. Hay, J. Rice, E. Widdowson (Half Backs); F. W. Godfrey, I. Potter (Right Wing), J. Hay (Capt.) (Centre), C. Mather, W. N. Crookes (Left Wing)

Umpire: F. Hardisty. Referee: Williams (Loftus)

SHEFFIELD CLUB 1 (E. Barber) LOCKWOOD BROTHERS 4 (Unknown, J. Houseley, F. West 2) (H.T. 1-1) (Sat Nov 10th) (At Bramall Lane, Sheffield)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 12/11/83 P.4/Sheffield Independent 12/11/83 P.4/Athletic News 14/11/83 P.3/Bell's Life 17/11/83 P.4 (No detailed report)/Field 17/11/83 P.686/Sporting Life 12/11/83 P.4/Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4/Referee 11/11/83 P.6:

SI: "The above interesting match in the first round for the English Cup took place on Saturday at Bramall-lane ground. The attendance was scarcely as numerous as could have been expected, not more than three or four thousand spectators putting in an appearance. The Sheffield Club are not particularly strong this season, and Lockwood Brothers were slightly the favourites. The Sheffield captain (J. H. Barber) won the toss, and set their opponents to kick towards Bramall-lane gates, the wind blowing strong in their faces. Notwithstanding this, in seven minutes, Lockwood's, who in spite of this had taken the lead, scored a goal, but it was disallowed on account of off-side. Not to be denied, however, they shortly afterwards rushed down on the Sheffield fortress, and, after a great deal of bustling about, the ball was forced through the posts in a scrimmage. On re-starting the Sheffield team obtained a corner, which was taken by Baker, but nothing accrued from it. Sellars, in retaliation, fired away at the Sheffield citadel, but the custodian stopped it in fine style, and threw away. The leather was then carried to the other end, where a long shot by Willey just cleared the Lockwood crossbar. Beckett, a few minutes later, was so hotly pressed that he kicked behind to avoid, but M'Loughlin, who took the corner, dropped the ball behind the bar. Sellars play a little later on resulted in another corner for Lockwood, but the ball was extricated from danger, and being carried three-quarters down the ground, E. Barber secured possession, and going forward with great speed cleverly

evaded the Lockwood goalkeeper, and equalised scores amid heavy cheering. Strong kicking at back by Beckett and Robinson was the next feature, while Betts and Buttery were also prominent on the other side, a particularly fine lunge by Betts being loudly applauded. Half-time was then called, the score standing at one goal each. On resumption, Lockwood's, with the wind now helping them, quickly secured a corner kick, but the Sheffield backs, after a hard struggle, got the ball away. A fine cross by Houseley ought to have been utilised by West, but he missed his kick. The Sheffield Club now got a corner, but although the leather was well directed by Rodgers, one of the Lockwood's backs headed it out of danger. The Sheffield custodian was here called upon to stop a very hot shy, which he did in good style, but directly following a splendid shot by Houseley got past him, the ball going right above his head, higher probably than he could reach. This made the game two goals to one. Three minutes later M'Loughlin centred to West, who again helped the leather through the Sheffield posts, making three goals to one in favour of Lockwood's. After this the game proceeded with varying fortunes, but with Lockwood's in the ascendant, and had it not been for the capital efforts of Beckett, Robinson, E. Barber, and the goalkeeper, the Sheffield stronghold must have been captured several times. At last Lockwood's obtained another goal, and they eventually proved victorious by four goals to one. In our opinion by far the better team won, but we think the Sheffield team contained players who will figure better as they gain greater experience. No one on either side shone out with particular prominence."

SDT: "Houseley from half back put in an unerring kick, which West assisted through the goal, but an appeal for offside was promptly allowed. The success, however, was not long delayed, as a protracted struggle in the Club goalmouth terminated in its downfall."

"When the ball had rolled over the crossbar of Lockwood's uprights E. Barber, when in the vicinity of his own domain got through the opposing ranks and had a clear course, which he utilised in a masterly fashion. His only antagonist (the keeper) was easily avoided, and thus matters were equalised."

(H.T.) "At the onset the Club played up pluckily and gave evidence of the game not being so one-sided, a corner by H. Barber being dropped in a dangerous quarter, but the defence was vigorous and timely. A magnificent shot by Sellars was equally well stopped by Burdekin, and then Houseley by a long shot secured the second goal for Lockwood's."

"The third goal was secured for Lockwood's, M'Loughlin propelling the ball to West, who did the needful with his head."

"Comparative darkness now set in, and it was difficult to distinguish the actions of the combatants. The Club were, however, destined to sustain another reverse, West again being the executant, the latter being enabled to do so on receipt of the ball from Houseley."

SM: "Owing, no doubt, to the extremely cold weather, which prevailed not more than four or five hundred spectators attended at Bramall-lane Grounds, Sheffield, on Saturday, to witness this match in the first round. Lockwood never gave their opponents a chance—finally winning a very one-sided game by four goals to one. For the winners, Housley, T. Buttery, West, and M'Loughlin played best, while Beckett, Robinson, and E. Barber rendered great service for the losing side."

Sheffield Club: A.E.Burdekin(Goal);W.Robinson,W.F.Beckett(Backs);T.C.Willey,C.K.Baker,
J.H.Barber(Capt.)(Half backs),E.Barber,B.L.Shaw,H.Barber,H.B.Willey,W.F.Rodgers(Forwards).

Lockwood Brothers:T.Beard(Goal),T.Buttery(Capt.),W.Betts(Backs);L.M'Loughlin,G.Harris,J.Houseley
(Half Backs);F.West,John Beard,J.Sellars,F.Stokes,F.Newbould(Forwards).

Umpires:R.A.Sorby and W.W.Beard.Referee:J.Sands(Notts Forest Club)

HULL TOWN 1(C.Percy) GRIMSBY TOWN 3 (T.Garnham,S.Noble,T.Atkinson)(H.T. ???)(Sat Nov 3rd)
(At Dairycoates,Hull)(Scorers unknown in Grimsby History)(N.B AFS has S.Noble also scoring 3rd goal)

YH has T.Atkinson with 3rd goal:see below

Yorkshire Herald 5/11/83 P.7/:WAIT FOR EASTERN MORNING NEWS BUT SPECIAL WEEKLY PAPER

"These two teams met on the ground of the Hull Town Club,Dairycoates,in the first round of the
English Association Challenge Cup.The visitors proved too strong for the home team,who played
rather loosely in the first half.Towards the conclusion of the game the Hull men improved their
form,and by excellent combination,C.Percy succeeded in scoring the only goal which was made on
the home side.Grimsby's score being three goals,which were obtained by T.Garnham,Noble,and
T.Atkinson.A fourth goal was got by T.Atkinson,but as Noble was offside,it was not allowed."

Hull :+F.C.E.Charlton(Goal);L.Cubley(Capt.)(Back);A.Franklin,J.Shepherdson,F.Lawson (Half Backs);
I.Milner,+A.McKenzie(Right Wing),F.North,+A.B.Iverson(Centres),H.Hudson,C.Percy(Left Wing).

+These 3 players not found elsewhere so initials not checked.F.H.M.Summers was the usual goal-
keeper for Hull Town

Grimsby:H.Evans(Goal);Rev. J.F.Flowers,W.Asling(Backs);R.C.Hall,G.Kimpson,A.H.Read(Half Backs);
S.Noble.T.Garnham(Right Wing),T.Atkinson(Capt.)(Centre),H.Monument,G.Atkinson(Left Wing).

N.B. Exactly the same Grimsby lineup for game v Market Raisen on 24/11/83

Umpires:W.T.Lammin and A.Wimberley.Referee:W.F.Beardshaw(Sheffield)

NOTTS FOREST walked over REDCAR:

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 12/11/83/Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4/Sporting Life 12/11/83 P.4:"This
Association tie was to have been played on Parkside Grounds,at Nottingham,on Saturday
afternoon;but on Friday Redcar telegraphed their inability to get a team together.Consequently
Nottingham Forest have a bye."

Athletic News 14/11/83 P.3 calls team "Redcar and Coatam."

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY,a bye.

SECOND DIVISION

Calthorpe v Walsall Town
Small Heath Alliance v Birmingham Excelsior
Stafford Road v Aston Unity
Wednesbury Old Athletic v St George's, Birmingham
West Bromwich Albion v Wednesbury Town
Walsall Swifts v Aston Villa
Wolverhampton Wanderers v Long Eaton Rangers
Derby Midland(a bye)

CALTHORPE 0 WALSALL TOWN 8 (G.Collington 2,W.Bird 4 ,J.Brettle,H.Harrison(H.T. 0-5)(Sat Nov 10th)(At Bristol Road,Birmingham)

+N.B.Walsall History gives Ashe for 9th goal,but see Report below saying he wasn't fortunate to score and that the Collington 3rd goal was disallowed.

Walsall Observer 17/11/83 P.5/Sporting Life 13/11/83 P.4:

WO:"These teams met on the ground of the Calthorpe,Bristol Road,on Saturday last.Calthorpe lost the toss,and for the first half hour had to contend with the wind,and sun directly in their eyes. Walsall immediately carried the ball into the home quarters,and Collington after five minutes' play scored goal number one.This was quickly followed by one from Bird,the result of a marvellous screw shot from the goal line,the ball only just managing to go through,the angle being so very acute.The Calthorpe now made a few attempts to get away,but Cox,Reynolds,and Newman easily neutralised their efforts,and the Town still continued to press.Bird passed to Brettle,who secured the third goal,and two more were smartly "piled on"by Collington and Harrison respectively.On change of ends the wind appeared to make little difference to the visitors,and within ten minutes of the kick-off, Bird dribbled from nearly the centre of the field,and scored the sixth.On two occasions Cousins and Addenbrooke managed to break away,and had runs the whole length of the field,and Icke had to use his hands in defence,and towards the end of the game,Calthorpe as a body,showed better play.Eventually,+Collington got possession and ran the ball clean down the field,passing forwards, half-backs,and backs,and scored;but for some unaccountable reason,it was disallowed.Bird,playing in grand form,secured two more,and the game thus ended in a win for Walsall by +eight(official) goals to (n)one.Collington appeared as centre forward for the first time and is to be commended for his display,and the impartial manner he fed both wings.Bird played brilliantly throughout,and placed four goals to his credit.Ash,though not fortunate enough to score,was always busy,and besides playing individually well,passed to Bird with great judgment.Harrison played a much improved game,and only now and then fell into his old fault of dribbling the ball on to the top of his colleague, instead of smartly parting with it when tackled.Of the back division,they were "all there" as per usual."

SL:"This match was played at Bristol-road,Birmingham,on Saturday last,in the presence of a large number of spectators.In the first half the Calthorpe men had to play with the sun in their faces,and the Walsall men had matters pretty well all their own way,scoring five goals before half time.On change of ends Calthorpe had some good runs,Cousens showing up brilliantly.Towards the close of the game,however,the visitors severely pressed their opponents,and albeit Mealing returned the

ball into play on four successive occasions, the game ended in an easy win for Walsall by nine goals to nil."

Calthorpe: E. Meeling (Goal); Taunton, W. E. Elliott (Backs); A. E. Daniell (Capt.), T. M. + Hawkes (Half Backs), F. E. Cousins, Bingley (Right), Amphlet, Walters (Centre), + C. O. / H. J. Addenbrooke, Wheeler (Left).

+Hawkins?

Walsall Town: J. Icke (Goal); G. Cox, + S. Reynolds (Backs); E. J. Newman, J. Brett, H. Taylor (Capt.) (Half Backs); S. Arblaster, H. Harrison (Right), G. Collington (Centre), T. Ash (e), W. Bird (Left). + ? T. Reynolds

Umpires: Adams and Maxon. Referee: Jope, vice-president, Birmingham Football Association.

SMALL HEATH ALLIANCE 1 (Arthur James) BIRMINGHAM EXCELSIOR 1 ("Rushed through out of a bully") (H.T. 0-0) (Sat Oct 20th) (At Camp Hill, Birmingham)

Sporting Life 25/10/83 P.4/Bell's Life 27/10/83 P.3/Athletic News 24/10/83 P.7:

N.B. No BDP or proper BM Report

BL: "By far the best game of all the lot played in the district was that between Excelsior and Small Heath Alliance who had been drawn together in the Association Challenge Cup competition. The teams were so evenly matched that, when the whistle was blown each side had scored a goal." (No teams)

SL: "The weather on Saturday last being delightfully fine, fully 1,500 spectators assembled at Camp Hill, Birmingham, to witness this match, in the first round of the Association Cup. The Alliance played down the hill the first half, and almost immediately after the ball had been started they gained a corner, which Arthur James sent too far. Ogden essayed a run up the centre, but F. James stopped him, and passed to his brother, who overran the ball, and lost his chance. Devey and Morley, by a good run, threatened the Alliance goal, especially as Elliman missed his kick. The final shot of Morley, however, sent the ball outside. During the remainder of the first half the game was fairly equal, each team alternately assuming the aggressive, and so hard did the defence of each side work that at half-time no goals had been scored. Upon the resumption, the Alliance, playing with greater dash, were soon in the opposing territory, and scarcely a minute had elapsed before Arthur James placed the first goal to their credit. As in the first half, each side alternately had the lead, and both several times gained corner kicks, but for a considerable time no advantage was obtained. The Excelsior strove hard to equalise matters, and at length succeeded, the ball being rushed through out of a bully. The match thus ended in a draw, each side scoring one goal. The draw will be decided at the Aston Lower Grounds, in due course." (Both teams listed)

AN: "That was a rare good match at Small Heath between the Alliance and the Excelsior Clubs in the +Walsall Cup contest, and fully confirms the opinion I have previously expressed in these columns, that these two clubs are of about equal merit. At the commencement of the season the Excelsior organisation was in a very shaky position, and looked like going to the dogs, but, thanks to the activity of the newly-appointed officials, fresh blood has been infused into the team, and with the addition of several good playing members, the club has been pulled round to its former self. At any rate the Heathens thought so on Saturday, for though they made a most desperate and determined fight of it

in the first half,they could not break through their opponents' defence,and the sides crossed over without having scored.In the second half the home club soon had a lead,and the enthusiasm of the Alliance supporters knew no bounds,but the loss of a goal seemed to stimulate the Aston lads to greater exertions,for they persevered like young Demons,and were at last rewarded when hope had almost vanished,luck having been dead against them.Although both teams played hard and fast, there was an absence of that skill and precision which generally asserts itself in first-class teams, and,as yet,they have a lot to learn before they can wish to reach the zenith of fame.A draw of one goal each was the result,and the match will be played at the Lower Grounds."(No teams)

+English Association Cup game

Small Heath:T.Hedges(Goal);R.Elliman,J.Taylor(Backs);Thomas James,S.Gessey,Frederick James(Half Backs),W.Slater,H.Clayton,Arthur James,A.E.Stanley,Walter Jones(Forwards)

Excelsior:G.Jenks(Goal);C.Angell,W.Lovesey(Backs);W.Dutton,A.Bailey(Half Backs); H.Devey,T.Morley,H.Meakin,F.Barlow,J.Ogden,T.Dutton.(SL)(Initials from Replay)

Umpires:Nicholls and Hart.Referee:C.Crump(Birmingham and District F.A.)

REPLAY:Sat Nov 10th:At Aston Lower Grounds,Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM EXCELSIOR 3 (F.Barlow,Dutton, "rush") SMALL HEATH ALLIANCE 2 (A.Stanley,Arthur James)(H.T. 2-0)

Birmingham Daily Post 12/11/83 P.8(Has Excelsior team)/Sporting Life 12/11/83 P.4/Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4/Referee 11/11/83 P.6:

BDP:"These local teams met on Saturday at the Aston Lower Grounds,to decide the tie played by them for the English Cup contest,first round,on October 20th ,when each side scored one goal. The Excelsior kicked off with the wind in their favour,and within a couple of minutes Barlow rushed the ball up the field and scored the first goal,and for some time play was in favour of the Excelsior. (1-0) The Small Heath gained a corner,which was cleared by the Excelsior backs,and some even play followed until Dutton kicked a second goal from a skier,and Ogden only just failed in scoring a third.(2-0) With the wind in their favour the Excelsior had the best of the play until half time was called,when the game stood two goals to none in their favour.(H.T.) Immediately after restarting Excelsior added a third point by means of a united rush of the forwards.(3-0)With the change of ends the Alliance had decidedly the advantage of the game,but continued to play with very bad luck,the ball several times striking the Excelsior goal post.After several unsuccessful attacks,Stanley breasted the ball through(3-1),and shortly after Arthur James claimed cleverly a second goal,after a fruitless corner.(3-2) Notwithstanding redoubled exertions on the part of the Small Heath team to obtain another goal to thus equalise matters,no further point was scored,and when time was called the advantage rested with Excelsior by 3 goals to 2."

SL : "These teams met for the second time in the first round,at the Aston Lower Grounds, Birmingham,on Saturday,having played a drawn game at Small Heath,on October 20,when each side scored one goal.The weather was fine,but there was a very strong wind blowing which materially intefered with scientific play.About 2,000 spectators were present.In about two minutes from the kick-off Barlow,for the Excelsior,ran the ball down the centre,and scored a goal;after which,aided by

the wind,they severely pressed the Small Heath men,and just before half time a second point was secured.Almost as quickly as in the first half,the Excelsior scored a third goal immediately on change of ends.Afterwards,however,the Alliance played up with more spirit,and several times placed the Excelsior goal in danger,and after some exceedingly hard luck,Stanley breasted the ball through. Following up their attacks for a time without success the Alliance shortly before Time scored a second goal,A.James doing the needful after a fruitless corner.No further goal was obtained,the Excelsior winning by three goals to two."

Excelsior:G.Jenks(Goal);C.Angell,W.Lovesey(Backs);A.Bailey,W.Dutton(Half Backs); J.Ogden,T.Dutton(Right Wing),H.Meakin,F.Barlow(Centres),H.Devey,T.Morley(Left).(SL)

Small Heath:T.Hedges(Goal);R.Elliman,J.Taylor(Backs);T.James,S.Gessey,F.James(Half Backs); Arthur James,A.E.Stanley(Right),W.Jones(Centre),W.Hards,H.Clayton(Left).(SL)

Umpires:W.Nicholls(Excelsior) and W.Slater(Alliance).Referee:Scott.

STAFFORD ROAD 5 ASTON UNITY 1 (Sat Nov 10th)(At Wolverhampton)(H.T.1-1??):NO DETAILS EXCEPT SCORE

(No details in Midland Counties Express and too early for Midland Evening News)(TRY WOLVERHAMPTON CHRONICLE AND GENERAL ADVERTISER :

Birmingham Daily Post 12/11/83 P.8/Referee 11/11/83 P.6:"This match was played at Wolverhampton on Saturday,and after a very pleasant game,the home team won by 5 goals to 1.The Unity,winning the toss,commenced with a very strong wind in their favour,and pressed the Roaders but by good play.They were kept at bay for a short time,when the Unity scored their only goal by good combined play,but after this the game was more even,and Stafford Road scored 5 goals(one against the wind),and eventually won,as before stated."(No teams)

Lichfield Mercury 16/11/83 P. : "This match was played on the Stafford-road Ground

Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4:"This tie in the competition for the Football Association Cup was decided at Wolverhampton,on Saturday.Stafford-road won by five goals to one."

Athletic News 14/11/83 P.3:"The Unity made but a poor show against the once famous Stafford-road club,who won by five goals to one."

WEDNESBURY OLD ATHLETIC 5 (J.M.Bayliss,G.Holden 3,M.Byrne) ST. GEORGE'S (BIRMINGHAM) 0 (H.T. 2-0)(Sat Nov 10th)

Birmingham Daily Post 12/11/83 P.8/Bell's Life 17/11/83 P.4/Sporting Life 12/11/83 P.4/Referee 11/11/83 P.6:

BDP:"These teams met at the Oval,Wednesbury,in the presence of about a thousand spectators.The sky was clear,but the wind was boisterous rendering accurate aim difficult,and causing the ball to be repeatedly carried out of bounds.

The visitors won the toss,and played upwards towards the entrance gates,having the sun at their backs,and the wind slightly in their favour.At the start the ball was taken down to the visitors' goal, but was got away,and then came a spell of rapid transference of the sphere backwards and forwards

from end to end of the field with an excellent display of passing, particularly on the part of the visitors. There were also good tries on each side, but nothing came of any of them until about a quarter of an hour after the kick off, when G. Holden made a dash, and centred, and Bayliss did the needful, securing first goal for the home team. (1-0) The visitors then warmed to their work, and the left wing got the ball up and kicked for goal, but Kent, not to be caught napping, foiled the attempt. A scrimmage followed, and a corner kick fell to the St. George's team, but nothing came of it. Soon afterwards there was a combined run down on the part of the home team, and Roberts having centred, G. Holden passed the ball through, completing the record up to half time. (2-0) (H.T.) At the outset of the second half, the ball again found its way from end to end of the field for a time, the advantage being on the side of the Athletics. Ultimately Byrne made a splendid shot almost from midfield, and sent the ball clean through only a few inches below the bars. (3-0) Soon after G. Holden, as the result of a charge, fell heavily against one of the boundary stumps, and play was suspended for a few minutes. On his recovery there was some good and exciting play, and a few spills, Tonks and two of the visitors, whom he had tackled and deprived of the ball, being on the ground together. After this Roberts centred again, and G. Holden secured another goal. (4-0) A scrimmage followed in front of the home goal, if not on the line, and a claim to score was made by the visitors, but disallowed. Later G. Holden added another from a splendid long shot, (5-0), and play continued for about ten minutes longer, the visitors making a determined attempt, and causing Kent to use his hands; but no change in the score was made, and the match ended in favour of the home team by five goals to nothing."

Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4: "Played at Wednesbury Oval on Saturday afternoon. Wednesbury Athletic won by five goals to none. St George's played without Tomkinson." (No teams)

Athletic News 14/11/83 P.6: "The Fentham-road players were without the services of their captain Tonkinson, who is unable to don the jersey in consequence of a recent accident..."

Wednesbury Old Athletic: (F.) C. Kent (Goal); J. Nicholls, W. Patrick (Backs); J. Holden, Dan Tonks, M. Byrne (Half Backs); G. H. Holden, A. Groucutt (Right), J. M. Bayliss (Centre), J. Roberts, T. Tonks (Left).

St George's: H. Stansbie (Goal); H. Eagles, S. Eagles (Backs); Cheetham, Barton, F. Stevenson (Half Backs); J. Milton, Manton (Right), Green (Centre), D. Hodgetts, Wright (Left).

(BDP names and order)

Umpires: C. Wright and A. Meyrick. Referee: J. C. Orr.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 0 WEDNESBURY TOWN 2 (No scorers given) (H.T. 0-0) (Sat Nov 10th) (At Four Acres, West Bromwich) (No Teams on line)

N.B.: These 2 clubs both appear in the Second Round draw as potential opponents of Walsall Town but they had already played their tie on 10/11/83 although not widely reported: see Liverpool Mercury Wed Nov 17th P.3 below the second round draw: "In the case of West Bromwich Albion and Wednesbury Town, the latter won on Saturday by two goals to nil, but the result had not come officially to hand, so Walsall will meet Wednesbury."

Lichfield Mercury 16/11/83 P.7:"These two clubs decided their tie in the first round of the English Cup on the Four Acres West Bromwich on Saturday,the result being a rather unexpected defeat for the Albion,by two goals to none."

West Bromwich Albion by Peter Morris,P.10-11"That was to be the last Wednesbury triumph over the Albion.Never again did the Town,or indeed the Old Athletic,match up to their West Bromwich rivals."

West Bromwich:R.J.Roberts;H.Bell,J.Stanton;E.Horton,A.F.Bunn,J.Swallow;
J.W.Whitehouse,H.Aston,W.Bisseker,G.Timmins,G.Bell.(WBA Complete Record P.157)

WEDNESBURY PAPER

Wednesbury Town:J.Turton;R.Whitehouse,W.Whitehouse;J.Shenton,A.Cliffe,R.Mason;
R.Danks,A.Woodcock,G.Wood,H.Wood,J.Waldron.(AFS)

WALSALL SWIFTS 1(+J.Farmer)ASTON VILLA 5 (Archie Hunter 3 ,+W.Roberts,O.H.Vaughton)(H.T. 0-1)(At the Chuckery,Walsall)(Sat Nov 10th) +BDP gives T.Farmer and Whateley

Birmingham Daily Post 12/11/83 P.8/Sheffield Daily Telegraph P.4/Sheffield independent 12/11/83 P.4/Athletic News 14/11/83 P.3/Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4:

BDP:"These clubs met on the ground of the latter,at the Chuckery,Walsall,in the presence,perhaps of 4,000 spectators.The weather was fine,but the wind was high and uncertain,the result being that not a few well-aimed shots went wide.The match began twenty five minutes after time,the visitors winning the toss,and playing uphill,with the (sun) at their backs,and the wind a trifle in their favour.The ball was at once run up towards the home goal,and a good shot sent in by Hunter,which went a little wide.A corner kick which fell to the Astonians was without result,as was also an exciting scrimmage in front of goal following a well-managed run up by their right wing.For the most part the contest continued in home territory;but now and again there was a breakaway,and on one of these occasions Higgins distinguished himself by dribbling the leather in fine style past half a dozen opponents down to the vicinity of their goal.It was taken back,however,cleverly centred by Whateley,and sent between the posts by Hunter.Play had then been in progress about twenty minutes.The Swifts got the ball away to the other end,but it was promptly brought back,and sent in by Roberts,but the wind carried it just over the bar.Nothing more was achieved before half time.The contest had barely been resumed,however,when Hunter scored the second goal from a splendid long shot;and five minutes later Roberts put on another from a centre by Davis and close upon that Hunter ran the ball down and put it through once more,making a total of four,three of which had been got in less than ten minutes.The Swifts made vigorous attempts to retrieve their adverse fortunes,and succeeded in making a few shots,some of which failed,principally owing to the effect of the wind,whilst others were foiled by the vigilance of the backs and goalkeeper.Twenty minutes from half time the fifth goal for the visitors was secured by Vaughton off Whateley,and just afterwards Mills got the ball past the opposing forces,and transferred it to T.Farmer,who put it through,taking the first and only goal obtained by the Swifts.Play continued fast to the end,and perhaps more even than in the earlier stages,but no change in the score was made,and the match ended in favour of the visitors by five goals to one."

AN:"The meeting of these two rival clubs in the first round of the National Cup competition took place on the Chuckery Gound,Walsall,on Saturday last.As the Swifts and the Villa are respectively the two first teams in the central district at the present time,great interest was manifested in the match,upwards of 6,000 spectators being present,including a very large majority of visitors from Birmingham.The loss of poor little +Yates was a severe blow to the Walsall Club,and with him absent the team is undoubtedly considerably weakened.Aldridge also was severely indisposed,and quite unfit to play,circumstances which tended very considerably to reduce the Swifts chances of success. On the other hand the Villa Club were without the aid of Arthur Brown,which necessitated an alteration in the composition of the team,by playing five forwards and three half backs,G.Price,an ex-Excelsior man being the new addition.All things considered,the Birmingham representatives were decidedly the favourites,and a good deal of betting took place as to the result,2 to 1 being freely laid on the Villa.At the outset the leather was forced into the Villa ground,and kicked over the line,and from the goal kick the Villa forwards came away in a body,Archie Hunter in particular displaying his dribbling powers to the very best advantage; and three times in succession the Walsall stronghold was fiercely assailed,but mainly through the efforts of the famous Jones,the Villa were non-plussed in their efforts to score.After about twenty minutes fast and exciting play,Whateley sent in one of his daisy cutters,which the custodian,Phillips,intercepted in the nick of time,and the ball travelled to mid-field,but a few seconds later Archie had possession,and dribbling in grand style,he eluded the home backs,and finished up with an express shot,which Phillips was unable to stop,thus scoring the first point for the Villa,amidst great excitement.Directly after re-starting Roberts got well within striking distance,and appeared to have the goal at his mercy,but his final attempt was rather badly made,and went spinning over the top.At half time no further score had been effected.On restarting the home players dashed off in the direction of the Villa goal,and made a momentary attack.Riddell kicked over the line in defence,and gave a corner,taken by Reitch Davis,who placed the ball some distance away,and Roberts and "Eli" sped off down the left wing,the former middling well to "Archie",and after a few interchanges in the Swifts dominion,the Villa captain got possession, and with a long swift shot sent the sphere spinning between the uprights for a second time.From the kick off "Eli" rushed away and centred to Whateley,who promptly added a third point.Even play followed for a short period,and then Archie Hunter made another brilliant dribbling run down the centre and scored a fourth goal with one of his greased lightning shots.The brilliant combination displayed by the Villa at this period of the game was a treat to witness,and so well did the whole set of forwards work that the Walsall backs were constantly employed in repulsing the attack.Vaughton then gained the fifth goal.Eventually,after a brief struggle in from goal,Farmer scored the first point for the Swifts.From now till the call of "Time" the game was continued with unabated vigour,but no further chance took place,and the Villa were left victors by five goals to one."

Walsall Observer 17/11/83 P.5:"These teams met on Saturday last,at Walsall,to play off their tie for the English Cup.Several of the home team were greatly out of form,and the Villa proved victors by five goals to one."

+Sporting Life 12/11/83 P.4:"owing to the death of Yates(lately a member of the Swifts' team)the representatives of the Swifts were not in good form."

Walsall Swifts:+D.Phillips(Goal);A.Aldridge,A.Jones(Capt.)(Backs);W.Brandrick,+G.Morris(Half Backs); Reitch Davis,J.Farmer(Right),T.Farmer,S.Mills(Centres),J.Higgins,H.Dyoss(Left). +Contra History

Aston Villa:A.(F.)Vale(Goal);J.Simmonds,T.Riddell(Backs);C.W.Apperley,G.Price,F.(H.H.)Dawson (Half Backs);O.Whateley,(O.)H.Vaughton(Right),Archie Hunter(Capt.)(Centre),Eli.C.Davis, W.(D.)Roberts (Left).

(BDP :no initials)(Aston Villa Complete Record History:bracketed initials taken from History index but R.Price from 1884 appears wrong as SDT/AN/SM all have G.Price:Ex-Excelsior man as per AN Report:also listed as J.Price)

Umpires:W.M'Gregor for Aston Villa and A.Stokes for Walsall.
Referee:C.Crump(President,Birmingham & District F.A.)

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 4 (J.B.Brodie 2,J.Griffiths 2) LONG EATON RANGERS 1(Not traced)(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Oct 27th)

TRY WOLVERHAMPTON CHRONICLE

Nottingham Evening Post 29/10/83 P.4/Derby Mercury 31/10/83 P.8/Bell's Life 3/11/83 P.4/Sporting Life 29/10/83 P4/Referee 28/10/83 P.5-6/Athletic News 31/10/83 P.3:

NEP/DM/REF:"Played at Wolverhampton on Saturday.The Rangers,starting well,scored first,and the Wanderers soon followed.The goal,however,was disallowed by the referee.On changing ends,the home team asserted their supremacy,and wearing their opponents down,won easily by four goals to one.This is the first time for two years that the Rangers have been defeated."

BL:"The Rangers soon scored,and a point gained by the Wanderers was disallowed.On changing ends the home team did better,and,wearing their opponents down,won easily by four goals to one."

AN:"These teams met in the first round of the above competition,at Wolverhampton,on Saturday.The visitors came with a strong team,and a great reputation,as they had not suffered defeat for two seasons.Great interest was taken in the match,about 3,000 spectators being assembled on the ground.The Rangers in the first half had slightly the best of the play,scoring a goal to their opponents' nil.After the change of end,however,the Wanderers made determined efforts to score,and eventually goals were obtained by Griffiths(2)and Brodie(2),and thus the home team remained victorious by four goals to one."(No teams)

Wolverhampton:I.Griffiths(Goal);T.Cliff,C.Mason(Backs);J.M.Baynton,A.Davidson,A.Blackham (Half Backs); J.Hill,A.Lowder,J.B.Brodie(Capt.),E.Hadley,J.Griffiths.(Brodie is no 7 in REF)

(NEP/DM have a different forwards order)

Long Eaton:T.H.Bestwick(Goal);J.H.Dennis,G.C.Winfield(Backs);W.Hexter,J.Orchard,W.G.Newsum (Half Backs);H.Wallis,T.S.Vessey,A.Smith,F.K.Wallis,J.H.Cooke(Forwards).

(NEP/REF specified defence positions but forwards order unspecified)(BL/SL/REF have 2 Wallace for 2 Wallis)

Umpire:Dallard for Wolverhampton Wanderers and Turner for Long Eaton.Referee:J.H.Cofield.

DERBY MIDLAND,a bye

THIRD DIVISION

Blackburn Olympic v Darwen Ramblers

Blackburn Park Road v Low Moor

Accrington v Blackpool

Padiham v Lower Darwen

Darwen v Church

Clitheroe v South Shore

Blackburn Rovers v Southport

BLACKBURN OLYMPIC 5(A.Matthews 2,J.Yates 2,T.Dewhurst) DARWEN RAMBLERS 1 (T.Kenyon)
(H.T. 2-0)(At Hole i'- th'- Wall Ground ,Blackburn)(Tues Oct 16th)

+N.B .B.S. gives 2nd goal to Costley not Yates,and Darwen goal to Smith not Kenyon.

N.B.Olympic History states that this tie was due to take place in early November,but Darwen Ramblers agreed to bring it forward in return for £10 and a return match:they wanted to "Cup-tie" Costley and any other "roving" players as soon as possible

Blackburn Times 20/10/83 P.6/Blackburn Standard 20/10/83 P.3/Bell's Life 20/10/83 P.4/
Manchester Courier 17/10/83 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 17/10/83 P.4/Sheffield Independent
17/10/83 P.4/York Herald 17/10/83 P.8/Athletic News 24/10/83 P.3(No proper report)/Sporting Life
17/10/83 P.4/Bolton Evening News 17/10/83 (No proper report)/Sportsman 17/10/83 P.4:

BT:"The holders of the Football Association Challenge Cup played their first tie in the above competition on their own ground at Hole-i'th'-Wall,Blackburn on Tuesday afternoon in the presence of about 200 spectators.The visitors won the toss and chose to play with the ground in their favour in the first half.Hunter kicked off for the Olympic,who,with the exception of Costley and the half backs,played a poor game throughout.Owing to the good back play of Blackledge and Turner,and the smart goalkeeping of Moss,40 minutes of the first half had elapsed before Matthews scored,after making a good run.A minute later Yates added a second goal.Ten minutes after the change of ends, Yates ,by a hard shot,scored a third goal,and a fourth was added shortly afterwards by Matthews. Ten minutes before time Dewhurst,by a splendid shot,scored a fifth goal.The visitors were pressed for a few minutes,but their forwards broke away,and *A.Kenyon made a sharp low shot into the Olympic goal.The custodian did not catch the leather properly,but Yates rushed up and kicked the ball out.The Ramblers claimed a goal,and upon being appealed to the referee allowed the claim."

*T.Kenyon

BS:"The first match of the first round in the English Cup ties was played between these teams on the Hole-i'th'-Wall ground yesterday afternoon,both being fairly represented.The ground was in bad condition,but notwithstanding this drawback a very fair game was played.About 400 persons were present.The kick off took place about 3.30 by +Halliwell,the Olympians playing uphill.The Ramblers returned the ball immediately in good earnest,and they played a very good game for the first fifteen minutes.Several runs were made into the home territory,and shots sent in only to be returned by the backs of the Olympians,who played in fine form.A tremendous onslaught by the home forwards, however,turned the tables completely on the Ramblers,and ended in Matthews scoring the first goal.Hard play continued,but the Ramblers were still held in check,the Olympians,after a short

time,being credited with a second goal,which was splendidly kicked by +Costley.Half time was shortly afterwards called.Ends having been changed,hostilities were renewed,and from the way the Darwen men exerted themselves it was evident there would still be an exciting struggle for victory. Eventually the Olympians worked themselves to the front,and a capital run by Yates ended in a third goal being notched to the credit of the "Light Blues".The game now became more interesting,the Olympians showing fine play,and on the other hand the Ramblers making strenuous efforts to score.Both teams worked hard to improve their position.The superior play of the home team began to tell,and they again gained the upper hand,and pressing their opponents rather severely succeeded in gaining a fourth goal,Matthews giving the last touch to a splendid shot by Costley.This was followed by another from the foot of Dewhurst,who sent in a clinking shot.After a time the visitors succeeded in getting the ball up the left wing,from whence it was sent in the goal by Kenyon. A severe scrimmage ensued,resulting in +Smith kicking the first and only goal for his team.Time was then called,and the home team left the field victorious by five goals to one."

MC/SDT/SI/YH:"At Blackburn yesterday,these teams met in the first round of the above competition.It was not until after 40 minutes' play that a score was made,the home team securing the first point,followed a minute later,by a goal by Yates.The Olympians continued to have all the best of the game,and ultimately won by five goals to one."

SM:"Neither side scored until forty minutes after the start,when Matthews scored the first goal for the home team,followed a minute later by a goal by Yates.After change of ends,Yates,Matthews,and Dewhurst in turn,scored for the Olympic,while Kenyon secured a goal for the Ramblers,who, nevertheless,were beaten by five goals to one."

Blackburn Olympic:W.Whitehead(Goal),W.Parker,J.T.Ward(Backs),W.Astley,J.Hunter(Capt.), T.Gibson(Half Backs),T.(A.)Dewhurst,A.Matthews(Right Wing),+A.Birtwistle(Centre),J.Yates, J.Costley(Left Wing).(BT/BEN specified positions)

+N.B Blackburn Olympic History 1878-1889 P.57 has this team except has R.Birtwistle,but BS has Birtwistle as a Back for W.Parker,and Halliwell as Centre,kicking off.However,other newspapers reinforce the BT lineup and scorers.Both R. and A. played for Olympic but R. was an umpire for Rovers this season

Darwen Ramblers:W.Moss(Goal);J.Blackledge,J.T.Turner(Backs);J.Lomax,H.Eccles,J.Yates(Half Backs); T.Earl(e),T.Kenyon(Right Wing),S.Smith(Centre),A.Kenyon,G.Preston(Left Wing).(BT/BS specified positions and BS initials)

Umpires: L.Monk for Blackburn Olympic and J.Earle for Darwen Ramblers.
Referee:W.Kirkham(Darwen).

BLACKBURN PARK ROAD 6 (J.Holden 3,A.Mackereth,J.Holt,*J.Grimshaw)CLITHEROE LOW MOOR 0(H.T. 6-0) (Sat Oct 27th)(At Audley Hall Ground,Park Road,Blackburn)(*BT has Hartley)

Blackburn Times 3/11/83 P.6/Blackburn Standard 3/11/83 P.6/Bell's Life 3/11/83 P.4/Manchester Courier 29/10/83 P.3(No lineups)/Athletic News 31/10/83 P.3/Sporting Life 29/10/83 P.4:

BT:"These teams met to decide their tie on the Audley Hall Ground,Blackburn,on Saturday,in the presence of about 500 supporters.The visitors won the toss,and chose to play down the incline in

the first half. Holden kicked off, and two minutes from the start scored a goal, and four minutes later secured a second point. Low Moor played rather pluckily for some time, but their efforts were frustrated. On the Roadsters returning to the attack, Mackereth, by a beautiful screw shot, scored a third goal for the home team. A fourth goal was scored by Holden from a scrimmage, and then Holt got a fifth. The home team continued to attack the Low Moor citadel, and a few minutes before half time *Hartley scored from a scrimmage. The second half was well fought, the visitors' backs and goalkeeper playing in splendid manner, and notwithstanding all their efforts, the home team were unable to score. Park Road won by six goals to none."

AN: "Considerable interest was taken in this match, which was played on the Park-road Ground on Saturday, and a very large number of spectators assembled on the field in anticipation of witnessing an exciting match, seeing that Low Moor had played so well in their former matches. The home team lost the toss, but so well did they commence that in two minutes after the start a goal stood to their credit, Holden putting the ball between. Low Moor could not get beyond mid-field for a long time, and the same player as before scored again for the home team. This aroused the visitors, who put in a few tidy runs, but Walmsley frustrated their efforts to score by playing a fine game. A corner now fell to Park-road, but the leather was got away, Bury and Eastwood defending well. Coming again to the fore, however, the home forwards took matters in hand, Mackereth registering a third point by a fine screw kick. Holden ran up a fourth goal, and Holt registered a fifth from a scrimmage. Before half time Grimshaw made a sixth goal for the home team. This one-sided state of affairs terminated with half-time, and in the last portion a pretty even game was played, but neither side scored, and the game ended in a win for Park-road by six goals to nil."

MC/SL: "These teams decided their tie at Blackburn on Saturday in the presence of a large number of spectators (NEP 29/10/83 P.4 (No lineups): "in the presence of 1,000 spectators"). In the first half, although playing up hill, the Park Road team scored six goals—Holden (3), +Grimshaw, Holt and Mackereth. The second half was well-contested, but as there was no further score made, Park Road won by six goals to none." (BL almost identical report)

Park Road: W. Wilson (Goal); J. A. Pickup, J. Walmsley (Backs); J. Hartley, J. Grimshaw, J. Nuttall (Half Backs); A. Mackereth, J. Holt (Right Wing), J. Holden (Centre), H. Tootill, J. Slater (Left Wing).

Low Moor: G. Dewhurst (Goal); R. Swarbrick, J. Robinson (Backs); W. Bury, J. W. Eastwood (Half Backs); D. Wrigley, E. Halsall (Right Wing), R. Tomlinson, E. Chippendale (Centres), J. Wrigley, J. H. Chippendale (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Holden for Park Road and D. Oddie for Low Moor.

Referee: Tom Hindle (Lancashire Football Association)

ACCRINGTON 4 (Hacking, Bryce 2, Hargreaves) BLACKPOOL ST JOHN'S 0 (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Nov 10th)

Liverpool Mercury 12/11/83 P.3/Blackburn Standard 17/11/83 P.7 (No teams)/Athletic News 14/11/83 P.3 (No teams)/Accrington Gazette 17/10/83 P.3 (No teams):

LM: "This match was played at Accrington on Saturday afternoon, but the seaside representatives, who were so easily beaten by the Blackburn Rovers in the Lancashire Cup contest, were thrown out of the National contest by four goals to nil."

AG:"At Accrington,on Saturday,the day was miserably wet and cold,and only a poor muster of spectators assembled.The Reds had matters pretty much their own way,although at times the Blackpool men became dangerous.Twenty-two minutes elapsed ere Hacking scored for the home team,and at half-time the game was 1 to nil.On resuming,Bryce added a second and a third,and before time Hargreaves a fourth,the Accrington men winning 4 goals to nil.Deakin and Bryce played a smart forward game,though the latter was at times unnecessarily selfish."

RECORDS ARE A MESS ANOTHER ACCRINGTON PAPER?Blackpool paper

AN:"This tie was played on the Accrington ground on Saturday last,in bad weather.Very little interest was manifested in the game as it was thought an easy matter for Accrington winning,for on the Saturday previous the Blackburn Rovers' second team had defeated Blackpool by eight goals to nil.Nevertheless,the home team put a strong eleven in the field,and the game was much better contested than could have been expected,Blackpool several times forcing Accrington to look about them.Commencing in the centre,Accrington were the first to become aggressive,Bryce landing the ball well to his forwards,who made a raid on the visitors' goal,but danger was averted.Then Blackpool endeavoured to break away,only,however,to have their course impeded by Chippendale.Hindle and Whittaker also put in some tidy play.Some good passing by the Accrington forwards at length put the first decisive touch to the game,after which the 'reds"did most of the pressing,winning the game by four goals to nil.In the last half Bryce played rather a selfish game."

Accrington:J.Chew(Goal);W.J.Whittaker,J.Hindle(Backs);G.Hawarth,R.Bryce,P.Chippendale(Half Backs); J.Wilkinson,J.Hargreaves,Eastham,Hacking,Deakin.

(ACR order)(LM different order)(ACR/AFS both have Hacking and Deakin (for Bishop and Macbeth in LM who were the regular Left Wing pair)so have gone as per them)(AFS has a different order and wrongly has A.Wilkinson :also has F.W.Hargreaves for J.Hargreaves in this and second round but always J.Hargreaves in ACR lineups so have used) W.Chew?

Blackpool:Graham(Goal);Ross,Bailey(Backs);Sparrow,Parr,Walsh(Half Backs); S.Whittaker,Moss,G.Whittaker,Curry,Whiteside(Forwards)(LM).

AFS has completely different team :Craven;T.Westall,L.Bailey,W.Whiteside,T.Parr,G.Whittaker, R.Smith,J.Whiteside,R.Baron,S.Whittaker,H.Moss.

PADIHAM 3 LOWER DARWEN 1 (Sat Not 3rd)

Darwen News 10/11/83/Athletic News 7/11/83 P.3/Burnley Express 10/11/83 P.3 and P.8/Sportsman 5/11/83 P.4/Sporting Life 5/11/83 P.4/Manchester Courier 5/11/83 P.3:

NO TEAMS TRACED

DN:"In the first round of the English Cup Competition these teams met at Padiham,where a large number of people turned out,for these teams are old rivals,and have fought many a hard game with varying success.The match on Saturday was contested most fiercely,and though fast was of a very even character,each set of forwards working hard and having opportunities in turn.At scoring, however,the Padiham were more accurate in their shooting for goal to which must be attributed the result.Padiham,3 goals;Lower Darwen,1."

AN(Page 3):"This interesting cup tie was played on Saturday on the Padiham ground,and so much had the home supporters looked forward to the match,that they turned out to the extent of 2,000.Lower Darwen,by their previous good displays,bar their match with Witton,having made a bit of a name for themselves,and turning up with a strong team,they thought they possessed some chance of victory. The Padiham team,however,when in its entirety,are a very bad lot to beat,and they played a rattling game on Saturday,and won by three goals to one."

AN(Page 8):"A great amount of interest was manifested in the English Cup tie match between Padiham and Lower Darwen,the latter being thought able to force matters a little,and make the match an exciting one.The home team,however,were very sanguine of victory,as they were bound to be,seeing as they had such a strong eleven on the field.Notwithstanding that,though,Lower Darwen after all ran them a tight race,having almost as much of the game as Padiham;but the latter,being cleverer in front of goal,won an exciting match by three goals to one.The Duckworths played well for Lower Darwenand the Thompsons and Hacking played well for Padiham."

MC/BE/SM/SL:"In the first round of the competition for the National Association Challenge Cup, these teams met at Padiham on Saturday,in the presence of a great crowd of spectators.The Lower Darwen men went over with a good reputation,but the Padiham players,who are making a good name this season,proved themselves the superior club.The passing of their forwards and the strong kicks of the backs,stood the home team in good stead,and they won an exciting game by three goals to one."(No teams)

Burnley Express 3/11/83 P.3:"Padiham plays its English cup tie to-day,with Lower Darwen,and,in accordance with the new rule,have nominated Harper to play with them,but I fancy the sturdy "Jimmy's" presence will be required elsewhere."

Burnley Express 10/11/83 Page 8("Football Notes"):"Padiham knocked Lower Darwen out of the English Cup by 3 goals to 1.The match was well-contested,I hear,though three or four of the Padiham players were lamed during the first half of the game,Gallagher and Nobin' being especially unfortunate."

DARWEN 2(J.Shorrock 2) CHURCH 2(A.Walton,J.W.Gregson)(H.T. 2-1) (Sat Oct 27th)(At Darwen)

Athletic News 31/10/83 P.3/Blackburn Times 3/11/83 P.6/Blackburn Standard 3/11/83 P.6/Manchester Courier 29/10/83 P.3/Sporting Life 29/10/83 P.4/Bell's Life 3/11/83 P.4/Sportsman 29/10/83 P.4:

AN:"Very great interest was taken in this match,which was played at Darwen on Saturday in favourable weather.Favouritism was about equally balanced,and it resolved entirely into both sides having confidence of winning.Church brought with them a good certificate of form,having easily defeated Padiham the week before,and they certainly played a rattling game.Darwen also played well,and perhaps never before has there been such an exciting match on the Darwen ground,and one so evenly fought.Darwen lost the toss for choice of ends,and in the presence of about 5,000 spectators,M'Guire set motion to the ball about 3.15.After a quarter of an hour's tough fighting,in which neither seemed to have the advantage over the other,Norris and Shorrock put in a fine run on the Darwen left.A scrummage ensued in the Church goal,and Shorrock kicked the ball under, which performance was accompanied by deafening cheers.Darwen for a time now had the upper hand

over Church, pressing them a little, but the defence of the visitors' goal was magnificent, and the home team were driven back without adding an additional point to their former success. With very commendable energy, however, Church worked itself out of the "clutches" of Darwen, and in turn, they gave the home team a taste of stand to your goal lads. Darwen did stand to their goal. Richmond saved some grand shots which Gregson sent in, and Entwistle and Whiteside also defended well. Foiled in their attempts to lower the Darwen colours, Church grew a little impatient, and for the nonce they were driven back, Marshall putting in a splendid run, finishing up with a cross to his left, when Shorrock sent the ball spinning between a second time. A plea for offside was not entertained. With two goals to the bad, things looked uncomfortable for Church but, nothing daunted, all the forwards went in with a will, Fish and H. Richmond having to do some good things at half back to stop them from scoring. Beresford, Crawford, Gregson, and Holden played well just now, and after a raid on the Darwen goal, Church came away again, and amid the cheers of the visitors' supporters, they scored. (BT: "Just as the time for changeover drew near, Gregson and Walton had a run, and the latter player put the leather between the posts.") Half time was next called with the game against Church by two goals to one. Resuming the game in the second half Church at once assumed the offensive and some hot shots were sent in from the left and the centre, which Richmond saved grandly. This pressure continued for a time with the result that Gregson scored the equalising point ten minutes after the re-start. This feat was signalled by wild enthusiasm on the part of the Church supporters. Caps were thrown up in the air, and great cheering was indulged in. It seemed now as if Church would win, for they were playing a good game. Darwen, however, wakened up, and in turn they gave Church some defending to do, but their fortress could not be captured; it was the same at other end, and this very exciting match ended in a draw of two goals each. As the same clubs have a fixture with each other next Saturday at Church, they will no doubt decide to play off their tie again on that date."

MC/SL: "On Saturday the struggle was a tough one. A quarter of an hour after the kick off Shorrock scored the first goal for Darwen, and 20 minutes later the same player scored a second point amid great cheering. The Church team were not by any means discouraged by these reverses, for they played a grand game, and just before half time Walton, aided by Gregson, scored a goal against Darwen amid applause. After the change of ends the Church forwards played up with renewed vigour, and in 10 minutes Gregson made the scores equal. Desperate efforts were put forth by both sides for half an hour, but neither team could score the winning goal, and the result was a drawn game, two goals each."

Darwen: J. Richmond (Goal); R. Entwistle, J. Whiteside (Backs); S. Fish (Capt.), H. Richmond (Half Backs); T. Marshall, J. Whalley (Right Wing), W. McGuire, R. Ashton (Centres), J. Norris, J. (H.) Shorrock (Left Wing)

Church: J. Cowell (Goal); J. Wood, J. Taylor (Backs); W. Wood, W. Young (Half Backs); J. Crawford, J. Beresford (Capt.) (Right Wing), J. Connell, J. Holden (Centres), J. H. Gregson, A. Walton (Left Wing).

Umpires: R. H. Taylor (Darwen) and T. Barnes (Church). Referee: Gowland (Wolverhampton).

REPLAY:

CHURCH 0 DARWEN 1 (+T. Marshall) (H.T. 0-1) (Sat Nov 3rd) (At Church)

+Scorer not certain: see reports below

Manchester Courier 5/11/83 P.3/Blackburn Standard 10/11/83 P.3/Blackburn Times 10/11/83 P.7/Athletic News 7/11/83 P.3/Bell's Life 10/11/83 P.4/Morning Post 5/11/83 P.2(No lineups)/Sporting Life 5/11/83 P.4/Sportsman 5/11/83 P.4:

MC:".....4,000 spectators witnessed a fierce struggle...."McGuire kicked off for Darwen,and within seven minutes from the start Darwen registered a goal.H.Richmond made the shot for goal,and Marshall put the finishing touch with his knee.After this the Church team had things mostly in their favour,but the defence of the Darwen captain and goalkeeper was faultless,and not one of the many shots took effect.Gregson and Beresford were especially active amongst the Church forwards,and the shots of the former were always straight.The Darwen forwards also played well,but could not score further.During the last five minutes the Church men experienced hard lines in front of the Darwen goal,several hot shots being made from close quarters without going through.The result was a victory for Darwen by one goal to nil."

BT:"Some 3,000 or 4,000 spectators surrounded the enclosure,and exhibited great excitement. McGuire kicked off for Darwen.The Darwen goal was first attacked,and a dangerous shot was made by Walton.Richmond repelled the ball with both hands.Then a scamper along the right wing by Marshall brought Woods' head into play,and as the course of the ball was thus diverted,a running shot by Shorrock sent it into the Church goal,where Connell successfully met it with his toe. H.Richmond shortly afterwards worked the ball from mid-field down the left wing,and made a good long shot for the Church goal.Marshall,weighing his movements,was in a position to apply the coup de grace before the Church defenders could interfere,and so the first and only goal of the match was scored exactly seven minutes after the kick off.Of the rest of the game little can be said,except in the form of an opinion on the play of the respective teams,as there were no more goals scored,though the game was tightly contested for an hour and twenty-three minutes longer."

AN : "The match on Saturday was looked forward to with intense interest,and a special train was run from Darwen to Church,where a very large and enthusiastic concourse of spectators assembled.At the last minute Darwen found they could not have their best team in the field as Norris got hurt in the first match with Church,and a second team man had to take his place-at least,he went on the +right wing,Whalley going to the left.Church won the toss,and played with the wind in the first half.Five minutes of the game had only expired,when the ball was shot under the bar,amid the cheers of the Darwen adherents and the dismay of the home supporters.The last half of the game opened badly for Church as they had to do without Connell,who got badly hurt.This certainly made a lot of difference to Church,and of course their chance of victory,or even of averting defeat,was very much lessened.Nevertheless,the ten men they had in the field played with a will,and several times they were very near scoring.So were Darwen at the other end,and,like a big tug of war,the game continued in the last half.CConnell at last made his re-appearance,but he was of very little use,and Darwen,amid tremendous excitement,won the match by one goal to nil.The utmost enthusiasm prevailed in Darwen during the night that their team had been able to win,which shows at least that Church is very much respected for its prowess by Darwen folks." +J.Nightingale

BL:"...and in 7 minutes from the start a goal was scored for the visitors,through the aid of H.Richmond,who sent in a splendid shot,though it struck Marshall before passing through the posts."

MP:"Local feeling ran very high,and a crowd of about 5,000 spectators assembled on the Church ground,both teams being the same as last week,with one exception,Norris for Darwen being hurt last week.A very exciting game was played,and at the finish Darwen retired the winners by one goal to nil."

Church:J.Cowell(Goal);J.Wood(Capt.),J.Taylor(Backs);W.Wood,W.Young(Half Backs);
J.Crawford,J.Beresford(Right Wing),J.Connell,J.Holden(Centres),J.H.Gregson,A.Walton(Left Wing).

Darwen:J.Richmond(Goal);R.Entwistle,J.Whiteside(Backs);S(am) Fish(Capt.),H.Richmond(Half Backs);
T.Marshall,J.Nightingale(Right Wing),R.Ashton,W.McGuire(Centres),J.Shorrock,J.Whalley(Left Wing).

Umpires:T.Barnes for Church and E.H.Taylor for Darwen.Referee:J.Lewis(Blackburn Rovers)

CLITHEROE 3 (Lyon,Sutcliffe,Bell)SOUTH SHORE 3 (Bagot,Elston 2)(H.T. 2-1)(At Clitheroe)(Sat Nov 10th)

Blackburn Standard 17/11/83 P.7/Blackpool Herald 16/11/83 P.8/Blackburn Times 17/11/83
P.2(Short report)/Manchester Courier 12/11/83 P3/Athletic News 14/11/83 P.3/Preston Herald
14/11/83 P.6:

BS/PH:"Played on the ground of the former at Clitheroe,in rough weather,the ground being very wet and heavy.The visitors won the toss and chose to play against the wind.The home forwards soon ran up the field with great dash,their efforts being rewarded with a corner kick.The centres,breaking away,passed to Bell on the left,who made one of his noted runs,and passed to Lyon,who,by a splendid shot,dropped the colours of the Shore men.The leather was again run to the home goal,the visitors gaining a corner kick.The home team got the ball away,but it was instantly returned by the visitors,and Bagot registered the first goal for his side in less than two minutes from the home team scoring.Sutcliffe,for the home team,worked the ball well up and finished with a capital shot,making the second goal for the home team.Half time was called with the game standing-Clitheroe,two;South Shore,one.After change of ends the home team ran the ball well down,and secured a corner kick, after which the visitors turned the tables on their opponents,and went with a dash which entirely reversed matters.Elston,for the visitors,made a splendid run,which ended in a corner kick,but the Home team did not allow them to score,taking the ball at a rapid pace towards the visitors' goal, being rewarded with a corner.South Shore now pressed the home team very hard,and looked like running up a large score,securing several corner kicks in succession.They again made a capital run,and Elston registered goal No 2 for the visitors,thus equalising matters.The South Shore forwards now got on the ball,and made a run up the field,one of whom ran and seized the goalkeeper when the ball was at least thirty yards from goal,and Elston shot the leather through, registering No 3.A claim was made for off-side,but the home team umpire claimed for the wrong man,and the referee allowed the goal.After this the home team exhibited some combined play,Bell dashing the ball through and scoring the third goal for the home team.They continued to press the visitors until the finish,the game ending in a draw of three goals each."N.B.BH Report very similar

AN:"Wretched weather was associated with this match at Clitheroe on Saturday.A powerful wind was blowing when Clitheroe kicked off.Their forwards at once took possession of the ball,and danger threatened the visitors' fortress.They were temporarily driven back,but Clitheroe going to the fore again with redoubled efforts,scored the first goal in less than five minutes,amid great cheering.

South Shore now forced matters a little, and the home goal was placed in great danger, the backs having plenty to do. The fight continued to be waged in a fierce manner, but Clitheroe displaying the better form were two goals ahead at half-time. After change of ends excitement ran very high as South Shore made the game even. Then Clitheroe scored again, but South Shore were not to be denied, and they chronicled a third point, and after a stiff fight the game ended in a draw of three goals each, though Clitheroe objected to one of the goals, but the decision went against them." (No teams or scorers)

Clitheroe: E.T. Welch (Goal); Kendall, Hargreaves (Backs); Keenan (Capt.), Boothman (Half Backs); Robinson, Lawson (Right Wing), Sutcliffe, Middlebrough (Centres), Lyon, Bell (Left Wing).

South Shore: Wood (Goal); Moore, Walsh (Backs); Hall (Capt.), Cartmell, Johnson (Half Backs); Heaton, Ainsworth (Right Wing), R. Elston (Centre), Bagot, Leach (Left Wing).

Umpires: S. Harrison for Clitheroe and W. Johnson for South Shore. Referee: Mr Gregson (Blackburn)

Replay: Sat Nov 24th:

SOUTH SHORE 3 (Heaton, Elston, +Ainsworth/Leach) CLITHEROE 2 (Lyon, Bell) (H.T. 3-1) (At South Shore)

+BH: "Soon after this, South Shore landed a third goal, Ainsworth and Leach being the means of securing the downfall of the visitors' goal a third time."

Preston Herald 28/11/83 P.6/Blackpool Herald 26/11/83 P.7/Blackburn Times 1/12/83 P.3/Blackburn Standard 1/12/83 P.3 (No scorers)/Bell's Life 1/12/83 P.4 (No teams or scorers)/Athletic News 28/11/83 P.3 (Short Report no teams):

PH: "The visitors won the toss and chose to play against the wind. The visitors' forwards soon came at a rattling pace, and Lyon dashed the ball through, registering the first goal after about two minutes; after this the home team made a good run, and were very near scoring, but they soon after had a corner, and the visitors' forwards getting the ball, secured a corner, and the sphere was returned to mid-field. The home team took the ball at a rattling pace towards the visitors' goal, and Eaton sent the leather between the posts after about 30 minutes' play, thus equalising matters. After this the home team went in with a great amount of dash, and began to press the visitors. At last the ball was worked away, when Elston by a straight run, from goal to goal, registered goal number two for the home team. Getting in close proximity to the visitors' goal a scrimmage took place out of which they registered goal number three. Immediately after half-time was called, the game standing three to one. After change of ends Sutcliffe kicked off for the visitors. They at once menaced the home goal, and secured a corner. The Shore men broke the ball away, but Keenan dashed in and returned the leather, and the visitors' forwards ran it smartly up to the home goal, but they were unable to get one through. The visitors again dashed in, and by some splendid combined passing, put the home goal in great danger. The home team playing a good game, Bell dashed at the home fortress, and lowered its colours for the second time. The visitors ran down the field and looked like scoring again, receiving a corner for their efforts. Continuing to press the home goal, the goal keeper running out with the ball in his hands, and a free kick allowed for the visitors and a scrimmage in goal, when the goalkeeper deliberately struck three of the visitors. The Shore men now made one more good run, but were unable to score in the second half, though they had the wind and ground in their favour. The visitors

ran up a total of twelve corners to the home team four. The second goal of the home team being disputed- the game ending- South Shore three, Clitheroe two."

BT: "Played on the ground of the latter (South Shore) before 500 spectators. Having made a "draw" at Clitheroe, they had to play again in the first round. The visitors ran up to the home goal, but the backs returned the leather. A return was made and Lyon dashed the ball through, registering the first goal two minutes from the start. The Shore men soon made a run towards the visitors' goal and were rewarded with a corner kick, which proved valueless. Bell, for the visitors, made a good run, but unfortunately he got too near the touchline and sent the ball out. The home team took the ball towards the visitors' goal, and Eaton sent the ball between the posts after about 30 minutes' play. After this the home team went in with a great amount of dash, and began to press the visitors. "Hands" being claimed near the visitors' goal, a free kick was allowed, which resulted in a corner, but the visitors at once worked the ball out of danger, and here exhibited the best play of the whole game passing in grand style. The Clitheroe men sent in some good shots several of which grazed the posts. At last the ball was worked away when Elston by a straight run from goal to goal registered No 2 for the home team. Getting in close proximity to the visitors' goal, a scrimmage took place, out of which the Shore men registered their third goal. The home men continued to play rather roughly, and the game became exciting. The visitors, who were playing a good game, ran up, and Bell dashed at the home fortress, and scored the second goal for the visitors. The ball in motion again, the visitors once more dashed down the field, and seemed like scoring, and again received a corner for their efforts, but they made nothing from it. The visitors ran up a total of 12 corners, to the home team 4, the second goal of the latter being disputed."

AN: "These teams met in the first round of the competition on Saturday, when a very rough and unpleasant game ended in favour of the home team by three goals to two."

South Shore: Wood (Goal), R. Moore, Dakin (Backs), Walsh, Cartmell, Hall (Capt.) (Half Backs); Ainsworth, Heaton (Right Wing), Elston (Centre), Bagot, Leach (Left Wing).

N.B. BH has some misspellings in its reports : Eaton and Cartman wrong for Heaton and Cartmell

(B. Moore in PH) BH has E

Clitheroe: Welch (Goal); Kendall, Hargreaves (Backs); Keenan (Capt.), Boothman (Half Backs); Robinson, Lawson (Right Wing), Sutcliffe, Eastham (Centres), Lyon, Bell (Left Wing) (BT specified positions).

Umpires: W. Johnson for South Shore and S. Harrison for Clitheroe. Referee: R. P. Gregson (Blackburn)

BLACKBURN ROVERS 7 (J. Douglas 2, J. M. Lofthouse, J. Duckworth, J. E. Sowerbutts, G. Avery 2)
SOUTHPORT 0 (H. T. 4-0) (At Leamington Ground, Blackburn) (Sat 20th Oct)

Blackburn Times 27/10/83 P.7/Blackburn Standard 27/10/83 P.6/Manchester Courier 22/10/83 P.3 /
Liverpool Mercury 22/10/83 P.7/Preston Herald 24/10/83 P.4/Leeds Mercury 22/10/83 P.3/Bell's
Life 27/10/83 P.4/Athletic News 24/10/83 P.3/Sportsman 23/10/83 P.4/Sporting Life 22/10/83 P.4:

BT: "In the first round of this season's competition for the Football Association Challenge Cup the Blackburn Rovers were drawn against Southport, and the match was played in the presence of about

600 spectators, on the Leamington Ground, Blackburn, on Saturday afternoon. The Rovers were again without the services of Brown, who is indisposed. It was expected that they would make a large score, but the defence of the visitors was very good for the team of a new club, while the shooting of the Rovers at goal was exceedingly bad, and as a consequence the scoring was light. Indeed, the game proved somewhat akin to a farce, and the spectators were for the greater part of the time laughing either at the futile attempts of the visitors to tackle the home team or at the poor efforts of the latter to score. The first point was secured by Douglas thirteen minutes from the start, the Rovers playing against a strong wind, with the slope of the ground in their favour. Six minutes later Lofthouse scored the second goal, and in the last ten minutes of the first half two more points were secured by Duckworth (by a beautiful shot) and Sourbutts. Twenty-eight minutes of the second half elapsed before the score was increased, but then Avery twice scored in rapid succession and, Douglas subsequently adding a further point, the Rovers won by seven goals to nil."

BS: "The Rovers played their first match in the English Cup competition with Southport, on the Leamington Grounds, Blackburn, on Saturday. There was a moderate attendance of spectators. The result of the match was a foregone conclusion, and the only point about which there was any difference of opinion, was as to the number of goals the home team would win by. Ten was generally stated, whilst others went as high as twenty. Owing, however to the over anxiety of certain members of the Rovers' team to score, these anticipations were not realised. Of course, play was all one-sided, the visitors, by their primitive method, showing that they have a deal to learn yet before they can be considered fit to play any first-class team. Only once or twice did they break away and put the home team in danger, and then they did not appear to know what to do with the ball. One good point for which they deserve credit is the manner in which they defended their goal. On the other hand the Rovers sent in innumerable bad shots at goal, and all these circumstances combined to provoke considerable amusement for the onlookers. At half-time the Rovers had scored four goals, and three more were added before the game was concluded."

AN: "Speculatively speaking there was not much interest manifested in this match, which took place at Blackburn on Saturday, though when the game became a reality the spectators seemed highly delighted with the match. Southport cut a much better figure than anyone gave them the credit of their being able to do, their defence being particularly good. Brown was again absent from the Rovers, but his place was well filled by Sowerbutts. The game does not call for any lengthened description of the play, for it was one-sided, the Rovers as a rule being very faulty in their shooting for goal, but at the finish they had won by seven goals to none."

Blackburn Rovers: J.W.H. Arthur (Goal); J. Beverley, F. Suter (Backs); J.H. Forrest, H. McIntyre (Half Backs); J. Duckworth, J. Douglas (Right Wing), J.E. Sowerbutts, T. Strachan (Centres), J.M. Lofthouse, G. Avery (Left Wing). (BT specified order)

Southport: S. Platt (Goal); H. Baxter, T.B. Burnett (Backs); R.L. Rylands, A.B. Dalby, E. Ramsbotham (Half Backs); T. Morris, J. Melross, (Right Wing), W.T. Whittaker (Centre), P. Mellor, J.(I.) Briggs (Left Wing).

N.B. Initials carefully researched and MC Lineup correct except got J.T. Briggs

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Umpires:R.Birtwistle for Blackburn Rovers and R.W.T.Hatch for Southport.

Referee:Tom Hindle (Lancashire Association).

FOURTH DIVISION:

Halliwel v Eagley

Bolton Wanderers v Bolton Olympic

Great Lever v Astley Bridge

Hurst v Turton

Rossendale v Irwell Springs

Bolton Association v Bradshaw

Preston North End(a bye)

HALLIWELL 2 (E.Crossley,Gabbutt) EAGLEY 5 (Headley Morris,"from a free kick",
W.Corless,J.Haslam,T.Sculthorpe)(H.T. 1-1)(Sat Oct 13th)(Bennett's Ground,Halliwel)

Bolton Evening News 15/10/83 P.4/Manchester Courier 15/10/83 P.3/Athletic News 17/10/83
P.3/Bell's Life 20/10/83 P.4:

BEN:"On Saturday considerable interest was taken in the match played on the Bennett's Ground,Halliwel,between Halliwel and Eagley,in the first round of the English Challenge Cup competition.There was a fair attendance of spectators.Halliwel won the toss,and Sculthorpe,for Eagley,kicked off against a strong wind.The presence of Fred Hamer at back was welcomed by the Halliwelians as he early distinguished himself by some good play;but the attack of the Eagley forwards was so sharp and persistent that within the space of a minute from the kick-off the ball was put through by Hedley Morris on the right amid a ringing cheer from the Eagley partisans.In a minute or two after the ball being started E.Crossley was temporarily disabled,but he soon recovered and took his place again on the right.Dearden made a bad shot at goal,and the ball being run down was kept several minutes in the Halliwel quarters,and Bateson had his hands full.The play was at this time very fast and exciting,and the kicking so vigorous and without judgment that the ball was several times sent over the pavilion,some delay being occasioned before the leather was recovered again.From a corner by Foole,Walsh kicked over the bar,followed by Morris,who twice sent it spinning over the cross-bar.Some sharp play next took place in the Eagley end,and E.Crossley made things even,the ball being through the posts,when it was struck out again by Rothwell,and the goal was allowed.Jefferson headed a corner,but the goal was saved,and another chance occurring,Walsh mulled it by kicking over the bar.Rothwell saved several times,and then the ball was run up to the opposite quarters,but the goal was disallowed on a claim of off-side.Half time was then called,with the game one,one.On the resumption of the play Eagley scored goal No 2,from a free kick a few yards from the post,and this was followed quickly by one from Corless,and another from Haslam,making four for Eagley against one for Halliwel.The ball then travelled into the Eagley end,and after some dilly-dallying by Walsh,Gabbutt,put the ball through,making two for Halliwel. Sculthorpe next scored a fifth for Eagley,and this was the state of the game at the close,Halliwel being thus thrown out of the competition by Eagley."

MC:"This match was played at Halliwel on Saturday,and created the greatest interest,being largely attended.In the first half one goal each was scored,and in the second,by the fine play of the Eagley forwards the visitors scored four more goals to Halliwel one,thus winning by five goals to two,and

gaining an entrance into the second round.J.T.Young ,the well-known “Tich”,was playing at back on behalf of Eagley.”

SDT 15/10/83 P.4(No lineups):”These teams met at Halliwell on Saturday in the first round for the English Cup.Eagley played only local men,while their opponents have been secured from various parts of Lancashire.”

Halliwell:+C.Bateson(Goal);Hopwood,Fred Hamer(Backs);W.Foole(Capt.),H.Crossley(Half Backs); T.Jefferson,E.Crossley(Right Wing),J.Walsh,Gabbutt(Centres),Dearden,J.Twist(Left Wing).

+B.Bateson?

Eagley:J.Rothwell(Goal);J.T.(“Tich”)Young,J.Durham(Capt.)(Backs);F.Jones,W.Hall,E.Jones(Half Backs);Headley Morris,J.Haslam(Right Wing),Thomas Sculthorpe(Centre),R.Hall,W.Corless(Left Wing).

Umpires:S.Settle for Halliwell and J.Hall for Eagley.Referee:W.T.Dixon(Turton).

BOLTON WANDERERS 9 (W.G.Struthers 3 ,Scholes,J.K.Davenport,W.Steel 2,J.Gleaves,T.Howarth)
BOLTON OLYMPIC 0 (H.T. 0-0)(Sat Nov 10th)(At Pike’s Lane,Bolton)

Bolton Evening News 12/11/83 P.4/Manchester Courier 12/11/83 P.3/Athletic News 14/11/83 P.3:

BEN:”A blustering day,small gate,inequality of calibre,and consequent little excitement combined to make this fixture at Pike’s lane on Saturday a very tame affair.One redeeming feature was the mirth occasioned by the wind controlled conduct of the ball,which blew “where it listed” regardless of the players’ efforts.The Wanderers lost the toss,so that if the Olympic were to do any good it must necessarily be accomplished in the first half with the elements in their favour.As it turned out, however,they had as much as they could do to prevent their opponents from scoring,without devoting much time to piling up their own total,which,by the way,never had a foundation.Struthers made a shy at goal,and was followed by Burgess,the leather rolling into Tom Hay’s hands from the corner flag.Howarth and Gleaves came away,and Struthers had a second attempt,but was forced out by Pilkington,who with Schofield played a very fair back game throughout.Then nearly all the Wanderers’ forwards pounded at the goal in succession with no result.Steel made a pretty run right through the backs but his final effort was a failure.Blackledge and Domain were amongst the most prominent for the Olympic.The latter got into Wanderers’ territory at length,and were favoured with about six corners-and a lost ball.With a new leather Tom Howarth all but got the better of Openshaw,and then half-time brought a cessation without any point having been gained.With the change of ends came the “mug of tar” as a Wanderers’ supporter graphically put it.Description is needless.With the exception of one corner,though playing up pluckily to the end,Olympic were never in it.The Wanderers greatly enjoyed the “goal shooting practice”,and in the end won by nine to nil,Struthers being credited with three,Steel,two,and Scholes,Davenport,Gleaves,and Howarth, one each.The game was good-tempered,with one exception,the Olympic disputing the referee’s ruling on a claim of off-side about the first goal.”

MC:”There were about 700 present.Struthers kicked off against the wind which was blowing “great guns”.From the half flag Burgess shot right into Hay’s hands.Struthers shortly after had a try from a pass by Fallon,but kicked outside.The wind gave the Olympic the first corner.Howarth and Gleaves

came away, and struggled up to the other end, where the Wanderers had a corner, Struthers having been previously robbed by Pilkington. Demaine shot in, and Hay calmly watched the ball strike the post—a rather dangerous proceeding. Then all the Wanderers' forwards had a shy without success. The Olympic had some half-dozen corners, all in a heap. At half time no goals had been scored. On kicking off again Struthers rushed down, and there was a stiff fight under the Olympic posts. Struthers landed the leather through almost immediately. "Offside" was claimed, and the Olympic all but threatened to leave the field, but matters were "arranged". Struthers soon kicked a second, Scholes a third, and Davenport the fourth, Steel the fifth, Gleaves headed a sixth, Steel headed the seventh, Howarth kicked the eighth, Struthers the ninth, and a farcical rollicking game ended in favour of the Wanderers by nine to nothing."

Bolton Wanderers: T. Hay (Goal); J. McKernan, J. Powell (Backs); J. Gleaves, J. Kennedy, J. K. Davenport (Half Backs); T. Howarth, J. Fallon (Right Wing), W. G. Struthers (Centre), W. Steel, J. Scholes (Left Wing).

Bolton Olympic: J. S. Openshaw (Goal); Schofield, Pilkington (Backs); T. Lee, Blackledge, Connolly (Half Backs); R. Demaine, J. Austin (Right Wing), R. Bateson (Centre), S. Burgess, J. Ogden (Left Wing).

GREAT LEVER 4 ("scrummage", Hardman, Rostron, Howarth) ASTLEY BRIDGE 1 (Unknown)
(H.T. 0-1) (Sat Oct 20th) (At Great Lever Ground, at Woodside)

Bolton Evening News 22/10/83 P.4/Manchester Courier 22/10/83 P.3/Bell's Life 27/10/83
P.4/Athletic News 24/10/83 P.3:

BEN: "On Saturday afternoon notwithstanding the extreme inclemency of the weather, the rain descending in torrents, not less than four thousand persons wended their way to the new Great Lever Club ground at Woodside, to witness the match between Great Lever and Astley Bridge in the first round of the English Cup competition. The stand was crowded with spectators, whilst all round the enclosure the visitors braved the inclemency of the weather, manifesting by their presence the interest taken in the game. As our readers are aware Great Lever have this season carried all before them, and Astley Bridge have also displayed a form by no means to be despised. At twenty-three minutes past three, Bradbury, the Great Lever centre, kicked off, and the play began with a spirit and dash that was manifested for some time. The Bridgeites especially played with vigour, and Holden and Bradley, with Wilson had their hands full of work. An exciting scrummage in front of the Great Lever goal took place in the first ten minutes but the ball was ultimately got away. Sharples, the indefatigable captain, played with fine pluck and dash, repeatedly distinguishing himself in the centre of the back division. Rostron made a good run and made a fine shot, but it just went over the bar. A free kick at goal was well saved at the Great Lever end, and a minute afterwards Swithenby had a good run all to himself and was within an ace of scoring but the leather struck the post. Play next veered towards the Lever end, and Reuben, who it was evident, was suffering from, it was afterwards ascertained, an injury received in the workshop, saved splendidly. Rain here began to fall in a blinding continuous downpour, and the players had to display their agility in what looked like a morass. The first and only goal obtained by the visitors was here shot through out of a pool of water, and the whistle for half time shortly afterwards sounded. H. Morris, the centre back for Astley Bridge, had now to be assisted, limping off the field, having received an injury to the foot, and Great Lever also agreed to play ten men only, dispensing with the services of Reuben, who, as stated, was playing under difficulties. His place was taken by Higham, who wisely donned his jacket. In the second half, though Great Lever, who were evidently superior to their opponents in staying power, relaxed none of their

efforts, Astley Bridge seemed to have lost all energy, and play was mainly confined to their end, their former aggressiveness having apparently deserted them. "Tickets" was seldom called upon to defend, and after a short time the first goal for the home team was gained from a scrumage. Fielding saved many a dangerous onslaught, but Howarth kicked goal No 2, and a retaliatory attack was saved by Holden kicking out. A fine tussle next occurred in front of the visitors' goal and "Tot" kicked goal No 3; the same little specimen of activity nearly scored again, but the ball passed outside. After a shot over by Bradbury, Hardman put in a hot one for Fielding, whose long arms failed to save, and the fourth goal was scored. Bradley saved in fine style at the home citadel, and then time was called, the Leverites thus winning by four goals to one." + Check not T. Reuben Wilson in goal

MC: "These teams met at Great Lever on Saturday to contest in the first round of the English Cup tie, and considering the unpleasant state of the weather, there was a large attendance, about 5,000 persons paying for admission into the field. Astley Bridge having won their first engagement in the Lancashire Cup tie with ease, it was expected a bold bid for victory would be made on Saturday, but owing to the heavy state of the ground, the visitors' forwards, who are a very light lot, were heavily handicapped, and were not seen to advantage. At half time the game stood at one goal to nil in favour of Astley Bridge; but on resuming + F. Morris, the visitors' half back, severely sprained his leg and did not play again in the match. After this Great Lever scored rapidly, and at the call of time the record stood four goals to one, Great Lever being hailed the victors with some considerable applause." + H. Morris ?

NEP 22/10/83 P.4: "Reuben Wilson was in goal, but retired after the first half, being injured. This made the play more even for Astley Bridge, one of the ten men being also hurt." "Play took place in drenching rain."

AN: "Notwithstanding an almost continuous downpour of rain rendering the new ground at Great Lever almost a morass, the match between the Great Lever and Astley Bridge teams in the first round of the English Cup tie was witnessed by no less than four thousand persons. Some fast and exciting play took place during the first half, the only goal scored being one in favour of Astley Bridge. Reuben Wilson, the Great Lever goalkeeper, limped during the first half, having been hurt whilst following his employment, and as H. Morris, one of the half backs for Astley Bridge, was also injured and had to retire, Wilson made the teams even by also retiring, his place being taken by Higham. In the second half the Astley Bridge team seemed to lose all their former dash and energy, and were hardly pressed by the Leverites, Higham, with his coat on, in the Great Lever goal, having very little indeed to do. The first goal of the home team was kicked from a scrumage, the second was gained by Howarth, the third by Rostron, and the fourth by Hardman, the villagers failing completely to score. Great Lever thus won by four goals to one."

Great Lever: Reuben Wilson (Goal); J. McHolden, W. Bradley (Backs); J. (or T. W.) Hardman, G. (or J.) Sharples (Capt.), T. Evans (Half Backs); Swithenby, T ("Tot") Rostron (Right Wing), J. Bradbury (Centre), T. (or P.) Howarth Higham (Left Wing).

Initials from SL matches

Astley Bridge: J. Fielding (Capt.) (Goal); + Entwistle, J. Nussey (Backs); E. Brooks, H. Morris, F. Leyland (Half backs); T. Shorrocks, J. Brindle (Right Wing), J. Marsden (Centre), J. J. Swimby, E. Hodson (Left Wing).

Umpires:W.B.Booth for Great Lever and P.Smith for Astley Bridge.Referee:J.Lewis(Blackburn Rovers).

HURST 3 TURTON 1(No scorers traced)(H.T. 2-0)(Sat Oct 20th)

NO TEAMS FOUND:Turton played their second team

N.B.The first Turton team lost 1-3 at Low Moor,with the following team:

Taylor(Goal);Greenhalgh,W.Trainor(Backs);Whittaker,R.Trainor,Hayworth(Half Backs);
Haydock,Teesdale(Right Wing),Halliwell(Centre),Kay,Marsden(Left Wing)(PH).

Blackburn Standard 27/10/83 P.6:"This tie was played at Hurst on Saturday.In the first half Hurst scored two goals to Turton's nil.In the second half Turton first scored;after the kick off a corner fell to Hurst,which resulted in a goal.Turton,not being satisfied with the ruling of the referee,left the field ten minutes before time,Hurst being victors by three goals to one."(No teams)

Athletic News 24/10/83 P.3:"The latter club(Turton) sent their second team to Hurst on Saturday to play their English Cup tie,and were beaten by three goals to none,Hurst scoring twice in the first and once in the second half ."(No teams)

Bolton Evening News Reports Section 22/10/83 P.4/Burnley Express 22/10/83 P.3/Preston Herald 24/10/83 P.6:"This tie was played at Turton on Saturday.In the first half Hurst scored two goals to Turton nil.In the second half Turton first scored; after the kick-off a corner fell to Hurst,which resulted in a goal.Turton not being satisfied with the ruling of the referee,left the field,ten minutes before time,Hurst being the victors by three goals to one."(No teams)

Referee:England(Middleton F.C.).

BEN Football Field Section 22/10/83 P.4 "The team sent to Hurst did very well in only getting beaten by three to one.According to the Turtonians the score should not have been what it was,the referee being dead against them,and after disallowing a goal for the visitors and allowing one when it was alledged that the ball never went through for Hurst,the Turton men left the ground.The turf was in a shocking condition,and it showed against the youngsters,who,notwithstanding,had quite as much of the game as their heavier opponents.The backs on both sides did a lot of work,whilst Howarth,Bentley,and Ravencroft on the one side,and Maden and Fish on the other,were best amongst the forwards."

ROSSENDALE 2 IRWELL SPRINGS 6(H.T. 1-2)(Sat Nov 17th)(At New Church,Rossendale)

Manchester Courier 19/11/83 P.3/Bell's Life 24/11/83 P.4/Sporting Life 21/11/83 P.4/Preston Herald 21/11/83 P.6:

NO TEAMS TRACED/TRY BACUP PAPER

Nottingham Evening Post 12/11/83 P.4/Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4:"This Cup tie was to have been played on Saturday at Rossendale,but was postponed.The referee arrived too late,and snow and rain fell heavily."

(This game had been scheduled for the previous Saturday Nov 10th but "the referee arrived too late and snow and rain fell heavily"York Herald 12/11/83 P.7).

(Were and, if so, why, because they lost, were Rossendale disqualified for professionalism?:

MC/PH: "This match was played on the ground of the former (Rossendale) on Saturday and was witnessed by about 1,500 spectators. The Rossendale captain winning the toss chose to play with the wind. The home team played up well during the first half, and managed to put the ball through the posts very easily. After this the visitors pulled themselves well together, and before the end of half time had scored two goals. During the latter half the visitors had by far the best of the game, though the home forwards made one or two good runs and succeeded in scoring their second goal. At the end of the game the scores stood Irwell Springs 6 Rossendale 2."

BL: "This tie which, owing to the boisterous weather on the 10th inst., was postponed until last Saturday, was played at New Church, and after a one-sided game resulted in favour of Irwell Springs by six goals to two."

SL: "This match in the first round, which could not be played on the 10th inst., in consequence of the boisterous weather, was decided at Newchurch on Saturday last. Irwell Springs had the best of the game, and won by six goals to two."

BOLTON ASSOCIATION 5 ("Scrimmage", Murray, Harper, Bentley, Walker) BRADSHAW 1 (Almond)
(H.T. 2-0) (Sat Nov 3rd) (At Green Lane, Bolton)

Bolton Evening News 5/11/83 P.4/Manchester Courier 5/11/83 P.3/Athletic News 7/11/83 P.3:

BEN: "The first round of the competition for the English cup brought the above teams together on Saturday on the ground in Green-lane. The match was additionally interesting from the fact of its being the first appearance of the new club in the ties for the national trophy. The ground was in capital order, and the match very enjoyable. Soon after the kick off by Walker the home team were at the visitors' end, where a fine shot by Harper was capital saved by the goalkeeper. From a corner by Harper the ball was all but headed through by Bentley. The Bradshaw left now got away, and Holden crossing over Almond tried a shot which went wide, a shot by Holden being equally unsuccessful. A combined run by Threlfall, Walker, Murray, and Harper worked the ball to the opposite end, where after some good defence by John Smethurst, Waring, and Orell, a goal was scored from a scrimmage. A grand shot by Harper immediately afterwards almost took effect. Despite the good back play of the visitors, they were sometimes pressed severely, and a second goal was cleverly kicked by Murray. Just before the change of ends the Bradshaw forwards passed well together, and the ball being turned over to Almond, he sent it under the bar, but he was ruled off-side, and the visitors crossed over with the score two goals against them. For some time after resuming each goal was visited in turn, and had it not been for the splendid play of John Smethurst the Bradshaw colours must have been lowered on several occasions. Bolton often got close up and more than one good chance was lost through defective shooting. Bentley put in four corners beautifully, from the last of which Harper managed to send the ball through. Then from a good dribble by Murray (who although lame would not retire), Walker, and Threlfall, Bentley scored a fourth with an excellent shot. No sooner was the ball started than Almond, Fielding, and Haydock dashed off with it, and eluding the backs Almond kicked a good goal. From now till the close the speed of the home players told a tale, and after the best display by their forwards Walker registered a fifth point with a daisy-cutter, and Bolton won their way into the second round by five goals to one."

MC:"These teams met at Bolton on Saturday for the first round of the English Cup,this being the first appearance of Bolton in the ties.In the first half the home team scored two goals,one from a scrimmage and the other by Murray.In the second half Bolton scored three goals,Harper,Bentley,and Walker each putting the ball through,while Almond scored for Bradshaw.The game ended in a win for Bolton by five goals to one."

AN:"Neither side was fully representative,but a well fought game was witnessed,the Bolton club winning by five goals to one."(No teams)

Bolton Association:Moylan(Goal);Keens,Turner(Backs);Scowcroft,W.Flitscroft(Half Backs); Walker,Threlfall,Holden,Murray,Harper,Bentley(Forwards).

N.B. No initials in BEN

Bradshaw:Orrell(Goal);John Smethurst,Waring(Backs);H.Wild,James Smethurst,Hargreaves(Half Backs);Almond,Fielding,Holden,Holt,Haydock(Forwards).

Referee:F.T.Norris(Eagley)

PRESTON NORTH END,a bye

FIFTH DIVISION:

Druids v Northwich Vicvtoria
Oswestry v Hartford St John's
Davenham v Macclesfield
Manchester v Stoke-on-Trent
Crewe Alexandra v Queen's Park
Wrexham v Liverpool Ramblers

DRUIDS 0 NORTHWICH VICTORIA 1 (O.Brock)(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Nov 10th)(At Wynnstay Park,Ruabon)

Wrexham Advertiser 16/11/83 P.3/Athletic News 14/11/83 P.3/Northwich Guardian 14/11/83 P.5(No teams)/Liverpool Mercury 12/11/83 P.3//Sporting Life 12/11/83 P.4/Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4/Field 17/11/83 P.686(No teams):

NG:"This tie in the first round was played at Ruabon on Saturday last before a good number of enthusiastic spectators.The Druids won the toss,and chose to play with a gale of wind behind them.Rhodes kicked off for the visitors,but they could not make much headway against the wind,and the ball was kept principally in their quarters.Nothing,however,could be finer than the Northwich defence,which proved a complete stumbling block to the Welshmen,every attempt to score being cleverly frustrated.Making strenuous efforts,the visitors forwards frequently caused the Druids great anxiety,and at last gained a "corner".This was excellently manipulated by Malam,Atherton,and Rhodes,and Brock gave it the final touch,which sent it past the goal-keeper and placed Northwich in the majority.Half time was called one minute afterwards.When ends were changed,the home team was much pressed,but owing to bad shooting and the excellent defence no further goals were gained by the visitors.The Druids tried hard to equalise matters,and were several times within an ace of doing so,but time was called without the game being altered,and the Northwich men were left the victors of a hard fight by one goal to nil.The game was undoubtedly spoiled by the high wind.

The Northwich back division played grandly to a man, while Atherton and Turnbull were best forward. Powell, R. Roberts, A. Jones, W. P. Owen, and Doughty rendered capital service for the Druids."

WA: "The game took place in a gale of wind, making it almost impossible for any exhibition of first rate play. The home team winning the toss chose to kick with the wind, but they did not derive any advantage from it. Considerable interest was shown in this tie, many being curious as to the form that the Druids would show, after losing the services of two or three of their most prominent players. During the first half time the Druids had the best of the game, but the wind frustrated their efforts to score. Shortly before ends were changed, from a corner kick by +Malin, Brock succeeded in lowering the Welsh colours. No further score was made, the Welshmen being defeated by one goal to nil."

+Malam

SL: "This tie was played in Wynnstay Park, Ruabon, on Saturday afternoon, under most unfavourable conditions, half a gale of wind sweeping across the field of play. This greatly militated against good play, and robbed the game of much of its interest. The Victoria's (holders of the Cheshire Cup) had a fairly strong team, and played in their usual form, but the Druids lacked the fire and dash they showed last season, although towards the close of the match they gave their opponents a taste of the gameness which made them such formidable rivals in the past. The defection of "Johnny" Powell, one of the best full backs in the country, and "Jackie" Vaughan, both of whom have joined the Bolton Wanderers this season, weakened the Druids' team considerably, and on Saturday they were placed at a still further disadvantage by one of their backs (Bowen) limping about the field, suffering from sciatica. The Druids kicked off at five-and-twenty minutes past three, with the wind in their favour. Shot after shot was fired at the Northwich citadel, but without the assailants gaining any substantial advantage. Just about five minutes before half time, however, the visitors gained a corner kick, which was entrusted to +Malin, and a goal was scored. After change of ends the Druids struggled bravely to score, and some tough and interesting play was witnessed. Neither side succeeded in gaining any decisive advantage, however, and the game ended in a victory for the Cheshiremen by one goal to none." +Malam

Druids: Benjamin Roberts (Goal); A. Powell, R. Roberts (Backs); E. Bowen, W. Williams (Half Backs); W. P. Owen, J. Doughty (Right Wings), R. Davies, J. Davies (Centres), Albert Jones, T. Jones (Left Wing).

LM has swaps Bowen and Roberts (as do other reports?)

Northwich Victoria: G. Hilditch (Goals); F. W. Hughes, E. Butterworth (Backs); W. H. Hughes, G. Vernon, T. Shaw (Half Backs); A. Atherton, J. Malam (Right Wing), E. Rhodes (Centre), E. Turnbull, O. Brock (Left Wing).

N. B. G. Vernon was member of both Crewe Alexandra and Northwich Victoria Clubs.

Umpires: Dr. Gray (Ruabon) (Druids) and Mr G. A. Hughes for Northwich. Referee: R. W. Sloane (Bootle Club)

OSWESTRY 7 (No scorers traced) HARTFORD ST JOHN'S 0 (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Nov 10th) (At Victoria Road, Oswestry)

Field 17/11/83 P.686/Northwich Guardian 14/11/83 P.5/Wrexham Advertiser 16/11/83
P.3/Liverpool Mercury 12/11/83 P.3/ Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4(No teams)/Sporting Life 13/11/83 P.4:

NG:"This first round English Cup tie was played at Oswestry, and the Welshmen won by seven goals to the Cheshire representatives none. The home team, who had the best of the game throughout, scored one goal in the first half, but with the change of ends put on six more."

F:"These teams met on the ground of the Oswestry Club, Victoria-road, on Saturday, to play off their tie in the first round of the above competition. There was a considerable number of spectators present. The weather, with the exception of one shower, was not unfavourable, but the ground was heavy in consequence of previous rain. The home team were without the services of R.T. Gough in goal, and his place was filled by Powell, an untried man between the uprights, and he acquitted himself well. The game proved very one-sided the home team winning by seven goals to none. The winners had things pretty much their own way. The visitors did tolerably well during the first half, but when ends were changed the defence of the Hartford men fell all to pieces. Shaw, on the right wing, rendered his side excellent service and showed to more advantage than in the centre. Farmer and Roach, as usual, were the pets of the crowd, and the way they dodged their tall opponents was a treat to see, and called forth round after round of cheering. The half backs and backs did their work well. For the visitors, +Brest, the two Roses, +Ayres, and Wilding did some good work, but the whole team were palpably overmatched." +Prest and Eyres

WA:"This tie was played at Oswestry on Saturday in the presence of a large number of spectators. The Salopians had matters all their own way throughout winning the tie by seven goals to none."

LM:"The home team who had the best of the game throughout, scored one goal in the first half, but with the change of ends put on six more."

Oswestry: +J. Powell (Goal); J.H. Williams (Capt.), A. Roberts (Backs); W.T. Foulkes, S. Smith, M.(J.) Evans (Half backs); E.G. Shaw, J. Evans (Right Wing), J. Groves (Centre), G. Farmer, J. Roach (Left Wing).

(WA specified positions) (NG/SL have Jones for J. Groves) +Only initials to be checked

Hartford: James Prest (Goal); J. Rose, E. Blain (Backs); F. Russell, A.J. Rose, W. Upton (Half Backs); J. Davies, H. Eyres (Right Wing), Wilding (Centre), E. Harper, W. Harper (Left Wing).

SL has Aspley for Upton

(WA/F specified positions) (Spellings and initials from next report in NG)

Umpires: W.H. Gough, Oswestry and J. Colley, Hartford. Referee: Pugh.

DAVENHAM 2 (M. Earlam, T.H. Cross) MACCLESFIELD 0 (Sat Nov 10th) (H.T. 0-0) (At Davenham)

Northwich Guardian 14/11/83 P.5/Liverpool Mercury 12/11/83 P.3/Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4(No teams):

NG:"On Saturday afternoon the Davenham and Macclesfield clubs met at Davenham, to settle their tie in the first round of the English Challenge Cup Competition. The weather was decidedly unfavourable-very cold and showery with a gale of wind blowing across the field. There was,

notwithstanding,a large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators.Each club sent out its best team and the players appeared to be in proper fighting trim when they stepped onto the field.

Macclesfield won the toss,and Earlam kicked off up-hill.The home team forwards came away with spirit,and the game was not very old when Riley was entrusted with a corner kick,but the wind carried the ball over the goal-line.The goal-kick enabled the visitors to carry the warfare into the home territory,but they were held in check by their opponents,who eventually pressed them back into their own ground.Here Davenham had a fine kick in dangerous proximity to the fortress,but nothing came of it.Play of an even character ensued,until a good run was started by the Davenham centres,and W.Dalton,by a beautiful shot,planted the leather in Morton's hands.There was instantly a desperate rush for the goal,but the custodian foiled the attempt by chucking the ball into play. Davenham continued to press the enemy,and Cross sent in a hot shot which Morton,however, cleverly parried.For the next ten minutes both teams were kept exceptionally busy,and then Davenham had another good chance from a free kick within half a dozen yards of the goal.Morton once more proved equal to the emergency,and for some time alternate runs were the order of the game,Cross,Earlam,and Riley figuring conspicuously on the local side,while Bates,Dunkerley,and Gouldthorpe showed prominently amongst the strangers.Although half time arrived without any point being registered,yet the onlooking Davenhamites felt confident that their representatives,with the slope in their favour,would pull off the match.After the change of ends Earlam put in a pretty run along the right wing and centred,but the ball was well met and returned.The game now got pretty fast and exciting and each party was in turn called upon to use its best endeavours to protect its charge.Ultimately Moore broke through the Macclesfield back division and passed to Johnson,who shied at goal but failed,Morton making good use of his fists.The Davenham men continued to assail their opponents' goal,and at last,after a sharp tussle,and a neat "header" by Earlam,the ball was forced between the uprights,to the great delight of the spectators.Warmed up by this reverse, Macclesfield began to play with more dash and determination,but they were clearly beaten on their merits,and Davenham having increased their score by a point(secured chiefly through the instrumentality of Cross) were declared the victors by two goals to none.There is no doubt the best team won.Davenham was strongest forward,and played with care and precision,Riley,Earlam,Cross, Moore,and Goulding rendering most useful service.On the other side,Morton,Dunkerley,Howarth, and Bates showed best form."

LM:"This tie was played at Davenham on Saturday afternoon,but the weather was very rough. Macclesfield during the first half had the ball in their favour,but the fine defence of the home team prevented any scoring,and half time was called with the contest pointless.After changing ends the Davenham forwards,being well looked after by the backs,scored twice,and finally won by two goals to nil,the game being a very fast and hard one.Cross,Earlam,Holland,and Moore were the most prominent for the winners,and Macclesfield best represented in Dunkerley,Bates,Bancroft."

Davenham:T.Birkenhead(Goal);H.Goulding,T.Whitby(Backs);D.Dalton,R.Riley(Half Backs); M.Earlam(Capt.),A.Moore,E.Johnson,T.Holland,W.H.Dalton,T.H.Cross(Forwards).

Macclesfield:J.Morton(Goal);Jones,A.Bancroft(Backs);Gouldthorpe(Capt.),Goodfellow,J.Dunkerley (Half Backs);Bates,J.Howarth,J.Hall,W.Hindley,Shrives(Forwards).

N.B Macclesfield Courier(?) for 17/11/83 P.7 gives 3,2,6,4,5, Backs/Half Backs order

Umpires:Towers for Davenham and Sheldon for Macclesfield.Referee:T.Evans,Liverpool Association.

STOKE-ON-TRENT 1 (E.Johnson) MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION 2 (J.Bassett,C.Coulthurst)

(H.T. 1-2)(Sat Nov 10th)(At Stoke)

Manchester Courier 12/11/83 P.3/Liverpool Mercury 12/11/83 P.3/Athletic News 14/11/83 P.3/
Bell's Life 17/11/83 P.4/Sporting Life 12/11/83 P.4/Field 17/11/83 P.686(No teams)/Sportsman
12/11/83 P.4(No teams)/Referee 11/11/83 P.6:

MC:"The meeting of these teams in the first round of the English Cup ties on Saturday,at Stoke, attracted a large number of spectators,there being fully 700 persons to witness the contest.The ground was in good condition,and the game being fast and exciting,was thoroughly enjoyable throughout.Andrews,the Manchester captain,won the toss,and elected to play with the wind,there being a stiff wind blowing,straight down the field.Johnson kicked off and an assault was at once made by Acton on the Stoke fortress,and the home goal-keeper was compelled to throw away just three minutes after starting.Then for nearly 15 minutes each side worked hard,but without result.At the end of that period,Sinclair and Cornall,on the left wing,made good progress for home,but Mellor the Stoke back,proved on three or four occasions,too good to be passed,and returned the ball back to the centre.Of the Stoke forwards,it was evident from the start that Wilson(of Cambridge University renown),the extreme left wing,was the most watched,not only by the spectators,but by the defenders of the Manchester citadel,Sumner and Walker appearing to have received special instructions to look after him,while Newby and Bassett in the centre had orders to keep Johnson as quiet as possible.Thus the Manchester captain apparently frustrated the designs of the two most dangerous of his opponents,and although Wilson received hearty applause more than once when he eluded this extraordinary vigilance,Sumner generally was able to stop the brilliant dribbling of the University man.Exciting play was next witnessed near the visitors' goal,in which Walker,Hay,and + "Junior" were prominent,and amidst great enthusiasm Newby and Bassett brought the leather down the field,passed to Coulthurst,who in turn passed to Newby,and just as the home fortress was reached,the ball was given to Bassett,and he shot it through amidst tremendous uproar.After the kick off the game was evenly contested,the Stoke back division playing in fine form.After give and take play Coulthurst,from a long shot,rather luckily got the leather through,and scored for Manchester,the ball glancing off the left hand post.From the kick off Wilson and Johnson combined carried the game to the visitors' stronghold,and the former passing brilliantly to the latter,the first goal was registered for Stoke as half time was called,the record of the game standing two goals to one.Immediately after the change of ends the home team struggled gallantly to follow up the start they had just made,and two or three shots at the Manchester goal were very dangerous,the ball once striking the goal post.Still it was thought that the game would soon be made even Wilson and Bennett being remarkably busy with dodgy runs,but without effect,the shots at goal going wide.Considerable interest now became apparent amongst the enthusiastic spectators,as for the first time,perhaps,the possibility of defeat dawned upon them,and the Stoke players put in all they knew to make matters equal,and although they closely penned their opponents at the close of the game the score remained unaltered,and resulted in a win for Manchester by two goals to one.The play of + "Junior",Walker,and Sumner was very noticeable,and but for them and Hay,the Stoke team would have been more successful."

+J.Merry

AN:"This match,which should have been played at Manchester,came off at Stoke on Saturday last.The Mancestrians were expected to sustain a heavy defeat but they played up a lot better than expected,and soon scored two goals,whilst Stoke rubbed one off.The latter part of the match was almost entirely in favour of Stoke,but try as they would,they could not steer the leather between the posts,and Manchester played their way into the second round by two goals to one."

Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4:"Played at Stoke on Saturday,in a gale of wind,and a thorough surprise was the result,as Manchester won,after a grand game.In the first half,Barnett and Colthurst put in two goals for the Lancashire men,to which,just before half-time,Johnson responded with one goal for Stoke.In the second half the Staffordshire men were unable to break through the Manchester defence,and the visitors won by two goals to one."(No teams)

Stoke:P.Birch(Goal);Tom Stanford,M.Mellor(Backs);W.Cox,G.Shutt,E.M.Smith(Half Backs);
H.R.Brown,J.Yates(Right Wing),E.Johnson(Centre),E.Bennett,E.T.Wilson(Left Wing).

(R.Mellor ?)(MC/LM :except both have 3,2,4,6,5)

Initials mainly from Stoke History

SL:"In the last half Sta(m)ford was brought forward."

Manchester:A.R.Andrews(Capt.)(Goal);+J.Merry,J.Walker(Backs);G.Hay,A.Sumner(Half Backs);
C.Coulthurst,J.Acton(Right Wing),J.Bassett,+W.Newby(Centre),W.Cornall,L.M.Sinclair(Left Wing).

+Check not N.Newby

(MC order)(MC has+ J.M."Junior" used as pseudonym)(Some initials added from Second Round)

Umpires:Heath(Stoke) and M'Intyre(Manchester).Referee:Pearson(Macclesfield).

CREWE 0 QUEEN'S PARK 10 (R.M.Christie 2,M.J.E.Fraser 2,W.J.Anderson 2,W.Harrower,Dr J.Smith 3)
(H.T. 0-5)(Sat Oct 6th)

Crewe Guardian 10/10/83 P.8/Cheshire Observer 13/10/83 P.2/Athletic News 10/10/83 P.3/Glasgow Herald 8/10/83 P.8/Bell's Life 13/10/83 P.10/Sportsman 8/10/83 P.4/Sporting Life 8/10/83 P.4/
Referee 7/10/83 P.6(No teams):

CG:"Local lovers of football had a grand opportunity offered them on Saturday to witness the match between the Crewe Alexandra and the famous Queen's Park team from Glasgow to decide their tie in the first round of the above competition.When it became known that the Alexandra had been drawn against the premier Scottish Club the Council decided to leave no stone unturned to secure the presence of those noted players.Mr Hall,the hon. secretary ,at once placed himself in communication with the Queen's Park officials,and received a reply stating the October 6th was a public holiday on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of the new municipal offices,and if convenient,they would have much pleasure in meeting the Crewe team on that date.Mr Hornby also kindly volunteered to captain the Alexandra men.The Scottish team arrived at Crewe on Friday night, and were received by a large and influential deputation,who welcomed them to the railway town, and escorted them to the Royal Hotel,where they located themselves.On Saturday morning,by the kind permission of the officials of the London and North-Western Railway,the team,accompanied by

Messrs Muir, Williams, Gibson, Hall, and Abraham, visited the railway works, each member of the team expressing their gratitude for the opportunity of visiting such an establishment. They then returned to take part in the more legitimate part of the proceedings. The day being very fine, a large number of spectators assembled to witness the game. The committee had evidently made up their minds to make this a red letter day in the history of the club, as the match was played across the beautiful cricket square, the ground being laid out by the indefatigable secretaries, Mr Abraham and Mr Hall, Mr Heeler, as usual, taking the lion's share in arranging the erection of the grand stand and the other parts of the ground. About 2.45 p.m. the Scotchmen made their appearance on the ground, being attired in black and white jerseys and blue nickerbockers (several wearing international badges), and were loudly cheered as they walked into the arena. They were followed a few minutes afterwards by the Crewe team, their colours being red and white. Wycherley having lost the toss, consequently had the worse of the position to begin with. About 2.55 Garner set the ball rolling by passing to the left wing, but evidently Mr Hornby did not feel himself at home for a start, and allowed Fraser to get in. King stopped his progress by kicking out. A corner was afterwards secured off Benham, Fraser taking the place kick, which Christie converted into a goal in two minutes from the commencement of the game. The ball was again started by Garner. Fraser and Anderson were soon again at work, exhibiting some splendid dribbling, the former making a shot which Downes sent back. Benham passed it on to Taylor, who made a run; and a corner was secured for Crewe off Elliot. King was entrusted with the kick, which failed, the Scotchmen being too warm for the home team. Arnott sent the ball very nearly the length of the ground, but it was sent back by Wycherley. The Scotchmen would not be denied, and Harrower made a fast run down the left centre, and passed to Fraser who scored the second goal—a fair performance, two goals in five minutes. Nothing daunted, Garner passed this time to the right, and Scragg, assisted by Houghton, did a pretty display down the right, but Gow soon allayed any anxiety by sending the leather to the other end, where a corner was secured, Allan taking the kick, which proved futile. The ball going outside the boundary, Wycherley kicked off from goal. Elliot sent it out, and the ball was thrown in by Hornby to Taylor, who passed to Garner, Gow saving by giving a corner. Powell placed the ball in front of the posts, where a scrimmage took place, Houghton sending it in, but McCallum was all there, and sent the ball back with his hands. Mr Hornby, thinking it was a goal, caught the ball, and appealed to the referee (who) decided “no score.” A free kick was allowed for hands off, the Alexandra captain (Arnott) kicking off. Houghton secured the sphere; but he could not withstand Christie, who made a shot at the Crewe citadel, which Parry stopped. Mr Hornby securing the ball made a tricky and sensational run; but was ultimately stopped by Fraser, who passed to Smith again, who passed to Allan, who repassed to Anderson, who shot at goal. Parry stopped the ball only to see it returned by the same player, who scored goal No 3. The ball was no sooner kicked off by Garner, before Anderson again took the ball down and scored goal No 4. Garner again commenced operations, and Taylor getting on the leather returned to Garner, who sent it across to Scragg. He had to succumb to Christie who scored goal No 5. Parry stopping two pressing shots, some give-and-take play now took place, the home team evidently feeling themselves more at home, when the half-time was called. After the usual interval, Dr Smith kicked from the centre and in less than five minutes a 6th goal was registered by Harrower out of a scrimmage. Goals seven, eight, and nine were got by Dr Smith, and the last one by Fraser, after which the time had expired leaving the Scottish cup holders winners by ten goals to nil. Although the Alexandrians were beaten, they ought to feel themselves highly gratified to be playing such a good uphill game, several shots at goal just popping over the posts. Notably those made by Taylor and Houghton. The play of Fraser, Anderson, Dr Smith, and Harrower was simply perfection, whilst the back

play of Arnott and Elliot stopped the Crewe forwards from making any headway towards the Scottish territory. For the Crewe team, each player played very well, considering the team they were playing against. After the match both teams, accompanied by several friends, adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided by host Welch in his usual good style. In the unavoidable absence of Mr Hornby, the chair was taken by Mr J.O. Bailey, J.P. After the cloth had been removed the evening was spent in a very convivial manner. Before leaving they assured the members of the Alexandra that they had never enjoyed themselves better or been better entertained by any club, and wished the Crewe team every success in its future engagements.” (No teams)

CO: “Garner kicked off for the home team, but only two minutes elapsed before Christie brought down the Crewe goal, and immediately afterwards Fraser defeated the Crewe goalkeeper. A corner kick soon afterwards fell to Crewe, but immediately Fraser and Anderson placed the contest in the vicinity of the Crewe goal, when Fraser shot the third premier point. Shortly after this Anderson came suddenly on the scene, and eluding Parry’s vigilance the fourth point being thus registered. On recommencing Taylor got away, but the ball was taken off him by “Elliott”, who put the sphere in a dangerous way, and Christie made the fifth goal, which was soon afterwards signalled by half time. During the subsequent play five more goals were added, and when time was called Queen’s-park had won by ten goals to nil, and thus ended an uninteresting game.”

GH: “This was a first round tie of the English Challenge Cup competition, and the match was played at Crewe on Saturday afternoon, before 2,000 spectators. The Scotchmen brought an exceptionally strong eleven, and the home team was captained by Mr A.N. Hornby, the Lancashire cricket captain, but the Crewe organisation was totally unable to bring out the best points of the celebrated Caledonian players, and it was a case of continuous scoring at which Fraser, Smith, Christie, and Anderson were very successful. A start was made at five minutes to three o’clock, Garner kicking off for the home team, but only two minutes elapsed before Christie brought down the Crewe goal, and immediately afterwards Fraser defeated the Cheshire goal-keeper. Garner again started the game from the centre of the field, when a huge kick of Stewart’s once more placed the Crewe headquarters in jeopardy, Downes repelling in time. A corner kick soon afterwards fell to Crewe, but their chance of scoring was soon dispelled, and a rush of Fraser and Anderson placed the contest in the immediate vicinity of the Crewe goal, where a transfer of the ball was made to Harrower, and he in turn to Fraser, and he shot their premier point. Shortly after this Allan had a shot at goal, which Parry stopped: but Anderson came suddenly on the scene and eluded Parry’s vigilance, the fourth point being thus registered. On re-commencing Taylor got away, but the ball was taken off him by “Elliott” who put the sphere in danger’s way, and Christie made the fifth goal, which was soon afterwards signalled by half time. On ends being changed, Wycherley and Hornby came in for some passing, but five minutes after hostilities had been started Harrower sent the ball flying through the Crewe posts. A little later Hornby got the ball near the Scotch goal, but Arnott removed the scene of hostilities and Dr Smith getting a chance made the most of it, scoring with unerring accuracy. The next goal was credited to Anderson, whilst Dr Smith added the ninth point for his side a few minutes later. Fraser made the tenth goal, but Harrower, a little later, made an erratic shot, which lost a point. From now to the close the visitors received more combined defence from their opponents, and, indeed, twice they were unfortunate in not scoring, Hornby screwing badly, and King kicking hurriedly when there was a grand opening. When time was called Queen’s Park had won by 10 goals to nil, and thus ended an uninteresting game.”

AN: "The Scotchmen brought an exceptionally strong eleven and the home team were captained by Mr A.N. Hornby, the Lancashire cricket captain, but the Crewe organisation were totally unable to bring out the best points of the celebrated Caledonian players, and it was a case of continuous scoring, at which Fraser and Dr Smith were very successful."

Crewe Alexandra: S. Parry (Goal); G. Wycherley, G. Downes (Backs); B. R. King, H. Benham, W. O. Powell (Half Backs); A. Scragg, G. Houghton (Right Wing), W. Garner (Centre), A. N. Hornby (Capt), G. Taylor (Left Wing).

Queen's Park: *P. McCallum (Goal); W. Arnott, H. Stewart (Backs); J. J. Gow, +C. Campbell (Half Backs); (M. J.) E. Fraser, W. Anderson (Right Wing), Dr J. Smith, W. Harrower (Centres), D. S. Allan, R. M. Christie (Left Wing).

+C. "Elliott" pseudonym for C(harles.) Campbell.

*N.B. "A. McCullum" / "A. McCallam" which is in fact a pseudonym for A (Archibald) Rowan (see Queen's Park History P.72 and P.77), and he was also playing at that time.

Queen's Park History P.72 (Lower down): "Peter McCallum succeeded A. Rowan in goal, and the team this season was one of the best that ever represented Queen's Park on the field. The team was: P. McCallum; W. Arnott and H. A. Holm; C. Campbell and J. J. Gow; E. Fraser, W. Anderson, Dr Smith, W. Harrower, R. M. Christie and D. S. Allan, and this was the eleven that made such a reputation in the Scottish and English cup ties in 1883-84."

N.B. Archibald Rowan hailed from old Caledonian Cricket Club, and on that club losing its ground to Burnbank, joined Queen's Park on 7th May, 1877. Peter McCallum joined on 9th May 1882. (see P.77 of the History)

Umpires: A. Geake (Secretary, Queen's Park) and T. M. Abraham for Crewe.
Referee: Allen (President, Staffordshire Football Association).

WREXHAM walked over LIVERPOOL RAMBLERS who scratched (Bell's Life 17/11/83 P.4: "not played"):

Wrexham Advertiser 16/11/83 P.3:

"Having been drawn in the first ties against the Liverpool Ramblers, the members of the Wrexham team made the necessary arrangements for the match, which it was announced would be played off on the Racecourse on Saturday afternoon. However, to the disappointment of a large number interested in the game of football, the match did not take place, a telegram being received on Saturday morning as follows: - "Exceedingly sorry; must scratch. Have done utmost, but cannot get full team, after trying everybody available."

Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4: "This tie was fixed for decision on the Wrexham Racecourse on Saturday afternoon, but at the last moment the Liverpoolians were obliged to scratch, being unable to get a team together, owing to illness and other causes."

SIXTH DIVISION:

Hanover United v Brentwood
Hendon v Old Etonians
Mosquitoes v Pilgrims
Old Westminster v Chatham
Romford v Woodford Bridge

HANOVER UNITED 1(E.Ravani) BRENTWOOD 6 (F.J.Abbott 2,J.J.Powell 2,W.S.Morice,E.C.Evelyn)
(H.T. 1-4)(At Barnes)(Sat Nov 3rd)

Chelmsford Chronicle 9/11/83 P.7/Essex Herald 5/11/83 P.7/Field 10/11/83 P.655/Sporting Life
5/11/83 P.4/Sportsman 5/11/83 P.4 Bell's Life 10/11/83 P.4/Referee 4/11/83 P.6:

CC/EH:"On Saturday November 3rd these clubs met on the ground of the Hanover United at Barnes to settle who should have the privilege of entering the second round of the Association Challenge Cup competition.From start to finish the visitors held the upper hand,their full backs having hardly anything to do,while their goal-keeper only handled the ball five times during the match.Directly after starting Powell scored for Brentwood,and this he quickly followed with another successful shot,the pace and passing of Brentwood appearing to quite nonplus their opponents.Abbott next sent in a splendid shot which again scored,the result of a fine middle by Sherrington,and almost directly after the same player added another.Still an almost uninterrupted cannonade was kept up on the home team's goal,but during the first half no further material advantage was gained by Brentwood.A throw in,however,fell to Hanover,when a bad kick by a Brentwood man enabled Ravani to score a goal.After change of ends Brentwood again and again assailed the Hanover fortress,but owing to wild shooting,and to the good defence of Quintin Hogg,the Old Etonian,and the goalkeeper(Nottingham) they were unable for a time to score.Then Morice made a clever run,and on being tackled took his shot-a very difficult one.The ball,however,went through,and though offside was claimed,it was very properly overruled.Soon after,and just before time,Evelyn scored again by the most brilliant shot of the day,and at the sound of the referee's whistle the Brentwood team left the field winners by six goals to one.The winners' forwards played a very smart game,and with a little more combination will make a very powerful team.Hansell in goal is a tower of strength in himself."

F:"This match in the first round of the Association Cup,was played at Barnes on Saturday last,and ended in an easy victory for Brentwood by six goals to one.During the first half the visitors scored four goals to their opponents' one goal,Abbott and Powell scoring two apiece.On changing ends numerous attacks were made on the United goal,but the back division of the home team played up well,and the visitors were only able to add two more points to their former score,from the feet of Morice and Evelyn."

SL:"This match in the first round of the competition took place at Barnes on Saturday,when the visitors,playing with great dash,won easily by six goals to one,kicked by W.S.Morice(one), Evelyn(one),Abbott(two) and Powell(two).The home team played up hard,but were quite overmatched,though the winners were not well together."

SM:"This match in the first round of the competition was played at Barnes on Saturday,when Brentwood,playing with great dash,ran away from their opponents and won easily by six goals to

one,kicked by Powell two,Abbott,two,Morice one,and Evelyn one.The game needs but little description,the Brentwood full backs and goal-keeper having but little to do.”

Hanover United :H.T.Nottingham(Capt.)(Goal);G.Scoble,Quintin Hogg(Backs);J.Nottingham,L.Harris (Half Backs);P.Dakin,C.Stanning(Rights),+R.Cooke,S.Dorrington(Centres),E.Ravani,T.Totman(Lefts).

+Only initial not checked:elsewhere J.

Brentwood:H.P.Hansell(Goal);J.L.Nickisson(Capt.),F.A.Borrett(Backs);F.P.Oakley,E.P.Mack(Half Backs);G.S.Sherrington,W.S.Sherrington(Rights),E.C.Evelyn,W.S.Morice(Centres),F.J.Abbott, J.J.Powell(Lefts).

Umpire:A.G.O.Kennedy(Wanderers).Referee:M.P.Betts(Old Harrovians)

HENDON 3 (K.P.Wilson,E.B.Perry,C.P.Wilson)OLD ETONIANS 2 (H.C.Goodhart,A.T.B.Dunn)(H.T.2-2) (Sat Nov 10th)(At Hendon)

Sporting Life 12/11/83 P.4/Bell's Life 17/11/83 P.3-4/Field 17/11/83 P.686/Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4/Athletic News 14/11/83 P.3(Short Report)/Hendon & Finchley Times 17/11/83 P.6 (Short report no teams/Referee 11/11/83 P.6:

SL:”A surprise was in store for those who visited the ground of the Hendon Club on Saturday to witness this match.The Etonians have never before been beaten except by the winners of the cup,and despite the promising form shown by the Hendon Club last season,and the excellent fight they made against the Old Etonians in the fifth round of the same competition last Spring,it was expected that the old public school boys would be successful.It was past three,instead of half-past two o'clock,before the game commenced,and it was soon evident that the ground,which was heavy in parts,did not suit the Etonians,many of whom were not in the best condition.The passing of the Hendon forwards puzzled the Eton backs,and the play was mostly in favour of the home team.Two corners were badly directed,but only five minutes had elapsed before a fine shot by K.P.Wilson gave Hendon their first goal.On the resumption a corner kick fell to Eton,but the forwards did not play by any means up to their best form,and the Hendon backs worked so energetically that most of their attacks were repulsed without difficulty.At the end of the first half the score showed two goals to each side,the second score of Hendon producing a claim for off-side,which was not allowed by the referee.After change the game was very exciting,but the home forwards continued to play well together,and again the Eton goal was carried,Paravicini heading the ball from a kick by C.P.Wilson through his own posts.Towards the finish the play became very vigorous,and at times there was a disposition on both sides towards unnecessary charging.The Etonians claimed another goal,but Goodhart was adjudged to have been off-side,and nothing was counted.During the last quarter of an hour the Eton forwards tried hard to equalise the score,but without success,and when the whistle blew,the game was left in favour of Hendon by three goals to two.The Etonians were by no means in form at any point,and the majority seemed to be altogether out of condition.The Hendon eleven,on the other hand,worked well together,and well deserved their victory.The play of C.P.Wilson at half-back was splendid from first to last,and we hope to see him in some of the most important matches of the season.His untiring energy,and the accuracy of his heading and kicking contributed in a great measure to the success of his side.”

BL: "The ground, which was very heavy in places, was all against the Etonians, some of whom were scarcely in proper condition to take part in a contest of such importance. When half time arrived two goals had been secured by each side, and though the second point gained by Hendon was protested against on the ground of offside, the score was allowed by the referee. After changing ends the game became most exciting, and though for some time the visitors were closely pressed, no further point was scored. At length, however, Paravicini in endeavouring to turn off a long shot by C.P. Wilson, unfortunately headed the ball through his own posts. During the last quarter of an hour Eton tried hard to equalise matters, and on one occasion, Goodhart, who played extremely well throughout, sent the ball through the Hendon goal, but he was adjudged to have been offside, and the point disallowed."

F: "Played at Hendon on Saturday, in splendid weather, before several hundred spectators, and resulted in a brilliant victory for the Hendonians by three goals to two. Hendon, following up the kick off in earnest, the game was for some little time in the Etonians' half of the ground. Morton and Perry, playing well together gave Paravicini and French an early chance to distinguish themselves, and a good return by the former gave Whitfield a chance; he made a good run on the left but nothing came of it, the ball being well returned by J.G. Coutts. K.P. Wilson gained possession, and after a neat run, scored the first goal for the home team, the ball going through at a tremendous pace. The game continued to be of even character, both sides showing some excellent form, especially Anderson, Dunn, and Goodhart for Eton, and the Wilsons, Morton, and Broadhurst for Hendon, till Perry obtained a second goal for the home team, making the game at two goals to nil in their favour. C.P. Wilson at half back was now loudly applauded for some most brilliant play. He has seldom been seen to greater advantage, using his head as well as his feet in the most marvellous way. At length the exertions of the Etonians were rewarded with a goal, kicked by Goodhart after some good passing, in which Whitfield and Bainbridge were prominent. +Nothing further occurred until half time was called. The game now was most exciting, both teams trying their hardest to add to their score, and Dunn with a hard shot made the game a tie-two goals each. The home forwards, now playing very well together, had the best of the game, Morton doing a lot of work on the left, some of his middles being very fine indeed. A free kick for hands was splendidly placed by C.P. Wilson. The ball, dropping in the mouth of the Eton goal, was charged through. Game three two in favour of the home team. With the exception of good runs on both sides nothing further resulted, and time was called, leaving the Hendonians, as before stated, the victors by three goals to two, amidst the wildest excitement on the part of the spectators. Paravicini and French were hardly at their best, but Foley and Preston (half backs) did a great deal of work; the same may be said of Dunn, Anderson, Whitfield, and Goodhart; whilst for Hendon all the backs played well, C.P. Wilson doing the lion's share of the work forward; Morton and Perry played well together on the left, and K.P. Wilson dribbled very finely."

+Not right as Dunn equalised before half time!

SM: "In this match, played at Hendon on Saturday afternoon, the Etonians, after a very hard fought game, suffered a somewhat unexpected reverse by three goals to two. As will be seen from the appended list, both clubs were well represented."

Hendon: Rev. V. K. Royle (Goal); C. G. Broadhurst, J. G. Coutts (Backs); C. P. Wilson, A. V. Despard (Half Backs); +J. T. McDonnell, A. B. Coutts (Right Wing), A. Redford, K. P. Wilson (Centres), P. H. Morton (Capt.), E. B. Perry (Left Wing). +F. T. in 2nd round

No initials checked

Old Etonians: J.F.P. Rawlinson (Goal); T.H. French, P.J. de Paravicini (Backs); C.W. Foley, G.E. Preston (Half Backs); W.J. Anderson, A.T.B. Dunn (Right Wing), H.C. Goodhart, J.B.T. Chevalier (Centre), H. Whitfeld, H.W. Bainbridge (Left Wing).

Umpires: Major Marindin (R.E.) (President of the Football Association) and N.L. Jackson (Hon. Sec. London Association). Referee: C.W. Alcock (Hon. Sec. Football Association).

MOSQUITOES 3 (H.E.J. Surr, "from a free kick", J.H. Cornford) PILGRIMS 2 (Unreported) (H.T. 1-1) (Sat Nov 10th) (At the Greyhound, Dulwich)

Sporting Life 12/11/83 P.4/Bell's Life 17/11/83 P.4/Field 17/11/83 P.686/Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4/Referee 11/11/83 P.6:

SL: "Contrary to general expectations, the Pilgrims were defeated in their tie with the Mosquitoes on Saturday last at the Greyhound, Dulwich. From start to finish the game was most sternly contested. The Pilgrims at first had the wind against them, and their rivals kicking off with the sun at their backs. After some even play the Mosquitoes gained the first point, but the score was soon brought level by the visitors. Soon after the sides had crossed over the Mosquitoes gained a second goal, but so well were the sides matched, that the Pilgrims soon equalised matters. It now looked as though the match would be drawn, but at length the ball was cleverly sent between the posts by J.H. Cornford. This was the deciding point, and thus when "Time!" was called the Mosquitoes were hailed the victors by three goals to two."

F: "Played at the Greyhound, Dulwich, on Saturday, the Mosquitoes winning a closely-contested game by three goals to two (these clubs met in the first round of this competition two years' back, when, after a drawn game, the Pilgrims were victorious). The Mosquitoes have this season been very successful, winning all their matches (six) off the reel. Starting with the wind and sun facing them, the home team commenced well, and caused Swepstone to save his charge, which he did right well, keeping up the attack. H.E.J. Surr scored for his side, and the Pilgrims almost immediately retaliated; half time one goal each. Aided by the wind the Mosquitoes again scored, this time from a free kick, and J.H. Bennett, making a good run, centred well, and the visitors once more made the score level. Both teams now strove hard to make the winning point, and J.H. Cornford, getting the ball, made a run down the centre, finishing with a very fast shot, which took effect. The winners played a very good forward game, and their backs made but few mistakes, while the Pilgrims seemed to lack combination, their centres not making much of the opportunities given them from the right wing."

SM: "Played at the Greyhound, Dulwich, on Saturday, and ended, after a hard fought game, in favour of the Mosquitoes by three goals to two."

REF: "This match was played at the Greyhound, Dulwich, and ended, after a hard-fought game, in favour of Mosquitoes, by three goals to two. With sun and wind against them the home team kicked-off, and for a time held their opponents. From a fine screw kick by Surr the Mosquitoes scored, their opponents soon retaliating. After changing a second goal was made by Mosquitoes from a free kick placed by +Hunt, The Pilgrims again soon scored. Just before time J.H. Cornford made the winning goal by a fine shot." +Grant

Mosquitoes:C.Plunkett(Goal);H.Denny,F.W.Fisher(Backs);E.A.Whittle(Capt.),J.R.Grant(Half Backs); A.J.Cornford,H.Soulby(Right),H.E.J.Sirr,J.H.Cornford(Centres),T.T.Bradbury,A.E.Denny(Left).

Pilgrims:H.A.Swepstone(Goal);M.E.Dovaston,C.R.Hodges(Backs);C.H.Last,A.C.S.Stone(Half Backs); E.S.Fardell,J.H.Bennett(Right),C.H.Owen,W.C.Stringfield(Centres),W.E.Fry,E.S.Graham(Left).

OLD WESTMINSTERS 3 (E.H.Alington 2,A.W.C.Jenner) CHATHAM 0 (H.T. 1-0)(Sat Nov 3rd)(At Vincent Square)

Bell's Life 10/11/83 P.4/Sporting Life 5/11/83 P.4/Sportsman 5/11/83 P.4/Chatham & Rochester Observer 10/11/83 P.2(Report and teams unreadable):

BL:"This tie was played at Vincent-square last Saturday afternoon,and resulted in an easy win for the home team by three goals to nil.The visitors won the toss,and Alington started the ball from the goal next the entrance gate.It was well returned,and for some time the play was carried on dangerously near the Westminster posts.Scoones,however,eventually broke away,and then some effective defensive play was shown by the Chatham goalkeeper.Some good work was now done by both sides,but no score was made until close on half time,when a combined run by Alington and resulted in the first goal for the Old Boys.Ends having been changed,the visitors somewhat pressed their opponents until Alington charged over and scored again,whilst a few minutes later Bain sent the ball through the visitors' posts,but this time the score was disallowed,on the ground of offside. Up to the finish the home team were the aggressors,and a third goal was scored by Jenner shortly before play ceased."

SL:"A match in the first round of this competition was decided on Saturday last,at Vincent Square, Westminster,which,after playing for the customary hour and a half,resulted in favour of Westminster by three goals to none.Chatham won the toss,and R.Conquer having selected the goal on St Mary's Church side of the ground,Alington,at twenty-five minutes past three,much too late to begin at this time of year,through the home team we believe,not being ready-started the game from the entrance-gate end.The Chatham captain,aided by Blake and Hobart,returned the ball at once, and some smart play took place near the Westminster goal,when Scoones,well backed up ran over and made his shot,the danger from which,however,was cleverly averted by Jeffisson.Some smart play was now shown by both teams until close upon half time,when Alington,assisted by Burrige, dashed across the ground,and won the first goal for the "Old Boys".Having changed ends the visitors worked with considerable spirit,and gave great trouble to their plucky opponents,till Alington,again charging over,added another chalk to the one already gained,and shortly after Bain followed his example,but being off-side the goal was disallowed.The contest continued to be carried on much in favour of the home team,and not long before hostilities ceased,Jenner won the last event of the day,the Old Westminsters winning as above stated."

SM:"On Saturday last a team,selected from former residents at Westminster School,and a military one from Chatham,having been drawn together in the first round of the Cup competition,met at Vincent Square to decide which of them would prove eligible to compete in the second round,which was ultimately decided in favour of the home team by three goals to love.Much dissatisfaction was expressed by the visitors at the tardiness shown by their opponents in putting their forces together in reasonable time,for although the Chatham division were ready to commence operations at the appointed time,three o'clock,they were unable to make a beginning till about half an hour after,

consequently the latter part of the match had to be played in the dark, which was scarcely fair, to say the least of it, to the strangers on such an important occasion. The Chatham captain, having been successful in the toss, drew up his team on the St Mary's Church side of the square, and at 3.30 Alington kicked off. When the ball fell it was at once taken to hand, figuratively speaking, by E. Conquer, who, supported by Hobart and Blake, dribbled it whence it came until checked by the Old Boys, and some rather smart play took place in the centre, when Scoones, disentangling the ball from the mêlée that ensued, rattled over the ground down the right side, and made a fine shot which Jeffisson as finely repelled. From this point the game became a very fast one and the home team repeatedly penned their adversaries severely, and many scrimmages occurring not far from the Chatham goal, it took all the ??? and skill of Lush, Green, and Jeffisson to keep their goal intact. At length, shortly before the first half of the game came to an end, a splendid specimen of dribbling and passing was displayed by Burrridge and Scoones, which took them right across the field of play, and the latter having passed the ball over to the left, Alington was again successful with his shot. Ends having been reversed, the Old Boys still continued to force the pace, and Bain not long afterwards kicked through the enemy's posts, but on the plea of off-side, the goal was disallowed. To make amends, however, Jenner was soon enabled to score a third, and, as nothing of any particular moment took place for the rest of the game, it came to a conclusion as previously mentioned."

Old Westminsters: W.F.G. Sandwith (Goal); C.W.R. Tepper, R.T. Squire (Backs); C.T. Roller, E.V. Eddis, F.W. Janson (Half Backs); W.A. Burrridge, O. Scoones (Right Side), A.C.W. Jenner (Centre), E.H. Alington, F.W. Bain (Left Side).

Chatham: E. Jeffisson (Goal); A.E. Green, E. Conquer (Backs); E. Petty, J. Brown, W. Lush (Half Backs); F. Stedman, H. Blake (Right Side), R. Conquer (Capt.) (Centre), C. Soppitt, H. Hobart (Left Side).

N.B C&RO for 3/11/83 has E. Jepson in goal for match and Lineup for match confirms this. CHECK

Umpires: Mathew (Romford) and C. Stephenson (Old Westminsters). Referee: W. Lewis (Chatham)

ROMFORD 3 (J.A. Macfarlane, R. Oliver, P.M. Earle) WOODFORD BRIDGE 0 (H.T 0-0)
(Sat Nov 3rd) (At Romford)

Essex Times 9/11/83 P.2/Bell's Life 10/11/83 P.4/Chelmsford Chronicle 9/11/83 P.7/Essex Herald 5/11/83 P.7/Sporting Life 5/11/83 P.4/Sportsman 5/11/83 P.4/Field 10/11/83 P.655 (No full report)/Referee 4/11/83 P.6:

ET: "Both teams seemed to warm to their work, the rapidity with which the leather was taken from one end of the ground to the other proving how strenuous were the exertions of each team to lower their opponents' colours, but till half time no score resulted. After change of ends the home team played better together, the result being that Kennerley's services were repeatedly called into requisition, the greater part of the latter part of the game being carried on in Woodbridge territory. At last the fine play of J.A. Macfarlane was rewarded, as after a very pretty dribble he cleverly scored the first goal for Romford. Wright, who up to this time had been making several clever runs on the right (the efficacy of which was lost owing to his tendency to take the ball too far down the side before centring), now got well in, Oliver doing the needful. Upon the ball being re-started Bullard made an attempt (which at first appeared to be successful owing to Cornell having dropped the ball) to score for the visitors, but being frustrated the leather was again taken towards the

Woodford goal by Wright, who middling it to Earle, the third goal was scored amidst loud cheering for Wright."

BL:"The visitors kicked off, but during the first portion of the game the ball was kept almost entirely in their quarters, though up to change no score had been made by either side. After this, however, the home team, who hitherto had been playing wildly, got better together, and it was not long before a good run down the right by J.A. McFarlane resulted in a goal for Romford. Directly after this another point was scored by Oliver, to whom the ball was well centred by Wright. Just before the whistle sounded to cease play a third goal was gained for Romford out of a bully by Earle. Romford thus won by three goals to nil."

CC/EH:"A numerous company assembled on the ground of the Romford Club, on Saturday afternoon, to witness the match between the above clubs to decide their tie in the first round of the Association Cup. The ground was very slippery, and the players in consequence lost their equilibrium. In spite of this the game was fast, and having generally the best of the game throughout, the home team won by three goals to love. At half time neither side had scored. For Romford, Wright and J.A. Macfarlane on the right, and Earle (who had not quite recovered from a recently sprained ankle) and Oliver on the left, made some capital runs, while Goadby was busy in the centre. Couzens, whose tackling was determined, showed best amongst the backs and half backs. The Woodford Bridge forwards played well together, and with plenty of determination, the most prominent members of the team being Bullard, who played specially well, Warren, Robilliard, and Rennie, while Kennerley kept goal admirably. The Umpires were Mr R. Growse, Brentwood and Mr F.W. Beck; the referee was Mr J. Armstrong."

SL:"On the ground of the Romford Club these teams met on Saturday to play their match in the first round of the Association Challenge Cup. A large amount of interest was centred in the issue of the game by reason of the teams hailing from adjacent towns, so that there was a large attendance of persons to witness the game. A spirit of acrimony pervaded the match, which was once or twice unmistakably manifested, but the game at last resulted in a decisive victory for Romford. Woodford Bridge kicked off, and during the first half the ball was kept almost entirely in their territory, several shots at their goal just failing to score, and when ends were changed, neither side had obtained a goal. After this, however, Romford, who curiously enough always play better in the second half than in the first, were more combined in their attacks, and although for four or five minutes their position was hotly assailed, and their goal custodian had twice to use his hands to avert disaster, they eventually got the ball well away from their own quarters, and then acted almost entirely on the offensive. Their first goal was kicked by J.A. Macfarlane after a fine run up the right wing, while the second goal came from the foot of Oliver after a splendid run and centre by Wright. This occurred within five minutes of time, but before the whistle finally sounded, Earle added another goal out of a bully in front of the posts. Romford thus won by three goals to nil. Wright, Couzens, and J.A. Macfarlane played excellently for the winners, while Robilliard, Warren, Gadsdon, and Bullard were perhaps the most active in the Woodford Eleven."

SM:"The tie between the above-named clubs, in the first round of the Association Cup, was on Saturday decided at Romford, in the presence of a large company of spectators, a fast and keenly-contested game ending in favour of Romford by three goals to love. Although the home team had rather the best of the game, they were unable to score during the first half, and when ends were

changed neither side had scored.Both Kennerley and Cornell saved their charge several times in capital style,but the former had by far the most work.For Romford,Wright and J.A.Macfarlane,Earle, and Oliver made some good runs,and Goadby was very useful in the centre,while Couzens and (Webster?)worked hard.For Woodford Bridge,Bullard,Warren,Robilliard and Rennie played well,the forwards acting together well and playing up hard."

Romford:A(rthur).D. Cornell(Goal);H.W.Palmer,J.E.Macfarlane(Backs);H.Mansfield,C.Couzens (Half Backs);W.Wright,J.A.Macfarlane(Right Wing),L.E.Clark(Capt.),J.Goadby(Centres), P.M.Earle,R.Oliver(Left Wing).

Woodford Bridge:T.(A.)Kennerley(Goal);W.Rennie(Back);P.Gadsdon,F.(A.)Robilliard,Gill(Half Backs); J.W.Warren(Capt.),J.Cox(Right Wing),(H.)A.Hants,F.Bullard(Centres),T.(M.)Wood,R.Smith(Left Wing).

Gill Initials not found but all others checked apart from three 2nd initials indicated

Umpires:R.Growse(Brentwood) and F.W.Peck(St Mark's College).Referee: J.Armstrong (Dreadnought) .

SEVENTH DIVISION:

Reading v South Reading

Acton v Upton Park

Reading Minster v Old Carthusians

Old Foresters v Dreadnought

West End v Maidenhead

READING 2 (P.M.Lushington,T.H.Turner) SOUTH READING 2(J.Embery,"scrimmage") (H.T. 2-0) (Sat Nov 10th)(At Coley Park,Reading)

Reading Observer 17/11/83 P.3/Field 17/11/83 P.686/Berkshire Chronicle 17/11/83 P.6/Bell's Life 17/11/83 P.4/ Sporting Life 13/11/83 P.4:

RO:"These clubs having been drawn together in the first ties for the above cup met at Coley Park on Saturday to try conclusions.From the form shewn last year when the same clubs met in the first round of the Berks and Bucks Cup,South Reading being defeated by four goals to one,it was thought that Reading would not have much difficulty in defeating their local opponents again.The weather being fine,a large attendance of spectators resulted to witness what turned out an interesting and exciting game,and,owing to the ropes and planks being provided,they were enabled to watch the game with more comfort to themselves and convenience to the players.Field having won the toss, elected to play up-hill with the wind in his favour,and Embery kicked off for South Reading,but it was not long before Reading asserted their superiority by keeping the ball mostly in their enemy's territory but the defence of the South Reading backs and goal keeper was too good for them to score.At last Walker broke through the ranks,and reaching the goal line middled well and Lushington secured an easy goal.Having once commenced scoring,it was not long before a second goal was obtained by Turner,also from a middle by Walker;C.G.Field was very near scoring,but the ball was got rid of by Lusty.Several attempts were then made to try and capture the Reading citadel,but of no avail;though hands were given for South Reading about 20 yards from goal,the ball was kicked right through without touching anyone so did not score.Half-time having arrived,the game stood-Reading

2, South Reading 0; and few thought that South Reading would be able to make up their disadvantage, especially as for the next half-hour Reading still had the best of the game. This seemed to have the effect of making them careless, and before they could rouse themselves Embury shot the first goal for the South Reading amid tumultuous applause from the numerous spectators, who certainly did not leave their voices at home. This ought to have been a lesson for the Reading backs, who were playing rather weak, but five minutes afterwards a corner fell to South Reading, and a scrimmage resulted in front of the goal, ending in a second goal in their favour. Now was an exciting time, each side striving for victory, but each was disappointed, as no further score was made, the game ending in a draw. For Reading, C.G. Field, R.M. Bird-Thompson, Walker, and Tombs played best, while Johnson, West, Haydon, and Embury did good service for South Reading."

F/BC: "Played at Coley Park, on Saturday last, in lovely weather, the ground also being in good condition. Reading won the toss, and elected to play with the wind, and commenced by keeping their opponents well within their territory, but failed to score for some time. At last Walker middled well, and Lushington kicked the first goal for Reading. About ten minutes elapsed before another goal was scored for the same side by Turner, from a second middle by Walker. After half time Reading still had a little the best of it but did not score; in fact seemed content with their previous efforts. This laissez-faire incited the South Reading to increase their exertions, in which they were rewarded by obtaining two goals about ten minutes before time, leaving the game drawn."

BL: "After half time the town club commenced to press their opponents, but towards the end of the game they fell to pieces, and South Reading taking advantage of this scored a couple of goals in rapid succession just before time was called."

SL: "This tie in the first round was decided at Coley Park, Reading, last Saturday afternoon. The weather was all that could be desired, the assemblage of spectators large, and the ground in capital condition. Field won the toss, and South kicked off against the wind. Favoured by this advantage, the senior club kept up a succession of incursions into their opponents' territory, and at last Walker middled well to Lushington, who kicked the first goal for Reading. Ten minutes later Walker again centred in neat style, and Turner very promptly scored a second goal for the town club. After half time, for some considerable period the latter still maintained the advantage, but their play fell off considerably towards the close. On the other hand, the South redoubled their efforts and obtained two goals in quick succession, about ten minutes before the call of "Time!". Nothing further resulted so the match had to be left drawn, both sides having scored twice."

Reading: S. Hayward (Goal); Edgar Field (Capt.), W.T.S. Tombs (Backs); T.E. Hill, J.G. Bird-Thompson (Half Backs); W. Holbrook, H.E. Walker (Right), T.H. Turner, P.M. Lushington (Centres), C.G. Field, R.M. Bird-Thompson (Left).

South Reading: H. Lusty (Goal); H. Harris, H. Maxwell (Backs); F. Haydon (Capt.), J.A. Danter (Half Backs); J. Allen, J.P. Milsom (Right), R. Cooper, J. Embury (Centres), A. Johnson, A. West (Left).

Umpires: J.W. Martin (Hon. Sec. Berks & Bucks Association) and J. Barley (South Reading).
Referee: G. Sillence (Reading Minster).

REPLAY: Sat Nov 17th: At Whitley Park Farm, South Reading Ground ("...the ground was in a wretched state rendering anything like scientific play out of the question": BL):

SOUTH READING 0 READING 4 (W.Holbrook,C.G.Field 2,E.Deacon)(H.T. 0-2)

Reading Observer 24/11/83 P.6/Berkshire Chronicle 24/11/83 P.6/Sporting Life 19/11/83 P.4/Bell's Life 24/11/83 P.4/Field 24/11/83 P.719/Referee 18/11/83 P.6/Sportsman 19/11/83 P.4(No teams):

N.B SM has "(Field 2,Deacon and Walker) "as the scorers:check Walker may have scored the 1st goal instead of Holbrook,as RO has no 1st scorer.

RO:"This match for the first cup tie,which was left undecided after 1½ hours' play,on Saturday, November 10th,was played over again on Saturday last.According to the rules of the Association, South Reading had the choice of ground,and elected to play at Whitley Park,on their own ground, which is not a very large one;indeed,to get the full length it was necessary to plant the goal posts on the edge of a ditch,rendering the position of goal keeper not an enviable one.On this occasion,he escaped,though not so one of the South Reading backs,who was discovered at a period of the game with his legs in the air and head in the ditch.Leaving the question of ground,we notice the teams are not quite the same as on the preceding Saturday,for the Rev. J.E.Smith-Masters has superseded Cooper for South Reading and E.Deacon,W.H.Moore,and Fry supply the places of the brothers Bird Thompson and Lushington in the Reading team.Edgar Field having won the toss,selected the end with his back to the sun,which was shining brightly after the morning's thunderstorm,and Embery started the ball for South Reading.It did not take long to find out who was strongest,for the Reading forwards commenced to attack the Southern goal in real earnest,and but for the splendid goal keeping of Lusty,must have scored very early.It was not before twenty minutes had passed that Reading secured their first goal,off the foot of one of the South Reading forwards from a middle by Fry.Fired by this reverse,the South Reading made some good runs,and came dangerously near the Reading goal,but Hayward prevented its downfall,and the ball was again sent towards the other end,where Field succeeded in sending it between the posts.Bearing in mind the experience of the previous Saturday,Reading began the second half in the full determination of keeping up their advantage,and if possible increasing it.For some time the ball kept about midway between the goals,owing to the Reading players playing a defensive not so much as an offensive game,but finding that South Reading,instead of improving,were evidently going to pieces,they commenced storming their goal again,and Lusty was often called on to defend his post,which he did well;at last Deacon, who had been playing well,had a good shot,which hit the post and went through.Following up the kick off,Haydon had a capital shot at the Reading goal,the ball hitting the upright,but on the off side and so went behind.The last point in the game occurred from a corner kick,which was entrusted to Hill,and was so well placed as to give no difficulty to Field in putting it through,which he did with plenty of force,making the game stand 4 to 0.Thus it will be seen South Reading were overmatched, but they nevertheless played a plucky game,Johnson,West,Milsom,Danter and Maxwell doing all they could for their side,while it would be invidious to mention those who played well for Reading, seeing that each played his best with such good result."

BC:"These well-known local teams met together on Saturday last on the ground of the latter at Whitley Park Farm.As the match was for the purpose of deciding the first tie of the Association Challenge Cup,and the teams played a drawn game the previous week in Coley Park,considerable interest was manifested in the present game by the numerous spectators who assembled to witness the match.The condition of the ground was somewhat slippery,and a cold wind blew from south to north.The home club had substituted Smith-Masters for Cooper,who played for them last week.As

the ranks of the premier club have usually been closed to the more prominent members of the junior clubs, we were glad to notice in this instance an exception had been made with regard to Messrs Fry and Deacon, believing, as we do, that a representative team should consist of the best players of the neighbourhood. We were also glad to see that the choice of the Reading Club was well founded as both of the new comers distinguished themselves, Fry being doubtless, the best forward player on the field. Edgar Field having won the toss, West sent the ball on its way at 2.55. when it was immediately taken into the Reading quarters, and Allen sent in a shot at goal, which went behind, thus giving Reading a free kick. Deacon got hold of the leather soon afterwards, and passed it to Holbrook, who made a pretty run, finishing up by sending it over the bar. After some even play a free kick fell to Reading just in front of their opponents' goal; nothing, however, came of this, as Hayden very nicely sent the ball out of danger. The game was now of a give and take description, each side in turn showing to advantage, good shots being saved by both keepers. Fry was most conspicuous for the Reading team, and at length he put in a splendid centre to Holbrook, whose high shot just escaped the vigilance of Lusty. On resuming play the South fortress was again in danger, but Harris relieved his side. Another smart attack on the South goal was more successful, some combined play ending in C.G. Field gaining point No 2 for the visitors. This put the South Reading on their mettle Allen, Milsom, and Johnson each sending in good shots, but Hayward was equal to the emergency, and kept his goal safe until half time. On change of ends Moore sent the ball on its way, and Fry, Deacon, and Walker again proved themselves very troublesome to the South backs; Lusty, however, repelled all their attacks and Hayden, taking possession of the leather, put in a good shot, which narrowly missed scoring. Equal, but rather rough, play prevailed for some time, though West and Johnson were noticeable for their prowess. At length a good run on the right side by Walker, who passed to Deacon, ended in the latter player shooting a goal, which hit the bar in passing through. Immediately on restarting Deacon endeavoured to repeat this feat but Lusty was one too many for him, his fine goal keeping being a distinctive feature of a raid on the South Reading goal soon afterwards. Just before time, however, a corner kick fell to Reading, which was taken by Hill, who beautifully centred the ball, and a sharp shot from C.G. Field caused the downfall of the South Reading colours for the fourth time. Notwithstanding their strenuous efforts the home club were unable to score a single point. It was a well fought match and ended by four goals to "nil" in favour of Reading, who will consequently have to meet the West End Club in the second round on December 1. Maxwell and Danter played well in the back division of the losers, while the Reading backs were very efficient."

F: "The match was played at Whitley, where a large audience assembled to witness the struggle, which turned out to be not so even as the preceding one was, when each side obtained two goals. This time the same number of goals were got, but they were placed to the credit of one side, viz Reading. The new men played by Reading justified their selection, especially Fry, who, while appearing to take matters easily, did some very good work. The play was mostly in the South Reading half, but their goalkeeper did them good service, and stopped all shots he could reach, which were many. Edgar Field and Tombs were invaluable, and all the Reading forwards played up well, while West, Milsom, and Johnson did their best, as did also Danter, Haydon, and Maxwell for South Reading."

BL: "...at Whitley Park, but the ground was in a wretched state, rendering anything like scientific play out of the question."

South Reading: H. Lusty (Goal); H. Maxwell, H. Harris (Backs); F. Haydon (Capt.), J. A. Danter (Half Backs); J. P. Milsom, J. Allen (Right), A. Johnson, A. West (Centres), J. Embery, Rev. J. E. Smith-Masters (Left).

(BL/SL wrongly have J.Barley for J.E.Smith-Masters)

Reading:S.Hayward(Goal);Edgar Field(Capt.),W.T.S.Tombs(Backs);T.E.Hill,T.H.Turner(Half Backs);
H.E.Walker,W.Holbrook(Right),W.H.Moore,E.Deacon(Centres),C.G.Field,A.Fry(Left).

Umpires:P.Holbrook,G.Barley.Referee:G.Sillence(Reading Minster)

ACTON 0 UPTON PARK 2 (H.Brealey,D.Hewett)(H.T. 0-0)(Sat Nov 10th)(At Acton)

Middlesex County Times 17/11/83 P.3/Field 17/11/83 P.686/Bell's Life 17/11/83 P.4/Sporting Life
12/11/83 P.4/Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4/Referee 11/11/83 P.6:

N.B. 1883 Acton Gazette is not on line!

MCT:"This important match was played at Acton on Saturday last.The committee of the cricket club kindly lent their field for the occasion,but we think the football club would have been wiser had they not changed.Upton Park,who are the holders of the London cup,were of course,the favourites,and expected to score an easy win.The home players,however,had got together their strongest team,and made a splendid fight.Grey won the toss,and commenced with the wind in his favour.Upton kicked off,but Heynemann immediately obtained possession,and for the first ten minutes,the visitors were much pressed,Warner having to use his hands.Upton now ran the ball down,but Savage and Everall were not to be passed,and the game continued in mid-field.Hynemann now made a good run, eluding the backs,and seemed certain of scoring,but unfortunately the ball stuck as he took his kick,the result being that Warner saved.Upton now tried hard to score,Barnard putting in some fine "screws",but Manley was ready and got the ball away.Up to half-time nothing was scored.Ends were now changed,and then both teams tried hard to score,the home team having to play a defensive game.The three half backs played in fine style,Hardwicke especially coming in for plenty of applause. Mellors and Pailthorpe made a good run,but the redoubtable Warner was one too many for them. Upton again pressed the home team,but for a time Everall,Savage,and Manley prevented any score. At length Leete sent in a hot one from the right,which Manley just (kept) out,but Brealey coming up headed a fine goal,to the great relief of the Uptonians.Shortly after this Grey and Longden made a pretty combined run down,but nothing came of it.Hewitt now made a good run,and ended it by kicking a rather flukey goal,which we think Manley with a little effort might have saved.Time was now called,leaving the visitors winners by two goals to nil.The result rather surprised the Upton men,who expected a very easy win.If the home team forwards(especially the left)had passed a little more we think the tables would have been turned.What was wanting in the forwards though was found in the backs,who played a splendid game throughout.Hardwicke was certainly the pick,but the others were not far behind,and it says a great deal for them to keep such a team at bay until ten minutes before time.Manley in goal fully justified his selection.It must not be forgotten that the Actonians had to play off their draw for the London cup on the same day."

F:"The ground provided by Acton for this contest was of the most wretched description.Before play could commence the width had to be increased by some yards and was not up to the minimum even then.There were not half enough flags to mark the boundary lines,whilst the turf itself was so uneven and holding,and at one end nothing but a bed of dead leaves,that the visitors could not play at all their usual game.In the first half easy chances were muffed by Savill,Ingilis,and Ellis,while Leete only missed a certain goal by tripping over a lump.Palpable chances of scoring were also missed by

the Acton forwards. All the good shots were well saved by the respective goalkeepers, and half time arrived with no score to either side. The Uptonians kept up a siege on the Acton goal after change of ends, in spite of Brealey getting an injury which compelled him to retire for twenty minutes, and of Inglis being incapacitated by injury to his collar-bone shortly after he had kicked a goal which was disallowed for "hands". A smart run by Leete, ending in a good middle, enabled Brealey, who had just come into play again, to head the first goal for Upton. A shot by Leete soon after hit the post, and the ball returning into play, was got safely away for some distance; but Hewett getting possession, he dribbled neatly up the centre, and kicked a second goal for Upton, who won by two to love. Manley(goal), Everall, Savage, Hardwicke, Tossell(back), and Grey, and Mellors(forwards) played up very hard for Acton-whose style of play-long kicking and a rush in-is, perhaps, most suited to the ground. In spite of all drawbacks J. Mangles and Logan rendered good back service for the winners, and the forwards did their "level best" but that was not much. Warner was little troubled."

BL: "Both goals were obtained within 10 minutes of time."

SL: "The ground provided for this match at Acton was so uneven and holding that scientific play was out of the question, though it appeared to suit the style of play indulged in by Acton. In the first half though many chances occurred to the Uptonians and a few to their opponents, no score was registered, the visitors being non-plussed at the manner in which the ball fell dead instead of bounding. In the second half Hewitt and Brealey each scored, the former after a neat dribble up the centre, while the latter headed through after a good middle by Leete. Mangles and Logan(back) and Barnard, Brealey, and Inglis(forward) played hard for the winners, while Manley, Everall, Savage, and Hardwicke(back), and Longden, Grey, and Mellors were perhaps the most noticeable for Acton. Upton won by two goals to 0." (SM has a similar report)

Acton: H. Manley(Goal); J. R. Everall, A. Savage(Backs); J. Hardwicke, A. T. Tossell, C. A. Collins(Half Backs); S. G. Pailthorpe, J. G. Mellors(Right Wing), F. S. Heynemann(Centre), R. H. Grey(Capt.), J. Longden(Left Wing).

Upton Park: Conrad Warner(Capt.)(Goal); C. J. S. Moore, W. J. Mangles(Backs); E. D. Ellis, N. Logan(Half Backs); H. Savill, D. Hewett(Right Wing), N. Leete, A. M. Inglis(Centres), H. Brealey, J. Barnard(Left Wing).

N.B. It seems that H. Savill who was listed as a reserve for the game played for S. R. Bastard who was listed for the game.

Umpires: W. Martin(Acton) and F. A. Clarke(Pilgrims). Referee: C. E. Hart(Treasurer, L.F.A.).

READING MINSTER 1 ("A united rush") OLD CARTHUSIANS 10 (E. H. Parry 5, A. J. Last 2, L. King-Harman, R. L. Escombe, "scrimmage") (H. T. 0-6) (Sat Nov 10th) (At Park House, Reading)

Reading Observer 17/11/83 P.3/Bell's Life 17/11/83 P.4/Berkshire Chronicle 17/11/83 P.6/Sporting Life 12/11/83 P4/Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4/Nottingham Evening Post 12/11/83 P.4/Referee 11/11/83 P.6:

R0: "This match, also in the first round of the Association Cup, was played on Saturday (by the kind permission of Mr A. C. Bartholemew) in the grounds of Park House, when there were a goodly number of spectators present. Minster, having won the toss, the Old Carthusians started the ball a little after three o'clock, when it was quickly taken into the Minster territory, and after five minutes from the

start, goal No 1 was scored for the visitors, and in almost less time than it takes to write it, another goal was added to the same score. The Minster were heavily matched, not having their full strength, and only on two or three occasions did they succeed in taking the ball into their opponents' goal during the first half. The splendid all-round play of the Old Carthusians was too much for them, no less than six goals being added to the latter's score before half-time. On change of ends the Old Carthusians again asserted their supremacy, and after some time being exhibited in Reading, two more goals were added in rapid succession to their score; so swift were the shots of the Carthusians that the Minster goal-keeper was unable to see the ball. But with all this against them the Minster team played up pluckily, and after some capital passing the ball was taken into their opponents' territory, and the ball sent through the Carthusian uprights. After this the visitors added two more goals to their score, the Old Carthusians thus winning by ten goals to one. At the conclusion of the match, the teams adjourned to Park House, where they were hospitably entertained by Mr A.C. Bartholemew."

BC: "The ground was kindly lent for the occasion by Mr A.C. Bartholemew, Park House."

BL "Played last Saturday at Reading, and resulted in a very easy victory for the visitors by 10 goals to one. The game simply consisted of a series of shots made by the Carthusians at the Minster goal, but only 10 of them took effect. Before half time Parry scored thrice, Last once, King-Harman once, and one goal was kicked out of a scrimmage. In the second half Parry scored two goals, Last one; and Escombe one; the Minster goal was scored after a united rush." (NEP has the same report but no Reading Minster lineup)

BC: "In pleasant but rather cold weather a fair number of football enthusiasts assembled at Park House on Saturday last, doubtless drawn together by the fame of the Old Carthusians as first class exponents of the game of football. As had been predicted, a very one-sided game ensued, the old boys being altogether too fast, heavy, and well trained for the Minster team, who were completely run off their feet. Plim was the only back at all able to cope with the visitors' forwards, and we think the Minster forwards would have shown to better advantage had they been assisted by a stronger defence. Bilson, F. Wilson, Allwood, and Wollaston were conspicuous in their efforts to force the ball through the Carthusians' backs, but were only once successful in scoring. Of the many shots of the visitors ten were successful. Previous to half time Parry scored three, Last one, King-Harman one, and one resulted from a scrimmage. In the second half Parry scored two goals, Last one, and Escombe one, the "Old Boys" thus winning by ten goals to one."

SL/SM/REF: "Played on Saturday in fine weather at Reading, and resulted in an easy victory for the Old Boys by ten goals to one. In the first half Parry scored thrice, Last once, King-Harman once, and one goal was kicked out of a scrimmage. In the second half Parry scored two goals, Last one, and Escombe one. The Minster goal was kicked after a united rush."

Reading Minster: J.(E.) Beasley (Goal); W. Winkworth, J. Davies (Backs); A. Plim, W. Wilson (Half Backs); M. Whiting, H. Allwood (Right Wing), G. Whichelow, S.S. Wollaston (Capt.) (Centres), F. Wilson, A. Bilson (Left Wing).

Old Carthusians: C.K. Harrison (Goal); W.H. Norris, A.M. Walters (Backs); T.W. Blenkiron, J. Vintcent (Half Backs); A.J. Last, W.E. Hansell (Right), E.H. Parry (Capt.), L. King-Harman (Centres), R.L. Escombe, L. Owen (Left).

Umpires:A.H.Trollope and G.W.Bowsher for Reading Minster .Referee:J.Armstrong.

OLD FORESTERS 2 (C.J.Horner,Hugh Guy)DREADNOUGHT 1 (F.Fabian)(H.T. 1-0)(Sat Nov 10th)(At Forest School,Walthamstow)

Sporting Life 12/11/83 P.4/Bell's Life 17/11/83 P.4/Referee 11/11/83 P.6/Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4/Nottingham Evening Post 12/11/83 P.4(No lineups):

SL:"These clubs played off their tie on Saturday,on the ground of the Forest School at Walthamstow. Why the Foresters elected to play on the school patch in preference to their own ground did not transpire,but the change was decidedly in favour of such a heavy and fast team as they put in the field.The weather was fine,but bitterly cold,and thus must greatly have militated against the attendance of spectators,which at no time exceeded 200.Throughout the game a very strong wind swept across the ground,and completely neutralised many shots at goal,but from the start to the finish the Old Foresters showed themselves to be slightly superior,although their victory was by no means easily gained;in fact,although during the first half the ball was kept almost entirely in the proximity of the Dreadnought goal,it was not until a minute before the whistle sounded for a change of ends that Horner,out of a bully,scored for the Foresters,the ball going through the goal-keeper's legs.After crossing over the Dreadnought men worked most zealously to equalise matters, and this they effected within fifteen minutes of the recommencement Fabian shooting the ball through the Foresters' posts after a fine centre from the left wing.After this,however,three "corners" fell to the home team in rapid succession,and from the last of these Hugh Guy obtained a second goal for the Foresters,who in the absence of any further score won by two goals to one."

BL/REF:"Played last Saturday at Walthamstow,and resulted in a victory for the former by two goals(kicked by Horner and Guy) to one(kicked by Fabian)."

SM:"Played on Saturday at Walthamstow,ending in a victory for the former by two goals(Horner and Hugh Guy)to one (Fabian).At half time the score was one to the Old Foresters to nothing."

Old Foresters:J.W.M.Guy(Goal);F.W.Sewell,E.A.Elmslie(Backs);P.Fairclough(Capt.),C.J.Fox(Half Backs);B.J.W.Grieve,G.C.Mills,C.J.Horner,Hugh Guy(Centres),J.H.Matthews,H.H.Johnson.(No RW/LW)

Dreadnought:T.W.Greenhill(Capt.)(Goal);W.H.Davis,H.Wood(Backs);M.Holroyd,J.S.Kistruck(Half Backs);D.McKay,F.W.Cleworth(Right Wing),F.Fabian,W.F.Pettigrew(Centres),J.Wylie,D.Ringrose (Left Wing).

(SL has M.Wood for W.F.Pettigrew)

Umpires:E.B.Denton(Old Foresters) and V.B.Godden(Dreadnought).Referee:M.P.Betts(Old Harrovians).

WEST END 1(H.Cooper) MAIDENHEAD 0(H.T. 1-0) (Sat Nov 10th)(At Wormholt's Farm,Shepherds Bush)

Referee 11/11/83 P.6/Bell's Life 17/11/83 P.4/Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4/London Standard 12/11/83 P.6(No teams):

REF: "This match was played to-day (Saturday) at Wormholt Farm, Shepherd's Bush, and resulted in favour of the West End by one goal to love. Scott won the toss, having a strong breeze and a bright sun in his favour. For the first few minutes Maidenhead pressed their opponents, but the West End backs soon repelled them. The West End now made repeated attacks on their opponents' fortress, Cooper, Elmslie, and Foster working hard to score. After some excellent give-and-take play on the West End left wing, Elmslie made a neat pass to the centre, off which Foster kicked a goal, but, being off-side, was disallowed. For a considerable time the West End pressed the visitors, and several corner kicks resulted. Shortly before half time Scott, by a magnificent long shot, kicked the ball within a few feet of the Maidenhead posts, and Cooper, being as usual in his place, headed the ball through, which Lovegrove missed, and thus scored the only goal gained during the match. For the remaining part of the first half of the game, the ball was constantly in the vicinity of the Maidenhead goal. On changing ends the West End forwards still held their own, but Mackie and Harris, by some good passing, carried the ball into the West End territory, and for a short time gave Scott and (Palmer?) plenty of work. Some excellent play was now shown on either side, Maidenhead, with the wind in their favour, having slightly the best of the game, and causing the West End to kick off several times. Cooper and Gill now made several good runs, but the ball was returned by the Maidenhead backs, Blackwell and Dance being conspicuous for their side; but in vain attempted to pass Houghton, who was always equal to the occasion, and showed splendid form throughout. All the Maidenhead men now until the end of the game made strenuous efforts to equalise matters, and but for the good play of the West End backs, must have scored. Besides those already mentioned, Edwards and Hobbs showed good form for their respective sides."

BL: "This tie took place last Saturday afternoon at Wormholt's Farm, Shepherd's Bush, in fine weather. The home team won the toss and played up to half time with the wind and sun in their favour. For the first few minutes Maidenhead had the best of the game, but the good play of Scott and Houghton averted the danger, and after some excellent passing Foster kicked a goal, which, however, was disallowed. Several corners now came to West End, but nothing further was scored, until just on the close of half time, when Scott, by a lofty kick, sent the ball in front of the visitors' posts, through which it was headed by Cooper. After change the play was of a more even character, and though the visitors at times had the best of the play, their efforts were neutralised by the combined efforts of the West End backs, but for whom on more than one occasion they would have scored."

LS: "A strong team of the latter club (Maidenhead) journeyed to Shepherd's Bush on Saturday, and played in the first round of the above competition with an equally powerful eleven of the West End. The afternoon was unusually fine and the attendance large. The toss was a matter of some moment, as, in addition to a pretty strong wind, the sun was shining brightly, and the home team secured the advantage of having both at their backs at the start. The visitors, however, kept their opponents well employed, either side in turn having been compelled to retire upon their lines, ere the West End got the better of the play, and after repeated attempts to lower the visitors' colours, a well-directed shot from the foot of their captain having the desired effect, the ball falling near enough for Cooper to head it through. A goal had previously been kicked for them by Foster, but he was offside at the time, and it was consequently disallowed."

SM: "Played on Saturday at Wormholt's Farm, Shepherd's Bush, and resulted in favour of the West End by one goal (Cooper) to love."

West End:P.Foster(Goal);J.G.Scott(Capt.),T.Houghton(Backs);A.Edwards(1),A.Edwards(2)(Half Backs);+O.H.Cooper,J.Gill(Right), D.Foster,P.Lawton(Centres),F.Elmslie,J.Steele(Left).

+Only initials not checked (Have changed H.Cooper in REF etcetera to O.H.Cooper:see next round)

Maidenhead:W.(E.)Lovegrove(Capt.)(Goal);A.Haggis,B.Hobbs(Backs);A.(M.)Inglis,C.(E.)Reay(Half Backs);W.Mackie,R.Harris (Right),G.Drewett,T.Thurlow(Centres),W.Blackwell,W.Dance(Left).

Umpires:D.Davies for West End and A.Moyse for Maidenhead.Referee:R.B.Brown,Kildare.

EIGHTH DIVISION:

Clapham Rovers v Kildare

Hornchurch v Great Marlow

Windsor v Royal Engineers

Old Wykehamists v Upton Rangers

Uxbridge v Rochester

Swifts(a bye)

CLAPHAM ROVERS walked over KILDARE scratched: Bell's Life 17/11/83 P.4

HORNCHURCH 0 GREAT MARLOW 9 (R.A.Lunnon 5,R.Shaw 2 ,H.Walker 2)(H.T. ...??)
(Sat Nov 10th)(At Grey Towers,Hornchurch)

Essex Herald 12/11/83 P.Bell's Life 17/11/83 P.4/Referee 11/11/83 P.6/Bucks Herald 17/11/83 P.8/Sporting Life 12/11/83 P.4/Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4(Short report):

EH:"The Hornchurch club met with a hollow defeat at Hornchurch on Saturday,in their match to decide their tie with Marlow in the first round of the Association Cup.The match calls for little description,as the Marlow team,playing splendidly together,had matters all their own way throughout,and keeping up an almost incessant fire at the home goal,eventually won by nine goals to love.But for the effective goal keeping of Dr Bruorton,the score would have been much higher. The home forwards were altogether beaten in pace and fitness by their opponents,and they lacked combination.It should be added that the Hornchurch captain was disappointed of two or three of his best men,and that for some little time he only had ten men.For Marlow,R.A.Lunnon,Bailey,and Shaw played splendidly,and R.H.Lunnon among the half backs played a good game.Six of the goals were kicked by R.A.Lunnon,two by Shaw,and one by H.Walker.For hornchurch,Dr Bruorton,Cornell,and Martin played best."

BL:"This match was played at Grey Towers,Hornchurch,last Saturday afternoon,and resulted in an easy win for Marlow by nine goals to nil.The goals were kicked by Lunnon(five),Shaw(two), Walker(two)."

REF:"This match was played at Grey Towers,Hornchurch,last Saturday afternoon.The ball was started at 3.10 and after ninety minutes' play,resulted in an easy win for Marlow by nine goals to nil.The goals were kicked by Lunnon(five),Shaw(two),Walker(two)."

BH:"Nine goals to love hardly describes the complete victory which Great Marlow on Saturday obtained over Hornchurch to decide their tie in the first round of the Association Cup ties.On three

occasions only were the home team able to get the ball past their opponents' backs, and the Marlow forwards, who played splendidly together, kept up an almost uninterrupted fusillade on the home goal. Dr Bruorton saved his charge repeatedly in good style, and but for his services the score against his team would have been much greater."

SL: "The match between these two clubs, in the first round of the Association Cup, which was played at Hornchurch, on Saturday, was of the most one-sided character, and Great Marlow, having matters all their own way throughout, eventually won by nine goals to love. The score would have been much greater were it not for the efficient goal-keeping of Dr Bruorton, who repeatedly saved his charge. Only three times did the home forwards succeed in getting the ball past the Marlow backs, and they never had a semblance of scoring. The home team altogether lacked combination, and they were completely outpaced by the Marlow men, whose combination and passing were excellent. Six of the goals were kicked by R.A. Lunnon, two by Shaw, and one by H. Walker. Among the Marlow forwards, R.A. Lunnon, Shaw, Bailey, and Milward played in rare form; R.H. Lunnon was very conspicuous among the half backs, and the backs, who had little chance of distinguishing themselves, played well. For Hornchurch, Cornell and Martin did the best service next to the goal-keeper."

Hornchurch: Dr Bruorton (Goal); A.G. Martin (Capt.), C.S. Gooch (Backs); G. Wright, A. Cornell, jun (Half Backs); R. Carter, A. Gooch (Right wing), C.S. Palmer, J. Bailey (Centres), H. Campkin, A. Hinds (Left Wing).

All checked against EH Lineup

N.B. BL/REF both had the following Hornchurch team:

Bru(or)ton (Goal); Gooch, Martin (Backs); Cornell, + Cobb (Half Backs); + Skilton, + Cuzins (Right Wing), Palmer, + May (Centres), Campkin, Gooch (Left Wing). + the 4 players indicated were different from above team.

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

Umpires: F. Plumridge for Great Marlow and A. Cornell for Hornchurch.

Referee: E. Champness (Romford F.C.)

WINDSOR HOME PARK 5 (H.H. Cheesman, C. Smith, W. Harrison 2, A. Dear)

ROYAL ENGINEERS 3 (C.V. Wingfield-Stratford, Kincaid 2) (H.T. 4-2) (Sat Nov 10th) (At Windsor)

N.B. W & E scorers as above.

Windsor & Eton Express 17/11/83 P.4/Bell's Life 17/11/83 P.4/Sporting Life 12/11/83 P.4/Sportsman 12/11/83 P.4/Chatham & Rochester Observer 17/11/83 P.2/Referee 11/11/83 P.6:

W&E: "This match in the first round was played in the Home Park on Saturday last, in the presence of a large number of spectators, and, contrary to expectations, resulted in a victory for the home team by five goals to three. An early start was made, and the visitors at once made a general rush on the Windsor goal, resulting in Wingfield-Stratford gaining the first point of the day. The home team at once replied, and in a few minutes later Cheesman made matter equal. With the wind in their favour, the home eleven kept the ball in the visitors' territory, and Smith was enabled to gain a second point for Windsor, followed shortly afterwards by a splendid shot from Harrison, which made

the score three to one. The Sappers then worked with a will, and Kincaid made the best use of a splendid opportunity, for Wells, making a mis-kick, helped the ball on its mission, and Kelly in throwing it out stepped behind the line, a goal being immediately claimed and allowed. Shortly before half-time Dear made a splendid run, and finished a fine bit of play by causing the fourth downfall of the Engineers' citadel. After half-time the Sappers had the benefit of the wind and sun, but notwithstanding these advantages, the representatives of the Royal Borough managed to hold their own, the backs playing in grand style, and after about twenty minutes further play, Harrison scored yet another goal for Windsor amid loud and continuous cheering. Utterly oblivious to this disaster, the Sappers still played with great energy, and the Windsor custodian was called upon more than once to save his charge. At last, however, Kincaid obtained the third goal for his team, Vidal settling the goal keeper in a very relentless fashion; and yet again the ball bounded between the Windsor posts, but the referee ruled the kick as off side. Tolerably even play followed, but nothing further occurred. Thus a well-contested match ended with the result already stated. Owing to illness, the Windsor Captain had to retire a few minutes before the completion of the match. We are, however, glad that he decided at the eleventh hour to take his place in the team, as we feel sure his services would have been missed. For the home team the forwards all worked hard, Dear being in great form; and we must not forget to give a word of praise to the backs, for their resolute play undoubtedly assisted materially to win the match. For the visitors, Vidal, Kincaid, Stafford, Wingfield-Stratford, and Lindsay played well."

BL/SM/SL/REF: "Played at Windsor last Saturday, and resulted, after a well-contested game, in a victory for the home team by five goals to three. The goals for Windsor were kicked by Cheesman, Smith, Harrison, and Dear (two), and those for the Engineers by Stratford, and Kincaid (two)."

C&RO: "It is only fair to state that the Engineers kicked other goals, but they were disallowed. It is said the Officers intend to appeal."

Windsor: E. C. Kelly (Goal), J. B. Day, C. Wells (Backs), J. Wilks, C. Crook (Half Backs), T. Brown (Capt.), C. Godfrey (Right), A. Dear, C. F. Smith (Centres) H. H. Cheesman, W. Harrison (Left). (W & EE)

Royal Engineers: T. F. B. Renny-Tailyour (Goal), H. Bonham-Carter, E. St. C. Pemberton (Backs), W. Sealy Vidal, M. A. Boyd, J. R. B. Sargeant (Half Backs), C. V. Wingfield-Stratford (Capt.), L. Quill (Right), W. H. F. S. Kincaid (Centre), W. F. H. Stafford (Capt.), H. E. M. Lindsay (Left)

Umpires: H. Wright for Windsor and Lieutenant Browerigg for Royal Engineers.
Referee: J. H. Clark (Maidenhead) (Vice-President, Football Association)

UPTON RANGERS 0 OLD WYKEHAMISTS 7 (P. C. Parr 2, C. F. L. Sweet 2, J. A. Fort, E. M. Blackburn, J. F. Bowen) (Sat Nov 10th) (H. T. 0-3) (At West Ham Park)

Sporting Life 12/11/83 P. 4/Bell's Life 17/11/83 P. 4/Field 17/11/83 P. 686/Sportsman 12/11/83 P. 4 (Short report no teams)/Wykehamist Dec 1883 P. 192:

SL: "One of the final matches in the first round of the Association Challenge Cup Competition was decided on Saturday last, at West Ham Park, between these teams, and after a very one-sided game, resulted in favour of the Wykehamists by seven goals to none. Parr won the toss, and at a quarter past three Scott kicked off with a strong North-west wind against him, the ground being in as

wretched a state of unevenness for play as could well be met with. The ball was immediately returned by the Wykehamist forwards, and Hughes having passed to Parr, the latter kicked under the bar. A corner to Bowe(n) soon afterwards dropped dangerously in front of the hostile goal, and Hughes tried a header which, however, did no mischief. After a free kick Harrison tried to relieve his goal, but Wells-Cole met him in his onward career, and made a fine shot, which Bowles as finely turned aside. The Wykehamists now completely penned their adversaries, and Sweet was instrumental in kicking another goal, a few minutes only having expired since the previous one having been gained. Watts, who played remarkably well throughout, now tried to get down the side, and succeeded, but meeting Wells-Cole, the latter turned him remorselessly back, and the Wykehamists again laid siege to their opponents' citadel. The game was then carried on much after the same fashion, the Wykehamists still continuing to have it all their own way, till at length, just before "half time" was announced, Sweet sent the ball between the posts. Having changed ends it was generally considered that with the wind in their favour the Rangers would make a better show, but in spite of the energetic efforts made by Farney, Pamplin, Watts, Harrison, and Scott, it was not to be, and the ci-devant Winchester team would not allow them a moment's peace. From a claim of hands the Wykehamists had a free kick, and following up, Parr, out of a slight bully that ensued added another chalk to the three already gained. Darkness now came rapidly over the field of play, nevertheless, though it was with some difficulty, the ball could be seen at all, Fort did his share in piling up the agony for his opponents. Blackburn soon afterwards did likewise, and Bowen finished the score and brought the match to a conclusion, by winning the last goal. It is unnecessary to particularise the play of the victors; they did their duty well as they always do. The principals of the other we have already mentioned."

BL: "Played last Saturday afternoon at West Ham Park, and resulted in a very easy win for the old Winchester scholars by seven goals to none. The winners pressed their opponents throughout."

F: "Played at West Ham Park on Saturday Nov. 10. Old Wykehamists won by seven goals-(Parr 2, Sweet 2, Fort 1, Blackburn 1, Bowen 1) to nil."

Wykehamist: "Played at West Ham Park, on Saturday, November 10th. Old Wykehamists won by seven goals (Parr 2, Sweet 2, Fort 1, Bowen 1, Blackburn 1) to love." (OW team only)

Upton Rangers: G. Bowles (Goal); L. Cracknell, W. Pamplin (Backs); J. Farnie (Capt.), C. Ferguson (Half Backs); W. Harrison (Three-quarters Back); H. Watts, J. Drake (Right), W. Scott (Centre), J. Allen, J. Threlford (Left).

(F has G. Ferguson and T. Threlford).

Old Wykehamists: A. de M. W. Osborne (Goal); G. F. Wells-Cole, F. A. Jones (Backs); W. R. Sheldon, J. F. Bowen (Half Backs); C. F. (L.) Sweet, E. M. Blackburn (Right), P. C. Parr (Capt.), T. B. Hughes (Centres), C. W. How, J. A. Fort (Left)

Umpires: E. J. Humphrey and J. Tims. Referee: F. Hargreaves (Oxford).

UXBRIDGE 1 (C. Heron) ROCHESTER 2 (A. Henry, H. Prall) (HT. 0-0) (Sat Nov 3rd) (At Uxbridge Common)

No CRO Rochester scorers

Uxbridge & West Drayton Gazette 10/11/83 P.7/Sportsman 6/11/83 P.4/Field 10/11/83
P.655/Sporting Life 5/11/83 P.4/Chatham & Rochester Observer 10/11/83 P.2/Referee 4/11/83 P.6:

SM:"Played on Saturday at Uxbridge,and terminated in favour of the former by two goals to one."

U&WDG:"This tie between the above-named clubs in the first round of the Association Cup was on Saturday decided at Uxbridge,in the presence of a large company of spectators,a fast and strongly-contested game resulting in favour of Rochester by two goals to one.The ball was kicked off at a quarter to three,and in a few minutes both sides were hard at work.The visitors were first to show to advantage,Hope taking the leather down the left,and shooting at goal,but it went over the bar.In retaliation,Heron got well on the ball,and,passing to Bird,Prall had to use his hands to save his trust."Hands" was given just outside the Rochester goal,but nothing came of it.At length,shortly before the first half of the game came to an end it seemed that Uxbridge would score a decisive point,Hancock,Sugden,and Heron carried the ball down with a rush,but the latter was unsuccessful with his shot,the leather going a foot over the bar.H.Prall answered with a run on the centre,from which,however,nothing resulted.Ends were changed shortly after;and up to this stage it was very doubtful as to what would be the issue,as neither side had shown any advantage.On play being re-commenced,the visitors were the first to assume the offensive,the brothers Henry and H.Prall making a determined attack;Bathurst Henry put the ball into the centre men,who took advantage of the opportunity and rushed it through.A plea of "off side" was entered by Uxbridge,but disallowed by the referee.The ball was kicked off,and,after some few minutes of general play,H.Prall got well on the ball and made a splendid run down the centre,and was not stopped till he had placed a second goal to the credit of his side.Nettled by this turn of affairs the Uxbridge men exerted themselves to bring matters more on a par,but at times their play was very erratic,and the stong defence of Langhorne and Smith rendered all attempts futile,until Heron had the ball passed to him.He at once rushed down the left side,and eluding the backs,had the gratification of ending a smart piece of play by passing the ball through the posts.For the remainder of the time the game was watched with great excitement,but the referee's whistle sounded shortly after.The play of the local team during the first half was very good,but,after their opponents scored,they appeared to get very excited,and,as before stated,at times were certainly very loose.Hancock,Bird,and Heron were the most conspicuous amongst the forwards,and the half backs(Stevens and F.Taylor)deserve special mention for the trenchant service they did.Of the Rochester men,the brothers Prall and Henry(forwards) worked well together,whilst Woodhams (half back) though he received a very severe kick soon after starting, played splendidly."

F:"The home team won the toss,and H.H.Prall started the ball at 2.50.It was soon apparent that the game would be a close one,for,though repeated attacks(including a splendid shot by Hope) were made at each other's goals,at half time neither side had scored.On recommencing the visitors played up with increased vigour,and,in about ten minutes,Henry was enabled to score the first goal,from a centre by G.W.Prall,and,soon after this,the last-named player made a good run down the centre of the ground and scored a second goal for Rochester.The game continued very fast,but no alteration took place in the score until within seven minutes of time,when the Uxbridge forwards managed to send the ball through their opponents' goal.Nothing further occurred before time was called.For the winners Woodhams(notwithstanding that he received a very severe kick at the beginning of the game,and which has kept him confined to his bed),played admirably.The Pralls and Smith also did very good service ,while for Uxbridge,Hancock showed by far the best form."

SL: "This tie in the first round was played off on Uxbridge Common on Saturday afternoon. From first to last the play was of a very even character, the visitors eventually pulling through the ordeal successfully, and winning by a goal after a stubborn contest."

C & R.O: "The cup tie between Rochester and Uxbridge was played at Uxbridge on Saturday.....and exciting match ensued. Eventually Rochester won by two goals to one." (Short report, hard to read)

+Uxbridge: C. Franklin (Goal); P. Roberts, A.J. Taylor (Backs); E. Stevens, F.J. Taylor (Half Backs); W.A. Hancock, H.C. Roberts (Right Wing), A.C. Bird, E. Roberts (Centres), C. Heron, T.V. Sugden (Left Wing).

+U&WDG Lineup

Rochester: +E.F. Prall (Goal); W.(H.) Langhorne, F.(F). Smith (Backs); W.(D.) Pulling, Sid Woodhams (Half Backs); G.W. Prall, +H. Hope (Right Wing), +C.R. Jones, H.H. Prall (Centres), A. Henry, Bathurst Henry (Left Wing).

+Not checked

Umpires: J. Bailey (Uxbridge) and Prall (Rochester). Referee: R. Major (Langley Broom).

SWIFTS, a bye

SECOND ROUND DRAW (Bell's Life 24/11/83 P.4):

"The following is the draw for the Second Round and all ties must be played off on or before December 1st:

"The draw is subject to any protest that may be made within the stipulated time." (Nottingham Evening Post 13/11/83 P.3)

FIRST DIVISION:

Staveley v Sheffield Wednesday, at Chesterfield
Notts County v Notts Forest, at Nottingham
Lockwood Brothers v Rotherham, at Sheffield
Grantham v Grimsby, at Grantham

STAVELEY 3 (W.N. Crookes 2, C. Mather) SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 1 (T.E. Cawley) (H.T. 3-0)
(Sat Dec 1st) (At Recreation Ground, Staveley)

N.B. Some sources have H. Winterbottom as scorer for Sheffield Wednesday.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 3/12/83 P.4/Sheffield Independent 3/12/83 P.4/Nottingham Evening Post 3/12/83 P.3/Athletic News 5/12/83 P.3/Bell's Life 8/12/83 P.10/Field 8/12/83 P.795/Sportsman 3/12/83 P.4:

SDT: "This important match in the second round of ties for the National Cup took place on the Recreation Ground, Staveley, on Saturday. The greatest interest was manifested in this encounter, as was evidenced by the fact that nearly 2,000 persons assembled to witness the game, amongst them being many partisans of the Wednesday Club. The weather was very favourable, and the ground,

which had been rolled in the morning, was in splendid condition. These teams have not met since the season of 1881-82 when they were drawn together in the third round for the same trophy, and after two drawn games Wednesday proved victorious at the third time of asking. The play of Saturday was of the most exciting character throughout, and it must here be mentioned that the result of three goals to one in favour of Staveley was certainly a surprise amongst the spectators generally, although the home players themselves were sanguine of success. The teams were exactly the same as *advertised and at 2.40 Hay, the Staveley captain, who had lost the toss, set the ball in motion from the town end, and with the sun shining in his face. The Wednesday men at once assumed an offensive attitude, and during the first five minutes severely pressed the Staveley goal, Winterbottom and Cawley putting in two grand shots, the first being excellently saved by Kaye in goal, and the latter by James, who interfered with his head. At this point the Staveley forwards broke away, and caused the Wednesday backs some trouble; but Hudson and Jeeves repelled their lines, and propelling the leather to Mosforth, he effected a short but brilliant run down the left, and, finishing with one of his famous left screws, sent the ball only a few inches over the bar. The home forwards next got possession of the ball, and by a splendid piece of combined play, worked their way to the opposite end. From a shot by Mather, Hay received the ball, and he in turn passed judiciously to Crookes who, with a swift low shot, eluded the Wednesday custodian amid deafening cheers and throwing up of hats. On resuming play Mosforth and Newbould were the first to show to advantage, by a fast run on the visitors' left wing, and the former centring neatly to Cawley, he shot the ball with great force into Kaye's hands, who with great difficulty, again averted the downfall of his goal. About this time the backs on both sides were playing a grand game, and frequently elicited applause for their fine kicking and tackling, Hudson, Jeeves, and Malpas being to the front for Wednesday, and James, Rice, and Peel doing a lot of useful work for the other side.

From a capital return by Widdowson, G. Marples secured the ball, and finding his path barred by Stratford, passed the ball to the other wing, and Crookes and Hay threading their way past all opposition, Crookes for the second time lowered the Wednesday colours, which success was received with tremendous applause. After the ball had been restarted the Wednesday men exhibited some grand passing, and dangerous shots by Winterbottom and Cawley would most certainly have taken effect but for the intervention of Kaye in goal, and Peel at back. Two corner kicks in succession now fell to the Wednesday men, which were entrusted to Hudson. Both were splendidly directed and when a score seemed almost inevitable, Rice by some dashing play relieved the pressure. The Staveley men after this showed up in a brilliant manner, and their combined play was much admired by the spectators. Hay in the centre, got the best of a tussle with a Wednesday back, and heading the ball to Mather, that player, after a short run, succeeded in getting the leather past the Wednesday custodian, for a third time, by a fast low shot, which was again the signal for loud cheering. When play had been re-commenced Wednesday succeeded in getting a corner kick, and Hudson by a grand attempt placed the Staveley goal in great jeopardy, causing a Staveley back to kick over his own lines in defence. The whistle now sounded for half time and ends were changed with Staveley three goals to Wednesday nil. The Staveley forwards, now having a slight incline in their favour, made a series of attacks on their opponents' stronghold, once in particular from a screw kick by Marples, which Jeeves, at a most critical moment, repused by a magnificent flying return. The spectators were again treated to an exhibition of skill by Mosforth, Newbould, and Cawley, whose dodging and passing were a treat to witness, but the Staveley backs, who all through the match played in a determined manner, repelled every attempt to score for some considerable time. Another dashing run by the Staveley forwards was the next noteworthy piece of play, and G. Marples, and Hay both caused Morley, the

Wednesday custodian, to use his hands, to free his charge from danger. Winterbottom and Hiller were next conspicuous by an excellent dribble on the visitors' right wing, and the former centring neatly to Cawley, that player by an unerring shot, sent the leather spinning past Kaye, for the first time. The excitement at this time was most intense, and both sides played with increased vigour, the play being equally as fast as it was at the commencement of the game. After this the ball travelled quickly from one end to the other, and then S. Hay was loudly applauded for some fine tackling. The Staveley forwards again showed to advantage, and a pretty dribble by Crookes and Hay enabled Potter to make a fourth score, but on the plea of "offside" it was disallowed. Time was called without any addition to the score, and Staveley were left the winners of a grandly-contested game by three goals to one, the teams being heartily cheered as they left the ground. The Wednesday individually were certainly better players, but there is no doubt that the better passing of the Staveley men won the match."

F: "Mosforth, too, quite failed to play his usual game, a circumstance in a large degree owing to an accident he sustained on the arrival of the train at Staveley. He caught his foot on one of the rails and falling, he cut his knee to the bone."

SM: "By the combined efforts of Hay, Mather, and Crookes the latter succeeded in scoring first goal for Staveley after a quarter of an hour from the start. In a few minutes, however, the ball was again kicked under the bar by the same player, who wound up his performance by obtaining a third."

Staveley: A. Kaye (Goal); D. James, H. Peel; (Backs), J. Rice, E. Widdowson, S. Hay (Half Backs); G. B. Marples, I. Potter (Right Wing), J. Hay (Centre), W. N. Crookes, C. Mather (Left Wing).

*N.B. E. Widdowson at Centre Half may in fact have played as another Centre Forward in a 2,2,6 lineup. AN/SM have him as a second centre. SDT has him as Centre Half.

Sheffield Wednesday: +L. A. Morley (Goal); J. J. Jeeves, R. Gregory (Capt.) (Backs); J. Hudson (Capt.), C. L. Stratford, A. Malpas (Half Backs); H. Winterbottom, C. Hiller (Right Wing), T. E. Cawley (Centre), W. H. Mosforth, H. Newbould (Left Wing).

+Check if debut because Percy Young refers to H. A. Morley on P.52

Umpires: H. Ellis for Sheffield Wednesday and F. A. Turner, vice-president, Staveley F.C..
Referee: C. W. Alcock, hon sec Football Association.

NOTTS COUNTY 3 (J. A. Dixon, W. Gunn, +H. A. Cursham) NOTTS FOREST 0 (H. T 1-0) (Sat Dec 1st) (At Trent Bridge)

+NJ has C. F. Dobson: Notts History has A. W. Cursham, C. F. Dobson, J. A. Dixon as scorers

Nottingham Journal 3/12/83 P.7/Nottingham Evening Post 3/12/83 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 3/12/83 P.4/Sheffield Independent 3/12/83 P.4/Athletic News 5/12/83 P.3/Bell's Life 8/12/83 P.10/Sportsman 3/12/83 P.4/Sporting Life 3/12/83 P.4/Referee 2/12/83 P.6:

NJ: "TYPE LONG REPORT

NEP "The attendance at Trent Bridge Ground on Saturday to witness the Cup tie match in the second round of the English competition indicated very plainly the wide and general interest which was felt

in the meeting of the two great local clubs. Though, perhaps, falling short of the enormous crowd that flocked last spring to see the celebrated game between Notts and Aston Villa, the attendance on Saturday must have numbered close upon 10,000 spectators, and long before the hour fixed for the commencement of the game the field of play was thickly lined round by excited onlookers. A very large number of vehicles were stationed on the reserved side and at the end nearest the new pavilion, while the feeling of enthusiasm that prevailed during the whole of the afternoon was of a perfectly indescribable character. It was first openly manifested when the Notts team put in an appearance on the ground, some six or seven minutes before the time fixed upon for the kick-off, and the wearers of the familiar chocolate and light blue jersey were greeted with loud cheering. The spectators had not to wait many minutes before the Forest followed their opponents on to the field of play, and the reception they received was almost as warm as that which had been accorded their adversaries. A pretty punctual start was made, and the game at once became exceedingly fast, the Forest having rather the best of proceedings before the time had been reached for the change of ends. Gunn was well tackled by Norman, while Barlow looked just as well after H.A. Cursham, and the goal that fell to the share of Notts was in a great measure the result of a mistake on the part of one of the Forest backs. Still the kick which Dixon scored for his side was an exceedingly good one, apparently going well out of the reach of W. Luntley. The applause with which this success was greeted was loud and long and continued, and though Forest had the best of it up to the call of "half time", the Notts position was kept intact. Once the ball was sent through the Notts posts, but a foul had been previously claimed by Forest, and the point was disallowed. After the interval, Gunn almost immediately ran up to his antagonists' end of the ground, and after some very sharp passing and repassing with "Venables", scored the second goal. This success was even more warmly received than the previous one, and seemed to have a rather disheartening effect on the Forest. After this, the superior weight of the Notts men at length told, and the high rate of speed at which the game had been fought out also had its effect, the Forest men showing rather more exhaustion than their antagonists. Notts eventually won by three goals to none, and there can be little doubt that the strongest and best eleven won, showing as they did a great improvement upon anything they did previously this season."

N.B Above not a complete Report as "extra edition on Saturday night" gave a full Report

N.B. Nottinghamshire Guardian 7/12/83 Supplement P.3 has a column on the match with no teams.

SDT: "Then Gunn had a splendid run on the right, and centred to "Venables". The latter player was tackled by Hancock, who was unfortunate enough to get the leather into the neighbourhood of his own goal. Dixon was thus accorded a splendid chance, which he was not slow to avail himself of, the first point being thus scored by the wearers of the chocolate and blue, after twenty-three minutes play." "On a change of ends being made Gunn immediately took possession, and had a rapid run down on the right, finishing by passing to + "Venables" who obtained a second item for his club amid tremendous cheering." "Gunn made a grand run on the right and tackled Hancock successfully, following this up by depositing the ball right at Harry Cursham's feet in front of goal. The opportunity was taken, and the Notts men thus obtained their third item just before the call of time."

+A.W. Cursham

Notts County:M.Sherwin(Goal);A.T.(C.)Dobson,H.T.Moore(Backs);H.W.Emmett,S.Macrae,H.Chapman (Half Backs);W.Gunn,A.W.Cursham(Capt.)(Right Wing),C.F.Dobson(Centre),J.A.Dixon,H.A.Cursham (Left Wing).

Emmitt or Emmett?:Check TONY

Notts Forest:+W.Luntley(Goal);C.J.Caborn,W.T.Hancock(Backs);S.Norman,H.Billyeald,E.(E.)Barlow (Half Backs);F.Fox,S.(W.)Widdowson(Capt.)(Right Wing),T.Lindley(Centre),F.W.Earp,H.S.Fletcher (Left Wing).

+Initials not checked

Umpires:Mr W.Pierce-Dix(Vice-President,Football Association),and Mr N.L.Jackson(Hon.Sec.,London Football Association).

Referee:Major Marindin(President ,Football Association).

LOCKWOOD BROTHERS 3 (F.Stokes,F.West 2)ROTHERHAM 1 (B.Bennett)(H.T. 2-0)
(Sat Dec 1st)(At Bramall Lane)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 3/12/83 P.4/Sheffield Independent 3/12/83 P.4/Bell's Life 8/12/83 P.10/Field 8/12/83 P.795/Sporting Life 3/12/83 P.4/Sportsman 3/12/83 P.4/Referee 2/12/83 P.6:

SDT:"Fine weather,and the absence of any match of note in that part of the town caused the respectable attendance of nearly 2,000 spectators at Bramall lane on Saturday to witness the above match in the second round of the Association Cup.There was also the fact that the teams were considered to possess equal merit;but at the conclusion,although Rotherham played up well all through the contest,especially Brown,the goalkeeper,the superiority of the winners is,we think, exactly denoted by the balance of goals secured over their adversaries.Considering the previous day's soaking,the ground was in better condition than could have been expected,and was a great improvement on the last few matches.Lockwood's won the toss,and elected to defend the Bramall goal,and with a slight wind and the sun at their backs.The Rotherham backs were soon compelled to act on the defensive,Warmby and Aizlewood intervening at the right moment.Sellars returned to the charge,and shot the ball outside.A foul occurred near Lockwood's stronghold,but the danger was for a short time averted.Musson and Bennett were again to the fore,and the home goal was twice in jeopardy,the ball in each instance emerging on the wrong side of the post.At the other end the same ill-luck attended a meritorious effort by Newbould.The visitors' left then worked the ball well up,and the home custodian,in order to partially relieve his lines,had to give his opponents the advantage of a corner kick,which,however,was unproductive.Sellars and Stokes on the home left,by nice dodging,were making headway until confronted by Bone and Ward,when the former passed to West,who in turn centred to Newbould,whose final was only an inch or two outside.Twice Brown saved his citadel admirably,the last shot being a most accurate one by Houseley.A rebound,which knocked Newbould down,gave Sellars a rare opportunity,but the ball grazed the top of the cross-bar in its flight.After M'Loughlin had successfully tackled Bennett,who dallied too long with the leather when he had chances of getting rid of it with honour,a beautiful shot by West was grandly put out of danger by Brown.A corner by Houseley issued in the contiguity of Kell(e)y and Lampard,and they in conjunction with Douglas raised the siege,but the back play of Betts and Buttery was very strong,the praiseworthy efforts of the opposing forwards being several times nullified by them.M'Loughlin,

Harris, and Houseley were also difficult to penetrate. Betts and Rawlin were cheered for two good returns, as was the Rotherham goalkeeper, for the wonderful manner he intercepted, while falling, a brilliant effort by Stokes. The latter returned to the assault, and this time was successful, thus scoring first for Lockwood's. In less than five minutes West brought about the second downfall of the Rotherham goal, the ball having been passed to him nicely by Newbould. On a change of ends at half time, and when the game had proceeded for about a quarter of an hour after the interval, a foul was given to Rotherham in dangerous proximity to the home fortress. Bennett took charge of the kick, and so well did he manipulate it that Harris, in an excited endeavour to get rid of the ball, put it through his own goal, thus making the game two one in favour of Lockwood's. This stimulated both teams to renewed and more vigorous exertions, and when Brown had thrice in succession wonderfully repelled the onslaughts of his adversaries, the excitement was intense. Soon after Newbould got through his men, and his accurate and speedy final again raised a cheer at Brown's dexterity. Then West effected a good run on the right, and he scored the third goal for Lockwood's. Time was played out without anything further being done, Lockwood Brothers winning an agreeable match by three goals to one."

Lockwood: T. Beard (Goal); W. Betts, T. Buttery (Capt.) (Backs); L. McLoughlin, G. Harris, J. Houseley (Half backs); J. Beard, F. West, J. Sellars, F. Stokes, F. Newbould (Forwards).

Rotherham: R. J. Brown (Goal); W. J. Aizlewood, W. H. Warmby (Backs); W. Bone, (H. B.) T. Ward, J. T. Rawlin (Half Backs); C. W. Musson (Capt.), B. Bennett, W. Kelly, W. R. Lampard, C. Douglas (Forwards).

Umpires: W. Beard and W. J. Smith. Referee: J. C. Clegg.

GRANTHAM 4 (T. Bryan 2, H. Bell, G. F. Curtis) GRIMSBY TOWN 0 (H. T. ???) (Mon Nov 26th)

Grantham Journal 1/12/83 P.4 (Grantham team only)/Lincolnshire Chronicle 30/11/83 P.8 (Grantham team only):

AFS: NO OTHER REPORTS OF MERIT FOUND. NO GRIMSBY TEAM IN ANY REPORT. NEED GRIMSBY PAPER

GJ: "As announced in these columns, Grantham was drawn against Grimsby Town in the second round of the National association cup competition. Grimsby were reputed a good team, and had easily defeated Hull, their opponents in the first round. They well sustained their reputation on Monday last, and played a good unselfish game, in a manly and strightforward way, and the match throughout was remarkable for its freedom from dispute. Grantham was declared victorious by four goals to none. Hutchinson, T. Bryan, and Curtis, as forwards, were most conspicuous; and C. Bryan and Beaumont, as backs, put in a lot of good work. Jarrett's office, like the referee's, was almost a sinecure, but what he had to do he did well."

LC: "A match in the second round of the competition for this cup, was played on the Grantham Ground, on Monday last, between the above clubs. The Grantham men played excellently together, and quite overmatched their opponents throughout, the play being confined to the Grimsby goal, at which repeated shots were made, and as cleverly saved by the goalkeeper. The home team had several corner kicks and eventually won by four goals to none, T. Bryan 2, Curtis 1, and Bell 1. It would be invidious to mention any member of the Grantham team, where all were so good."

Grantham:Rev.B.G.Jarrett(Goal);C.R.B.Bryan,G.W.G.Beaumont(Backs);J.Segar,F.B.Williamson(Half Backs);A.Hutchinson(Capt.),H.Bell(Right Wing),G.F.Curtis,T.Bryan(Centres),R.F.Lee,D.J.Wood(Left Wing).

Grimby Town:H.Evans;W.Asling,W.Jenkinson;G.Atkinson,G.Kimpson,A.H.Read;
S.Noble,T.Garnham,T.Atkinson,Lowe,Gunner.

(Grimsby Complete Record:KR considers in correct 1/2/3/5 formation)

Umpires:W.D.Cox for Grantham and ??? for Grimsby.Referee:H.Kirk(Wanderers).

SECOND DIVISION:

Birmingham Excelsior v Derby Midland,at Birmingham

Walsall Town v Wednesbury Town,at Chuckery

Stafford Road v Aston Villa,at Wolverhampton

Wednesbury Old Athletic v Wolverhampton Wanderers ,at Wednesbury

BIRMINGHAM EXCELSIOR 1(F.Barlow) DERBY MIDLAND 1("a rush") (H.T. 1-1)(Sat Dec 1st)(At Aston Lower Grounds,Birmingham)

Derby Daily Telegraph 3/12/83 P.3/Birmingham Daily Post 3/12/83 P.5(no lineups)/Athletic News 5/12/83 P.3/Nottingham Evening Post 3/12/83 P.3(No full report)/Sheffield Independent 3/12/83 P.4/Bell's Life 8/12/83 P.10/Sportsman 3/12/83 P.4/Sporting Life 3/12/83 P.4/Referee 2/12/83 P.6:

DDT/BDP:"These teams met to decide their tie in the above competition,at the Lower Grounds, Aston,upwards of a thousand spectators assembling to witness the contest.The Derby team won the toss,and elected to begin play up the slope;and the Excelsior set the ball in motion.From the commencement the game was extremely fast and well contested,although there was too much wild kicking indulged in on both sides.Barlow put on the first point for the Excelsior,and although the visitors pressed their opponents hotly for some time,they could not equalise matters,Jenks,the Excelsior custodian,exhibiting fine defensive powers.Shortly before half time,a corner fell to the Railwaymen,and so well was it placed that the ball was rushed through.After changing ends the Excelsior quickly put the ball through the Derby timbers,but after a short dispute,the score was disallowed.Nothing else was done,and when time was called the scores were even-each side having scored one goal."

AN:"After about 25 minutes' play Barlow scored the first point for the Excelsior,from a run down the left by Ogden and Devey.The Midland representatives quickly retaliated,and for some time kept the home backs busily employed in repulsing the attack,Jenks,the goalkeeper,saving innumerable shots in brilliant fashion.Ultimately,however,a corner kick fell to the visitors,from which the ball was played well in front,and a rush by the whole string of forwards resulted in the scores being made equal."

Birmingham Excelsior:G.Jenks(Goal);C.Angell,W.Lovesay(Backs);+T.Dutton,A.Bailey(Half Backs);
J.Ogden,H.H.Devey(Right Wing),F.Barlow,H.Meakin(Centres),W.Bishton,++F.Morley(Left Wing).

+There was both T.Dutton (normally right wing) and W.Dutton (normally half back) ++F .Morley in all papers with initials but T.Morley in AFS and in papers in the replay (so doubt exists)

Derby Midland:G.Salt(Goal);A.Latham(Back);G.F.Cooper,H.R.Wignall,L.G.Wright(Half Backs);
W.H.Owen,G.Bakewell(Right Wing),H.Evans,A.Chaplin(Capt.)(Centres),G.Wignall,G.Strutt(Left Wing).

Umpires:T.Bryan for Derby Midland and W.Nicholls for Excelsior.Referee:Jape.

REPLAY:Sat Dec 15th:

DERBY MIDLAND 2 (C.Ward,G.Wignall)BIRMINGHAM EXCELSIOR 1("scrimmage")(H.T. 0-0)(Sat Dec 15th)(At Derby)

Derby Daily Telegraph 17/12/83 P.3/Birmingham Daily Post 3/12/83 P.7/Sheffiled Daily Telegraph 17/12/83 P.4/Sheffield Independent 17/12/83 P.4/Sportsman 17/12/83 P.4:

DDT:"These clubs met at Derby this (Saturday) afternoon to play off the tie in the English Challenge Cup competition.It may be remembered that the teams met in Birmingham three weeks ago and made a draw,one goal each.Naturally much interest was shown in playing off today,and probably there was the largest attendance at any match this season.The ground was not in bad condition, having dried a great deal during the morning.A very high wind blew during the first half,and then fell entirely.The Excelsior had all the benefit of this.Play began soon after the appointed hour,Evans having to kick-off towards the station end.The first noticeable event was a shot by the Excelsior, which struck the cross-bar.The visitors then obtained a "corner",but the ball was kicked very wide. Bakewell ran the ball up on the right,and the Midland were given a "corner",but nothing resulted. The Birmingham men retaliated with a "corner",but it was equally useless.There was then a good deal of give and take play.After this Evans,Ward,and Wignall took the ball from the Midland end,and followed down the ground in good style.The leather was quickly taken up and down in succession. Bakewell made another good run and centred to Evans,who very nearly scored.The Midland were now playing better,and kept the ball up against the wind-a by no means easy task.Just before half-time Evans compelled the Excelsior goal-keeper to throw out.Up to this point no goals had been made.After the interval the wind had very much moderated.Evans soon put the ball through,but was "off-side",and the score was disallowed.However,Evans and Ward soon ran the ball up the centre, and Ward put it through in capital style amid cheers.The Excelsior tried hard to respond,and got the ball up to the Midland posts,but the leather went over.Birmingham again brought the ball up on the right,and made an ineffectual shot.The leather was taken back with great rapidity,and after a bit of good passing in front of the Birmingham goal,G.Wignall put through with a low neat shot.Excelsior struck back gallantly,and a shot by their centre actually struck the top bar.Salt had also to throw out,and the ball finally passed outside.The visitors next secured a goal kick from a foul,and the ball was put through out of the scrimmage.Both sides were now playing well.Derby obtained a free kick near their opponents' goal,but nothing came of it,and Birmingham took up the running.They obtained a "try" and then an unsuccessful "corner".Evans next made the pace hot down the centre and Bakewell again passing the ball,the former made a good shot,but rather too high.The same player had an easier chance later on,but it did not come off.The ball was then taken rapidly up and down,Bakewell again doing good service.The Midland had another shot,but it went outside.The Excelsior lefts then travelled along,and the centre wound up with a big shot that was wide of the mark.Just before time the Midland had a corner,which came to nothing.Derby were then hailed the winners,amid cheers,by two goals to one.The game was well contested throughout,the Birmingham men,if anything, showing the best passing.Their backs did good service.On the part of the Midland Evans did good work,and was well assisted by the wings,while the half backs did exceedingly well."

BDP: "This English Cup tie was played off at Derby, in the presence of a large number of spectators. The Excelsior had a strong wind in their favour during the first half, and they obtained several corners, which, however, came to nothing. Up to half-time no goals were scored on either side. After half-time the wind fell, and much better play all round was observable. The Midland soon scored, and Wignall put the ball through a second time. Excelsior, however, played up well, and secured a goal, but were ultimately beaten by 2 to 1." (No teams)

Derby Midland: G. Salt (Goal); A. Latham, L. G. Wright (Backs); G. F. Cooper, A. Chaplin (Capt.), H. R. Wignall (Half Backs); G. H. Strutt, G. Bakewell (Right Wing), H. Evans (Centre), G. Wignall, C. Ward (Left Wing).

Birmingham Excelsior: G. Jenks (Goal); W. Lovesay, C. Angell (Backs); +W. Dutton, A. Bailey, F. Barlow (Half Backs); J. Ogden, H. Devey (Right Wing), H. Meakin (Centre), T. Morley, Brown (Left Wing).

(DDT is only paper with Excelsior initials) (AFS has +T. Dutton for W. Dutton: see first game and below)

N.B. F. Barlow also played in the centre and reversed in these 2 games.

N.B. There are 2 Duttons, W. Dutton was Half Back and T. Dutton was Right Wing for Excelsior v Long Eaton in NEP 10/12/83 P.4 (But reversed positions in these 2 games and in the 22/12/83 game v Wrexham when both played). However, AFS has T. Dutton in both first game and replay so doubt still on initials for these ties as they appeared to interchange their positions in matches.

N.B. H. Meakin (Centre) and T. Morley (Left Wing) (considered correct for W. Morley as in AFS both games) also played.

Referee: W. H. Jope.

WALSALL TOWN 2 (S. Arblaster 2) WEDNESBURY TOWN 2 ("Scrimmage", Unrecorded)
(H.T. 2-2) (At the Chuckery, Walsall) (Sat Dec 1st)

Walsall Observer 8/12/83 P.7/Birmingham Daily Post 3/12/83 P.5/Sheffield Independent 3/12/83 P.4 (No teams):

WEDNESBURY HERALD: CHECK ALL

WO: "TYPE REPORT (NO INITIALS)

BDP: "This tie was played at the Chuckery, on Saturday afternoon in the presence of a very large number of spectators." "The Walsall men played up hill during the first half, and both they and their opponents from the very first used their very best exertions. For the first twenty five minutes neither side succeeded in scoring, but at the expiration of that time the visitors obtained their first goal from a scrimmage. Not five minutes after this H. Wood got the ball on the left wing, ran it down, and centred it, from which was secured the second goal. The play then got very lively, and continued so up to half time, but before that point was reached Collington (half back) exhibited the finest bit of dodging that took place during the whole game. He passed three men, and kept the ball from them, till he could get an opportunity of passing it to Dodsworth, who, in his turn, passed it on to Arblaster, and he with a shot succeeded in scoring the first for Walsall. In a very few minutes the last-named man again scored, and at half time the scores stood at two goals for each team. During the whole of the second half the play was exceedingly fast, and at times rough; but no further additions

were made to the score, and the game ended in a draw. The Walsall then offered to go on playing to decide the match, but the visitors declined to do so."

SI: "The Association tie match, which has been looked forward to with great interest by the Walsallians, was decided at the Chuckery Grounds, Walsall, on Saturday. The weather was of a magnificent character, consequently about 1,000 votaries of football assembled. The ground was, however, rather heavy, owing to the rains that fell on Friday. The play on both sides was very good, and resulted in a draw, each side getting two goals."

Walsall Town: J. Icke (Goal); G. Cox, + T. Reynolds (Backs); G. Collington, J. Brettle, H. Taylor (Half Backs); S. Arblaster, H. Harrison (Right Wing), W. Dodsworth (Capt.) (Centre), T. Ashe, W. Bird (Left Wing).

+ As per Walsall History but probably S. Reynolds

Wednesbury Town: J. Tetstall (Goal); R. Whitehouse, W. Whitehouse (Backs); R. Mason, A. Cliffe, J. Shenton (Half Backs); G. Wood (Capt.), R. Danks (Right Wing), A. Woodcock (Centre), H. Wood, J. Garbett (Left Wing).

(BDP specified order : except has D. Whitehouse and T. Whitehouse (as does WO) and G. Woods for G. Wood) (AFS has R. Whitehouse and W. Whitehouse (as does Lost Teams of the Midlands) in this and next game but a different forward order)

Umpires: Wesson for Wednesbury and Adams for Walsall. Referee: Jones, Stafford Road.

REPLAY: Sat Dec 8th (Not 6th as in Walsall History):

WEDNESBURY TOWN 6 (H. Wood 3, A. Woodcock 2, G. Wood) WALSALL TOWN 0
(H.T. 3-0) (At Wednesbury)

Birmingham Daily Post 10/12/83 P.7/Walsall Observer 15/11/83 P.3/Lichfield Mercury 14/12/83 P.7 (No teams)/Sportsman 10/12/83 P.4 (No teams):

WEDNESBURY HERALD

BDP: "On Saturday these teams met on the ground of the latter to decide their tie for the English Cup, their meeting of the previous week at the Chuckery having ended in a draw. The event attracted considerable interest, and despite the bitterly cold weather, there was a large gathering of spectators. The visitors had not the aid of two of their best forwards - Bird and Arblaster - and played more loosely than usual, whilst the home team were in capital form, and moreover had the advantage of being on their own ground. Wednesbury won the toss. Just at the outset Walsall made a good try, which raised the hopes of their partisans; but directly afterwards Wednesbury assumed the aggressive, pressed the visitors hard, and in about a quarter of an hour the ball was kicked through by H. Wood, after it had struck one of the posts and rebounded into play. Ten minutes later he succeeded in again driving the ball a second time past the goal keeper, who, in stepping out to meet it, went a little on one side, and there was just time to run it to the other end and relieve, when the third goal was secured by Woodcock. A few minutes later it was passed through again, but the claim to score was disallowed on the plea of off-side, and nothing more was achieved to half-time. The visitors continued to be hard pressed, but contrived to relieve occasionally, particularly once when there was a good run up the left wing. Every attempt was foiled, however, the play of the backs being particularly good. On restarting Walsall made another good try, but again Wednesbury took up the

attack, and in six or seven minutes H. Wood had secured the fourth goal from a capital run up. Walsall then pulled themselves together a little, and four or five times narrowly missed scoring, Collington on one occasion just skimming the bar, a desperate scrimmage in front of the home goal seeming almost a certainty for them, and Harrison on another occasion putting the ball outside the post by only a few inches. Fortune was against them, however, and two more goals were added by Wednesbury, one by G. Wood from a good run up, and the other by Woodcock, after some capital passing by H. Wood and Garbett. The match thus ended in favour of Wednesbury by six goals to nil."

LM"....before a large number of spectators. Wednesbury won the toss, and at once assumed the aggressive, and in fifteen minutes H. Wood scored the first goal, and added a second ten minutes later, Woodcock contributing a third two minutes afterwards. After a little delay the ball was passed between the posts again, but the claim to score was disallowed on the ground of offside, and nothing more was done until half time, when the score stood Wednesbury three Walsall nil. In the second half H. Wood, G. Wood, and Woodcock each scored and Wednesbury were the victors by six goals to nil."

Wednesbury Town: J. Tetstall (Goal); R. Whitehouse, W. Whitehouse (Backs); J. Shenton, R. Mason, A. Cliffe (Half Backs); G. Wood, R. Danks (Right Wing), A. Woodcock (Centre), J. Garbett, H. Wood (Left Wing).

N.B. Still have D. and T. Whitehouse in WO but not in BDP

Walsall Town: W. Keay (Goal); G. Cox, + T. Reynolds (Backs); G. Collington, H. Taylor, J. Brett (Half Backs); H. Harrison, E. J. Newman (Right Wing), W. Dodsworth (Centre), T. Ashe, J. Beech (Left Wing).

+As per Walsall History but probably S. Reynolds

Umpires: Wesson for Wednesbury and Adams for Walsall. Referee: C. Crump.

STAFFORD ROAD 0 ASTON VILLA 5 (Arthur Brown 2, Archie Hunter 2, O. Whateley) (H.T. 0-2) (Sat Dec 1st) (At Half Way House Ground, Wolverhampton)

Birmingham Daily Post 3/12/83 P.5/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 3/12/83 P.4/Bell's Life 8/12/83 P.10/Sportsman 3/12/83 P.4:

BDP: "A large gathering assembled, on Saturday, at the Half Way House Ground, Wolverhampton, to witness the meeting of the Aston Villa Football Club, Birmingham, and the Stafford Road Club in the second round of the English cup ties. At the outset the Stafford Road team lost the services of Sellman, their noted back, he having refused to play on account of the bad condition of the ground, and Riley, of the second team took his place. The strangers, having won the toss, elected to play up the field. Until half time good play was witnessed on both sides; but, notwithstanding their steady perseverances, the home team could not prevent their competitors from scoring two goals. In the second half the home team were very unlucky, one of their shots having hit the crossbar of the goal-post, and another the side. By losing none of their opportunities the visitors secured three more goals, and when time was called were the winners by five goals to nil."

SDT: "The Wolverhampton Club never had a chance of success, and five goals were scored to their nil. The play was all confined to the Stafford Road goal, and but for the unpropitious character of the ground the visitors would have administered a more severe defeat. The goals for the Villa were got by Hunter (1), Whateley (1), Brown (1), and two were obtained by scrimmages."

BL: "The goals were obtained by Whateley(1), Brown(1), and Hunter(1), and two were rushed through out of scrimmages." (Further scorers as per AVCR)

Stafford Road: E. Ray (Goal); Riley, H. Crump (Backs); T. Whitehead, Turton, A. Nicholls (Capt.) (Half Backs); B. Jones, Morgan (Right Wing), Foster (Centre), Baker, B. Griffiths (Left Wing).

CHECK IN WOLVERHAMPTON PAPER NO INDEPENDENT CHECK FOUND

REF has Sheldon for Whitehead

Aston Villa: A. Vale (Goal); J. Simmonds, T. Riddell (Backs); F. (H.H.) Dawson, C.W. Apperley (Half Backs); O. Whateley, O.H. Vaughton (Right), Archie Hunter (Capt.), Arthur Brown (Centres), Eli C. Davis, W.(D.) Roberts (Left).

See first round

Umpires: M'Gregor for Aston Villa and Davies for Stafford Road. Referee: Cofield.

WEDNESBURY OLD ATHLETIC 4 (J.M. Bayliss, T. Tonks 2, G.H. Holden) WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 2 (J.B. Brodie 2) (H.T. 1-2) (Sat Dec 1st) (At the Oval, Wood Green, Wednesbury)

Birmingham Daily Post 3/12/83 P.5/Manchester Courier 3/12/83 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 3/12/83 P.4/Bell's Life 8/12/83 P.10/Sportsman 3/12/83 P.4/Sporting Life 3/12/83 P.4:

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BDP: "These teams met at the Oval, Wednesbury, in the presence of upwards of 1,000 spectators, and in fair weather."

"The visitors having won the toss, elected to play up the field towards the entrance gates. In about four minutes from the kick-off Bayliss obtained first goal from a splendid long shot, and for nearly twenty minutes more the visitors' citadel continued to be hotly assailed, the ball within that time being sent over the bar three times, and the goalkeeper and backs having their work cut out. The struggle was then transferred to the other end, and Brodie kicked first goal for the visitors. From a centre by Lowder he also added another, about five minutes before half-time. In the second half the game was fast and very stubbornly contested. About twelve minutes after the leather had been restarted it was put between the posts by Patrick, from a centre by G. Holden, but the claim to score was disallowed. Eight or ten minutes later T. Tonks obtained a second for the home team, and in two or three minutes more, G. Holden put on the third. About ten minutes before time the ball was run down to the Wanderers' goal, and was passed through again by T. Tonks, the goalkeeper slipping as he ran out to meet it. Nothing more was achieved and the match ended in a victory for the Old Athletics by 4 goals to 2."

MC: "The attendance was large and the match was witnessed by about 3,000 people. The kick-off was made by the Wednesbury team, who had the sun at their backs, and so successful were their efforts that in the first five minutes of play, a goal was secured for the home team by Bayliss. At first the Wanderers did not appear to be quite at their ease, but they became more combined, and they played better to each other as the game went on. The effect of this improvement was soon seen, Brodie scoring a goal, placing the score on an equality. They gathered courage from this circumstance

,and before half time was called Brodie was the instrument of another goal being placed to the credit of the Wanderers. When the ends were changed the Wanderers pressed their opponents very closely, and were several times within an ace of further adding to the score, but as often as they attacked the cool playing of the home backs prevented that achievement, and the Wanderers beginning to play the Athletics grouped together, made a series of attacks on the right and left, and succeeded in breaking down the defence of the Wanderers' goal" (No record of the last 3 scorers)

Wednesbury Old Athletic: (C. Kent (Goal); +W. Patrick, J. Nicholls (Backs); John (W.) Holden, M. Byrne, +W. Richards (Half Backs); George H. Holden, A. Groucutt (Right), J. M. Bayliss (Centre), T. Tonks, Dan Tonks (Left).

(BDP/MC/BL specified positions) +Initials to be checked

Wolverhampton: I. Griffiths (Goal); T. Cliff, C. Mason (Backs); A. Davidson, J. M. Baynton, A. Blackham (Half Backs); J. Waldron, A. Lowder (Right), J. B. Brodie (Capt.) (Centre), J. Griffiths, E. Hadley (Left).

(BDP specified positions except reverses within LW and RW)

Umpires: Moore, Athletic and Dally, Wanderers. Referee: Franter.

THIRD DIVISION:

Clitheroe or South Shore v Blackburn Rovers , at Clitheroe (or South Shore)

Accrington v Park Road , Blackburn, at Accrington

Darwen v Blackburn Olympic, at Darwen

Padiham, a bye

SOUTH SHORE 0 BLACKBURN ROVERS 7 (G. Avery 2, F. Suter, J. Sowerbutts 2, J. Douglas, H. McIntyre) (H.T. 0-3) (Sat Dec 1st)

Blackburn Times 8/12/83 P.2/ Manchester Courier 3/12/83 P.3/ Blackburn Standard 8/12/83 P.3 / Blackpool Herald 7/12/83 P.6/ Bell's Life 8/12/83 P.10/ Sportsman 3/12/83 P.4/ Sporting Life 3/12/83 P.4:

BT: "The visit of the Rovers to South Shore on Saturday, to meet the representatives of the local club in the second round of the competition for the national trophy had been anticipated with great interest, and the weather being exceedingly fine about 700 persons assembled to witness the encounter. There was no wind, and the ground being level, no advantage accrued from the choice of ends. For the first 20 minutes the good defence of the home backs and goalkeeper prevented any scoring against them, although Lofthouse and Fecitt made some beautiful shots, and a couple of kicks from the corner accrued to the visitors. Afterwards the ball was sent into the mouth of the goal from the right wing, and Avery put it between the posts. Eight minutes later Suter by an admirably judged kick from the extreme left, secured the second point. After a corner kick for the home team by Elston, the third goal was scored by +Sourbutts by a fine shot from the centre. The play in the second half was faster and more interesting. Brown soon made a kick from the corner, dropping the ball on the bar, while at the other end, where a very spirited attack was made on the Rovers' goal, McIntyre very cleverly breasted the ball out of the scrimmage. Returning to the attack on the home goal, Fecitt placed the leather close to the posts and Lofthouse headed it in, but the keeper caught it and got it

away. As in the first half 20 minutes elapsed without scoring, but then Lofthouse crossed the ball from the left and Douglas, after a struggle with the keeper, got the leather through the goal. Six minutes later Fecitt passed the ball to the left and Avery headed it between the posts. A very spirited struggle soon followed in the home goal, but the keeper, though charged through, saved his charge. Four minutes from the close a kick from mid-field by McIntyre sent the ball through the goal for the sixth time, the keeper striking it but failing to stop it. Just at the close another attack ended in +Sourbutts scoring the seventh goal. The game was admirably contested throughout by the home team, and was more interesting than any match against the representatives of any club of the same position in which the Rovers have taken part for a considerable time. All the players acquitted themselves admirably. The Rovers won by seven goals to nil." +Sowerbutts in BRGR

MC: "The Blackburn Rovers had a trip to the seaside on Saturday having to visit the "Brighton of the North" to play the Blackpool South Shore Club in the second round of the national cup competition. They beat their opponents easily, scoring seven goals to nil. Avery scored the first goal 20 minutes after the start; Suter, a full back player, scored the second; and Sourbutts the third. After changing ends at half time, the Rovers continued to pepper their opponents' goal, and Douglas, Avery, M'Intyre, and Sourbutts scored in succession, while the South Shore men had not a chance of putting the leather through the Rovers' goal."

South Shore: J.E. Wood (Goal); +F. Moore, E. Dakin (Backs); L. Hall (Captain), T. Cartmell, +R. Walsh (Half Backs); *J. Johnson, +R. Ainsworth (Right Wing), +R. Elston (Centre), +R. Bagot, +R. Leach (Left Wing). (BT)

+Check initials if possible

(*BS/SM/SL have Heaton for Johnson) BH unreliable spellings and initials

Blackburn Rovers: J.W.H. Arthur (Goal); H. McIntyre, F. Suter (Backs); J. Blenkhorn, J.H. Forrest (Half Backs); J. Douglas, H.L. Fecitt (Right Wing), J. Sowerbutts, J. Brown (Centres), J.M. Lofthouse, G. Avery (Left Wing). (BT)

N.B T. Strachan is listed in BS/SM/SL and other lineups as playing but Sourbutts (CHECK SPELLING) is in all the reports as scoring 2 goals.

Umpires: R. Birtwistle and W. Johnson. Referee: Heaton, Accrington.

BLACKBURN PARK ROAD 2 (E. Slater, J. Holden) ACCRINGTON 3 (Macbeth, J. Hargreaves, Bishop) (H.T. 0-2) (At Audley Road, Blackburn) (Mon Nov 26th)

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Blackburn Standard 1/12/83 P.3/Blackburn Times 1/12/83 P.3/Manchester Courier 27/11/83 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 27/11/83 P.8/Bell's Life 1/12/83 P.3/Athletic News 28/11/83 P.3/Sportsman 27/11/83 P.4/Sporting Life 27/11/83 P.3:

BT: "About 1,000 persons assembled on the Audley Hall Ground, Blackburn, on Monday, to witness the encounter of the Accrington and Park-road teams in the second round of the competition for the national trophy. Accrington were short of Chew, Whittaker, and Chippendale. The ground was in a wretched condition. The visitors winning the toss, elected to play with the slope of the ground in their favour. As soon as the ball was started it was given to the visitors' left wing pair, and McBeth scored

the first goal, Wilson striking the leather, but failing to fist it back. Wilson afterwards saved his charge thrice, but after a visit to the upper goal a corner kick accrued to the visitors, and Wilson in throwing out the ball placed it at the foot of Bishop, who would have scored but for the timely intervention of Walmsley. At the close of ten minutes' play the ball was sent in from the visitors' right and fell just at the post. Wilson caught the leather, and threw it away, but Hargreaves instantly shot it between the posts for the second time. For the remainder of the first half the home team had the best of the play, but the forwards were somewhat weak in proximity to goal, and the score was unaltered at half time. For the greater part of the second half the play was confined to the visitors' quarters, varied by two or three brief visits to the top of the field. Twenty-six minutes elapsed, however, without any alteration to the score, but Slater then secured a goal for the home team, and a little later Holden equalised the score amid loud cheering. The home team continued to play with great spirit, and their supporters were confident of success, but eight minutes from the close Friell got the ball in mid-field, and eluding Harper, made a fast run up the centre. He had only Wilson to face, but as he was about to shoot Walmsley interposed, and he and Wilson tried to get the ball away, but Bishop, dashing forward, kicked the ball between the posts, and scored the winning point for Accrington."

BS/AN: "Accrington only put a poor team on the field, being without Chippendale, Chew and Whittaker, but Friel of Burnley assisted them, though he is not a member of the Accrington Club. Harper, also of Burnley, who played for Park Road at the commencement of the season, assisted the Roadsters."

AN: "The home team played the match under protest respecting the matter between Accrington and Beresford. The field of play was in a very poor condition, and good fast play was out of the question, but Accrington won, as it were, on the post by three goals to two."

MC/SDT (Same reports and lineups): "The ground was in a wretched condition. Winning the toss Accrington, who had a weak team in the field, decided to play with the wind and slope of ground in their favour in the first half. Rushing down the field as soon as the game commenced, the visitors at once scored, Macbeth sending in the leather, which spun off the hand of the goalkeeper. Returning to the attack, nine minutes later Hargreaves scored another point. The home team thereafter attacked their opponents' goal very frequently, but were weak in close quarters. Three-quarters of the time allotted for play had passed before Slater scored the first point for Park-road. But Holden soon followed example and equalised the score amid great excitement. Subsequently, however, Friell got the ball into the mouth of the home goal, and *Bishop scored the winning goal for Accrington." (York Herald 27/11/83 P.8 has a similar report: no lineups)

*BS states Macbeth scored and Bishop only assisted.

Blackburn Park Road: W. Wilson (Goal); J. Harper, J. Walmsley (Backs); W. Grimshaw, W. Marsden, J. Hartley (Half Backs); A. Mackereth, +H. Holt (Right Wing), J. Holden (Centre), +J. Toothill, +E. Slater (Left Wing). (BT order and initials)

+CHECK THESE INITIALS AND FIRST ROUND

Accrington: R. Horne (Goal); J. Hindle, James Yates (Backs); G. Haworth, R. Wade (Half Backs); E. Hacking, J. Hargreaves (Right Wing), R. Bryce, Daniel Friell (Burnley) (Centres), Bishop, R. Macbeth (Left Wing). (BT order and initials)

N.B:Bishop is in lineups and as the scorer in all sources apart from AN/ACR which have W.J.Whittaker for him in lineup/scorers see above)

Umpires:J.Wilkinson and J.Pickup.Referee:Mr J.Lewis(Blackburn Rovers)

N.B. Accrington were disqualified for professionalism for paying Beresford :see full story in Accrington Complete Record P.14-16,but Park Road declined invitation to be reinstated.

Blackburn Standard 1/12/83 P.3:

"The meeting of the Football Association took place on Monday,and the question of the Accrington Club officials having paid money to Beresford for playing was the chief item of discussion.After hearing the witnesses,the committee decided to expel the Accrington club from the Association.This is a very heavy penalty,indeed,and really means the +(sishing??) up of the club,as no other clubs who are members of the Association will be allowed to play,even ordinary fixtures,with them,and their own players will not be able to join and play with any other team." +??

Park Road,although defeated by Accrington the same day,were given the game,and therefore enter the third round.

The Church Club were allowed to remain in the Association on the ground that they were in ignorance of Beresford having been paid by Accrington."

DARWEN 1(Hollis)BLACKBURN OLYMPIC 2(Jos.Duckworth,A.Matthews) (H.T. 1-0)(F.T 1-1)(After Extra Time)(At Barley Bank Ground,Darwen)(Sat Dec 1st)

Blackburn Times 8/12/83 P.2/Blackburn Standard 10/12/83 P.3/Athletic News 5/12/83 P.3/Bell's Life 8/12/83 P.10/Manchester Courier 3/12/83 P.3(No teams)/Sportsman 3/12//83 P.4/Sporting Life 3/12/83 P.4:

BT:"As these clubs have always been regarded as rivals,their tie in the National Cup competition, played on Saturday,attracted a great deal of attention throughout Lancashire.Crowds of people went with the Olympians to Darwen,and soon after four o'clock there was a large assemblage in front of the Guardian branch office in Church street awaiting the result.At the call of "Time!" the score was equal,and the teams played an extra half hour,the holders of the Cup just managing at the close to pull off the match.The Darwen captain won the toss,and chose to play with the wind and his men for half an hour or more played fast and loose with the Olympic backs,and frequently missed the ball when attempting to kick it.Hollis scored a goal by a sharp low shot,after eluding his opponents some ten minutes after the start,and the Olympic goal was in continual danger until the whistle blew for change of ends.The Olympic backs were as good in the second half as in the first,and the forwards, feeling reassured,penned the Darwen men.Three corners in succession fell to the lot of the Blackburn men,and the home goal was only relieved from danger by a high shot by Gibson.The determined attacks of the Cup holders were remarkable,and the defence of Darwen not less so.A good shot being sent in by Yates,J.Richmond fisted the ball over the goal line,and another shot by Duckworth was only to be met in the same way.A third time Richmond gave the Olympians a corner kick in repelling a shot made by Dewhurst.This time Costley,from the corner,caused the "giant" goal keeper to use his hands again,when the ball was met by Duckworth's head,and put between the posts twenty minutes after the change of ends.The score,thus made equal,remained so until the call

of "Time!", the attacking being mostly with the Olympians, for the Darwen men made only two dangerous raids into the Olympic territory. It was decided to play an extra half hour-15 minutes each way. When five minutes of the new term had elapsed, the Olympic forwards made a rush with the leather, which was shot through by Yates amid great cheering. To the disgust of the Olympians and their supporters, the referee disallowed the point on a claim for "off side" play, and to the equal disgust of the Darwen folks he disallowed a goal soon afterwards obtained by Marshall under similar circumstances. Four minutes only remained for play when Dewhurst shot the leather into the Darwen goal, and Matthews kicked it through the very fingers of the goal keeper. The result was a victory for the Olympians by two goals to one."

AN: "One of the biggest crowds that has yet visited the Barley Ground at Darwen this season was assembled on Saturday to witness the Association cup tie between Darwen and the Olympic, the beautiful character of the weather no doubt tending greatly to the large attendance of spectators. The road from Blackburn to Darwen was thronged with pedestrians on their way to the match, and vehicles were on the road in abundance. The Darwen team were the first to vault the boundary rails, followed closely by the Olympic, and both teams were very warmly received. The turf was favourable for a good match, and there was very little wind to mar the progress of the ball. What little advantage there was Fish took advantage of in the first half, he having won the toss for Darwen. Parker started the ball at 2.40, and Darwen immediately had a throw in on the right, Fish putting the ball to Marshall. The latter, along with Whalley, got into the Olympic quarters, and the Olympic were the first to become pressed. Ward very soon made a mistake, but Moss and the half backs were in form, and Darwen were driven back. Dewhurst got away on the left, but H. Richmond returned the ball, when Shorrocks, Norris, and Nightingale managed to make an opening, but without avail, as Astley gave the leather to Parker. The latter passed to Costley, who, with Yates, were instrumental in gaining a couple of corners at the other end of the field. These were of no good, and Darwen put in a lot of pressure, which found Gibson, Moss, and Ward plenty of work. Howorth also stopped a fine shot by Marshall. After about fifteen minutes play a good run on the Darwen left and a pass to centre gave Hollis a difficult chance, and in a clever manner he pulled it off, the ball passing between on the ground, quite out of Howorth's reach, though many seemed to be of opinion that Roger, with an effort, might have stopped the ball. This was the only point scored in the first half; the game in the first portion being, if anything, slightly tame, with the exception of a few dashing runs Dewhurst made up the right, and the fine half-back play of H. Richmond. Fish and Gibson also played well in this half. On reversing ends there was a great change in the scene of action, the Darwen goal being mostly the object of attack. On the Olympians came time after time, and three corner kicks transpired before the ball was fairly got away. Then Marshall dashed away on the right, crossing well, but the Olympic backs were equal to the occasion. The Blackburn forwards again ran in front of Richmond's goal, and a lot of shots were sent in; but Fish, Entwistle, Kershaw, and H. Richmond all defended well, and J. Richmond used his hands well on one or two occasions. Thus the game continued for a long time, Darwen now and again breaking away, but it was very rare in this half that they manifested any danger. They grew a little more desperate as time wore on, with them still a goal in the rear. The long-wished-for came at last, however, and scarcely ever was there a bigger shout heard in the Darwen field, especially from the visiting spectators than there was when the Olympian vanguard dashed in front and forced the ball between. The excitement was fairly awakened by this last stroke, and as the blues hove in front again they were vociferously cheered, but "Time" was called with the game a draw of one goal each. It was then arranged to play an extra +ten minutes each way, Darwen playing with the wind in the

first half. The fresh game was fiercely fought, but no goals were scored in the first portion. Then, entering upon the last ten minutes, the struggle increased, and excitement grew in intensity, each side having a goal disallowed, but at last the Olympic took matters in hand effectually, and Matthews landed the winning goal amid an indescribable scene of hat throwing, and even hand-shaking among the Olympic supporters. Never was the scoring of a goal more warmly received than this, and the Olympians were greatly cheered as they retired from the conflict victorious by two goals to one." +BT Report states 15 minutes each way

MC: "The Cup tie between these clubs excited great interest in East Lancashire, and there would be fully 5,000 spectators on the Darwen ground, on Saturday to witness the encounter. Both teams were fully represented, Moss being with the Olympic. After some even play Marshall scored the first goal for Darwen from a pass by Hollis about 10 minutes from the start. Dewhurst then made a good run, and had a nice chance, but kicked over the bar. The Olympic continued to have the best of it for some time, Richmond saving four shots in rare style. Darwen also had a couple of shots which were all but. At half time Darwen stood one to Olympic nil. On changing Olympic continued to have the best of it, three corners falling to them, but nothing tangible resulted, Richmond stopping a hot one by Gibson. For about 20 minutes the ball scarcely left the Darwen posts, and they had innumerable shots, and at length from a corner Duckworth equalised matters amidst the wildest excitement. For a few minutes the Olympic held the upper hand, and then Darwen put on a sprint, and the last quarter of an hour was very stubbornly contested, but no score was made, and at the conclusion of the allotted time ended in a draw. Mr Crump (referee) ordered the men to play an extra half hour, with the following result: -Olympic. two goals; Darwen, one goal."

BL: "At length, just at the last moment, a combined rush of the Olympic equalised matters, and it was agreed to play for an extra half hour, when, after a goal had been disallowed on each side, another point was gained by the Olympic, amidst a scene of the wildest excitement."

Darwen: J. Richmond (Goal); J. Kershaw, R. Entwistle (Backs); S. Fish, H. Richmond (Half Backs); T. Marshall, J. Whalley (Right Wing), J. Hollis, J. Nightingale (Centre), J. (H.) Shorrocks, J. Norris (Left Wing).

Blackburn Olympic: R. Howorth (Goal); W. Moss, J. T. Ward (Backs); W. Astley, Jos. Duckworth, T. Gibson (Half Backs); T. (A.) Dewhurst, A. Matthews (Right Wing), W. ("Tich") Parker (Centre), J. Yates, J. Costley (Left Wing). (BT specified order)

Referee: C. Crump (Birmingham)

PADIHAM, a bye

FOURTH DIVISION:

Preston North End v Great Lever, at Preston

Hurst v Rossendale or Irwell Springs, at Hurst, near Blackburn (?)

Bolton Wanderers v Bolton Association, at Bolton

Eagley, a bye

PRESTON NORTH END 4 (G. Drummond, J. Belger, W. Smalley, F. Dewhurst) GREAT LEVER 1 (T. Rostron) (H.T. 2-1) (At Preston) (Sat Dec 1st)

Blackburn Standard 8/11/83 P.3/Preston Herald 5/12/83 P.6/Blackburn Times 8/12/83 P.2/Bolton Evening News 3/12/83/ Nottingham Evening Post 3/12/83 P.3/Sheffield Independent 3/12/83 P.4/Athletic News 5/12/83 P.3/Referee 2/12/83 P.6:

BS/PH: "These teams met at Deepdale, on Saturday, to decide their tie in the second round for the national trophy. The event excited great interest, and, as a consequence, there was an assemblage of about 7,500 spectators. The weather was exceedingly favourable, there being scarcely any wind, but the ground was rather heavy. Great Lever lost the toss, and at ten minutes to three o'clock kicked off up hill. The ball was instantly passed to the left by the North End forwards, and Smalley, after a short run, passed to Dewhurst, who quickly transferred to the mouth of the Great Lever goal, where a most exciting scrimmage took place. The goalkeeper, ably assisted by the backs, defended well, and fisted the ball away more than once, but it was impossible for long to withstand such an onslaught, and on again handling the ball, the custodian was "gently" placed underneath the crossbar by Belger, while at the same time Drummond kicked the ball out of Wilson's hands, the enthusiastic cheers proclaiming that the home team had scored before sixty seconds had elapsed from the kick off. Great Lever, from the re-start, soon had a throw-in near the home goal line, but here Wilson came away with a swift run, the ball being returned by Evans, and coming into the possession of Swithenby and Rostron, who worked it nicely to the home territory, where they centred, but the shot by Bradbury was worthless. Belger here put in a good dribble, and the visitors' custodian had to save, after which Howarth and Dearden got the ball away up the left, and a free kick for hands fell to Great Lever within twenty yards of the home goal. North End were then granted a free kick for a foul throw-in by the visitors, and from here Drummond made his way cleverly down the wing and centred to Dewhurst, and the goalkeeper had another narrow escape of being charged by Belger. The ball, however, fell to the possession of the Great Lever left wing, who transferred it rapidly to the North End quarters, where they passed to the right, and Rostron, with a high shot, placed the ball just out of the reach of Joy, thus equalising the game ten minutes from the kick off, amidst cheers. This point spurred both teams to even greater exertions, the home contingent more especially playing with great determination. Wilson soon had the ball down the right, and for some minutes Great Lever were severely pressed. A couple of corners were granted North End, from the scrimmage following which the latter had a free kick for hands near the goal, and then the visitors kicked behind again to save, but from the corner kick on the left the ball passed out. A combined run by Great Lever, in which some very pretty high passing was shown, found Ross and Duckworth some work, and the ball was well returned to midfield, where Drummond passed to Wilson, and the latter to the left wing couple, the visitors' goal being placed once more in jeopardy. The visitors continued to be pressed, the home forwards and half backs being repeatedly applauded for their admirable play in front of the Great Lever goal, where some really fine defence was displayed by the visitors. A free kick for a foul fell to North End near midfield, following which the visitors became more sternly pressed than ever. A slight relief was gained by Howarth and Dearden, and a foul in the centre gave the visitors a free kick, but it was of no use, for the home right wing couple took the ball away down again, and passing to the left, Dewhurst had a good chance of scoring, but the ball went over the bar. Russell and Brown, in the more even play which followed for a while, did some very good work, and at last Bradbury, Swithenby, and Rostron got down the right, and three corner kicks were granted, but they came to nothing, the ball being at last transferred by Belger and Drummond to the opposite end, where Smalley's attempt at goal was fruitless. The visitors' right wing had another attempt to escape, but Duckworth made a good return, and the ball was taken and centred from the North End right, Smalley

this time successfully shooting it past the goalkeeper, to the intense delight of the Prestonians. It was by this only a few minutes to half-time, but the visitors were again penned, when the signal was given, the game standing two goals to one in favour of North End. After the interval the home team kicked off up the incline, and straightway the ball was taken down to the Great Lever goal line, but passed out. Immediately after the kick off, however, Belger was soon making his way up the field in one of his almost irresistible runs, and, dribbling well up to goal, he succeeded in scoring a third point for North End. The ball had no sooner been restarted than Howarth and Dearden, on the Great Lever left, made a plucky effort to change the scene of play, but Ross came to the rescue, and, dribbling a few yards, he then placed the ball at the foot of Dewhurst, who quickly ran it well up, and added another goal to the credit of North End. It goes without saying that these successes were hailed with the greatest delight by the spectators. Wilson, the visitors' custodian, at this point left the enclosure and the rest of the game was fought with only ten men by the visitors. Their left wing couple made another creditable attempt to get away, but Robinson showed some thoughtful play, and Wilson "brought down the house" by some dexterous dodging and swift sprinting, the result being that Great Lever were soon again tremendously pressed. In fact, from now to the finish, the home team did almost all the pressing, the visitors' forwards making a few combined runs down the field, but the good back play they met with frustrated their efforts. North End had several corner kicks, and their opponents one or two. The ball was mostly on the North End left wing, and had to be taken back more than once on a plea of off side. Near the end, Swithenby, accompanied by Rostron and Bradbury, made a dashing run to the home quarters, and Joy had to save, but the Preston left couple and Belger soon had the ball back again, and Great Lever had to kick behind just as time was called, leaving North End the victors by four goal to one."

BT: "This match, which has been anticipated with intense interest in football circles, was played on Saturday at Preston in the presence of 8,000 spectators, and the result of the encounter – four goals to one – is very encouraging for the home supporters. The day was fine, and the ground in fair condition. Both teams have shown excellent form this season, North End having played 13 matches, won nine, lost one (Darwen) and drawn three, scoring 50 goals against 19; Great Lever have met 16 engagements, won 14, lost two, and scored an aggregate of 78 goals against 29. At the call of time the game was – North End, four goals; Great Lever, one. The home team played in good form, and to single out the merits of any individual player would be impracticable; whilst for Great Lever, +Holden, at back, and Evans, Rostron, Swithenby, and Bradbury were the best."

+In fact McHolden

BEN: "A minute off time the Leverites nearly scored, but taken as a whole the play in the latter part of the second half was only middling, the North End men appearing well satisfied, while Great Lever were fighting against fearful odds with only ten men. Evans deserves an encouraging pat on the back for his work between the sticks. No goals were scored after he took possession. Swithenby, Rostron, and M'Holden were the best of the remainder. North End played well to a man, though very roughly, Wilson perhaps not shining as much as usual. Great Lever were thus thrown out of the English competition by four goals to one."

NEP/SI: "This cup tie was before 7,000 spectators on the Preston North End ground. The match occasioned great excitement. Great Lever lost the toss, and immediately after the start Belger scored for the North End. After some exceedingly fast play Swithenby shot a goal for the Leverites, equalising

matters. Just before half time Smalley scored a second for North End. On change of ends Preston had the best of the game, Belger adding a third, and Dewhurst a fourth goal. Wilson, the Lever goalkeeper retired hurt, and Evans took his place. The play became loose, both teams being tired by hard work in the first half. No additions were made to the score, and Preston won by four goals to one.””+Sharples the Great Lever captain, did not play. “ +Wrongly listed by REF

Preston North End: W. Joy (Goal); C. Duckworth, N. J. Ross (Capt.) (Backs); B. Robinson, J. Russell, +Brown (Half Backs); Wilson, G. Drummond (Right Wing), J. Belger (Centre), F. Dewhurst, W. Smalley (Left Wing).

+Find initial

Great Lever: Reuben Wilson (Goal); J. Boardman, J. McHolden (Backs); T. Evans, Whittle, J. (or T. W.) Hardman (Half Backs); J. Swithenby, T (“Tot”) Rostron (Right Wing), J. Bradbury (Centre), T. (or P.) Howarth, W. Dearden (Left Wing).

Initials from SL matches

Umpires: W. Sudell for Preston and George Sharples for Great Lever. Referee: S. Ormerod (Accrington).

HURST 3 IRWELL SPRINGS 2 (Sat Dec 1st) (At Hurst Ground)

Referee 2/12/83 P.6:

N.B. Not possible to check first round teams

REF: “Played on the Hurst ground, and won by the home team by three goals to two, after a good game.”

MC 3/12/83 P.3 (No lineups): “A very fast game resulted in favour of Hurst who scored three goals to Irwell Springs two.”

Hurst: Kershaw (Goal); Ball, Nadin (Backs); Ingram (Capt.), J. Hurlton, E. Cathray (Half Backs); F. Grimshaw, J. Burns (Right), A. F. Grimshaw (Centre), J. Smith, J. A. Moss (Left). (REF)

Irwell Springs: J. Whittaker (Goal); Taylor, Hunt (Backs); D. Banham, J. Banham, H. Mitchell (Half Backs); C. Banham, J. Catlaw (Right), J. Ratcliffe (Centre), A. Lord, E. Titherington (Left). (REF) (Catlow?)

Umpires: J. Knott for Hurst and G. Lord for Irwell Springs. Referee: J. M’Intyre, Manchester.

Ordered to be replayed “Hurst failing to appear, Irwell springs found themselves in the third round.” (see Manchester Courier 31/12/83 P.3 :in report of Irwell Springs 3rd round match)

Sporting Life 20/12/83 P.4: “The protested match between Hurst and Irwell Springs in the second round will be played off on the ground of the latter club on Saturday next.” (22/12/83)

BOLTON WANDERERS 3 (W. G. Struthers, W. Steel 2) BOLTON ASSOCIATION 0 (H. T. 0-0) (Sat Dec 1st)

Bolton Evening News 3/12/83/Manchester Courier 3/12/83 P.3/Athletic News 5/12/83 P.3/Bell’s Life 8/12/83 P.10:

BEN: "There was an excellent attendance at the above cup tie at Pike's lane on Saturday, the afternoon being beautifully fine, and the ground in fair order, considering the heavy rain of the previous day. Both teams turned out in full force, and the game was started by Struthers kicking off towards the Deane goal, the Association having the advantage of the sun at their backs. A capital shot was sent in which Moylan repelled in good style, the backs and the half-backs being also found employment, Flitcroft putting the ball on the right wing with Sowerbutts and Walker making a good run, the visitors' captain sending in a long shot which Hay returned at his ease. The Wanderers then took up the attack with vigour, the fortress being besieged with such energy that the Wanderers seemed bound to score, but the defence of the Association was very strong, the half-backs tackling well, and Turner and Dobson kicking strongly, while Moylan's agility between the posts was cheered more than once. The Wanderers played a good passing game, and Dobson being pressed by Steel and Vaughan he gave a corner. This, however, availed nothing, Flitcroft being next applauded for a good display against the home left wing. Davenport dashed up now and again when the Association looked like breaking away, some of his kicks being admirable. Murray here sprinted at a rate which surprised most people, and then a desperate scrimmage was waged right in front of the visitors' goal, Dobson, Turner, and Moylan stopping a lot of shots. The Association now several times invaded the other half of the ground, Walker, Sowerbutts, Harper, and Murray all showing up individually but they lost a great deal by want of combination, their chances being further reduced by M'Kernan kicking out. Three corners accrued in this way but all were futile. Just after Vaughan had kicked over the goal Sowerbutts was badly hurt by M'Kernan and lay on the ground for some time, Threlfall being also injured. Howarth now dashed off with the ball but spoiled a clever run by shooting across, Vaughan being also at fault by kicking over the bar. Davenport evoked a round of applause by smartly dodging Harper and Murray. Struthers made several good attempts to score but Midwood was generally there, and half-time arrived without anything being scored, the play having been fast and exciting. On resuming the Wanderers' forwards were soon close to their opponents' goal but they still found the defence impregnable, Moylan frustrating one shot from the right that appeared sure to pass through. Now and again the ball travelled into the opposite territory but Powell and M'Kernan, owing to the long kicks of the Association forwards, had always plenty of time to return the ball. Sowerbutts and Walker both dallied with the leather instead of shooting, and Harper threw away a chance by lifting the ball over the goal. After this the Wanderers were almost continually swarming round the Association stronghold, and twenty minutes after change of ends Struthers registered the first goal. After ten minutes more hard play Steel, after a nice piece of play by Kennedy, again put the ball through, the same player being also the means of adding a third goal - an easy one as Moylan in fisting the ball out allowed it to drop at his feet. The visitors were unmistakably tiring fast, but they averted further disaster, the game ending in a win for the Wanderers by three goals to none."

MC: "On Saturday both teams were fully representative, the Wanderers quartette, who have been chosen to play for Lancashire against Sheffield next week coming in for a special round of cheers. The afternoon being fine there was an excellent attendance and feeling ran high. Kicking off against the sun the Wanderers were soon on the aggressive, but found the defence capital, and although both sides had chances, the Wanderers occasionally pressing their opponents, nothing was scored at half time, and ends were changed amid some excitement. The play was again fast and exciting, and 20 minutes elapsed before the ball was headed through by Struthers. Ten minutes later Steel scored a second goal after Moylan had knocked the ball out. The Association were still pressed, and Steel added a third goal, and the Wanderers won the match by three goals to none. A good deal of

unnecessary roughness was indulged in, Sowerbutts being rendered almost useless by a violent charge early in the game."

Bolton Wanderers: T. Hay (Goal); J. M'Kernan, J. Powell (Backs); J. Gleaves (Capt.), J. K. Davenport, J. Kennedy (Half Backs); T. Howarth, J. Fallon (Right Wing), W. G. Struthers (Centre), W. Steel, J. Vaughan (Left Wing).

Bolton Association: Moylan (Goal); Turner, Dobson (Backs); Flitcroft, Midwood, Scowcroft (Half Backs); Walker (Capt.), Sowerbutts, Threlfall, Murray, Harper (Forwards).

N.B. No initials in BEN

Referee: T. Hindle

EAGLEY, a bye

FIFTH DIVISION:

Wrexham v Oswestry

Queen's Park (Glasgow) v Manchester (Association?)

Davenham v Northwich Victoria

WREXHAM 3 (H. Edwards, W. Roberts, J. Roberts) OSWESTRY 4 (E. G. Shaw, W. Davies, "from a free kick" "disputed") (H.T. 2-1) (At Wrexham Racecourse Ground) (Sat Dec 1st)

N.B. SL scorers : see report below. Wrexham Complete Record has W. Roberts 2, J. Roberts, but it is reported in 3 papers that H. Edwards scored the first goal with a well placed kick.

Wrexham Advertiser 7/12/83 P.3/Liverpool Mercury 3/12/83 P.7/Manchester Courier 3/12/83 P.3/Field 8/12/83 P.795/Bell's Life 8/12/83 P.10/Sporting Life 3/12/83 P.4/Referee 2/12/83 P.6:

WA: "Having won the toss, the captain of the Wrexham team decided to defend the goal furthest from the town so as to have the wind at the back of his men. The leather was set in motion by the Oswestry centre, and it immediately fell into the possession of the Welsh, who inaugurated a brisk attack on their opponents' fortress, which was frequently in great peril, and the goalkeeper had to use his hands. On the second occasion he handled the ball he was so severely pressed as to be obliged to concede a corner which, however, came to nothing the ball going behind the line. From the kick off the ball was again taken possession of by the Welsh, who once again compelled their opponents to assume the defensive, giving them abundance of work endeavouring to avoid a disaster. Ultimately a corner was obtained by the home team, and the ball going behind, the Oswestrians re-started it, a visit being made to the Wrexham stronghold, the leather being shot into Trainer's hands. It again found its way to the other end of the ground, and a corner had to be again conceded, the attempt to score from it being ineffectual. From the goal kick the leather was sent well up the ground, and the visitors obtained a free kick, and after some skirmishing, the leather was sent through the Welsh uprights, one of the Wrexham team, with commendable generosity, lending valuable assistance in obtaining this goal. The result, which was the outcome of a fortunate "fluke" for the visitors, was loudly cheered. After the kick off the home team returned to their work with redoubled energy, and began to force the game to some purpose. Shot after shot was made, corners were frequently obtained, the Oswestry citadel having many narrow and lucky escapes, the leather once hitting the bar, then subsequently being shot into the goalkeeper's hands-but it looked as if the

goal was impregnable,so extraordinary were its hairbreath escapes.Ultimately the visitors had to yield to the inevitable,and from a free kick Edwards made one of the most magnificent and splendidly judged shots we have ever seen,and the result was a thoroughly deserved goal,obtained after one of the most persistent struggles against ill-luck,together with a sturdy opponent,that has been witnessed on the Racecourse.Hostilities being re-commenced the Oswestry goalkeeper had his attention closely occupied,a succession of rapid attacks being made against his charge.Corners were once more obtained in plentiful numbers,but they failed to achieve the desired end,and then by way of relieving the monotony,a visit of short duration was paid to the Welsh territory,where the visitors obtained a corner,the ball being sent behind the line.After the goal kick the ball was taken to the other end of the ground and the game confined to the Oswestry goal the besiegers eventually obtaining a second point,this time receiving a little,and of course unintentional assistance,from an Oswestrian.Soon afterwards half time was called.Ends having been changed,play was resumed,the visitors being first to assume the offensive.They made an effort and it proved futile,the leather falling into the custody of the Welsh,whose forwards by some fine play manipulated the globe in first class form,the result being a third point in favour of Wrexham,a claim of offside lodged by the visitors being discarded by the referee.(Oswestry 2nd goal missing:see LM Report below)Soon after this a free kick was secured by the Salopians in close proximity to the Wrexham uprights,and the ball was forced through,thus equalising matters.After some all round play a fourth goal was given the Oswestrians,but upon what grounds it is difficult to say,reliable witnesses who were standing in the vicinity of the goal maintaining that the ball did not go within some distance of the sticks.No further score was made,and the game ended consequently in a very unsatisfactory manner,as it is held it ended in a draw,and not as stated in favour of Oswestry by four goals to three.As the teams were leaving the ground a disgraceful scene occurred.A large number of boys and young men-and apparently not gifted in the wisest sense of expressing appropriately their sense of injury-thought fit to mark their indignation at the referee's conduct respecting the last goal by surrounding him and giving vent to some hideous hooting.We do not for a moment wish to uphold the decision respecting the last goal,as we understand that the referee admitted that he was considerably "flurried" at the time,but hooting certainly was unjustifiable and should such a scene occur again it would have but one influence-and that to banish the game of football from our midst.The conduct of one or two of the Wrexham players was certainly not of a nature as to be commended.By way of creating an unpleasantness the volubility and argumentativeness of the Oswestry umpire was all powerful,and the referee was constantly having his attention drawn from the game by this gentleman,who in one instance persisted in arguing about a matter that had been disposed of a considerable time before, and again he was the only individual who maintained,even amongst the visitors,that the last honour credited to Oswestry was a goal."

LM:"The visitors kicked off,the home team having the wind in their favour,and,as Oswestry soon scored,Edwards made matters even for his side immediately after.Then one of the visitors' backs put the ball through his own goal, and at half time Wrexham were two goals to their opponents' one.On changing ends Oswestry made matters even by scoring another goal,whilst Roberts soon scored a third for Wrexham.Still Oswestry made matters even,and just before the close got a fourth,and the home team were beaten by four goals to three.Some decisions of the referee,Mr Lithgoe,of Bootle,were distasteful to some Welsh spectators and so hostile was the mob at the close that,amidst loud hooting two policemen had to escort the referee off the ground and to a place of safety."

F: "The visitors were the first to score, but the home team soon made matters equal, Edwards obtaining a goal for them. Shortly afterwards Foulkes, in endeavouring to clear his goal, put the ball between the uprights, and a second point was scored for the home team. No other item was gained up to the end of the first half, the game, on changing ends, standing at two to one in favour of Wrexham. On resuming, the visitors soon made matters equal, and the home team again took the lead, Roberts doing the needful for them. The Oswestry men retaliated, and again the score was made equal-three all. The last half was well advanced, and both teams worked hard, putting forth all their best efforts to score. Good play, assisted by a little good fortune, enabled the visitors, just before the call of time, to score another point, and they retired winners by four goals to three. A section of the supporters of the Wrexham club appear to be unable to stand quietly by and see their favourites beaten, and this time they vowed vengeance against the referee, who had to be guarded by two policemen and some of the Wrexham players to a place of safety."

SL: "The weather was tolerably fine, but the ground was soft in consequence of the late heavy rains. About 2,000 spectators were present, and a section of them at the close of the game so far forgot themselves as to mob the referee, because, as they alleged, he gave a decision adverse to the home team. He was quickly surrounded by the members of the Wrexham team, however, and a couple of police officers, who safely escorted him from the field. Wrexham won the toss, and Davies (Oswestry) started the leather against the wind. Play was fairly equal for the first fifteen minutes, and although Oswestry made a desperate attempt to draw first blood, Trainer saved nicely. The Welshmen retaliated by peppering away at the Salopians' citadel, but without making any satisfactory impression, and twenty-four minutes from the start the first score was made by Oswestry, the globe being placed between the uprights by Shaw. This put the Wrexhamites on their metal, and five minutes afterwards, from "hands" in dangerous proximity to the visitors' sticks, the Wrexham captain so well manipulated the leather that, glancing off the back of one of the opposing players, it passed victoriously between the uprights. A minute before half-time a similar goal was scored for Wrexham by W. Roberts. After crossing over the Oswestrians pressed the home team, and two minutes after recommencing, W. Davies equalised matters by scoring a second goal for the visitors. This seemed to put fresh life into the Welshmen (who appeared in hardly as good condition as their opponents), and in twenty minutes' time, after a splendid long shot by W. Roberts, his namesake on the opposite wing landed the ball past the goal-keeper. From this period Oswestry had the best of the game, and the leather recrossing the field, a third goal was scored for them from a free kick. Just afterwards they increased their score to four. This goal was objected to by Wrexham, but allowed by the referee. Nothing further was scored, and the game ended in a win for Oswestry by four goals to three. There was some talk of an appeal against the referee's decision, but it is not very clear what will be gained by such a resolution."

REF: "Both teams at once set to work, and after several good runs Oswestry drew first blood, and soon after this Edwards made matters even for his side. One of the visitors, Foulkes, in trying to clear his goal, placed the leather between the posts for his opponents. On changing ends Oswestry soon made matters equal by scoring another goal. Roberts almost directly scored a third goal for Wrexham. The visitors then made a determined effort and scored their third goal amidst cheers. The game was most exciting, and by a combined rush the visitors scored goal number four, thus winning a well-contested game by four goals to three."

N.B.Wrexham Complete Record: P.11:"Oswestry's winning goal was hotly disputed by the Wrexham players and supporters alike,and after the match had ended the referee had to be escorted from the field by two policemen with the Wrexham mob hooting him in a violent and disgraceful manner. This match,however,lead to the Wrexham Football Club being expelled from the English body at a meeting of the Football Association on 28 February 1884.James Trainer,the Wrexham goalkeeper, who later went on to play for Wales and Bolton Wanderers,received a ban from the Welsh FA that was to see him never play for Wrexham again.In fact,at the end of the season the Wrexham Club was disbanded due to the expulsion,which again leaves a question mark over the date of the club's formation." (N.B.:Wrexham Olympic were formed in time for the 84/85 season)

Wrexham:James Trainer(Goal);G.Thomas,W.H.Davies(Backs);T.Burke,H.Edwards(Capt.),H.Sisson(Half Backs);R.Davies,W.Roberts(Right),A.Eyton-Jones(Centre),J.Roberts,J.Davies(Left).

Oswestry:+C.W.Duncan(Goal);J.H.Williams(Capt.),A.Roberts(Backs);W.T.Foulkes,S.Smith,M.(J.)Evans (Half Backs);E.G.Shaw,J.Evans(Right),+W.H.Davies(Centre),G.Farmer,J.Roach(Left).

+Only initials to be checked

Umpires:James Davies(Wrexham) and W.H.Gough(Oswestry).

Referee:Lithgow(Bootle)(Sec of Liverpool and District Association)

QUEEN'S PARK,GLASGOW 15 (W.J.Anderson 3,Dr J.Smith 3,W.Harrower 2,E.Fraser 2,D.Allan 2,R.M.Christie 2,C.Campbell) MANCHESTER 0(H.T. 7-0)(Sat Dec 1st) (At Titwood Park,the temporary ground of Queen's Park)

(Scorers taken from History of Queen's Park,P.118)(MC scorers:see below)(AFS scorers:Anderson 4,Harrower 3,Smith 3,Fraser 2,Allan,Christie,Another)

GH scorers(Report below):Anderson 3,Campbell,Allan 4,Dr.Smith 2,Fraser 2,"scrimmage", Christie,Harrower)

MC scorers(Same as F):"The goals were kicked as follows:Harrower two,Dr Smith three,Anderson three,Christie 2,Allan 2,Campbell one,and Fraser two."

F scorers:Dr. Smith (3),W.Anderson (3),E.Fraser (2),W.Harrower (2),G.Christie (2),D.Allan (2), and C.Campbell (1)."

N.B:The difference between the scorers in GH and in MC/F is with 3 goals.GH has Allan 2 and "scrimmage" and MC/F have Smith 1,Harrower 1,and Christie 1(Not the same goals necessarily)

Glasgow Herald 3/12/83 P.10(No teams)/Manchester Courier 3/12/83 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 3/12/83 P.4/Athletic News 5/12/83 P.3/Bell's Life 8/12/83 P.10/Field 8/12/83 P.795/Sportsman 3/12/83 P.4/Sporting Life 5/12/83 P.4/Referee 2/12/83 P.6:

GH:"Between 2,000 and 3,000 spectators witnessed the match between Manchester and the Queen's Park in the English Cup competition.The game was most disappointing.The Englishmen were overmatched at all points,and in the end were defeated by the unusually heavy score of 15 goals to none.From beginning to end they were badly pressed,and it was quite apparent that they knew little or nothing about the "dribbling game".All through they played in a half-hearted way,but probably

the men had suffered fatigue in the journey from Manchester to Glasgow. During the first half hour seven goals were scored, and in the second half eight more goals were secured. Five minutes after the start Anderson placed the leather between the posts, and a minute later Elliott (N.B.: pseudonym for Campbell) secured the second goal. The Queen's Park continued to press their opponents, and within ten minutes Allan secured a third. Smith next scored, making the fourth point for Queen's Park. Anderson next took a couple of goals in succession, and after Allan had scored the seventh, half time was called. Play had no sooner been resumed than the local forwards clustered round the strangers' posts. Allan scored the eighth, Fraser sent in a smart shot which was punted out by the custodian, but before the keeper had again taken up his position under the crossbar, Smith had added a ninth score for the Queen's. Fraser scored the tenth, the eleventh was secured out of a scrimmage, in which Fraser, Harrower, and Smith were prominent. Allan credited the senior club with the twelfth, Fraser secured the thirteenth, Christie the fourteenth, and Harrower the fifteenth. The Queen's Park were represented by their usual team."

SDT: "After the match the teams dined together."

NEP/SDT: "The Glasgow goalkeeper never handled the ball during the whole of the match."

Queen's Park: P. McCallum (Goal); W. Arnott, A. H. Holm, (Backs); C. Campbell, J. J. Gow (Half Backs); M. J. E. Fraser, W. Anderson (Right Wing), Dr. J. Smith, W. Harrower (Centres), D. S. Allan, R. M. Christie (Left Wing).

N.B. Defence confirmed with initials from QP History P.119: P. McCallum

Manchester: A. R. Andrews (Capt.) (Goal); *J. Merry, J. Walker (Backs); G. Hay, +J. "Douglas", +A. Sumner (Half Backs); J. Acton, C. Coulthurst (Right Wing), J. Bassett (Centre), W. Newby, +W. Cornall (Left Wing).

*J. M. "Junior" pseudonym in 1st round +Check not W ++Check not J.

(MC specified positions) (A. K. Anderson and J. Wallace wrong for A. R. Andrews and J. Wallace)

DAVENHAM 1 (Earlham) NORTHWICH VICTORIA 5 (J. Malam 3, Hankey, O. Brock) (H. T. 0-3) (Sat Nov 24th) (At Davenham) (Northwich goals as per AFS)

Northwich Guardian 28/11/83 P.5/Liverpool Mercury 26/11/83 P.7/Athletic News 28/11/83 P.3 (No teams)/Sportsman 26/11/83 P.4/Sporting Life 26/11/83 P.4:

NG: "On Saturday afternoon last these clubs met at Davenham to settle their tie in the second round of the English Challenge Cup competition. The weather was fine, the ground was in tolerably good condition, and everything was in favour of the clubs having a fair trial of strength. The turn-out of spectators was much in excess of anything that had ever been seen at Davenham, close on 2,000 spectators of the game surrounding the ropes. The Davenham team have done so well this season that the conclusion of their partisans that they would take a lot of beating was fully justified. On the other hand, the friends of the Victorians were sanguine that their favourites (who had displayed splendid form of late) would have no difficulty in pulling off the event. There was, therefore, around Saturday's meeting an air of excitement that is not associated with all matches. The public looked upon the struggle as a trial of merit, and there were not wanting those who were prepared to back the winning team, whichever it might be, for the Cheshire cup."

"Davenham had its best team, and Northwich (though Butterworth, the captain, was an absentee on business), had one with which it was thoroughly satisfied. Atherton won the toss, and elected to play down hill, with a slight breeze in his favour. Earlam kicked off, sending the ball up the field, and after a few seconds' sharp work on the right wing, a corner kick fell to the home team. The leather was nicely placed, but a goal-kick, followed by a free kick from a foul, soon enabled the visitors to begin an attack on their opponents' goal. Birkenhead was put upon his mettle, but he and his comrades were unable to resist the pressure, and Malam sent the ball flying between the uprights, thus scoring a goal three minutes after the start. The kick-off from the centre was followed by another desperate onslaught on the part of the Victorians, and not more than a minute elapsed before Malam registered a second goal for his team. Undismayed by these early and unexpected reverses, the Davenhamites continued to play with considerable dash and perseverance, Riley and Goulding doing excellent defensive work, while Cross and Holland were the leaders at the front. Returning to the charge, the Victorians burst through the opposing backs, and the custodian had to handle the ball; he was promptly charged, but threw the sphere among the crowd, and Moore got away with it, but Shaw dispossessed him, and eventually it was forced over the goal-line. Soon a free kick came to the home team, and Riley made some good use of it, the leather, after some good passing, being piloted up to the right corner, where Cross centred, but a cry of "hands" gave Northwich a free kick. Malam, with a pretty piece of dodging, now eluded Whitby and Goulding, and passed to Brock, who sent in a hot shot. The referee decided that Brock was "off side" and relief was thus afforded to Davenham. For a few minutes the ball was kept in mid-field, and then the local goal was once more in a state of siege, the ball being carried to within easy shooting distance, chiefly through the exertions of Rhodes and Hankey. A sharp scrimmage ensued, and the home players laboured hard to dislodge the invaders, but in this they were not successful, and Malam, with a shot smart and true of aim, placed the ball under the bar for the third time. As time passed on the pace became very fast, and both sides made strenuous efforts to score, but of no avail. Birkenhead, well supported as he was by Whitby and Goulding, cleared his charge on two or three occasions with much cleverness; while the Northwich back division were equal to all calls made on them. A most unfortunate accident happened before half time was sounded. As Earlam was dribbling up the field, he was tackled by F.W. Hughes, and while the latter was in the act of kicking at the ball, Shaw rushed up to intercept the Davenham captain. Earlam evaded him, and his (Shaw's) left side came into violent contact with Hughes' uplifted knee. Shaw fell and was carried off the field to a neighbouring cottage, where he was placed upon some chairs. In a short time he rallied, and again appeared within the enclosure, the spectators receiving him with quite an ovation. He was, however, unable to play, and had to retire. After the match he was conveyed home, where he was attended by Drs. Wolseley, Kearns, and Morton, who found that a blood vessel in one of his kidneys was ruptured. Hoemorrhage set in, and at the time of writing the poor fellow lies at his home (Navigation-road, Castle) in an extremely critical condition. From the time of the accident, Northwich played with ten men, Atherton placing himself at half-back. On ends being changed, Davenham, with the hill favouring them, played well together, and for some 20 minutes gave the Northwich backs a good deal to do. Then the game assumed a more even character, nothing of note occurring until Cross and Doulton, exhibiting a smart piece of passing and dodging, muddled to Earlam, who, quick as lightning, shot the ball past Hilditch, the feat eliciting loud cheers. Some very exciting play now took place, the Victorians severely pressing their opponents. At length Hankey secured the fourth goal for Northwich, and in a minute Brock added another to the number. Davenham put forth all they knew to increase their score, but their efforts were of no avail, and at the call of time they left the ground beaten by five goals to one. Riley was "limping" during the greater part of the game,

having been accidentally kicked in the leg, it is said, by Shaw. He was, therefore, unable to render as good service to his club as he otherwise would have done. Earlam captained his men with his usual skill. The best players of his team were Cross, W.H. Dalton, Holland, Goulding, and Johnson. All the Northwich forwards played admirably throughout, and there was no fault to find with half-backs or backs. The men who stood forth most prominently were Rhodes, Atherton, Malam, and F.W. Hughes. W.H. Hughes did some effective work, but his proper place is at half-back."

LM: "This second round tie in the English Cup Competition, was played at Davenham on Saturday, and though the Cheshire Cup holders were without Butterworth, their full back and captain, they won easily. Northwich had the wind in their favour in the first half, and scored three goals in the first six minutes, and had much the best of the game all through, but were rather unlucky in scoring. Unfortunately, Shaw, of the Victoria, who had been playing grandly, got hurt shortly before half time, and in the second half Northwich had to play one short, and against the wind. After half an hour's play Earlam kicked the only goal for Davenham, and this roused the Northwich men up, who retaliated in grand style and scored two goals in about as many minutes, Northwich winning by five goals to one."

AN: "Having lost the toss, Davenham kicked off against a slight wind and incline, but the Victoria forwards evidently meant business, and, playing in an irresistible manner, scored three times in the first six minutes, Malam giving the final touch in each case. The whole of this half was greatly in favour of the visitors, but ends were changed without any alteration in the score. The Northwich men again more than held their own, until at last Earlam scored for Davenham. Determined to rub this off, the Victorians played with great dash, and scored a couple of goals in as many minutes, Hankey and +Brock gaining the points, and ultimately the game ended in a victory for Northwich by five goals to one." +Brook

Davenham: T. Birkenhead (Goal); H. Goulding, T. Whitby (Backs); D. Dalton, T. Holland, R. Riley (Half Backs); E. Johnson, A. Moore (Right Wing), M. Earlam (Capt.) (Centre), W.H. Dalton, T.H. Cross (Left Wing).

Northwich Victoria: G. Hilditch (Goal); F.W. Hughes, W.H. Hughes (Backs); T. Shaw, G. Vernon (Half backs); E. Turnbull, O. Brock (Right Wing), E. Rhodes, T. Hankey (Centres), A. Atherton (Capt.), J. Malam (Left Wing).

Umpires: Towers (Davenham) and G.A. Hughes (Northwich). Referee: T. Evans (Liverpool).

SIXTH DIVISION:

Romford v Mosquitoes, at Romford

Old Westminsters v Hendon, at Vincent Square

Brentwood, a bye

ROMFORD 3 (J. Goadby, +A.D. Cornell 2) MOSQUITOES 1 (H. Soulby) (H.T. 3-0) (At Romford) (Sat Dec 1st)

+He came out of goal during the first half to score these 2 goals and after half time he went back into goal again!

Essex Times 5/12/83 P.5/Chelmsford Chronicle 7/12/83 P.6/Essex Herald 3/12/83 P.8/ Bell's Life 8/12/83 P.10/Sportsman 3/12/83 P.4/Sporting Life 3/12/83 P.4/Referee 2/12/83 P.6:

ET: "...Earle got possession and after making a fine run down the left wing centred to Thirlwell, who sent in a hard shot right into the goalkeeper's hands. The latter was unable to get it away before Goadby, rushing in, did the needful thus scoring the first goal for Romford after about fifteen minutes' play. The leather being re-started it was quickly brought again into the visitors' territory by Wright and Macfarlane, and after a few minutes' play, the latter took a shot which just cleared the cross bar. At this point Thirwall and Cornell changed places, the latter taking up his old position as a forward, and he had not long been there before he showed us some of his old form, his dodging and passing being almost faultless, and from a good middle by Oliver he took a side shot and scored goal No 2 for Romford. No time was lost in getting the ball again in motion, and the visitors for a few minutes went over to the Romford quarters, but Macfarlane being ready to receive them, by a grand kick sent it over their heads nearly into the goal, and the forwards coming on with a combined rush, sent it between the posts, Cornell making the final kick amid loud and prolonged cheering. Soon after half-time was called, and although both teams had been working very hard, no time was lost for the visitors knew that now was their chance with the wind in their favour, so the leather was soon in motion, and for some time the home team were pressed very hard, but the strong defence of J.E. Macfarlane and Webster, ably assisted by Couzens and Mansfield, was too much for the "Quitoes" who were unable to score till within twenty minutes of "time" when out of a scrimmage Cornford made a long shot, which Cornell (who at "half-time" had taken charge of the goal again) was unable to reach, thus scoring their first and last point."

CC/EH: "The match between these two clubs to decide their tie in the second round of the Association Cup was played at Romford on Saturday, and as the Mosquitoes came with an unbeaten record, speculation was rife as to whether the Romford team would be able to lower the colours of their opponents. A numerous company assembled on the ground, and the game was watched with intense interest, every bit of smart play being loudly applauded. The home team was at somewhat of a disadvantage, owing to Mr L.E. Clark, the captain, being unable to play. Having the choice the home team elected to play during the first half with the strong wind which prevailed, at their backs. On the ball being started Earle brought it twice down the left without avail, but eventually, from a splendid centre by Earle, J. Goadby was enabled to score the first point for Romford. Again Earle middled the ball almost in the mouth of the goal, but the centres not being up, the chance of scoring was lost. After this a good shot by J.A. Macfarlane only just went over the cross-bar. A little later the same player cleverly centred the ball, and Cornell, who had been brought forward (N.B.: that is from being in Goal!!) to relieve Thirlwall, shot it through. Another good shot by Cornell was only just saved, and then, from a fine centre by Earle, Cornell was enabled to score a third goal for the home team. Half time was then called, and Cornell, who had been invaluable in the centre, resumed charge of the goal. In the second half, playing with the wind, the visitors had the best of the game, and the forwards, who were very fast, strove hard to score, but their attacks were repelled, and it was not until within about a quarter of an hour of time that Soulby, aided by the failing light, passed the ball through the posts. During the last few minutes darkness came on quickly, and the play was very uncertain. No further point was gained on either side, and the game ended in favour of Romford by three goals to one. Throughout the play was very fast. Both teams worked very fast and did their utmost to gain the honour of getting into the third round. Among the Romford forwards, Earle, whose centring was excellent, J.A. Macfarlane, and Wright, were perhaps, most noticeable, while the backs and half backs played well, Couzens, Mansfield, and Webster putting in a lot of work."

SL: "The Mosquitoes, who, had hitherto been able to point to an unbeaten record, on Saturday met their first defeat this season at the hands of Romford, in the match to decide their tie in the Association Cup. The match was played at Romford in the presence of a numerous company. Throughout the game was fast and very hotly contested, and in the end the Romford team won by three goals to one. A strong breeze prevailed, and having the choice, Webster elected to play with the wind during the first half, and the home team had decidedly the best of the game during the first forty-five minutes. Two or three times Earle brought the ball down on the left without avail, but at last Goadby scored a point for Romford, the ball having been splendidly centred by Earle. Another clever middle by Earle directly afterwards would probably have resulted in a goal had the centres been to the front. After this a capital shot by J.A. Macfarlane went just over the cross-bar, but a little later, the ball being centred by J.A. Macfarlane; it was shot through by Cornell, who had been brought forward to relieve Thirlwall. Just before the call of "Half Time", the ball was again finely centred by Earle, and a third goal was kicked by Cornell. The Mosquito forwards were rather faster than their opponents, and on change of ends, with the wind at their backs, they acted with considerable vigour, and kept the Romford backs well employed. It was within a quarter of an hour of time, however, before they were able to score their first and only goal, which was kicked by Soulby. For Romford, Earle, J.A. Macfarlane, and Wright were most noticeable among the forwards, and the half backs and backs played well."

Romford: A.D. Cornell (Goal); F. Webster (Capt.), J.E. Macfarlane (Backs); H. Mansfield, C. Couzens (Half Backs); W. Wright, J.A. Macfarlane (Right Wing), J. Goadby, F.H. Thirlwall (Centres), P.M. Earle, R. Oliver (Left Wing).

Mosquitoes: C. Plunkett (Goal); H. Denny, (A.) L.F. Brown (Backs); E.A. Whittle (Capt.), J.R. Grant, F.W. Fisher (Half Backs); A.J. Cornford, H. Soulby (Right), J.H. Cornford (Centre), T.T. Bradbury, H.E.J. Sirr (Left).

Umpires: J.C. Nicholls (Dreadnought FC) for Romford and Sir James Kirkpatrick, Bart for the Mosquitoes. Referee: F. Barnett (Upton Park)

OLD WESTMINSTERS 2 (F.W. Bain, W.A. Burridge: off Coutts's head) HENDON 1 ("rushed through") (H.T. 1-1) (Sat Dec 1st) (At Vincent Square, Westminster)

Hendon & Fincheley Times 8/12/83 P.5/Bell's Life 8/12/83 P.10/Field 8/12/83 P.795/Sporting Life 3/12/83 P.4/Sportsman 3/12/83 P.4/Referee 2/12/83 P.6:

H&FT: "Most of the metropolitan ties in the second round of the Association Challenge Cup competition were decided on Saturday, that between Old Westminsters and Hendon attracting the "lion's share" of attention. The victory of the latter over the Old Etonians had given them a very prominent position among the exponents of the game, and a very large number of spectators were present at Vincent-square to witness the match. The old Westminster boys were known to be a strong lot this year, and it was generally considered that the Hendonians would have all their work to beat them, although it was anticipated that they would do so. Once more did the unexpected occur, and the traditional victory following to the club defeating the Old Etonians in the Cup ties, will not be repeated this year. Play commenced shortly before three o'clock, and only a few minutes had elapsed when Hendon out of a scrimmage scored the first goal, and for a time they had the best of the game, the brothers Wilson both showing to great advantage. The O.W.'s, however, did not lose heart, and at last Bain equalised matters. After half-time Hendon played a very hard game, giving Sandwith, in goal,

plenty to do, and very efficiently he did it. Once K.P. Wilson, having dribbled past the opposing backs, got close to the Westminster goal, which appeared at his mercy, but although he put in a "hot" shot, Sandwith turned it aside, and received a ringing cheer from the spectators. Burridge played in good form, and shortly before the finish a good shot by him scored the winning goal, amidst immense excitement. This was a piece of very bad luck for Hendon, as the shot at goal was from some distance, and the ball could have been easily stopped by the goal-keeper, but unfortunately it was guided out of his hands by striking one of the Hendon men. During the short time that remained for play, Hendon worked the play close in front of their opponents' goal, and several times it looked as if they would equalise matters, but "time" was called before any other point was scored, and the Old Westminster boys were left winners of a most even and hotly-contested game, by two goals to one. The brothers Wilson played splendidly for Hendon, but the forwards in general did not seem in particularly good form."

F."The unexpected success of Hendon over the Old Etonians in the first round naturally caused their next match to be anticipated with a large amount of interest. Drawn against the Old Westminsters, it was pretty generally thought that Hendon's chances of reaching the third round, at least, was almost a certainty; but another surprise awaited those interested in the progress of the Cup competition. The old boys of St. Peter's were represented by a team which included several who had been at the school at the same period, and consequently were acquainted with one another's play. The old school tactics of judicious passing, were carried out to the letter; and, as Hendon adopted a similar style of play, the result was a fast and remarkably interesting contest. The weather of Saturday was threatening, but a very large number of spectators assembled within the school enclosure at Vincent-square Westminster; indeed, we do not remember to have seen anything like so many at a football match on this ground before. The turf was not in the best condition, but the play was not seriously affected thereby. Success in the matter of the toss enabled Hendon to secure the advantage of a pretty strong breeze during the first half of the game. Play had lasted but a very few minutes when it was clear to everyone that the visitors had not the easy task many expected; indeed some capital runs by Burridge, Bain, and Scoones, and the accurate kicking of Squire and Bentley, enabled the old boys to quite hold their own. At one time so strong was their attack that a corner had to be given away by Hendon. From this, however, there was little danger, and principally due to the splendid play of the brothers Wilson, the Westminster goal was stoutly assailed. A bully was formed very close to the home goal, through which the ball was at last forced, though had Sandwith remained between the posts rather than rushing out, the disaster might have been averted. Following this the play continued exceedingly good, both sides having plenty to do. The forwards of Westminster worked admirably well together, and several times forced their way close to the Hendon's quarters. A capital chance presently caused the visitors much anxiety, but the ball was sent flying over the cross-bar. Better luck attended a later opportunity. A free kick for hands being allowed Westminster, it was taken by Janson who, turning it aside to Bain, the latter player, with a smart shot, made the score level. So it remained throughout the remainder of the first half, though this was mainly due to the excellent goal-keeping of Sandwith. Upon change of ends, the Old Westminsters at once set up an aggressive position, though nothing beyond a corner rewarded their exertions, and for some time after this a succession of attacks was kept up by Hendon. C. Wilson made some excellent runs, and on two occasions must have scored but for the fine defence of Sandwith, who each time displayed much coolness and judgment. Again was the Westminster goal placed in danger, but this time it was Squire who got the ball away for Patrick to take it on, and perhaps make the finest run of the afternoon,

though it ended by the ball rolling harmlessly over the Hendon goal line. These disappointments did not tend to improve the play of Hendon, while the old boys of Westminster—Roller, Burridge, Bain, Janson, Patrick, Allington, and Squire in particular—seemed as energetic as at the commencement. Their passing was at times grand, and an occasional bit of crossing assisted them wonderfully. More than once they seemed almost bound to score, but Royle proved particularly smart in goal, and, as time was fast expiring, one began to look forward to a draw. At length, from a throw in close to the Hendon goal line, the ball was taken by Burridge, who shot directly in front of goal, where, unfortunately for Hendon, it struck Coutts's head and bounded between the posts. There was no doubt a certain amount of luck in this score, but it cannot be denied that the Old Westminster boys had the better of the situation altogether during the last twenty minutes. No other point was made, and the visitors retired defeated by two goals to one."

BL: "The home team were now playing grandly together, and Scoones, Allington, and Bain each narrowly missed scoring, but at last out of a bully in front of the Hendon posts a sharp shot by Burridge rebounded off Coutts, who tried to head the ball away, and gained the winning point for the Westminsters. Soon after this time was called, and the contest concluded."

SL: "One of the matches played on Saturday in the second round of the Cup competition took place between these teams at Vincent-square, Westminster, which ultimately resulted in a victory for the home team by two goals to one, after a splendid game, a very large number of spectators, both inside and outside the railings, being present, who testified their appreciation of the game by enthusiastic cheers whenever any smart bit of play was shown by either team. The weather was fine, but the ground very heavy going in consequence of the rain that fell in the early morning. Morton having won the toss took possession of the goal nearest the entrance-gate to take advantage of the wind that blew across the ground from the western quarter, and at a quarter to three Patrick kicked off from St Mary's Church end. Westminster, following up, made a strong attack on the enemy's position and Scoones had a corner kick, from which, however, nothing resulted. At length, after playing for about eight minutes, out of a bully that took place in front of the Westminster goal, Hendon scored the first event of the day. Burridge and Scoones now made themselves excessively busy, and the former having turned the ball over to Patrick, that dashing Sandhurst player went on with it till stopped by +C.P. Wilson, who forced him to retire, but again advancing to the assault, the ball went behind, and Royle had a free kick. The Westminster team, who played disinterestedly throughout the match, kept up a succession of attacks that repeatedly put their opponents' goal in considerable danger, and at last, after a particularly powerful onslaught, Bain was successful, and made the score level. At half-time ends were changed, and the Hendon representatives now played up with increased energy, and but for Sandwith's splendid goal-keeping, would certainly have lowered the Westminster flag on two or three occasions. As it was, however, their various rushes proved abortive. At length, and not long before "Time!" was called, out of a fine attack by Westminster, Burridge, who had been finely supported by Bain, Scoones, Patrick, Allington, and Janson, made a grand shot at goal, and the ball hitting Coutts on the head, went through the posts, and thus left the home team winners, as mentioned above."

+Corrected from C.G. Wilson

Old Westminsters:W.F.G.Sandwith(Goal);R.T.Squire,R.Bentley(Backs);E.V.Eddis,F.W.Janson,
C.T.Roller(Half Backs);W.A.Burridge,O.Scoones(Right),D.Patrick(Centre),E.H.Alington(Capt.),
F.W.Bain(Left).

N.B.Westminster School sources give E.U.Eddis.

H&T R."Bentley":Almost certainly a nom de plume of C.W.R.Tepper.

Hendon:Rev.V.K.Royle(Goal);J.G.Coutts,C.G.Broadhurst(Backs);C.P.Wilson,A.V.Despard;(Half
Backs);+F.T.Macdonnell, A.B.Coutts(Right),A.Redford,K.P.Wilson(Centres),P.H.Morton(Capt.),
E.B.Perry(Left).

+J.T. in 1st round

Umpires:J.W.M.Guy(Old Foresters) and H.A.O.Redford(Hendon).Referee:C.W.Foley(Old Etonians).

BRENTWOOD,a bye

SEVENTH DIVISION:

Reading v West End,at Reading

Old Carthusians v Old Foresters,at Kennington Oval

Upton Park,a bye

READING 1(C.G.Field) WEST END 0(H.T.1-0)(Sat Dec 1st) (At Coley Park,Reading)

Reading Observer 8/12/83 P.3/Berkshire Chronicle 8/12/83 P.2/Bell's Life 8/12/83 P.10/Field
8/12/83 P.795/Sporting Life 3/12/83 P.4/Sportsman 3/12/83 P.4(No teams or report)/Referee
2/12/83 P.6:

RO:"These teams met again for a trial of conclusions,the last time being two years ago,when the
Reading team journeyed to London to play off the first round of the cup ties,when a drawn match
resulted,each side getting one goal,after which the Londoners scratched to Reading thus letting
them into the second round.This year it has been reserved for the represntatives of Reading football
to score an extra notch,as for the first time on record they have succeeded in getting into the third
round.Field having won the toss elected to play up-hill,but with the wind,which blew slightly across
the ground and kept the play mostly on the lower side of the ground.Foster kicked off for the
visitors,who soon brought the ball near the Reading goal,but Tombs was there and repelled the
attack,sending the ball to C.G.Field,who had a good run down,but kicked out.The ground being in
splendid condition,the play was very fast,both sides playing a good game,the West End passing in
good style,at times getting so near the Reading goal that it seemed a good shot must come off,but
such was not to be.Some corners fell to both sides,but they did not bring success with them.At last
Holbrook had a splendid run right down the ground,and passing successfully the backs,he middled in
capital form,and Field being ready near the goal,put it through to the delight of the spectators,who
cheered their team on.Nothing further occurred till half-time,after which the play,though not so
good was still very fast,the ball travelling with great rapidity from goal to goal,there to be
returned,for the respective custodians were up to their work,being also well supported by their
backs,whose names are well known in the football world.Towards the finish the Londoners made
frantic efforts to score and Turner had to be called back to fill Franklin's place,the latter being

disabled. Two or three times it looked as if the game would end in a draw, but just as the goal was at the mercy of a Westender Edgar Field floored the assailant and sent the ball well away. At last the referee sounded his whistle and Reading were left victorious, after a well fought and very even game, by one goal to love; what appeared to many as another goal for Reading, being disallowed by the referee."

BC: "These teams met on Saturday last, in Coley Park, to play off their tie in the above-mentioned competition. There was only a moderate attendance present to witness the match, which was rather roughly contested, the visitors especially going in for "charging". The ball was set in motion at a quarter to three, and a corner quickly fell to the West End, which, however, did no mischief. Walker now took possession of the ball, and by good dribbling managed to take it down the field, but when close to goal he was "grassed" by one of the West End backs, and danger was thus averted. Turner next tried to make a run, but being fouled a free kick fell to Reading. West End now obtained a corner, and so far had much the best of the game, giving Edgar Field, Tombs, and Hayward a good deal of trouble, the latter being called upon to use his hands in defence of his goal upon several occasions. At length Holbrook obtained possession of the "globe", and after a smart run, very prettily centred, thus enabling C.G. Field to score for the home team. The downfall of the West End goal happened sixteen minutes after the commencement of play. A very even game was now witnessed, and continued so until the change of ends. The visitors now expressed themselves confident of winning and for about fifteen minutes after re-starting, pressed the Reading team. Holbrook, and Thompson, however, breaking away, by good passing took the leather into West End territory, but Scott and Houghton were on the alert, and the former checking the men gave Houghton the chance of sending the ball away, which he quickly did. The Reading forwards, however, from now till the end of the game gave the West End much trouble, and it was only by their good defensive play that they kept their colours from being lowered on several occasions. The best players for the West End were Gill, Roff, Steele, and D. Foster in the forward position, Scott at back, and P. Foster in goal, the latter saving a number of capital shots. The Reading men were, therefore, denied the chance of again scoring, and eventually the game ended in their favour by one goal to "nil".

BL: "Played at Coley Park, Reading last Saturday afternoon, and after a very fast game resulted in favour of the home team by one goal (kicked by C.G. Field from a pass by Holbrook) to nil."

F: "The Londoners came down in the full flush of victory, having defeated Maidenhead in the first ties of this cup, and Pilgrims in the London cup, and, until now, not having lost a match this season;" "The game, which was fast throughout, was very even, neither side having any advantage over the other. Reading were the first to score; by the aid of a good run by Holbrook, Field was enabled to shoot a goal, the former having taken to middling rather than shooting from the side—a decided advantage to the team and more creditable to himself. Soon after the ball was rushed by the Reading forwards into the mouth of the visitors' goal, and what seemed a palpable point was disallowed on appeal to the referee, who gave West End the benefit of the doubt. Thompson and Walker played up well, as did Moore, for Reading; while Elmslie, Cooper, and Roff, for West End did their best; and the backs on both sides showed to great advantage."

Reading: S. Hayward (Goal); Edgar Field (Capt.), W. T. S. Tombs (Backs); + W. L. Franklin, T. E. Hill (Half Backs); W. Holbrook, R. M. Bird-Thompson (Right), W. H. Moore, H. E. Walker (Centres), C. G. Field, T. H. Turner (Left).

+Only initials to be checked

West End:P.Foster(Goal);J.G.Scott(Capt.),+T.Houghton(Backs);A.Edwards,R.A.Palmer(Half Backs);
(O.)H.Cooper,J.Gill(Right),D.Foster,(R.T.)Roff(Centres),F.Elmslie,J.Steele(Left).

(A.Edwards (correct for O.Edwards in BL/F/SL/RO/REF? :see 2 A.Edwards in previous round)(RO has
J.G.Scott:F.Scott wrong:see 1st round) +Also bracketed initials to be checked

Umpires:J.W.Martin(Reading) and a member of the West End F.C.Referee:W.Wing(Caversham F.C.).

OLD CARTHUSIANS 2(W.N.Cobbold,W.E.Hansell) OLD FORESTERS 7(R.C.Guy,C.J.Horner 3,Hugh Guy
2,E.A.Elmslie)(H.T. 2-1)(Sat Nov 24th)(At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 26/11/83 P.4/Sporting Life 26/11/83 P.4/Field 1/12/83 P.761/Bell's Life 1/12/83
P.4/Referee 25/11/83 P.6/Derby Daily Telegraph 26/11/83 P.3(No lineups):

SL:"The expectation of witnessing a good match between these clubs,drawn together in the second round of the above competition,attracted a large number of spectators to the Surrey Cricket Ground at Kennington on Saturday.The Carthusians were the favourites,and the general opinion was decidedly in favour,though the partisans of the Old Foresters were by no means hopeless.The Carthusians,winning the toss,chose to occupy the western goal,with the sun at their backs and a slight wind in their favour.The ground was a little sticky on the lower side through the heavy rain of the morning,and the play at the outset was a little wild,particularly on the side of the Foresters.For the first quarter of an hour the Carthusians had the advantage,and the first goal fell to them from a shot by Cobbold.The game still continued in their favour,and soon afterwards Hansell added a second point.The Old Foresters,for whom Fairclough had done some useful work from the start,now began to get better together,and Hugh and Ralph Guy,after some neat play,were able to secure a goal,the final shot coming from the latter.Nothing more fell to either side,and ends were changed with the Carthusians a goal to the good.For a short time after the reversal of positions the game was fairly even,but the Carthusians steadily fell off,and their chances were not improved when Norris had to retire into goal,giving up his place at full back to Thompson.Parry tried hard to keep his men up to their work,but their play slackened considerably,and Hugh Guy getting one past Norris,the score was equalised.After this,the Forest forwards,working with great energy,had all the best of the fight,and supported by the excellent back play of Fairclough,R.B.Johnson,and Sewell,the last of whom was very sure throughout,scored rapidly.Horner got three goals for them in succession,and Hugh Guy and Elmslie each added one before the close.The Carthusians were beaten by seven goals to two."

SM:"In fine weather,and in the presence of a considerable number of spectators,these teams played a match,at Kennington Oval,on Saturday last,in the second round of the Cup Competition,which at the commencement promised to be a highly interesting and close struggle for supremacy,but became after half-time a singularly one-sided exhibiton,the Foresters having it all their own way,and ultimately proving victorious by the large majority of seven goals to two.The Carthusians having gained the choice of positions,Evelyn elected to commence the action from the Crown Baths side of the ground,and R.C.Guy kicked off from the Clayton-street end at six minutes to three.Matthews, with the other forwards,following him,made two dangerous attacks on the Carthusian goal,both of which failed through misdirection,and shortly afterwards after a scrimmage in front of the Foresters' goal,Cobbold gained a corner kick,but nothing came of it.Parry then making one of his old rushes, turned the ball over to Evelyn,who carried it on till met by Hugh Guy,who stopped him up short,and

Hardman coming to the rescue, made a splendid shot, which J.W.M. Guy put aside. An assault by the Carthusians presently proved successful through Cobbold, who kicked a goal after only playing for nine minutes since commencing; and only ten minutes later on, Last, supported by +Muel and Cobbold, went over, and Hansell secured a second item. On making a fresh start, Parry, Hardman, +Muel, and Cobbold, travelled across the intervening space between the posts, but J.W.M. Guy was ready at his post, and turned the danger a-side, and the Foresters returning the visit, R.C. Guy, with a fine kick, sent the ball under the bar. Up to this time the game was splendidly carried on by both teams, nothing, indeed, could have been better. Some of the Carthusians now began to fall away, and looked somewhat fagged even thus early; still the majority played on with undiminished energy. At half time ends were changed and the tide of fortune turned completely against the ci-devant Charterhouse team. After a corner to R.B. Johnson, Fairclough tried to get the ball through, but Cobbold was enabled to get it away, and Hugh Guy rushing forward, sent it between the posts, and made the score level. About this time Norris was hurt, and went into goal, Thompson taking his place in the field. Shortly after four o'clock, a strong onslaught being made by the Foresters, Horner sent the ball under the bar, and a few minutes afterwards the same player gained another goal, and wound up his performance by kicking a third, all in the space of a few minutes. To add to the misfortunes of the Carthusians, almost in the dark, Hugh Guy scored the sixth goal, and Elmslie gained the last just before time was called."

BL: "The meeting of these two teams in the second round of this competition attracted a large company to Kennington Oval last Saturday, and fortunately the weather proved fine, though owing to the recent rain, the surface of the ground was in a very slippery condition. Winning the choice of goals the Carthusians played from the Harleyford-road end of the ground during the first half. Following up well the Foresters at once commenced to press their rivals, and soon after they gained a corner, which, however, proved unproductive. Parry then made a fine rush, and being stopped, passed to Evelyn. H. Guy then charged the last-named, but not before he had turned the ball over to Hardman, whose shot at goal caused J.W.M. Guy to throw out, but the corner proved fruitless. Another sharp attack on the Foresters' posts a few minutes later was more successful, as after a neat run Cobbold sent the ball through the posts. The pressure on the Foresters' lines continued, and 10 minutes later + "Muel", Last, and Cobbold carried the ball down to their goal, and Hansell backing up well scored again. It now looked as if the Charterhouse were going to carry all before them, as another fierce attack was only neutralised by the cleverness of J. Guy, but from the kick off a rush of the Foresters caused Charterhouse to act on the defensive, and after some loose play R. Guy scored a point for his side. Up to this the play had been very much in favour of the Carthusians, but now several members of the team began to show signs of fatigue, and after change the team went all to pieces. The second portion of the game needs little description, as the Foresters had matters entirely in their own hands, and before time was called had scored six additional goals, three being gained by Horner within the space of a few minutes."

Sheffield Independent 26/11/83 P.4(No lineups) "The Carthusians won the toss, and just before three o'clock R.C. Guy kicked off, when Cobbold and W.S. Hansell each kicked a goal for the Carthusians, and R.C. Guy one for the Foresters. In the second half, after changing ends, Hugh Guy kicked one for the Foresters, C.J. Horner gained three consecutively, Hugh Guy the sixth and Elmslie the last. The Foresters thus won by seven goals to two."

DDT:"These teams met at Kennington Oval on Saturday.The Foresters had much the better of it and won by seven goals(kicked by Hugh Guy two,Horner three,R.C.Guy one,and Elmslie one)-to two (Cobbold and Hansell)."

Old Carthusians:C.P.Thompson(Goal);A.M.Walters,W.H.Norris(Backs);W.A.Evelyn(Capt.), T.W.Blenkiron(Half Backs);A.J.Last,W.E.Hansell(Right Wing),E.H.Parry,E.T.Hardman(Centres), L.Owen,W.N.Cobbold(Left Wing).

N.B. S.A."Muel" is a pseudonym for L.Owen. +Initials to check ++Played in goal in 2nd half

Old Foresters:J.W.M.Guy(Goal);F.W.Sewell,E.A.Elmslie(Backs);P.Fairclough(Capt.),R.B.Johnson (Half Backs);C.J.Horner,G.C.Mills(Right Wing),Hugh Guy,Ralph C.Guy(Centres),J.H.Matthews, H.H.Johnson(Left Wing).

Umpires:C.W.Alcock(Hon.Sec.of the Football Association) and F.Barnett(Upton Park).

Referee:Major Marindin(President ,Football Association)

UPTON PARK,a bye

EIGHTH DIVISION:

Swifts v Great Marlow,at Slough

Clapham Rovers v Rochester,at Wandsworth Common

Windsor v Old Wykehamists,at Windsor

SWIFTS 2(C.A.Bambridge,E.Jessop) GREAT MARLOW 0 (H.T. 0-0)(Sat Dec 1st)(At Dolphin Ground,Slough)

Berkshire Chronicle 8/12/83 P.2/Sporting Life 3/12/83 P.4/Bell's Life 8/12/83 P.10/Sportsman 3/12/83 P.4:

SL:"On Saturday these teams met on the Dolphin Ground,Slough,to decide the second ties for this cup.Marlow won the toss and elected to play down-hill,with the wind in their favour.After ten minutes' play A.Bambridge made a fine shot at the Marlow goal,hitting the posts.The ball was then immediately carried down to the Swifts' quarters where Great Marlow obtained three corner kicks, but failed to score.The Swifts worked the ball up the hill into their opponents' territory,where they kept it for some time.The Bucks men then made a grand charge down the whole length of the ground and A.L.Bambridge,by a pretty piece of play,took the leather up the ground,and with a sharp kick, just missed the losers' goals,again striking the posts.After change,the Swifts with the wind at their backs,had the game all their own way.A.Bambridge then got hold of the ball,and neatly passing it to his brother Charles,who planted it through the goals.Soon after the ball had been kicked off, C.Bambridge again got hold and made a shot,striking the goal-keeper,and Jessop being on the look-out,caught the ball at the nick of time and scored a second goal,and when "Time!"was called the Swifts had won by two goals to Marlow's 0."

BL:"Last Saturday these clubs played off their tie on the Dolphin Ground,Slough in the presence of a large company.Marlow,who won the toss,in the first half played with the wind,but after a short time,A.L.Bambridge carried the ball down to the visitors' goal,but his final shot struck the upright and rebounded into play.Marlow then retaliated,but their efforts to score were fruitless and

A.L.Bambridge,soon after this,again narrowly missed gaining a goal,and when ends were changed nothing had been gained by either side.After this,however,the Swifts,with the wind at their backs, and it was not long before some neat passing on the part of the brothers Bambridge resulted in C.A.scoring,and a few minutes later the last-named,after a speedy run on the left,sent in a shot which struck the crossbar,and Jessop rushing up sent it through.Time was called soon after,leaving the Swifts victorious by two goals to love."

BC:(Same report as BL except at end"....and Jessop,being on the look out,caught the ball at the nick of time and scored a second goal,and when "Time" was called,the Swifts had won by 2 goals to Marlow's 0."

Swifts:+Collins(Goal);A.Watson,A.J.Weakley(Backs);H.Nicholls,W.S.Bell(Half Backs);
F.W.Pawson,+E.Jessop(Right Side),A.L.Bambridge,++C.A.Bambridge(Centres),L.B.Keyser,R.W.Thorpe
(Left Wing).

+Initials to be checked ++N.B.Charles A.Bambridge:E.C.Bambridge appears not to have played

Great Marlow: H.R.Hewett(Goal);R.Way,F.Speller(Backs);R.H.Lunnon,T.Walker;(Half Backs)
J.Flint,R.A.Lunnon(Right Wing),E.Flint,W.Millward(Centres),H.Walker,R.(H.)Shaw(Left).

Umpires:Plumridge(Marlow) and L.H.Parry(Stoke).Referee:M.P.Betts(Old Harrovians).

CLAPHAM ROVERS 7 (O.D.Kerr 4,S.W.Poulton 3)ROCHESTER 0(H.T. 4-0)
(Sat Dec 1st)(At Wandsworth Common)

Chatham & Rochester Observer 8/12/83 P.2/Sporting Life 3/12/83 P.4/Sportsman 3/12/83 P.4/Bell's
Life 8/12/83 P.10/Referee 2/12/83 P.6:

C&RO:"The former team journeyed to Wandsworth on Saturday for the purpose of meeting Clapham Rovers in the second round of the English Association Challenge Cup.Both clubs were well represented,though,unfortunately,the home team were deprived of the services of their captain, who was injured in the inter-city match at Sheffield the previous Saturday.The Rovers for the first half played against the hill,and scored four goals,kicked by Kerr,two,and Poulton,two.Bailey got badly hurt at the commencement,and till changing ends he did not exert himself,but during the latter portion of the struggle,he played in grand form,and greatly contributed to the success of his side,for whom Kerr kicked two more goals,and Poulton one,from good middles by Ram and Lloyd-Jones.Thus the Rovers won by seven goals to love.For the winners,besides the above-mentioned, Farrer,Spiro,Lingard and Coles played conspicuously,as did Bathurst,G.W.Prall,and Smith for Rochester."

SL:"The Rochester eleven journeyed to Wandsworth on Saturday to play this Cup tie with the Clapham Rovers,and returned defeated.Rochester,having won the toss,decided to play with the incline in their favour,and Kerr set the ball rolling at three o'clock for the Rovers.The game for a time was very loose and disultory,either side in turn being the aggressors,but the home team very soon began to press their rivals,and prior to half time they sent the ball four times between their opponents' posts.Two of these goals were obtained by Poulton and two by Kerr.Positions having been reversed,the game became fast,both teams striving hard for superiority,yet the Rovers added

three more goals to their previous score,Kerr and Poulton being again the agents,the former kicking two and the latter one.Nothing further transpired,and the Rovers thus won by seven goals to none."

BL:"Played last Saturday at Wandsworth Common,and after a very one-sided contest,resulted in the victory of the Rovers,by seven goals-four gained by Kerr,and three by Poulton-to nothing.The Rovers played far better together than had been the case during the present season."

Morning Post 3/12/83 P.2(No lineups):"One of the second ties in this competition was played on Wandsworth-common on Saturday afternoon,between the Clapham Rovers and Rochester,the Rovers winning by seven goals to none,four of which were made before half time."

Clapham Rovers:W.E.Roller(Goal);D.G.Spiro,F.C.Lingard(Backs);N.C.Bailey(Capt.),B.Farrer,H.H.Coles (Half Backs);S.W.Poulton,C.A.Lloyd-Jones,E.A.Ram,O.(D)Kerr,J.F.(G.)Dill(Forwards).

Rochester:+F.B.Bourchier(Goal);F.F.Smith,W.Langhorne(Backs);W.Pulling,+E.F.Prall(Half Backs); A.Henry,S.Henry,R.Bathurst,G.W.Prall,E.Wood,S.Wood(Forwards). (C&RO has F.R.Bourcher)

+To be checked

Referee:C.Mitchell(Upton Park)

WINDSOR 0 OLD WYKEHAMISTS 1 (W.R.Sheldon)(H.T. 0-1) (Sat Dec 1st)(At Home Park,Windsor)

Windsor & Eton Express 8/12/83 P.4/Sporting Life 3/12/83 P.4/Berkshire Chronicle 8/12/83 P.2/Bell's Life 8/12/83 P.10/Sportsman 3/12/83 P.4(Short Report/No teams)/Wykehamist Dec 1883 P.192/Referee 2/12/83 P.6:

W&EE:"This interesting tie in the second round for the Association Challenge Cup attracted a very large number of spectators to the Home Park on Saturday afternoon.The weather,although cold,was fine,and the ground was in very fair condition.Brown won the toss for Windsor,and at a few minutes past 3 o'clock Parr kicked off in the direction of the pavilion goal.The visitors began pressing immediately,and a corner-kick fell to their share two minutes after the start.Brown then relieved his side by a good run along the right side,but Sheldon stopped him,and Kelly had all his work cut out to save a hot shot by Chitty.Winchester obtained another corner,and from this a goal was kicked by Sheldon,the ball striking one of the posts before passing under the bar.This reverse had the usual effect on the home team,and their play improved somewhat as they tried very hard to make matters level.The splendid back play of Wells-Cole,however,proved equal to all emergencies,and eventually the visitors had a good run down,more than half the length of the ground,Day doing good service, just when things began to assume a serious aspect.Two corner-kicks fell to the Old Boys in rapid succession,one going behind off Day,and the other off Wooldridge,but nothing came of them,and a clever dribble by Cheesman enabled Harrison to send in a good shot,which unfortunately just failed to secure the much wished-for downfall of the Wykehamists' stronghold,and ends were changed with the score unaltered.On re-commencing the "dark-blues"played up very spiritedly,and the Windsor goal keeper had to use his hands in order to save his charge.A corner fell to their share,but it proved unproductive,and then Windsor retaliated and secured a similar item at the opposite end,the merest accident preventing the leather from passing between the posts.Elated by this let-off,the Old Wykehamists made another dash into the home territory,and Kelly's services were again brought into requisition.A corner-kick was nicely judged by Wells-Cole,and then out of a smart bully

the Windsor forwards got the leather away again, and with darkness fast setting in "Time" was called with the ball in close proximity to the Old Wykehamists' goal. A fast and well-contested game thus terminated in favour of the visitors by one goal to nil. Several of the winning team played with a good deal of unnecessary roughness, and the rule of off-side was transgressed on several occasions. The lack of combination exhibited by the Windsor eleven was a weak point on their side, and lost them Saturday's match, the play of the Wykehamists being especially noticeable on account of the smart passing and generally unselfish mode of progression adopted by a strong, active, and heavy team."

SL: "This match in the second round for this Cup came off in Windsor Home Park before a large number of spectators. The home team won the toss, and kicked for the first portion of the game from the Pavilion end. The ball was started somewhat late, so it was nearly dark before the play was over. Ten minutes after the ball was set in motion the Wykehamists obtained a goal, out of a scrummage, kicked by Chitty. On restarting, the play was very loose on both sides, and although the visitors had rather the best of the game, nothing more was scored up to half time. After change the Windsor men pulled themselves together, and, by good combined play, took the leather into their opponents' quarters, and threatened the downfall of their citadel, the ball on several occasions passing over the bar. The play was then very fast, both teams working hard, but nothing more was obtained, and when "Time!" was called, the Wykehamists proved victors by one goal to 0."

BC: "In seasonable weather on Saturday the Windsor team was defeated by the Old Wykehamists, after a severe contest, in a match, in the second round, for the Association Cup played in the Home Park Ground, opposite Windsor Castle, in the presence of a large assemblage of spectators. The Windsor eleven, having won the toss, kicked at the commencement with the wind from the pavilion end of the field, some fast and spirited play ensuing on both sides—Wells-Cole, Parr, Sheldon, and Chitty rendering good service for their team, and Cheesman, Wooldridge, Dear, Kelly, Smith, and Brown doing their best for Windsor. The Old Wykehamists proved much the stronger selection, working together in splendid form, and scored a goal from a clever well-aimed shot, kicked by Sheldon, an advantage which Windsor failed to equalise, the match being eventually won by the Old Wykehamists with a goal to nothing on the part of their opponents."

BL: "Played last Saturday afternoon in the Home Park, Windsor, before a large company, and resulted in favour of the visitors by one goal to none. After ten minutes play the Wykehamists scored a goal out of a bully by the aid of Chitty, and although they had the best of the game up to half time no further point had been gained. After half time the locals played up much better, and were decidedly unlucky in not being able to score, as several times the ball struck the uprights."

Wykehamist : "Old Wykehamists played their Second Tie in the English Association Cup matches against Windsor, on Saturday, December 1st, and won by one goal (Sheldon) to nil."

Windsor: E. C. Kelly (Goal); J. B. Day, C. Wells (Backs); J. Wilks, C. Crook, (Half Backs); T. Brown (Capt.), + C. F. Wooldridge (Right Side), A. Dear, C. F. Smith (Centres), W. Harrison, H. H. Cheesman, (Left Side).

+Only initial to be double checked: G. F. Wooldridge ?

Old Wykehamists: A. (de M.) W. Osborne (goal); L. T. Thring, G. F. Wells-Cole (Backs); + J. H. Savory, W. R. Sheldon (Half Backs), C. F. (L.) Sweet, H. Chitty (Right), P. C. Parr, T. B. Hughes (Centres) , J. A. Fort, C. W. How (Left).

REF has T.B.H.Fort and T.A.Fort and SL has J.B.H.Fort and T.A.Fort for J.H.Savory and A.Fort in Wykehamist:J.A. in other game

REF (and other papers?)have T.Smith for P.C.Parr but consider to be a nom de plume.

Umpires:F.Stevens (Windsor) and E.J.Humphries(Olympic) for Old Wykehamists
Referee:J.Armstrong.

THIRD ROUND:

FIRST DIVISION:

Grantham v Notts County
Staveley v Lockwood Brothers

GRANTHAM 1 ("scrimmage") NOTTS COUNTY 4 (H.A.Cursham 2, A.W.Cursham, S.Macrae)(H.T. 1-2)(At Grantham)(Thurs Dec 20th)

Nottingham Evening Post 21/12/83 P.4/Nottingham Journal 21/12/83 P.7/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 22/12/83 P.7/Bell's Life 22/12/83 P.4/Grantham Journal 22/12/83 P.4(Short report no lineups)/Leeds Mercury 21/12/83 P.7/Sporting Life 21/12/83 P.4:

NEP:"This match,one of the third round ties in the English Association Challenge Cup,was played at Grantham yesterday afternoon.A well-filled special train left Nottingham at half past one,conveying about 400 spectators of the game,and these formed by far the greater bulk of those assembled round the enclosure when the kick off took place.The weather was bright but cold,and the ground, somewhat irregular in shape,with a slope towards one side,was in capital order for the purposes of the game.C.F.Dobson was absent from the Notts team,and his place as centre forward was occupied by J.B.Snook,who,however,did not make a particularly efficient substitute for the other player.Notts only commenced with ten men,+"R.H.Venables" not reaching the ground until after the proceedings had lasted fully a quarter of an hour.Notts won the toss,and at eight minutes to three Grantham kicked off.Their forwards made a determined rush to the opposite goal,and at once secured a corner kick.This was well taken and dropped right in front of the Notts posts,a goal being kicked out of the scrimmage that ensued,Grantham's first,and as it proved,only success,taking place within two minutes of the commencement of the match.After this the struggle was fought out in the home team's quarters.Gunn kicked behind the Grantham goal line and once,when the ball was worked into the Notts end,it was splendidly returned by H.Moore.The ball repeatedly went out of play on the Notts left wing,H.A.Cursham,however,running up on several occasions,but the centre forward was not good enough to take advantage of the opportunities offered,and headed or kicked the ball on the wrong side of the posts.From the kick Grantham took the struggle to a point 25 yards from the visitors' line,where Moore headed the ball to Chapman,who passed to Dixon,that player in turn sending it to H.A.Cursham,whose final shot was wide of the post.A.T.Dobson made some noticeable kicks and Gunn sent in a red hot shot,which Jarrett certainly did not stop until he was well behind his own goal line.The Notts umpire gave it as a point,but,a dispute arising,the goal was disallowed on an appeal to the referee.The pressure was still kept on the home team's position,and a corner kick to Notts was taken by H.Emmett,and the ball being returned,it was sent over the bar by A.T.Dobson.The kick out by Grantham was worked back,and J.A.Dixon made a capital pass to H.A.Cursham,that player scoring the first goal for Notts 13 minutes from the start.Still the game

went all against Grantham, and H.A. Cursham centred. Jarrett coming out from his post, Dixon had a chance but unfortunately kicked over. + "Venables" now joined his side, his arrival being greeted with cheers, and "hands" were given against Grantham near their own goal. H. Emmett took the kick, which was going untouched through the posts, when H.A. Cursham breasted it past Jarrett, a very doubtful goal being conceded Notts by the Grantham umpire. This happened twenty-one minutes from the start. From the kick off Grantham went to the other end, Sherwin handling the ball for the first time. H.A. Cursham got away, but was tackled, and the ball went over the goal-line. Sherwin again had to be active from some long kicks, but he fisted safely away, this being the only other occasion on which the Notts goal keeper was troubled during the first half. The ball was worked to the Grantham line, where H.A. Cursham put it through the posts, but as he was given "off-side the point was disallowed, and at the interval the game was two one in favour of Notts.

Immediately on the resumption of play, after the change of ends, the Notts forwards crossed over in a body to the other end and out of a scrimmage in front of the posts + "Venables" scored a third goal. From the kick-off the visitors again pressed their opponents back on their own citadel, and Jarrett had twice to hand the ball away. The attack was kept up incessantly for some minutes, but the Grantham custodian was equal to all calls made on him. Gunn twice kicked over the bar, and H.A. Cursham sent in several shots, one being very well directed from a pass by Gunn. ++ Sinclair got away, and by a splendid run took the ball close to the Notts line, where he was tackled by Dobson, and the leather safely returned. From another onslaught of a similar description Sherwin kicked half way down the field, this being the only time in the second half that the Notts goalkeeper had an opportunity of touching the ball. Some magnificent play was shown by Macrae, who dribbled the ball right through the whole of his opponents, finishing up the effort by a kick which scored - the first goal, it is believed, he has ever made for the Notts Club. A fine run by H.A. Cursham ended in a pass to Dixon, who transferred the ball to the other wing, from which Gunn shot high over the cross-bar. Again did Gunn repeat the performance while from a "foul" right opposite their own goal, the ball was well worked out of danger by the backs and half-backs. "Hands" against Macrae gave the home team temporary relief, but it was not for long. A second corner was granted Notts., which resulted in the ball going behind the line whilst Snook missed a capital opportunity of scoring from a centre by H.A. Cursham. Once or twice the Grantham team broke away, but Moore, Dobson, and Emmett played a very safe game, and all the efforts of the Lincolnshire men proved useless. From a good run by H.A. Cursham + "Venables" again put the ball through the posts, but "offside" play caused the referee to rule against the goal being admitted. From this point up to the end Notts had all the best of the proceedings, which ended in their victory by four goals to one. For the winners, H. Moore, A.T. Dobson, Emmett, H.A. Cursham, and Macrae played very well, while on the other side, Jarrett, Beaumont, Sinclair, Shannon, and Bryan showed the most conspicuously."

+A.W. Cursham ++No Sinclair recorded in any Grantham lineup for this game

Grantham: +Rev. B.G. Jarrett (Goal); +F.R. Shannon, G.W.G. Beaumont (Backs); C.R.B. Bryan, J. Segar (Half Backs); A. Hutchinson (Capt.), H. Bell (Right Wing), T. Bryan, G.F. Curtis (Centres), D.J. Wood, R.F. Lee (Left Wing).

+Initials to be checked (NEP/SDT specified positions but have D.T. Wood)

Notts County:M.Sherwin(Goal);A.T.Dobson,H.T.Moore(Backs);H.W.Emmett,S.Macrae,H.Chapman (Half Backs);W.Gunn,A.W.Cursham(Capt.)(Right Wing),J.B.Snook(Centre),J.A.Dixon,H.A.Cursham(Left Wing).

Umpires:A.T.Ashwell/J.Brown(Notts) and H.Kirk(Grantham).referee:Mr C.W.Alcock(Sec FA)

STAVELEY 1 (W.N.Crookes) LOCKWOOD BROTHERS 0 (H.T. 0-0)(Sat Dec 29th)(At Recreation Ground, Staveley)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 31/12/83 P.4/Sheffield Independent 31/12/83 P.4/Derby Daily Telegraph 31/12/83 P.4/Bell's Life 5/1/84 P.4/Field 5/1/84 P.22/:

SDT:"This important match in the third round of ties for the National Cup took place on the Recreation Ground,Staveley,on Saturday.The encounter was looked forward to with great interest,as the competing teams,from the superior form shown by them this season,were supposed to possess about equal merit,and also to the fact that both clubs have recently beaten Wednesday,one of the favourites for the Cup,while Lockwood's,in addition,played a drawn game the previous Saturday with the famous Notts County men.The weather was not at all favourable for either spectators or players,as a thick fog hung about during the whole of the afternoon,but,notwithstanding this,there was as a large number of spectators present(amongst them being many from Sheffield) as at any previous match played at Staveley,fully 2,000 being in attendance.The ground was in a heavy and slippery condition,and it was with difficulty the players could keep on their feet.The teams were the same as advertised,and at 2.40 pm,Hay,the home captain,who had lost the toss,set the ball in motion from the entrance end. About five minutes had elapsed,the play being of an even character, when Lockwoods' men were compelled to fall back on their own lines from an attack by Potter and Godfrey.The latter centred accurately,and Hay put in a hot shot,which compelled Beard in goal to use his hands.Immediately after he was again called upon to free his charge from a grand attempt by Crookes.Some fine back play from Buttery,Betts,and Housley was loudly applauded,and then a corner kick fell to Staveley.Potter was entrusted with the kick,and made excellent use of it by landing the ball well in front of the Lockwood's goal,but after a smart scrimmage Betts removed the danger by a ponderous return.Beard and West gaining possession got away on the visitors' right by good play,but the latter's final kick was erratic and went wide of the mark.Sellers was the next to show to advantage by a neat dribble on the opposite wing,and when close to the Staveley goal passed over to Stokes,who made a good attempt to score,but S.Hay by some grand head work relieved the pressure.The back play about this period was of the finest description,and time after time did they repulse the attacks of the opposing forwards.For Staveley James Rice and Peel played a dashing game,while for the other side M'Loughlin and the veterans Buttery and Housley(especially the latter) were probably never in better form.The Lockwoods' men,who had now a little the best of the play,obtained a corner kick,which was taken in charge by Housley,and although well directed, nothing accrued as Kaye in goal succeeded in clearing his charge.The home forwards now retaliated, and Hay,Crookes,and Widdowson effected a brilliant run,and eluding the opposing backs,Hay nearly brought about the downfall of the Lockwoods' goal,but Beard at the critical moment defended admirably,and fisted the leather away.Directly after a sharp scrimmage occurred in front of the visitors' goal,and in defence a back was compelled to kick over his own lines,thus giving another corner to Staveley,which produced nothing.Housley,coming away with a good rush,and aided by Newbould,got well down the centre,the latter passing judiciously to West he made a lofty shot at

the Staveley goal. One of the backs in endeavouring to head the ball away, nearly placed it between his own uprights, the leather only going a few inches outside the post. The corner availed nothing, as Peel repulsed by a magnificent flying return. The Staveley left wing pair (Crookes and Mather) obtained possession, and passing both half backs and backs, the latter shot the ball, which struck the far upright, from which it rebounded. The Staveley men appealed for a goal, maintaining that the ball had been over the line and was then kicked out of play, but the referee gave his decision against the goal, and only allowed a corner kick, which proved fruitless. The play after this up to half time was evenly contested, neither side appearing to have much advantage, and the change of ends saw the game standing as at the commencement. On resuming, the Staveley men, with a slight incline in their favour, made a series of attacks on the Lockwood stronghold, and Beard was called upon twice to handle from shots by Hay and Potter. Immediately afterwards the Staveley wingmen nonplussed Milner and Betts and centring grandly, Godfrey had an opportunity, but his shot was a little too much elevated and went a few inches over the cross bar. Stokes and Sellars for Lockwoods were now conspicuous by a brilliant run up the left, which placed the Staveley goal in great jeopardy, and Newbould, who was left with the final shot, sent the leather with considerable force into the goal mouth, but Kaye proved equal to the occasion, and cleverly punted the ball out. The next piece of play worthy of note was a fine combined run by the Staveley forwards, which gave the Lockwoods' defenders a great amount of trouble. Buttery, when a score seemed imminent, caused a diversion by one of his huge returns. Housley again rendered great assistance to his forwards, and getting well up in the centre gave West an excellent opening, but his effort put the ball outside. One of the Staveley left wing men, who had been absent for about ten minutes owing to his ankle having given way, now re-appeared, and with his partner Crookes threaded their way to the opposite end, and the latter, by a magnificent screw shot, put the ball under the bar, and Hay and Potter between them forced it through amid deafening cheers from the onlookers. On the ball being restarted the greatest excitement prevailed, and both sides played with renewed vigour, every man putting forth strenuous efforts, and the play was much faster than at the commencement. There only now remained about seven minutes to play, and as no other score resulted a grand and evenly-contested game ended in favour of Staveley by one goal to none. The teams were heartily cheered as they left the ground."

N.B DDT Report is the same as the SDT Report, except missing 1st half and only reports the 2nd half.

SI: "Although the weather was very unfavourable for the spectators, there was the largest attendance that has ever congregated on the Staveley ground." "Half time was now called, neither side having been able to gain a decided advantage. On resuming, the play for some time was chiefly confined to the centre of the ground, the backs on both sides playing resolutely and with great determination, Betts and M'Loughlin being especially brilliant for the visitors, while the Staveley backs improved and were always reliable. Some good passing and dribbling by Mather and Crookes were loudly applauded; but the backs could not be passed. Each side exerted themselves to gain the lead, and after Staveley had held a slight advantage, Kay, in goal, was called upon to defend his charge from shots by Newbold and Houseley. Fifteen minutes after the recommencement, Mather hurt his ankle and was obliged to leave the field; but was applauded on reappearing ten minutes later. Five minutes afterwards, Crookes and Mather, by good combined play, eluded the backs, and Crookes, by a splendid shot, which was beyond the reach of the goal keeper, registered a goal for Staveley. This success towards the expiration of the game elicited a tremendous and prolonged cheer, throwing up of hats &c. In the remaining fifteen minutes the game was very fast. A few minutes before the call of time the visitors looked like equalising matters, but Newbold, when near goal, was tackled by James, and the

ball sent into the centre, the game one of the best ever played on the Staveley ground, terminating in a win for the home team by one goal to none, Staveley, for the first time, gaining an entry into the fourth round, in which they in all probability will have to antagonise the Notts Club."

F: "It must be admitted that Staveley this season have been very fortunate in getting all the English Cup tie matches played on their own ground, as being rather peculiar in shape and size, constant practice thereon is required for goals to be obtained. This Lockwood's eleven found to their disadvantage on Saturday. More erratic kicking was scarcely ever witnessed on their part and had it not been that they played remarkably strong back, their opponents would have beaten them easily. As it was, during the first half, neither side scored at all, and indeed it was not until within ten minutes of the finish that Staveley gained a point. The leather was then safely steered through the posts by Crookes the ball passing quite clear of Beard, the custodian."

Staveley: A. Kaye (Goal); D. James, H. Peel (Backs); James Rice, S. Hay (Capt.), E. Widdowson (Half Backs); I. Potter, F. Godfrey (Right Wing), J. Hay (Centre), W. N. Crookes, C. Mather (Left Wing).

Lockwood Brothers: T. Beard (Goal); T. Buttery, W. Betts (Backs); J. Houseley, L. M' Loughlin, T. Milner (Half backs); F. West. J. Beard (Right Wing), F. Newbould (Centre), J. Sellars, F. Stokes (Left Wing)

Umpires: Messrs J. Beard and H. W. Chambers. Referee: Mr J. J. Sands (Notts Forest FC)

SECOND DIVISION:

Wednesbury Town v Birmingham Excelsior or Derby Midland

Wednesbury Old Athletic v Aston Villa

WEDNESBURY TOWN 1 (H. Wood) DERBY MIDLAND 0 (H.T. 0-0) (Sat Dec 29th) (At Wood Green, Wednesbury)

Derby Daily Telegraph 31/12/83 P.4/Sheffield Independent 31/12/83 P.4/Birmingham Daily Post 31/12/83 P.8/Bell's Life 5/1/84 P.4/ Athletic News 2/1/84 P.3/Sporting Life 31/12/83 P.3/Sportsman 31/12/83 P.4/Referee 30/12/83 P.6:

WEDNESBURY HERALD

DDT/BDP: "These teams met at Wood Green, Wednesbury in the presence of a comparatively small number of spectators. The match opened very fast indeed, and there was some good play and fine passing on both sides, but up to half time neither side had succeeded in scoring. Soon after the commencement of the second half the Town passed the ball between the posts but the score was disallowed. A throw in took place not long after, and Woodcock having centred, H. Wood did the needful. Several good tries were subsequently made on both sides, but the defence was well maintained at both goals, and no change of score was effected, the result being that the home team remained the victors by one goal and one disputed to nil."

SI: "These teams played a very even game at Wednesbury on Saturday. During the first half neither team scored, although both goals were frequently threatened. On change of ends H. Wood soon put the ball through the posts, but the umpire gave it offside, but very shortly afterwards the same player again put the leather under the bar for the Wednesbury Club, and the score was allowed. No further score was effected, the Wednesbury Club winning by one goal to nil."

Wednesbury Town:J.Tetstall(Goal);R.Whitehouse,W.Whitehouse(Backs);J.Shenton,R.Mason,A.Cliffe (Half Backs);G.Wood(Capt.),R.Danks(Right Wing),A.Woodcock(Centre),J.Garbett,H.Wood(Left Wing).

(DDT specified positions:AFS initials added)(DDT/BDP have D.Whitehouse for W.Whitehouse)

SI has D.Garbett and reverses the RW pair with the LW pair.

Derby Midland:G.Salt(Goal);L.(G.)Wright,A.Latham(Backs);H.(R.)Wignall,G.F.Cooper,A.Chaplin(Half Backs);G.Strutt,C.Ward(Right Wing),H.Evans(Capt.)(Centre),G.Bakewell,W.H.Owen(Left Wing).

(DDT specified positions)

Umpires:E.Wesson for Wednesbury and C.A.Fawcett for Derby Midland.Referee:Harvey(Aston Villa)

WEDNESBURY OLD ATHLETIC 4 (G.H.Holden,J.M.Bayliss 2,T.Tonks) ASTON VILLA 7 (Arthur Brown 2,O.H.Vaughton 3,Archie Hunter,+W.D.Roberts)(H.T. 3-2)(Sat Dec 29th)(At the Oval,Wednesbury)

+BDP AV scorers AVCR has O.Whateley for W.D.Roberts:other reports differ for all scorers

CHECK WEDNESBURY HERALD

Birmingham Daily Post 31/12/83 P.8/Sheffield Independent 31/12/83 P.4/Sportsman 31/12/83 P.4/Athletic News 2/1/84 P.3/Bell's Life 5/1/84 P.4/Sporting Life 31/12/83 P.3/Referee 30/12/83 P.6:

BDP:"The meeting of these two teams on the Oval,Wednesbury,on Saturday drew together an immense number of spectators,probably 7,000.In a few minutes Patrick(N.B.:only source for Patrick scoring) obtained the first goal,and a second ten minutes later was kicked by Holden from the wing into Clarke's hands,who let it fall through.Speedily Brown kicked first for the visitors,and Roberts headed a second through.Brilliant play followed on both sides and the visitors claimed a third,but it was disallowed.Just before half time Whateley was stopped by Bayliss,who passed to Holden,by whom a third goal was got,making 3 to 2 for Wednesbury.At the outset of the second half Hunter made the third for the visitors,and (T).Tonks followed with a fourth for the home team.The Villans then pulled themselves together and within twenty minutes had scored four,three of them being due to Vaughton,and one to Brown.They therefore won by 7 goals and 1 disputed to 4."

SI:"These teams played a very fast match on the Oval,Wood Green,Wednesbury on Saturday.The ground was heavy,but there was no wind.Within five minutes of the kick off G.Holden scored for the Athletics,and this was presently supplemented by another from the toe of Bayliss.Matters looked rosy for the Athletics,but they failed to maintain their advantage,as Archie Hunter and Brown both added goals,making the game equal.Just before half time Bayliss scored again for the home team, making the score three to two.Immediately on resuming a finely combined rush of the Villa forwards ended in Hunter scoring,again making matters equal,an equality which was spoilt by T.Tonks,who added another for the Athletics,making the game four to three.From this point the Athletics appeared beaten,and Hunter had little difficulty in adding a fourth goal for the Villa.Vaughton added a fifth for the Birmingham men,a sixth was muffed by the Athletic goalkeeper,and Whateley scored a seventh.Villa thus won by seven goals to four."

SM:"This tie,played at Wednesbury on Saturday,attracted between 6,000 and 7,000 spectators,the interest in it being very keen in Birmingham and Wednesbury,it being just on the cards that the Old

Athletic might win, as the Villa were labouring under difficulties with regard to the composition of the team. Bayliss kicked off for the Athletics, and the game was hardly five minutes old before a combined rush was made by the Athletics, and Bayliss scored a goal. The Villa next attacked the Athletics goal, and Whateley all but scored, while Kent had twice to save his charge from assaults by Brown and Roberts. Then Tonks made a way in the centre, and passed to G. Holden, who, after a hard struggle, got past Dawson and (Daw?), and a second goal was placed to the credit of the Athletics. This success made the Wednesbury supporters quite wild with enthusiasm. The Villa worked very hard after this, and though Kent repelled several direct shots, Brown got in a hot one, and the score was made two to one, all three goals being got in the space of a quarter of an hour. Still forcing the play the Villa made matters equal with a shot by Whateley, and another point was claimed, the ball striking the bar, but it was disallowed. Just before half-time the Old Athletic forwards all got in front of the Villa stronghold, and Bayliss scored a third goal. In the second half the Villa for a long time pressed their opponents severely, but the defence of Kent was so fine that at twenty minutes to time they were still a goal behind, the score being Athletics four, Villa three. A wonderful change then came over the game. The Villa forwards then pulled themselves together, in magnificent style, and Vaughton shot two goals, putting them one ahead. Brown followed with another successful effort, and just three minutes before time Vaughton once again eluded the Athletic's custodian, and the Villa won a sensational game by seven goals to four."

Wednesbury Old Athletic: C. Kent (Goal); J. Nicholls, Morley (Backs); Dan Tonks, M. Byrne, Flaherty (Half Backs); G. H. Holden, W. Patrick (Right Wing), J. M. Bayliss (Centre), Tom Tonks, Roberts (Left Wing). (BDP specified positions)

Wednesbury paper check needed (AN has Hibbert for Flaherty as Half Back)

Aston Villa: +A. W. Clarke (Goal); +G. Price, T. Riddell (Backs); F. (H. H.) Dawson, C. W. Apperley (Half Backs); O. Whateley, O. H. Vaughton (Right Wing), Archie Hunter, Arthur Brown (Centres), Eli C. Davis, W. (D.) Roberts (Left Wing). (BDP specified positions)

+Only initials to check

Umpires: W. McGregor for Aston Villa and W. Moon for Wednesbury.

Referee: C. Crump.

THIRD DIVISION:

Blackburn Rovers v Padiham

Blackburn Olympic, a bye

BLACKBURN ROVERS 3 (J. Brown 2, T. Strachan) PADIHAM 0 (H.T. 1-0) (Mon Dec 24th) (At Leamington Ground, Blackburn)

Blackburn Times 29/12/83 P.6/Blackburn Standard 29/12/83 P.3/Bell's Life 29/12/83 P.4/Sportsman 26/12/83 P.4:

BT : "The tie in the third round of the Football Association Cup competition between the Blackburn Rovers and the Padiham teams was decided on the ground of the former, on Monday afternoon, in the presence of about 2,500 spectators. There was a strong wind blowing up the incline, and a fog

overhung the field,so that play at one goal could not be seen distinctly from the other.The Rovers, losing the toss,faced the wind in the first half of the game.The Padiham forwards secured possession of the leather as soon as it had been set in motion by Strachan,and the Rovers' goal was at once endangered.A corner kick accruing A.Thompson placed the ball so well that it dropped on the bar and rebounded into play,but was kicked over the bar by one of the assailants.The Rovers' forwards played with great dash,and made several determined onslaughts on their opponents' goal,but were prevented from scoring by the good play of the Padiham backs and goalkeeper.The play was fast and the visitors made many well combined runs up the ground and Arthur twice only saved his charge by clever play.The only point scored was by Rovers twenty-eight minutes from the start.The Padiham team having had a corner kick the ball was given to Brown near his own goal,and he dashed down the field in fine style,eluded both Wade and Dewhurst,and scored amid cheering which was unusually prolonged.In the second half the visitors worked hard though facing the wind,and several times almost scored,but they could not overcome the resistance of Beverley,Suter,and Arthur.Soon after the change of ends Brown sent the ball well in,and Connell attempted to head it back,but it spun off his head and was carried by the wind through the goal.A claim was made that Avery had just before been off side but the point was allowed.Nine minutes from the close one of the numerous attacks upon the visitors' goal ended in the scoring of a third goal by Strachan,while directly afterwards the ball again went between the posts from a corner kick by McIntyre,but no point was allowed for the latter.The Rovers thus won a hardly contested game by three goals to none.The mist rendered it so difficult to follow the play that twice the ball had to be thrown up owing to indecision as to which side should throw in.The Rovers' forwards played a stronger game than had been usual with them this season."

BS:"The Rovers met Padiham on the Leamington Ground in the English Association Cup Tie on Monday.There were about 4,000 spectators present.Winning the toss,the visitors chose to play up hill,with a strong wind in their favour.Strachan kicked off at seventeen minutes to three,and the Padiham lads immediately took the ball up the field,and obtained a corner on their right.The ball was well sent in by Thompson,striking the crossbar,and then it was headed over.Play was transferred to the other end,where Strachan made a capital back kick,and the goalkeeper having to fist the ball out.The Rovers were next credited with two corner kicks,which were very nicely placed by Lofthouse,and the visitors had to kick twice to avoid danger.After some give-and-take play,Padiham had a corner on the right.Brown,who was lying off a little,received the ball from it,and,making a beautiful run down the left,he put the finishing touch to a beautiful piece of play by scoring a goal.Soon afterwards he made another very good run,but when he centred there was no one up to send the ball in.Arthur at goal was next conspicuous by coolly stepping out and sending the ball flying ,when it seemed almost certain that two or three of the visitors' forwards would score.No other point was added before half time.Three minutes after the resumption Brown made a good shot at the goal,and Connell,in endeavouring to head it away,put it through his own posts.Several corner kicks afterwards fell to both teams,McIntyre sending in some very good ones,but the ball was always got safely away.Strachan notched the third goal nine minutes from the finish,the game being well fought to the end.The Rovers thus won by three goals to none."

BL:"This tie, in the third round of this competition,was decided last Monday afternoon on the Rovers' ground,in the presence of about 2,000 spectators,but owing to the thick fog which overhung the ground,little could be seen of the game.During the first half of the game the play was of a very even character,each goal in turn being attacked,but the defence on both sides was good,and no

point was scored for about twenty minutes when Brown, getting behind the ball near his own posts, dribbled it singlehanded down the field, and eluding the whole of his opponents, scored the first point, amidst loud cheering. Directly afterwards the same player made another shot at the Padiham goal, and then one of the defending backs, in trying to head the ball away, sent it through his own posts. About ten minutes before the call of time, Strachan made a third point, and the home team thus retired victorious after a well fought game, by three goals to love."

Blackburn Rovers: +J.W.H.Arthur(Goal); J.Beverley, F.Suter(Backs); J.H.Forrest, H.McIntyre(Half Backs); J.Douglas, J.M.Lofthouse(Right Wing), +J.W.Sowerbutts, T.Strachan(Centres), J.Brown, G.Avery(Left Wing) .+confirm initials

Padiham: W.Duxbury(Goal); J.Dewhurst, J.Connell(Backs); G.Wade, E.Duxbury(Half Backs); A.Thompson, +W.Gallocher(Right Wing), G.Hacking, W.Thompson(Centres), E.Hitchen, W.McFetteridge(Left Wing).

+Check initial

Umpires: R.Birtwistle for Blackburn Rovers and W.Whittam for Padiham.

Referee: ??

BLACKBURN OLYMPIC, a bye

FOURTH DIVISION:

Eagley v Preston North End

Bolton Wanderers v Irwell Springs

PRESTON NORTH END 9(F.Dewhurst 4, J.Russell 2, J.Belger, J.Gordon, G.Drummond)

EAGLEY 1(Hewitson) (H.T. 6-0)(Sat Dec 29th)(At Preston)

Blackburn Standard 5/1/84 P. 3/Preston Herald 2/1/84 P.6/Bolton Evening News 31/12/83 P.4/Bell's Life 5/1/84 P.3/4/Athletic News 2/1/84 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 31/12/83 P.4/Sporting Life 31/12/83 P.4

BS/PH: "According to agreement the Eagley team visited Deepdale on Saturday to engage in their cup tie match with North End. The weather was very favourable, and 5,000 persons assembled to witness the contest. North End had the choice of ground, and at twenty minutes past two Eagley started the ball, playing up hill. The visitors' quarters were immediately invaded, but Corless and Hall on the left played up well, getting down the wing, a free kick was granted them about thirty yards from the home goal. The right wing also (Haslam and Sculthorpe) forced their way to near the home goal, and Joy had to handle the ball. This roused the North Enders, whose forwards were soon, by some pretty passing, surrounding the opposite goal. The visitors had a couple of free kicks, one for a foul and one for hands, and from the latter Belger soon had the ball in front of the Eagley goal. Some cross-firing here took place, but a good pass from the left gave Drummond possession, and he forced a corner. His kick was well judged, and Dewhurst was enabled to head the first goal for North End after about eight minutes' play. The home team then had a couple of free kicks for hands in front of their opponents' goal, which was again besieged, and during the scrimmage the ball came out to the foot of Russell at half back, who cleverly lifted it above the heads of the pack, and amid cheers scored the

second goal ten minutes from the start. The visitors' stronghold was soon again threatened, though Hewitson, Haslam, and Sculthorpe tried hard to change the scene of play, but they always found the home backs too many for them. A kick by Russell gave the ball to his forwards, and some excellent headers were displayed near the Eagley goal, but Corless and Hall got it away, only for it to be returned, however, by Robinson, and after some further shooting at goal, Russell made another good kick, which lowered the Eagley standard for the third time. Nothing daunted, the Eagley lads worked with a will; a good run by Corless and the forwards compelling Joy to save, but the visitors' custodian had to follow suit a moment or two afterwards, and Gordon and Drummond compelled one of the backs to place behind. The corner kick by Drummond was well put in, and out of the scrimmage a fourth goal was secured, Smalley heading the ball, and Dewhurst completing the task. E. Jones, Corless, and R. Hall made some excellent efforts on the Eagley left, but a well directed long shot by Drummond from the wing just passed outside the upright. Good passing by Dewhurst, Russell, Gordon, and Drummond was then seen, the latter transferring to the left, where Smalley headed in front, and Belger put the ball through once more. Joy had to throw the ball away, after some good play by Eagley left wing, who at last gained a corner kick, but nothing came of it, and half time was signalled. The Eagleyites contested their forlorn hope as stubbornly as ever after change of ends, but they soon had to concede a corner to Drummond and Gordon; and Smalley and Dewhurst coming down the other wing the latter made a good bid for goal, while Belger bestowed his favour on the goalkeeper, and a sixth goal was put to the North End total. After some long passing by both sides, Dewhurst made a good dribble, and put the ball under the crossbar, but the point was disallowed. Each of the North End wings then forced a corner, and though the visitors worked hard they continued to be pressed. Ross ran well forward, and transferred the ball to his left division; here Smalley headed to Dewhurst, who again scored. The visitors' forwards after this went down the field in a body, well supported by some good returns from the back division, and when near the home goal line, E. Jones put in a good centre, which Hewitson lost no time in converting into a goal, calling forth a ringing cheer from the onlookers. This seemed to rouse both teams, especially the North Enders, for from the kick-off the ball was taken down the wing by the home right, and after a scrimmage in front of goal Russell transferred to Dewhurst, and the latter centred, Gordon putting in a successful finish by a first-rate shot. A few minutes later Howarth gave Drummond the ball, but the latter transferred to Belger, who again passed to the right wing. Drummond at last skilfully passed to Dewhurst just in front of goal, and a ninth success was recorded. Another goal for the home club was disallowed, and the left wing couple forced a corner, but nothing further of note occurred, the North Enders easily coming out the winners by nine goals to one."

BL: "This tie took place last Saturday afternoon at Preston in the presence of about 5,000 spectators. The home team won the toss, and Eagley kicked off, and after a few passes between the respective half backs, a rush of the North End left forwards carried the play into their opponents' quarters, where Drummond gained a corner. The last-named placed the ball well in front of the Eagley goal, through which it was headed by Dewhurst after eight minutes' play. A little later a rush of the home end forwards made matters again unpleasant for Eagley, and a long kick by Russell from half back lowered their colours a second time. The visitors then retaliated, and some clever play on the part of Sculthorpe, Hewitson, and Corless placed the home lines in danger, but Ross cleverly saved, and the centres gaining possession the ball was soon forced to the other end where a third point was scored by Russell. This was speedily supplemented by a fourth goal for the home team, Dewhurst putting the ball through, after it had been brought down by Smalley, while soon after this another clever run by

the last-named enabled Belger to score again. Though Eagley were fairly over-matched, they played up pluckily, but before ends were changed Dewhurst after a smart run added another point, Belger charging the goalkeeper over at the same moment. A pass by Ross then enabled Dewhurst to put on an additional goal, while a few minutes further on some combined play on the part of the visitors enabled them to place a point to their credit. This was the sole score by Eagley during the game, while a couple of further points were scored for the home team by Gordon and Drummond respectively, so that they thus won very easily by nine goals to one."

Preston: W. Joy (Goal); N. J. Ross, C. Duckworth (Backs); J. Russell, R. H. Howarth, B. Robinson (Half Backs); G. Drummond, J. Gordon, F. Dewhurst, J. Belger, W. Smalley (Forwards).

Eagley: J. Rothwell (Goal); J. Durham, W. Hall (Backs); E. Jones, H. Morris, F. Jones (Half Backs); R. Hall, W. Corless, + Hewitson, J. Haslam, T. Sculthorpe (Forwards).

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Referee: S. Ormerod.

BOLTON WANDERERS 8 (J. K. Davenport 2, J. Fallon 2, W. Steel 2, W. G. Struthers, "rush")
IRWELL SPRINGS 1 (J. Ratcliffe) (H. T. 3-1) (Sat Dec 29th) (At Pike's Lane, Bolton)

Bolton Evening News 31/12/83 P.4/Manchester Courier 31/12/83 P.3/Sheffield Independent 31/12/83 P.4 (Report below: no lineups)/Athletic News 2/1/84 P.3:

BEN: "The above clubs met on Pike's-lane ground in the presence of 1,000 spectators in the third round of the English Cup competition. The visiting captain won the toss, and Struthers started hostilities, the ball soon being in front of the Irwell posts, Whittaker having to knock out a shot by Struthers. Vaughan, Struthers, and Davenport put in some nice play in close proximity to their opponents' goal, Whittaker again saving his charge in fine style. Repeated attempts were made to score by the home forwards, and after 16 minutes play Davenport succeeded in putting the ball through. A little later, Vaughan also put it under the bar, but the score was disallowed for off side. From the free kick Vaughan fastened well on to the ball, screwing well in from the touch line, Fallon finishing a grand shot by heading goal No 2. After this the visitors were successful in scoring a goal. D. Banham had the ball passed to him, and centring well, M'Kernan failed to get it away. Ratcliffe sent the ball rolling into the goal mouth, and Hay missing it a goal was notched. The home contingent carried the ball to the opposite end, a rush of the forwards taking the ball under the bar for the third time. Two corners followed, and it was claimed that the ball had gone through, but the referee decided otherwise. Steel directly after this shot the leather just above the bar over his head. Half time was now called with the score at three to one. The home forwards now played better together, Howarth dribbling the ball nearly one length of the field. From the centre Struthers made a grand shot off the goal line, the custodian falling with the ball when he was forced under the bar. The visiting backs-Hunt, Taylor, and J. Banham-showed grand defence, keeping their opponents at bay. After half an hour's play Steel put the fifth goal to his side's credit, the same player now following with a sixth point. A corner now fell to Irwell Springs, but Struthers rushed the ball the length of the field, Fallon notching the seventh goal from his pass. The siege was kept up on the Irwell goal, Davenport adding another point. This proved to be the last, leaving the home team winners by eight goals to one."

MC:"The Bolton Wanderers came through the third ties of the English ties successfully on Saturday, when they easily defeated Irwell Springs at Pikes-lane. How they came to oppose the Bacup club was somewhat curious. The latter were defeated in the second round by Hurst, who were objected to on the ground of one of their players wearing heel plates on his boots. The objection was sustained, and the tie ordered to be replayed. The match ought to have taken place on the previous Saturday, but Hurst failing to appear, Irwell Springs finding themselves in the third round."

"About 1,000 spectators witnessed the game on Saturday afternoon. Struthers started the ball, the attack soon being directed on the visiting goal, Davenport first putting the ball past Whittaker after 16 minutes' play. Fallon headed the leather through for a second time, from a good centre by Vaughan. The visiting forwards now worked the ball up, and M'Kernon failing to get it away, Ratcliffe sent it along the ground into goal. Hay not getting at it their first and only goal was scored. Only one more goal was scored by the Wanderers up to half time. In the second half five more goals were added to the Wanderers' total, Steel scoring two, Fallon and Davenport one each, and the other being scrummaged through. The game eventually ending in a win for the home team by eight goals to one."

SI:"This cup tie took place at Bolton. In the first half Fallon and Davenport scored for the Wanderers, whilst a third goal was obtained from a scrimmage. Irwell Springs scored once, Ratcliff putting the ball through. In the second half the Wanderers added five more goals, finally winning by eight to one."

Bolton Wanderers: T. Hay (Goal); J. McKernan, J. Powell (Backs); J. Gleaves, J. Kennedy, J. K. Davenport (Half Backs); T. Howarth, J. Fallon, W. G. Struthers, J. Vaughan, W. Steel (Forwards).

Irwell Springs: J. Whittaker (Goal); Hunt, Taylor (Backs); D. Banham, Simpson, J. Banham (Half Backs); C. Banham, J. Catlow, Brightly, E. Titherington, J. Ratcliffe (Forwards).

(Added initials from above but 3 Banham initials are correct)

Referee: Lithgow (Bootle).

FIFTH DIVISION:

Oswestry v Queen's Park, Glasgow
Northwich Victoria, a bye

OSWESTRY 1 (W. T. Foulkes) QUEEN'S PARK +7 (W. J. Anderson 3, Dr. J. Smith 2, D. S. Allan, A. Roberts (o.g))
(H. T. 1-2) (Sat Dec 29th) (At Oswestry) +GH scorers

Glasgow Herald 31/12/83 P.10/Athletic News 2/1/84 P.3/Wrexham Advertiser 4/1/84 P.5/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 31/12/83 P.4/Sheffield Independent 31/12/83 P.4/Birmingham Daily Post 31/12/83 P.8/Bell's Life 5/1/84 P.4/Field 5/1/84 P.22/Sporting Life 31/12/83 P.3/Sportsman 31/12/83 P.4/Referee 30/12/83 P.6:

GH:"This match, a third round tie in the English Challenge Cup Competition, was played at Oswestry, and the weather, which was rather dull, did not deter from two to three thousand spectators from attending. The Scotch team was considerably changed from that which was expected to visit Shropshire, and Arnott, Holm, and Gow were absent from the back division, and Harrower from the

centre.+Macrae (McAra:see below)was secured to play half back instead of Gow,and Messrs Harvie and Stewart as backs,with Scobie as Dr Smith's partner in the centre.The home team also had a number of changes to make,and were hardly as strong as could be wished.Dr Smith kicked off at 2.25,and following up very quickly was at the Oswestry goal,but shot the ball over the bar.Another siege was laid on the Oswestry goal soon afterwards,but the goal was cleared by Roberts and Smith.It was now the home team's turn to raid the Scotch half,and S.Smith and Farmer effected a good run,the latter centring to Davis,who made a capital shot but M'Cullum handled the leather out.The Scotchmen followed this by an assault on the Oswestry citadel,and after 13 minutes Anderson scored the first goal for the visitors.With the recommencement from the centre Foulkes and Roach showed up,and Foulkes made the scores equal amidst cheers.Anderson, however,soon added another goal for the Queen's Park representatives,and after some give-and-take play, half-time was announced with the Scotchmen only one goal ahead.In the second half the visitors showed their superiority,and added five more goals-Dr Smith scoring two,Anderson one, Allan one,and the other being gained off Roberts,one of the Oswestry backs.The visitors thus won by seven goals to one."The visiting team was entertained in the evening at a public dinner got up in honour of their first visit to Oswestry."(WA:at the Wynnstay Arms)

F(Oswestry goal):"Shots at both goals were taken,and Foulkes put in a very good one.M'Cullum tried to hit out but missed,and J.Roach rushed up and charged him through the posts,and the game was made equal after twenty minutes' play."

AN:"After crossing over Dr Smith kicked the third goal for Queen's Park half-a-minute from restarting the leather,and from this time the Oswestrians seemed to play with less spirit-having one man-Shaw -slightly disabled.Foulkes also showed less dash,owing to a kick,than in the first half.It was twenty two minutes after re-commencing,however,before the cracks could again score,when Anderson kicked the fourth goal.Gough stopped once,but before he could recover himself the sphere was sent spinning past him.During the next minute he had a very hot time of it,and Allan kicked a fifth,a sixth was scored from a free kick in front of the uprights.Four minutes before call of time Dr Smith made a shot at goal,and in trying to save,Roberts,one of the Oswestry full backs,sent the sphere between the uprights,close to the post.Nothing further was scored,and a pleasantly played game ended in a win for Queen's Park by seven goals to one."

Oswestry:+R.T.Gough(Capt.)(Goal);+C.Conde,A.Roberts(Backs);S.Smith,W.T.Foulkes(Half Backs); +W.H.Davies,E.G.Shaw(Right Wing),+J.R.Evans,J.Evans(Centres),G.Farmer,J.Roach(Left Wing).

+Only initials to be checked

(WA/F specified positions and initials)(GH/SDT/BDP/SL/SM have M.Evans and J.Evans as Centres)(SI has W.Evans and J.Evans)

Queen's Park:P.McCallum(Capt.)(Goal);+J.Harvie,+H.Stewart(Backs);C.Campbell,J.(S.)McAra(Half Backs);W.Anderson,+E.Fraser(Right Wing),Dr.J.Smith,+J.Scobie(Centres),R.M.Christie,D.S.Allan(Left Wing).

+Initials to be checked

N.B. Macrae in the above report is in fact J.S.McAra who joined Queen's Park on 11th December 1883:see Queen's Park History P.77

Umpires:M'Innes(Queen's Park) and W.H.Gough(Oswestry).Referee:Pugh(Pool Quay).

NORTHWICH VICTORIA,a bye

SIXTH DIVISION:

Romford v Brentwood

Old Westminster,a bye

ROMFORD 1(A.D.Cornell) BRENTWOOD 4(T.G.Britten 3,E.C.Evelyn)(H.T. 0-0)(Sat Dec 29th)(At Romford Recreation Ground)

Essex Times 5/1/84 P.6/Essex Herald 31/12/84 P.8/Chelmsford Chronicle 5/1/84 P.4/Essex Standard 5/1/84 P.8/Sporting Life 31/12/83 P.3/Bell's Life 5/1/84 P.4/Field 5/1/84 P.22/Sportsman 31/12/83 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 31/12/83 P.4/Referee 30/12/83 P.6:

ET/EH/CC/ES:"Never perhaps has more interest been manifested in a football match in Essex than was shown in the match between Brentwood and Romford to decide their tie in the third round of the Association Cup.The match was played on Saturday on the ground of the Romford club,and the interest felt in the contest was demonstrated by the large company gathered round the ground.Each club was well represented,and the game was finely contested,the play throughout being fast,and each piece of good play evoking boisterous cheers.At the outset the Brentwood team showed their superiority,but so stoutly did the home team contest the game that at one stage a draw seemed possible,as it was not until within the last 20 minutes that the first goal was kicked.At an early stage an unfortunate accident deprived Brentwood of the services of one of their most brilliant forwards in the person of F.J.Abbott.About ten minutes after the start he was disputing with one of the Romford men the possession of the ball,and accidentally his opponent trod on his toe,thereby fixing his foot.At this moment another of the Romford men rushed in between them,and in kicking at the ball kicked Abbott on the leg.The fall of Abbott,and an ominous snap,which was heard all over the ground,spoke too plainly of a broken bone,and it was found that the player's right leg was badly broken just above the ankle.Play was at once suspended,a most painful feeling being caused by the unfortunate occurrence.Mr J.Earle and Mr R.Quennell quickly came to the injured man's assistance, as nothing could be done on the ground,a litter was formed of hurdles and coats and Abbott, attended by Mr R.Quennell and Mr John Larkin,was removed to the White Hart Hotel.Here the fractured limb was reset by Mr A.Wright,and later on,the patient was removed,at his own request,to St Bartholemew's Hospital,where he is making satisfactory progress.

Play commenced at 2.35,and Nickisson,having won the toss,decided to take advantage of the falling ground during the first half.Cornell kicked off for Romford,and the ball was at once brought into proximity to the home goal,and after two ineffectual shots,Abbott,by a capital side shot nearly scored,the ball touching the inside of the post,and bounding back into play.It was shortly after this that the sad accident occurred.On play being resumed after an interval of about ten minutes Romford for a time had the best of it,the ball twice being brought up in good style by Earle,and a third time by Oliver,Wright,and Macfarlane,but pulling themselves together,the Brentwood men were soon acting on the aggressive again,and shots were made at the home goal by Britten and Evelyn.Champness,however,saved his charge in splendid style,and the only result was a corner kick.A good run by Oliver and Macfarlane was stopped by the visitors' backs and then "hands" was given to Brentwood.Nickisson made the shot,but as the ball passed through without touching any of the

players, it was without result, and when directly afterwards half time had been reached, no point had been scored. On the re-starting of the ball Romford were for a time the attacking party, and two corner kicks fell to them, but each time the ball went behind. The Brentwood forwards then became very busy again, and, rushing the ball in fine style through the home backs, Britten by a sharp low shot scored the first point for Brentwood. A good shot by Heatley having been averted, Sherrington made a pretty little run, and a capital middle by Morice enabled Britten to score a second time. The Brentwood goal was then threatened for a short time, but their forwards were soon busy again, and Sherrington and Morice bringing the ball up on the right, passed it across to Heatley, who smartly centred it and Britten scored a third point. Morice next brought the ball up in the centre, and, Champness going out, and attempting to put it away with his hand, failed to get hold of it, and Evelyn rushed in and kicked another goal for Brentwood. The home team then made a determined attempt to score, and after three ineffectual shots, Cornell put the ball through. Nothing further resulted and the game ended in a victory for Brentwood by four goals to one."

BL: "A large number of spectators assembled on the Romford Recreation Ground last Saturday afternoon to witness these clubs play off their cup tie. The visitors won the toss, but there was nothing to choose between the goals, as scarcely a breath of air was stirring. A few minutes after the kick off Brentwood forced their opponents back, and after Champness had cleverly saved his charge, a shot by Abbott struck one of the Romford posts and bounced back into play. A rush of the home forwards then carried the ball to the other end of the ground, and in a scrimmage which took place near the visitors' goal, Abbott unfortunately sustained a fracture of the right leg. This unfortunate occurrence naturally caused operations to be suspended for a few minutes, the injured man in the meantime being conveyed to the White Hart Hotel, where the bone was set, and later he was able to be moved to his own home. Resuming play the home team for a few minutes pressed their rivals, but settling down, Brentwood soon resumed the offensive, and on several occasions the home goalkeeper had to bestir himself to save his charge. A good run by Earle was the next noticeable incident, but his final shot was badly directed, and a couple of minutes later half time was called."

F: "After change of ends, once more Romford had the best of it for a short time, and two corner kicks fell to them in quick succession, but without result, however; but from this time the better play of the visitors began to tell, and at last Britten passed the backs, and with a hard shot, low down, scored the first goal for Brentwood. Only twenty minutes more remained. The ball was soon in dangerous proximity to the Romford goal; Heatley tried to score, but unsuccessfully, and the ball was got away, but a pretty run by Sherrington, and a capital middle by Morice, gave Britten another chance, which he accepted. Then once more the ball visited the Brentwood quarters and went behind. Sherrington and Morice soon got possession of it again; and, having brought it up on the right, passed to Heatley on the left, who middled at once, and Britten scored a third time. Evelyn shortly afterwards put the ball through for the fourth time. Then the home team made a last effort to score, and, aided by a mistake by one of the Brentwood backs after three ineffectual shots, Cornell at last managed to get the ball through. Time was called soon afterwards, and the game ended in favour of Brentwood by four goals to one."

SL: "Half time was reached without any advantage being gained on either side. On the ball being re-started, Romford for a short time forced the fighting, and two corners fell to them, but without result. But Brentwood again asserted their supremacy, and after two or three ineffectual shots, Britten dashed through the Romford backs in grand style, and by a low shot, scored the first point for

Brentwood. Directly afterwards, as a result of a sharp run by Sherrington and a clever middle by Morice, Britten was enabled to score again. Two or three minutes later some judicious passing by the Brentwood forwards gave Britten another chance, which he quickly utilised, and directly after, Morice bringing the ball up in the centre and Champness going out, and failing to get the ball away, Evelyn rushed in and shot it through. Romford then made a counter-attack, and after two or three unsuccessful shots, Cornell at last put the ball through. Nothing further resulted, and Brentwood won a hotly contested game by four goals to one. All the Brentwood forwards played extremely well, and Nickisson among the half-backs, and Buckley among the backs, were very conspicuous. For Romford, Earle, Oliver, and J.A. Macfarlane showed to most advantage among the forwards, while the half-backs and backs played a good game."

Romford :E. Champness(Goal);F. Webster, J.E. Macfarlane(Backs);H. Mansfield, L.E. Clark(Capt.), C. Couzens(Half Backs);J.A. Macfarlane, W. Wright(Rights), A.D. Cornell(Centre), P.M. Earle, R. Oliver(Lefts).

Brentwood:H. P. Hansell(Goal);F.A. Borrett, H.C. Buckley(Backs);J.L. Nickisson(Capt.), F.P. Oakley (Half Backs);W.S. Morice, G.S. Sherrington(Rights), T.J. Britten, E.C. Evelyn(Centres), F.J. Abbott, A.E. Heatley(Lefts).

N.B. H.B. Hansell in Essex Papers

Umpires:Ramsey(Pilgrims) for Brentwood and Armstrong(Dreadnought) for Romford.
Referee:M.P. Betts(Old Harrovians)

OLD WESTMINSTERS, a bye

SEVENTH DIVISION:

Reading v Upton Park
Old Foresters, a bye

READING 1 (+C.G. Field) UPTON PARK 6 (J. Barnard 3, H. Brealey, S.R. Bastard, A.M. Inglis) (H.T. 1-0)
(At Coley Park, Reading)(Sat Dec 22nd)

+N.B. F Report gives the Reading goal as scored "out of a scrimmage" but the Reading Definitive gives C.G. Field as the scorer(BC/RO Reports do not give any scorers).

Berkshire Chronicle 29/12/83 P.6/Reading Observer 29/12/83 P.3/Windsor & Eton Express 29/12/83 P.4/Bell's Life 29/12/83 P.4/Field 29/12/83 P.892/Sportsman 24/12/83 P.4/Sporting Life 24/12/83 P.4/Referee 23/12/83 P.6:

F:"The weather proving favourable, a very fair number of spectators assembled to witness the contest, their applause being very impartially meted out. The ground was very lumpy and undulating, causing the ball to behave in an eccentric manner at times. Reading, having the wind in their favour at starting, had rather the best of the game during the first half, Edgar Field and Tombs showing very strong defence and tackling powers; and eventually, after twenty minutes had elapsed their forwards made a united run down, and, after Hewett had saved one shot, a goal was scored for Reading out of a scrimmage. Both goals were at times menaced after this, and the visitors were, perhaps, a little unlucky in not equalising the scores before half time. After change of ends the play was still very

equal for twenty minutes, and then the Uptonians began to get used to the ground, and for the rest of the time penned their opponents, and, from a well-placed corner by Logan, Barnard scored their first goal. A good dribble by Inglis ended in a wonderful middle by Barnard to Brealey, who again scored for his side. After some ineffectual shots by Bastard, Inglis, and Savill, Barnard made a clever run in and kicked a very difficult goal. By this time the home defence was completely mastered and play was confined to the Reading half. Some good passing by Barnard and Leete resulted in a goal from the foot of Bastard. A well-placed corner by A.T. Young, followed by some short passing in front of the Reading posts, yielded yet another goal to Inglis, and before time was called some most determined tackling by Brealey and Bastard enabled Barnard to kick one more goal for Upton, who retired victors by six goals to one. Field and Tombs played a capital game back for Reading, while Holbrook, Turner, and Bird-Thompson showed good form forward. For the winners, the Youngs played very hard back, and Barnard, Brealey, Inglis, and Bastard were in good form forward, during the last half hour especially. Hewett and Savill kept goals in turns, and found it cold, thankless work."

RO: "The match at Reading came off at Coley Park, in the presence of a very large gathering of spectators. The Reading captain (Edgar Field) won the toss, and his side started the ball with the wind in their favour. It was evident from the first that the game would be a fast one. The ball quickly travelled from one end of the ground to the other, and after dangerously assailing the visitors' goal two or three times, Reading, about twenty minutes from the start, scored their first and, as it proved, only goal. Nothing further of note occurred until half time, but on the change of ends the grand combined play and staying powers of Upton Park, with the wind on their side, quickly began to tell. The fine goal-keeping capabilities of Hayward were severely put to the test, and although he did his side great service, he was unable to cope with the rapid succession of shots made at his fortress. The splendid back play of Edgar Field, who, on this occasion, was a host in himself, proved also of little avail, and the close of the match left the visitors winners by six goals to one." (No teams)

REF: "Played at Reading today. The home team had all the best of the first half, and scored a goal through a scrimmage. During the last half-hour the visitors got together, and their passing proved too much for their opponents, and before time was called they had scored six goals (Barnard three, and Bastard, Inglis, and Brealey, one each) and eventually won by six goals to one."

Reading: S. Hayward (Goal); Edgar Field (Capt.), W. T. S. Tombs (Backs); R. W. H. Jones, T. E. Hill (Half Backs); W. Holbrook, R. M. Bird-Thompson (Right), H. E. Walker, W. H. Moore (Centres), C. G. Field, T. H. Turner (Left).

Upton Park: D. Hewett (Goal); W. J. Mangles, + E. A. Young (Backs); A. T. Young, N. Logan (Half Backs); H. Savill, A. M. Inglis (Rights), S. R. Bastard (Capt.), N. Leete (Centres), J. Barnard, H. Brealey (Lefts).

+ A. E. Young for E. A. Young in W&EE All other initials checked

N.B. D. Hewett went out of goal and into the forward line (see the F Report above), and was replaced by H. Savill (a forward) in goal.

Umpires: J. W. Martin (Berks & Bucks) and F. Barnett (Essex). Referee: N. L. Jackson (Hon. Sec. London Football Association).

OLD FORESTERS, a bye

EIGHTH DIVISION:

Clapham Rovers v Swifts
Old Wykehamists, a bye

CLAPHAM ROVERS 1 (R.S.Oxley) SWIFTS 2 (E.C.Bambridge,W.E.Bromley-Davenport)(H.T. 0-2)
(Sat Dec 22nd)(At Wandsworth Common)

Bell's Life 29/12/83 P.4/Sporting Life 24/12/83 P.4/Sportsman 24/12/83 P.4/Referee 23/12/83
P.6/Windsor & Eton Express 29/12/83 P.4/:

BL:"This tie was played last Saturday afternoon on the ground of the last-named at Wandsworth Common in fine weather, but the strong wind made matters unpleasant for the players. The Swifts having won the toss, the Rovers kicked off against the wind. A rush of the visitors' forwards almost immediately took the ball down to the home goal, and a sharp shot by E.C. Bambridge sent the ball through out of the reach of the goalkeeper. Play was carried on for some time in the Rovers' quarters, and another capital attempt at scoring by Bambridge this time proved fruitless. The next feature of the game was a splendid run by Davenport, who crossed to Bambridge, but again Roller cleverly saved his side, though a little later a shot by Davenport gave Swifts their second goal. Some very fast play of an even character followed, but no further point had been scored when the teams crossed over. Resuming, the home team, who had now the wind at their backs, gradually forced their opponents back, but the defensive play of the Swifts was first class, and several dangerous shots were saved. At length, however, Oxley, after a clever run up the right, sent in a shot which eluded the visitors' goalkeeper and scored a point for the Rovers. The game now became very exciting, the home team doing their best to equalise matters, and for a long time the game was carried on in the Swifts' quarters. Some fine back play by Watson removed the ball to midfield, from whence it was dribbled by the Bambridges down to the home goal, but nothing resulted, and an attack on the visitors followed, a shot by Lloyd-Jones being carried by the wind just outside the posts. Two other attempts were made, and then a corner, well-placed by Bailey, looked like resulting in a score, but Watson saved just in the nick of time. The whistle now sounded, so that the visitors retired victorious by two goals to one."

SL:"Teams selected from the above clubs met on the ground of the Rovers, at Wandsworth, on Saturday afternoon, to decide their tie in the third round of the challenge cup. The weather was fine, and a very large company assembled to witness the contest, which evoked repeated outbursts of enthusiasm, the teams being evenly balanced, and playing with great determination and vigour from beginning to end. Having won the toss, the Swifts chose the lower goal, and the Rovers kicked off against a strong wind at ten minutes to three. The visitors immediately acted on the aggressive, E.C. Bambridge, after a lapse of ten minutes, making a shot at goal, and although Roller touched the ball, he was unable to turn it aside, so that a goal resulted. Play was now for a while carried on within the Rovers' "twenty-five", and Bambridge made another attempt to score, which this time proved unfruitful. Continuing the aggressive tactics, a good kick by Davenport was followed by a well-timed shot from the foot of Bambridge, which was rendered futile by the vigilance of the goalkeeper. A corner next fell to the visitors, and this was supplemented by a goal, kicked by Davenport. Some fast play followed, but nothing further of importance transpired prior to change of ends. Positions having been reversed, the home eleven profited by having the wind at their backs, however, the visitors succeeded in diverting several good shots at their goal. Nothing daunted, the Rovers continued to cause their opponents a deal of anxiety, and at length Oxley succeeded in lowering their colours by

cleverly sending the ball under the tape from the right side of the ground. The game now became very exciting, the strenuous efforts made by the Rovers to equalise matters being vigorously responded to by the visitors, whose goal-keeper, aided by Watson, several times prevented the downfall of their fortress. At length the Rovers were compelled to retire upon their lines and the visitors looked like scoring. The home team, however, quickly rallied, and an exceedingly good kick by Lloyd-Jones was carried a little too high by the wind, and thus rendered unproductive. Two other shots at goal followed in quick succession the last, which resulted from a corner, and was made by Bailey, being cleverly turned aside by Watson amid great enthusiasm. "Time!" was now called, and the Swifts declared victors by two goals to one."

SM: "A numerous company assembled on the ground of the Clapham Rovers at Wandsworth on Saturday afternoon to witness the play in the above match, which is one in the third round of the Association Cup ties. Fine weather prevailed, but a strong wind blew up the ground, and the Swifts secured a decided advantage by winning the toss, and having it at their backs during the first half, after which it moderated considerably. Macaulay kicked off for the Rovers, and for some ten minutes the play proved of an even character. The Swifts then forced their adversaries back, and by a rush, in which the team were exceedingly well together, Bromley-Davenport was enabled to kick a first goal. Following up their advantage, the Swifts never let their opponents have the slightest rest, and although the Rovers fought manfully, it was not long before Pawson by a grand kick placed a second goal to the credit of the visitors. The next item of interest was a fine run by Lloyd-Jones, and the Rovers looked like scoring just before half-time, but a clever bit of play on the part of Weakley and Watson prevented the threatened goal. On changing ends the Rovers' play was smarter all round than in the first half of the game, and they pressed the Swifts right up to their stronghold on several occasions, and E.C. Bambridge found it necessary to shift from left side to half back, a position he retained to the finish of the match. The Rovers, however, would not be denied, and a splendid run and good shot by Oxley secured them their first goal. Encouraged by their last success the Rovers made a fine effort to equalise matters, Holden-White running the ball down the right hand side of the field, when he passed it to Bailey. The last-named made a good shot, and the leather passed through, but the goal was disallowed, hands being given against the Rovers. The next noteworthy incident was a good run by Oxley, but the attempt was frustrated by Watson. As soon as the ball was again set in motion, Lloyd-Jones made a brilliant run, and Rose had all his work to do to stop the Rovers from scoring another goal. Still playing up in good form, the home team obtained several corners, but chiefly owing to the wind, they were unproductive. Just before "time" was called Jones was within an ace of tying the Swifts' score, but the ball went over, and the Rovers were defeated, after an excellent game, by two goals to one. For the winners the Bambridges and Rose particularly distinguished themselves, and Farrer, Bailey, Lingard, and Spiro showed capital form for the losers."

Nottingham Guardian 28/12/83 (No lineups) "Most of the Southern ties have ended with just the opposite result to the one anticipated, and this particular game was no exception to the rule, as Swifts, who were the least fancied, won by two goals to one. Andrew Watson, the celebrated Queen's Park back, played for the winners, while R. (H). Macaulay, the Old Etonian, was amongst the losers."

Clapham Rovers: W.E. Roller (Goal); D.G. Spiro, F.C. Lingard (Backs); N.C. Bailey, B. Farrer (Half Backs); R.S. Oxley, C. Holden-White (Capt.) (Right Wing), R.H. Macaulay, S.W. Poulton (Centres), C.A. Lloyd-Jones, E.A. Ram (Left Wing).

Swifts:W.C.Rose(Goal);A.Watson,A.J.Weakley(Backs);W.S.Bell,H.Nicholls(Capt.)(Half Backs);
F.W.Pawson,A.L.Bambridge(Right Wing),W.E.Bromley-Davenport,J.D.Perkins(Centres),
R.W.Thorpe,E.C.Bambridge(Left Wing).

Umpires:C.Hart and H.A.Swepstone.Referee:M.P.Betts.

OLD WYKEHAMISTS,a bye.

FOURTH ROUND:

Bell's Life 5/1/84 P.4:"The draw for the Fourth Round took place at the offices of the Association, 28,Paternoster-row,E.C. last Wednesday Evening,with the following result.All matches must be played off on or before next Saturday week,the first-named having choice of ground.

Blackburn Olympic v Old Wykehamists,at Blackburn.

Northwich Victoria v Brentwood,at Northwich

Swifts v Old Foresters,in London

Queen's Park v Aston Villa,at Glasgow

Old Westminster v Wednesbury Town,in London

Blackburn Rovers v Staveley,at Blackburn

Preston North End v Upton Park,at Preston

Notts County v Bolton Wanderers ,at Nottingham

BLACKBURN OLYMPIC 6(J.T.Costley 2,T.Dewhurst 2,J.Yates,W.Parker) OLD WYKEHAMISTS 0(H.T 5-0)
(At Hole-i'-th'-Wall Ground,Blackburn)(Sat Jan 19th)

N.B Doubt in reports as to whether Costley scored the 4th as well as 5th goal

Blackburn Standard 26/1/84 P.3/Sheffield Independent 21/1/84 P.4/Athletic News 23/1/84 P.3/
Sporting Life 21/1/84 P.3/Sportsman 21/1/84 P.4/Field 26/1/84 P.120(Short Report)/Bell's Life
26/1/84P.4:

N.B.BT for 1884 not yet on line

BS:"This match was played on the Olympic ground,Hole-i'-th'-Wall,on Saturday.Both teams were well represented,and there were about 4,000 present.The ground was in a very heavy and slippery condition,owing to the recent rains.The home team won the toss and chose to play down hill in the first half.Parr started the ball at 2.20 for the visitors.A fast game was played,and immediately the ball was carried down into the Wykehamists' quarters by Yates,who dribbled neatly past all his opponents,and subsequently passing to Costley,that player planted the ball in the goal mouth, where it was pushed through by several of the "light blues",amid loud and prolonged cheering.The leather was again set in motion,when the home team again had the best of the play,sending some clinking shots at their opponents' goal,but the backs averted danger in a creditable manner.Once or twice the Wykehamists entered the Olympic territory,but were sadly repulsed by the backs,who played in fine form.On the other hand the Olympics visited their opponents' ground on several occasions,and about 12 minutes after the first score Dewhurst put the ball through the Wykehamists' posts for the second time.The sphere being set in motion,the visitors tried hard to score,but their efforts proved of no avail.The Olympics pressed their opponents,and shortly after a

third goal was notched to the credit of the English Cup holders,through the instrumentality of Yates. A few minutes afterwards,in a scrimmage in the visitors' goal,the Olympic made a fourth score by the goalkeeper putting it through with his hands.The Olympic continued to press their opponents near their goal,and Costley shortly after notched the fifth goal.No further score was made up to half time,when ends were changed.For about fifteen minutes in the second half a very even game was played.The visitors played with more precision,and made several onslaughts on the home goal, sending in some fine shots,but the backs and goal-keeper,who played in fine form,prevented any score.During the second half the Olympic played with only ten men,Astley having left the field shortly after the start through an accident.Shortly before the call of time the Olympic scored a sixth goal.The game ended in favour of the Olympic by six goals to none."

AN:"Beautiful weather favoured this match,which was played on Hole-i'-th'-wall Ground,Blackburn, on Saturday,and,notwithstanding the Rovers were playing their tie with Staveley,there was a large muster of spectators,about 2,000 being present,and the grand stand was full.Considerable improvement had been made on the ground during the week,and the dry weather also tended to make the field in pretty fair condition.The visitors put in an early appearance,and were well received,as were the Olympians.The latter won the toss,and played down hill in the first half,Chitty setting motion to the ball at 2.20.Hughes,Sweet,and Chitty made tracks for the home goal,but Ward relieved the pressure.Parker raced down the centre,when Costley received the centre and made a good screw for goal.Dewhurst and Matthews closed in from the right,Dewhurst putting the finishing touch to as nice a performance as one need see,only about a minute having elapsed.Parr,For(t),and Pike got away for the other goal after the kick from the centre,and for some time the play was very lively.The Olympians,however,were playing in their best style,and in a few minutes Dewhurst all but headed the ball between the uprights.Then Matthews kicked over the bar.Parker soon followed with a shot which seemed certain of taking effect,but the ball just passed by the post.The next minute saw Yates racing down the left with rare speed,and he put the ball in front,and Dewhurst chronicled goal No 2.The visitors now made one or two good attempts to score,but the inside left man and one of the centres both missed rather easy chances.Then Sheldon took a corner on the right,which came to nothing.A fierce scrimmage was next fought in front of the Southerners' goal,Sturges saving his charge in a clever and plucky fashion.The Olympians,however,came dashing down the field again, and shooting splendidly at goal,Yates registered a third point.The next point of interest was some fine forward play by Matthews and Dewhurst,and the latter getting the goalkeeper and the ball against one of the uprights,Sturges,in attempting to clear his lines,fisted the ball between.Costley scored again before half time,this making the score read-Olympic,five goals;Wykehamists,nil. Changing about,and having the ground in their favour,the visitors ran the Olympians a tight race. Astley,getting hurt,had to leave the field,but the "blues" increased their lead by a goal,the Old Wykehamists being defeated by six goals to nil."

SI:"The meeting of these teams in the fourth round of the competition,at Blackburn,on Saturday,attracted 3,000 spectators.The home team appeared without J.Hunter(late of Sheffield) their captain,who hurt his knee playing against Notts County several weeks ago.(N.B.:J.Duckworth took his place)The Olympic won the toss,and played downhill in the first half,during which goals were scored by Costley(2).Dewhurst(2),and Yates(1).The visitors never had a chance in the first half ,but one of the Olympic backs(W.Astley) was hurt,and as he retired they had a slight advantage in the second half.Shortly after the change the visitors put the leather through the goal;but no score was allowed,as the ball was over the line before being put through.Six minutes before time they put

it through again, but it was disallowed; it being offside. (Parr both times: F) Parker scored again on the call of time, and the Olympics won by six goals to one." (in fact "none")

F: "Old Wykehamists were defeated at Blackburn, on Saturday, Jan 19, by six goals to nil. + Two of their best men were unable to play, and the ground was very bad. The Olympic had the best of the play during the first half downhill, though Old Wykehamists forced the goalkeeper behind the line, it was thought, on one occasion. During the second half Parr put the ball through twice, but both goals were disallowed." + Probably G.F. Wells-Cole and J.H. Savory.

SL: "The holders of the Football Association Challenge Cup met the Old Wykehamists in the fourth round of this season's competition, on Saturday, at Blackburn, in the presence of 3,000 spectators. The Olympic were minus the services of J. Hunter, their captain, who was hurt several weeks ago. The Olympic won the toss, and chose to play down hill in the first half. The Olympians at once commenced to press their opponents. After several near shaves of scoring, Sturges stopped one shot of Costley's, but the player returned the ball, and scored amid cheering. Dewhurst scored a second goal five minutes later. Ten minutes later Duckworth kicked the ball to Yates, who scored a third goal. A few minutes later Dewhurst headed the ball well in, and Sturges put it through his own goal. Five minutes from the close of the first half, Costley added a fifth goal after receiving the ball from Matthews. Just after the change of ends, Astley was hurt and had to retire. The visitors put the ball through twice in the second half, but no score was allowed. Parker scored just at the close of the game and Olympic won by six goals to 0."

York Herald (No lineups): "The visitors were not quite as strongly represented as they might have been, and again the narrow ground of the club rather handicapped the Wykehamists' efforts."

Blackburn Olympic: A. Woolfall (Goal); W. Moss, J. T. Ward (Backs); W. Astley, J. Duckworth, T. Gibson (Capt.) (Half Backs); T. Dewhurst, A. Matthews (Right Wing), W. Parker (Centre), J. Yates, J. T. Costley (Left Wing).

Old Wykehamists: E. M. Sturges (Goal); F. M. Ingram, F. A. Jones (Backs); W. R. Sheldon, G. R. Lowndes (Half Backs); C. F. (L.) Sweet, T. B. Hughes (Right Wing), P. C. Parr, H. Chitty (Centres), J. A. Fort, H. W. Pike (Left Wing).

(Umpires: Not traced)

Referee: C. Crump (President, Birmingham Football Association).

NORTHWICH VICTORIA 3 (E. Rhodes, G. Plant, A. Atherton) BRENTWOOD 0 (H. T. 1-0)
(Sat Jan 19th) (At Northwich)

Northwich Guardian 23/1/84 P.8/Essex Herald 21/1/84 P. Sheffield Independent 21/1/84
P.4/Sporting Life 21/1/84 P.4/Athletic News 23/1/84 P.3/Sportsman 21/1/84 P.4/Bell's Life 26/1/84
P.4/Referee 20/1/84 P.6:

NG: "Over 2,000 persons, including a goodly sprinkling of ladies, congregated in the drill field at Northwich on Saturday to witness what proved to be one of the grandest games of Association football ever played in the district. The contending clubs were the Northwich Victoria and the Brentwood (Essex) who met to play off their tie in the fourth round of the English Challenge Cup competition. An extraordinary amount of interest was manifested in the event, not only locally, but in football circles generally, and the result was wired to all parts of the country immediately after the

conclusion of the match. There was considerable doubt felt as to the issue of the struggle, and there were not many bold enough to "prophecy" in favour of one side or the other. The Southerners bore a good reputation, and one of the leading London papers had so high an opinion of their abilities, that on the morning after the draw, it declared that "Brentwood would have little difficulty in disposing of Northwich Victorias". As the result shows the powers of the Cheshire Cup holders were much underrated. The Brentwood representatives travelled to Northwich on Friday, arriving at the Crown and Anchor Hotel at 10.30 pm; and on Saturday morning they made a round of the "sights" of the town under the chaperoneship of some members of the Victoria Club. They were a very gentlemanly lot of young fellows, and their appearance created a decidedly favourable impression among those highly developed physiologists who can at a glance tell a good footballer from a bad one. The local team was admitted to be the best that the organisation could muster. Up to a short time ago, it was hoped that the smart little forward, Lang, would have aided in this important contest; but a fortnight ago he had a call to Preston North End, and left the town last week. Although the Victorians had not subjected themselves to any special training, yet they were, as a whole, in the pink of condition, and, to use an inelegant, but very expressive phrase, fought like bricks. From start to finish they showed great skills of power and endurance, and gained a splendid victory, scoring three goals, while their opponents failed to score a single point. The strangers were, however, very unfortunate; they made some really brilliant attempts on the home fortress, and nothing but defensive play of the very finest description saved its downfall. Looking at the general character of the play on each side, the verdict of impartial judges was that the Victorians were the best of the two teams by a goal. The weather was beautifully fine, and the ground in good order.

Butterworth, the Northwich captain, won the toss, and chose to defend the goal at the Arches end, what little wind there was being in his favour. Britten kicked off at 2.40, passing the ball to the left wing, where it was promptly met by the local half-backs, and in less than a minute it was over the touch line. The throw in was followed by a good run along the right wing by Sherrington and Morice, who gave the backs some little trouble, the ball being ultimately forced over the goal line. The Victorians now settled down to work in good earnest, and as their antagonists responded well, the game became fast and furious. Assuming the aggressive, the home team made a combined and determined attack on the enemy's goal, but Hansell answered to the call, and cleverly saved his charge. The warfare was continued with great energy in Brentwood territory, the combined efforts of the defenders being needed to avert disaster. After awhile Morice broke through the cordon, and with the assistance of Sherrington and Britten, worked the leather to the Northwich end, where it passed the goal line. Some lively passing was now shown by Northwich, and Rhodes made a long, low shot, straight at goal, but the custodian was on the alert, and returned the ball to mid-field. Soon afterwards Atherton made a good try with his head, the post being just missed. The strain on the Southerners was kept up, and Hansell performed a lot of work in the most praiseworthy and effective style. At last the pressure was relieved by a goal kick, and with the swiftness of movement that distinguished their play, Britten, Heatley, and Morice between them were the means of transferring the scene of operations to the opposite end, where F. Hughes had to kick out for safety. The throw in from touch enabled one of the Brentwood forwards to have a good shie at goal, but the effort was neatly frustrated by Hilditch, and the leather was sharply carried to the vicinity of the visitors' goal, where Plant nearly scored with a well-judged "header". A goal-kick was followed by a free kick for Northwich in a dangerous position, but Sewell and Buckley, who exhibited fine form, were equal to the emergency. Now occurred one of the most exciting incidents of the match. Sweeping along the

centre at a terrific speed,Britten worked the ball well into the Victorians quarter,and drove it straight into Hilditch's hands.The Northwich goal-keeper,in an endeavour to "dodge" two or three men,who instantly pounced on him,fell and lost his hold of the ball.There was a general rush forward,and a vigorous attempt made to push him and the ball(which he held tightly between his legs)under the bar.He,however,adroitly prevented this impending catastrophe,and threw the ball back into play amid the loud plaudits of the excited onlookers.Directly afterwards the ball was kicked over the goal line.The goal-kick brought the players into neutral ground,where the fight went on for several minutes.Then the ball began to travel from end to end,with no result,however.Sherrington made an extremely fine run along the right wing,and shot at goal,where Hilditch used his fists to good effect.A sharp tussle ensued not (far) from the local goal,the pressure being ultimately relieved by a good kick from Hankey.The Southerners were gradually forced back into their own quarters,where W.Hughes,receiving the ball from F.Hughes,took a shot,but it was unproductive.Atherton then secured the sphere,and with one of his famous screws,sent it flying at goal,but unfortunately it went flying over the cross-bar.The spectators awarded him a hearty round of applause.A sharp attack on the Cheshire fortress followed,and the Victorians had to play on the defensive.Sherrington had a good try at goal,but Hilditch was not to be passed.Heatley,on the left wing,missed a good chance to score.The two Hughes and Butterworth were prominent in the scrimmage which now took place,and displayed much dash and pluck.A goal kick and a good shot by Hankey carried hostilities into the Brentwood territory,where some exceedingly exciting play was witnessed.After a couple of throws in Plant made an attempt to score,but was not successful.A Brentwood forward got possession of the ball,and was dashing up field with it,when Vernon stopped "his little game",and returned the leather to the front division of his team.Atherton secured it on the right,and took a final shot,but it went a little wide of the mark.The goal-kick landed the ball in the centre of the ground.Here F.Hughes was in waiting,and with a rousing shot,placed the ball within a few yards of his opponents' goal;Rhodes rushed up and kicked it between the uprights,thus scoring the first point,amid enthusiastic cheers, half an hour after the start.Nothing more of note occurred up to half-time.Undaunted by their non-success,the Southerners entered upon the second period of the game with much zest,and exhibited a determination to win or die hard.Seven minutes after the resumption of hostilities,Hansell was charged and knocked down whilst handling the ball,which he cleverly returned into play.Plant with a low shot sent it right into goal,but unluckily Turnbull could not resist the temptation to give it a helping kick,and as he was declared off-side,the point was lost.For some time Brentwood acted on the aggressive,Morice and Britten playing in a style which was much admired.They were,however, held in check.Turnbull,however,getting possession in mid-field,with a long shot passed to the right wing,where Atherton raced along with the ball at high speed,and at the correct moment centred to Rhodes.The latter player passed to Plant,who shot it through,and so added a goal to the score of the Northwich team.The visitors had a slight advantage for a time,but the backs and the goal custodian were impregnable.From a judicious pass by Malam,Atherton secured the ball,and amid deafening cheers,registered a third goal for his team.No further point was obtained,and at the call of time the Northwich Victorians were left the winners of an exceptionally well-fought game by three goals to none.For the winners Hilditch's play in goal could not have been surpassed.The backs and half-backs were also everything that could have been desired.The forwards played in a style which deserves great praise,but Plant and Atherton undoubtedly bore the palm.Hansell's goal-keeping for Brentwood was also superb.Buckley and Sewell were very effective at back,as was also Nickisson at half-back.Britten,Morice,and Heatley did best work in the front rank.After the match the teams had tea together at the Crown and Anchor Hotel."

EH: "These clubs fought out their tie at Northwich on Saturday. The weather was delightfully fine and springlike, 2,000 or 3,000 spectators were present. Some give and take play occupied the first half hour, and then Rhodes, having the ball nicely placed to him by Hankey and Hughes, made a successful shot at the southerners' citadel amid the greatest excitement. Brentwood tried hard to equalise matters, but failed, and half time was called with the score one to love. After crossing over the visitors fought manfully against a fair share of bad luck and combined play on the part of their opponents, but they were in for a defeat. In less than 20 minutes after changing ends Plant got in a second goal for Northwich, and a third was scored by Atherton about ten minutes before time was called. This placed the southerners in a hopeless minority, and the Victorians ended winners by three goals to nothing. The victors played a very fair combined game, and for the defeated, Buckley, Morice, Evelyn, and Heatley showed to advantage, while Hansell kept goal in capital form."

SL: "These clubs fought out their tie at Northwich. The weather being delightfully fine and spring-like, attracted a very large gate, there being 2,000 or 3,000 present. The home team won the toss and elected to defend the goal nearest the railway embankment, and with the wind in their favour. Some give-and-take play occupied the first half hour and then Rhodes, having the globe nicely placed to him by Hankey and Hughes, made a successful shot at the southern citadel, amid the greatest excitement. Brentwood tried hard to equalise matters but failed, and half time was called with the score one to love. After crossing over the visitors fought manfully against a fair share of bad luck, and capital fine play on the part of their opponents, but it was no go; they were in for a defeat. In less than twenty minutes after changing ends Plant nicked in a second goal for Northwich, and a third was scored by Atherton about ten minutes before time was called. This placed the Southerners in a hopeless minority, and the Victorias ended winners by three goals to nil."

SL: "The Southerners journeyed to the Cheshire salt town on Friday night to fight out their tie on Saturday with the Northwich Victoria. They favoured mine host of the Crown and Anchor with their patronage, and on Saturday morning utilised their time by visiting some of the salt mines in the neighbourhood. Their appearance on the field of play, the drill ground near the Cheshire Lines Committee Railway, was the signal for some amount of cheering, and we may add that the large crowd (of some 3,000 strong) behaved remarkably well throughout, "Well done, Brentwood!", and "Go in, Brentwood!" being more than once heard during the progress of the game. The home team's captain won the toss, and he chose to have the slight breeze that prevailed in his favour during the first section of the game. Britten touched off, and the game became a very merry one from the commencement. Neither side gained any material advantage in the first half hour, during which time several attempts to score were made by both teams; a shot by Britten was very unfortunate, the player failing to score by the merest shade. Thirty-five minutes from the commencement of hostilities Hankey nicely centred to Hughes, who trundled the globe forward to Rhodes, and that player so manipulated it as to evade the vigilant Hansell. Frantic cheers greeted this success, and a brass band on the ground struck up a lively air. No addition was made to the record up to the call of "Half Time!". On the resumption of hostilities, the Southerners got to work in grand style, but their ill luck pursued them, and the Cheshire men, playing with indomitable pluck and perseverance, prevented the visitors from wiping the score off. In fact, fifteen minutes after crossing over, it was increased by Plant, assisted by Atherton and Rhodes, and in another twenty minutes the Victorias had added a third goal, shot by Atherton, to whom the ball was judiciously passed by Malam. This was the situation of affairs when the final whistle was blown, and the home team thus secured a splendid victory by three goals to nil. About a quarter of an hour before the call of "Time!", Hansell was badly

kicked on the right hip, and temporarily incapacitated. For the home team most of the men played well, and among the visitors who were conspicuous throughout ought to be named Buckley, Evelyn, Heatley, Morice, and Britten."

Northwich: G. Hilditch (Goal); F. W. Hughes, E. Butterworth (Capt.) (Backs); G. Vernon, W. H. Hughes (Half Backs); A. Atherton, T. Hankey (Right wing), E. Rhodes, J. Malam (Centres), E. Turnbull, G. Plant (Left Wing).

Brentwood: H. P. Hansell (Goal); H. (C.) Buckley, E. B. Sewell (Backs); J. L. Nickisson (Capt.), G. E. Hitchcock, E. P. Mack (Half Backs); W. S. Morice, G. S. Sherrington (Right Wing), T. J. Britten (Centre), E. C. Evelyn, A. E. Heatley (Left Wing).

Umpires: G. A. Hughes (Northwich) and W. Lythgoe (Hon. Sec. Liverpool and District Football Association). Referee: T. C. Slaney (Hon. Sec. Staffordshire Association)

SWIFTS 2 (J. D. Perkins, E. C. Bambridge) OLD FORESTERS 1 (P. Fairclough) (H. T. 1-0) (Sat Jan 19th) (At Slough)

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SL: "These well known, and highly tried teams met at the Dolphin Ground, Slough, on Saturday afternoon, to decide their tie in the fourth round. The partisans of both sides assembled in strong force, and the applause was remarkably impartial throughout. Fairclough won the toss, and Bromley-Davenport set the ball in motion on behalf of the Swifts, at five minutes to three precisely. The first item of importance was a corner kick in favour of the Old Foresters, but nothing came of it. A short run by A. L. Bambridge was effectually stopped by Johnson, and the "old boys" had another "corner". This was well judged, and looked like being productive, but Rose saved his charge in splendid style, and E. C. Bambridge soon had the ball at the other end, but Bromley-Davenport's shot was neatly stopped by the visitors' custodian. Playing the passing game in perfect style, the Old Foresters retaliated, and but for Rose's fine goal-keeping, and a judicious kick by Perkins, they must have scored. Bromley-Davenport then relieved his side by a fine dash along the centre, and although he was stopped, and the missile returned, Watson by means of a magnificent effort, sent it back again, and amid loud cheers, Perkins sent the ball under the bar in exactly thirteen minutes from the start. Incited by this reverse the Foresters played up desperately in order to equalise matters, but once again Rose frustrated their efforts. Two attempts by E. C. Bambridge proved futile, and although Watson sent the ball through from a free kick, no one interfered with its course, so it availed nothing. This let-off induced the visitors to redouble their efforts, and three times in rapid succession the Swifts' goal seemed doomed. Rose repulsed the first assault in unapproachable style, another shot just cleared the bar, and then Ralph Guy sent it between the posts, but "Off-side!" was claimed, and allowed. In less time than it takes to write E. C. Bambridge was at the other end, but he waited too long before shooting for goal, and Sewell managed to stop him. Just after this the referee signalled half-time, the ball being exactly in the centre of the ground. On recommencing the Old Foresters' forwards, by means of exceptional and wonderously unselfish passing, approached dangerously near to the Swifts' fortress. Rose with extraordinary judgment once more saved his charge, but a smart return put him to his wits' end. Falling on the sphere as a last resource, the gallant Swindon man struggled with rare gameness to turn it aside, but though he succeeded in tossing it aside, Fairclough,

who was lying close handy, snapped it up in a moment and a perfect volley of cheering (recorded) the fact that matters were placed on a level footing once more. Scarcely had the plaudits of the crowd died away when a glance at the Foresters' end necessitated a renewal, for the "birds" were swarming all round J. Guy's charge, and the redoubtable E.C. Bambridge placed a second point to the Swifts' credit. An unfortunate accident to Elmslie brought Hugh Guy to the rear, and thus considerably weakened the Foresters' attack. Notwithstanding this disadvantage, the visitors rather more than held their own, and Rose had to run a long way out in order to render matters all safe. Scarcely had he regained his post, ere the leather passed over the bar, and then for (some) five minutes it needed the most strenuous efforts on the part of the home backs in order to frustrate a repeated series of attacks. A good kick by Watson, and some lucky dribbling by Bromley-Davenport, raised the siege temporarily, and A.L. Bambridge ought to have brought about the downfall of the Foresters' stronghold, but he misplaced his opportunity. The really brilliant passing and dribbling which characterised the attacks of past scholars of Forest School again stood them in good stead, and the Swifts' rearguard had a terribly anxious time of it. Eventually Ralph Guy sent in a seemingly irresistible shot, but amid considerable astonishment, Rose in unsurpassable fashion put aside the seeming certainty. Horner was at it again in a moment, and this time the ball struck the post, and went behind. Two more attempts merely served Rose with fresh opportunities of displaying brilliant defence, and then a fine run by Perkins put J. Guy on his mettle for Thorpe was close on his track when he kicked it away. Bromley-Davenport then obtained possession and passed to the younger Bambridge, but that player missed the posts with his final effort. Both goals were then endangered without any further advantage of a definite character being obtained by either side, and after the ball had been sent over the Swifts' goal, the referee signalled "Time" amid great excitement. Thus a fast and hard fought struggle resulted in a somewhat lucky win for Bambridge & Co. by two goals to one. The principal feature of the game was without doubt the champion form shown by Rose, between the posts. But for his wonderful defence the winning balance must have been on the other side, for the combined play of the Old Foresters was far superior to that exhibited by the Swifts. Watson, Nicholls, Bell, Bromley-Davenport, Perkins, and E.C. Bambridge played well for the winners; while Sewell, Fairclough, the Brothers Guy, Horner, and R.B. Johnson were chiefly prominent on the other side."

BL: "The weather was fine and springlike, whilst the ground was in splendid condition and all in favour of fast play. The visitors' captain having won the toss Davenport kicked off for the Swifts, and a raid was immediately made on the home quarters. The first item of importance was a corner kick in favour of the Old Foresters which proved unproductive, and another gained a little later was cleverly neutralised by Rose. A strong run by E.C. Bambridge then carried the play to the other end, and a shot by Davenport was well saved by J. Guy. Some grand passing by the Foresters quickly worked the ball back, and but for the fine goalkeeping of Rose, they must have scored. Perkin, however, by a long kick, got the ball into the centre, where Bromley-Davenport got hold, but though he was stopped and the ball kicked back, Watson secured it, and passing across the ground to Perkin, the latter scored the first goal, after 13 minutes' play. This reverse incited the visitors to endeavour to equalise the score, and for some time it looked as though they must gain a point, but Watson at length cleared his lines, and a little later the same player sent the ball through the Foresters' posts from a free kick, but it was not touched en route. Three times in quick succession was the Swifts' goal endangered, and the home team were certainly lucky in not having a point registered against them, whilst on one occasion a goal gained by R. Guy was disallowed on the ground of offside. Just before half time, by some clever

play E.C.Bambridge had worked the ball near the visitors' goal, but he lost a chance by waiting too long, allowing Sewell time to come up and turn aside his final shot.

After ends had been changed the unselfish play of the Foresters soon forced the ball down to the Swifts' goal, but again and again did Rose save his charge in a marvellous manner, though at length, after he had thrown it away, Fairclough returned sharply and the score was equalised. This, however, was quickly supplemented by another goal being gained by E.C.Bambridge for the home team; but hereabouts the Foresters were handicapped by an accident to Elmslie, which necessitated the removal of Hugh Guy to the rear. In spite of this an almost incessant attack was kept up on the Swifts' goal, and both Watson and Rose had to do their utmost to prevent a point being gained. During the last quarter of an hour the play was of a give and take character, but nothing further noteworthy was done, the home team thus gaining a very lucky victory by two goals to one."

Swifts: W.C.Rose (Goal); Andy Watson, A.J.Weakley (Backs); Hubert Nicholls (Capt.), W.S.Bell (Half Backs); F.W.Pawson, A.L.Bambridge (Right), W.E.Bromley-Davenport, J.D.Perkins (Centres), E.C.Bambridge, R.W.Thorpe (Left).

Old Foresters: J.W.M.Guy (Goal); E.A.Elmslie, F.W.Sewell (Backs); R.B.Johnson, P.Fairclough (Capt.) (Half Backs); H.H.Johnson, J.H.Matthews (Right), Hugh Guy, Ralph (C.) Guy (Centres), G.C.Mills, C.J.Horner (Left).

Umpires: P.J.de Paravicini (Old Etonians) for Swifts and J.H.Vigne (Old Brightonians) for Old Foresters. Referee: M.P.Betts (Old Harrovians).

QUEEN'S PARK 6 (C.Campbell, W.Harrower, Dr.J.Smith 3, W.Anderson) ASTON VILLA 1 (O.H.Vaughton) (H.T. 2-0) (Sat Jan 19th) (At Titwood Park, nr Glasgow)

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AN: "Never in the long history of Association football in Scotland has so much interest been taken in any match, International or otherwise, as in this one. That is due to the causes that have been so often detailed in these columns that there is no need referring to them again. Locally the excitement was got up by the newspapers condemning in sincere terms the Aston Villa for not agreeing to play the Queen's Park on the 12th; but beyond the confines of Scotland the interest was quite as great, though based, as everyone knows, on a different foundation. There the Aston Villa were held in high esteem, and are known to be the happy possessors of skill and ability which few, if any, of the leading clubs in England can at the present time boast. It was that fact, and that only, that caused the interest to be that great in England and which induced over two thousand natives of Birmingham to avail themselves of the special trains offered by the London and North-Western and Midland Railway Companies. Three trains left Birmingham late on Friday night and arrived at the Central and St Enoch Stations respectively somewhere about seven o'clock on Saturday morning. They whiled away the time in the forenoon by visiting the many places of interest in the city, and about one o'clock crowds of them could be seen wending their way up Eglington-street. The grandstand was packed with Englishmen, and their pleasantries over the match afforded much amusement to the "Canny" and sedate Scots. The Villa players arrived in Scotland on Friday evening and made the Central Hotel their headquarters. When they came off the omnibus which conveyed them to the ground they were keenly scrutinised, and when they appeared on the ground it was at once seen that so far as training

goes they were in excellent order. The Queen's Park in that respect were not far behind the Englishmen. Long before the time for starting the stand was crammed, and at half-past two money was refused. The crowd was a tremendous one—quite as big as is seen on an international day—and to their credit, be it said, they were most orderly and never once showed sign of disapproval with anything done by the English players. This remark does not apply, however, to their umpire, whose constant appeals for offside were the cause of much amusement. The game, full particulars of which will be found below, was a very pleasant, though most disappointing one. The first half was pretty evenly contested, though the home players got two goals, but the second division was all in favour of the Scotchmen, whose superior skill in every department of the game was very conspicuous. Four extra goals fell to them, and they were, therefore, victors by six goals to one. All the Glasgow backs played splendidly, and the forwards, too, did their share of the work in a manner which, for style and dash, could not well be surpassed. On the side of the Villa Hunter was certainly the best of the forwards. Davis ran well, but that is all we can say in his favour. Towards the close Brown played magnificently, but at the start he seemed completely out of it. Vaughton was slow, and his partner Roberts did not pass very accurately. The back play was not good in comparison to the back play of the Queen's Park. Vale did his part very well. He might have saved one goal, but the others were such that no goalkeeper could have stopped. Mr Pierce Dix, of Sheffield, acted as referee in (room) of Mr Betts, who could not attend, and his decisions gave great satisfaction to all who were present except the Villa players. Close on three o'clock the Birmingham players emerged from the pavilion, and on appearing in the enclosure they were loudly cheered. Headed by Dr Smith the Queen's Park next appeared, and they too were cordially applauded. The Queen's Park kicked off, and there being no wind worth speaking of, both sides in that respect were on terms of equality. Hunter early made his presence felt, and took the ball into Scotch territory, but Gow tackled him well, and was the means of sending him into midfield, where Fraser, lying in wait, got a hold of it, and took it into English ground but Fraser, when tackled by Riddell, took the ball over the line. Vale's dispatch from goal was not successful, in as much as Smith got to it before his opponents, and though he manipulated it carefully Simmonds timeously intercepted and allowed it to cross the line. Another kick from goal was the result, and this time the Englishmen gained some little advantage thereby. When in the centre Campbell fouled the ball, which enabled the "Villans" to make a raid into Scotch ground, but Arnott and Holm(s) were both on the alert, and the one by brilliant kicks, and the other by safe tackling, relieved the home side. Fraser and Anderson now showed some grand dribbling, and in an instant were close on the English goal. The former screwed the ball high, and A. Hunter, in trying to stop it, headed the leather over the line, for which the Glasgow men obtained a corner, which, however, was so badly managed, that Davis was enabled to transfer the scene of operations for a time to the other end of the ground. Matters looked grave for the home players as a free kick was given close to their goal, but Smith allayed the fears of the partisans of the Q.P. by dribbling up the field. Close play followed in which both sides showed excellent form. An opening, however, was soon effected, and the ball being cleverly passed to Campbell, the great and evergreen half-back, sent it in a fast low shot which Vale failed to stop, ten minutes after the start. Hunter again dispatched the ball which Smith and Christie dribbled a short distance. For a little time the Englishmen had a slight advantage over their Scotch friends, but they could never make an opening sufficiently large to enable them to score. Fraser, who played most cleverly throughout, had the ball passed to him by Harrower, but being offside, a free kick was given against him for infringing the rule. Vaughton now had a neat run, but Arnott again baffled him before he had time to centre to Hunter, who was lying in readiness to supplement his exertions. Gow sent the ball to the old Edinburgh University wing player, whose speed

stood him in good stead, and who being well up in dodging tactics, he got beyond the English halves. The others, however, were not up in time to render him support, and in consequence a good chance was lost. Once again the Scotchmen fouled the ball and the kick which the Englishmen were entitled to caused the home players to act on the defensive a little. Just as the "Brums" seemed on the verge of scoring, Christie—whose exertions at this stage, and indeed throughout, were again and again applauded—burst clean away, but his centre was not well managed by Dr Smith, whose shot, though straight, went so slow that Vale had no difficulty in sending it well down the field. Hunter now brought forth a ringing cheer by dribbling beautifully but he got so little support that all his exertions went for nothing. There was a decided lack of communication in the play of the "Villans" from the start, and as the game progressed they seemed to get worse. Campbell very pluckily crushed a concerted rush of the "Brums", which was, of course, headed by the old Ayrshire player, and the kick made by the great Scotch half going in the direction of Fraser, enabled that agile player to carry it into English ground. Smith had a good shot, and so had Fraser, but they were both capitally saved by Vale, whose goal-keeping throughout was very good. There was now a slight lull in the play which, up to this point, had been very fast. The spectators, however, were most enthusiastic, and cries of "Go it, Villans!" "Wire in, Q.P." seemed to have an invigorating effect, as in a minute or so both teams were at it tooth and nail, and their exertions on every occasion called forth very hearty applause. It now seemed that the Glasgow team was the better of the two as they early got the ball into English ground, from which they would not let go until they got it under, which they did, amidst deafening cheers, twenty minutes after the first goal had been scored. This success nerved the Scotchmen on and, by superior passing, they were enabled to keep the Villans at bay until the close of the first half, at which time the game stood two goals in favour of the Queen's Park, and none for the "Villans". Sides were changed, and the game was again carried on with great spirit. Smith set the ball in motion, and in less than a minute, Harrower sent it under. The Birmingham umpire raised a plea of offside as he had done with the other two, and this time Mr Dix sided with the strangers. Hunter had a very pretty run the whole length of the field, but he shot wildly, and the ball went wide of the mark. The next piece of play was a dashing spurt by Davis, who, however, was tackled by Arnott. Again the same player performed a similar feat, and again Arnott crushed him. These exhibitions infused some life into the play which was a little slow for a time after the kick-off. A corner fell in the process of time to the "Villans", but, like all the corner kicks they got, it was mismanaged, and again a fair chance of scoring was lost. Christie now headed a fine run for the Queen's Park, who by this time were complete masters of the situation, and did much as they liked with their English opponents. The 'Varsity player centred to Anderson, whose shot, however, was not a good one. Not to be done the Scotchmen nursed the ball with great care, and out of a slight scrummage in front of the "Villans" goal, Smith sent the ball between the uprights. Offside was again raised, but not allowed. Hunter's kick from the centre came in the way of Christie, whose career was stopped short by Apperley. Brown now gave the Scotch players and spectators a taste of his great dribbling powers, and these seemed to be relished, as all cheered him when, in his career, he first eluded Campbell, and then Gow, and then Holms, but Arnott was too much for him, and he was compelled to give in. After twenty minutes' play Smith lowered the English goal, and this point like the others elicited loud cheers. From this until the end the Scotch players had matters pretty much their own way, though it should be said that the Englishmen played with praiseworthy pluck in spite of all the reverses they had to endure. A corner fell to the home side, which Christie took, but his kick went behind the posts. More close play followed, the Q.P. on one occasion sending the ball slightly over the bar. Some very pretty passing on the part of the home forwards ended in Anderson scoring the fifth goal, while a few minutes later Dr

Smith raised the score to six. Five minutes were now left, and the "Villans" made the best of these they possibly could. The ball was in front of their post, and Davis, who was lying well out, got it and ran cleverly the whole length of the field, and a splendid performance, in which more than he had a share, ended in the "Villans" scoring their first and only goal. Just as "Time" was called the Birmingham goalkeeper was preparing to kick the ball. Thus ended what is likely to prove one of the most memorable Association games ever played, in favour of the premier Scotch club by six goals to one. In the evening both teams dined together in the Atholl Arms Hotel."

F: "Great as have been previous crowds in Glasgow, this, in appearance, seemed to be in excess of all precedent, for there could not have been less than ten thousand present in Titwood Park during the progress of the encounter, of which number about twelve hundred were visitors from Birmingham. All things considered the field was in capital condition, and, as there was scarcely a breath of wind, defeat could not be attributed to any untoward surroundings. The result, six goals to one in favour of Queen's Park, was a most decisive victory, and even the most sanguine friends of the Birmingham Club were compelled to admit that their favourites were outplayed at all points. They lacked the combined play of their opponents, and once more heterogeneity had to yield to homogeneity. For a few minutes, at first, the visitors more than held their own, but the tables were quickly turned, and right on to the end the issue was never once in doubt. Two goals were scored in the opening half, the first by Campbell, with a magnificent long shot, and the second by Harrower. Scarcely had ends been changed ere the ball was sent through by Allan, but offside was given. The respite was only temporary, as Dr Smith did the trick twice in succession, the fourth goal being a teaser that fairly electrified Vale. Number five was due to Anderson, and, amidst tremendous cheering the popular doctor made the even half dozen. Time was now nearly up, and, with the (Villa) thoroughly disorganised, they were expected to be beaten pointless, but Vaughton prevented such a calamity, although the goal he registered should never have been got. How Rowan made such a bungle passes comprehension. The superb back play of Queen's Park was what puzzled the Brums; it was simply perfect. Now and again their forwards were a trifle uncertain. Aston Villa could not have shown their true form."

SM: "The majority of the English excursionists, who came to Glasgow to see the match, left the Central Station at eleven o'clock on Saturday night. The train was so heavy that it had to be run in two portions. The Midland excursion train left St Enoch's Station earlier, and was also crowded. Some two thousand Birmingham people witnessed the game. The Central Station presented a lively scene, and as the trains moved out of the station the cheering was most enthusiastic. The Aston Villa team and a number of their warmest supporters remained in Glasgow until this (Monday) morning. The Villa took their defeat very well, and acknowledged that they are not the equals of the Queen's Park. The proceedings at the dinner after the match were most cordial."

REF: "The cup tie between these well-known clubs was played at Titwood Park, near Glasgow, this afternoon, before 10,000 spectators; intense excitement prevailed, about 1,200 excursionists being present from Birmingham."

Queen's Park: A. Rowan (Goal); W. Arnott, A. H. Holm (Backs); C. Campbell, J. J. Gow (Half Backs); W. Anderson, (M. J.) E. Fraser (Right), Dr. J. Smith, W. Harrower (Centres), R. M. Christie, D. S. Allan (Left).

N.B. "A. McCallum" was the pseudonym for A. Rowan, and "C. Elliott" for C. Campbell.

Aston Villa:+A.Vale(Goal),T.Riddell,J.Simmonds(Backs);F.Dawson,C.(W.)Apperley(Half Backs);
O.Whateley,(O.)H.Vaughton(Right Wing),+Archie Hunter(Capt.)Arthur Brown(Centres),
Eli (C.)Davis,W.Roberts(Left Wing).

+Uncertain position .G.Price was listed for the game as a 3rd Half Back with 5 forwards but did not play (even though listed in BDP) and both Whateley (mentioned in the BDP Report) and Vaughton played probably both on right wing in a 6 forward formation with Archie Hunter as a second centre.

Umpires:A.Geake and W.McGregor.Referee:Pierce-Dix(Sheffield Association)

OLD WESTMINSTERS 5(W.A.Burridge 2,D.Patrick 3) WEDNESBURY TOWN 0(H.T.3-0)(Sat Jan 19th)
(At Kennington Oval)

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26/1/84 P.4/Sporting Life 21/1/84 P.4/Sportsman 21/1/84 P.4/Birmingham Daily Post 21/1/84
P.5/Referee 20/1/84 P.6:

AN:"Great interest was manifested in this match which was played at Kennington Oval on Saturday. The Wednesbury forwards at once returned the ball after the kick off,but Squire,receiving it,sent it whence it came,and Wetton,from a claim of hands,drove it still further on its road to the opposite goal,when Burridge,taking the ball up,settled the business by driving it through the posts,thus gaining the first point for Westminster.Some capital passing then took place between Bain, Allington, and Patrick,but the brothers Whitehouse and Shenton forming a strong resistance,they had to fall back again.At length,from a corner by Wetton,Burridge kicked at goal,but the ball hitting the post,flew back into play,when Patrick sent it under the bar.Westminster,who without exception played most disinterestedly,and above all praise,continued to bully their opponents at all points,and though G and H Wood,Woodcock,Garbett,Shenton,and the brothers Whitehouse worked hard to stem the torrent that pressed them severely,they were unable to do so,and after a gallant run by Scoones,which for a moment was checked by Tetsall,Patrick was again successful in scoring.On resuming operations,Garbett,travelling well down the left,made his shot,but the ball missed its destination and went over.Two corner kicks then fell to Roller and Wetton respectively,but nothing came of them,and an attack by Wednesbury was frustrated by Sandwith.Having changed ends at half time,the game continued to be carried on much in the same fashion,Westminster being generally the aggressors,while the Wednesbury backs and Tetsall had all their work to do to keep their opponents at a distance.After a dashing run by Bain,Burridge kicked it between the posts,and not long before "Time" was called,Patrick,rushing smartly down the centre,gained the last event of a well-fought match.Westminster thus won by five goals to none."

F:"The game began at 2.35,and in the first five minutes the Westminster old boys secured a goal,Burridge sending the ball between the posts.Ten minutes later,from an excellent centre by Scoones,a second goal was secured by Patrick.After being checked for a time,the Westminsters were again pressing their opponents,and a good middle by Bain gave Allington a chance,but the captain's shot was too lofty.A pretty bit of passing between Scoones and Burridge took the ball near the Wednesbury goal line.Scoones centred,and the ball was headed to Tetsall,who only momentarily cleared his charge,as Patrick returned it between the posts.Thus,in less than half an hour,three goals had been scored by Westminster.The play which directly followed was very much in favour of Wednesbury Town.Sandwith,who had not until this time,been called upon,had to save his charge,

and a shot from the Wednesbury left only just went over the crossbar. Some fine play by Bain, Janson, Squire, and Patrick relieved the Westminster lines, but a rush of Wednesbury again threatened to be dangerous. From the left the ball was shot right across the goal, and while Sandwith was dodging about endeavouring to take up the most advantageous position, another shot from the right hit the left post, but, unluckily for the visitors, rebounded into play. Squire then cleared the goal, and two corners followed in quick succession to Westminster. During the early part of the second half Wednesbury continued to have the better of the game, but a corner presently fell to Westminster, and this proved the forerunner of a succession of shots at the Wednesbury goal. Two by Burridge, from near the right goal-line were, though ineffective, remarkably good, and Patrick, Scoones, and Janson all had one or more attempts to score. After a corner to Wednesbury, the Westminster goal narrowly escaped, Sandwith having to handle the ball on two occasions. From this period, however, Westminster had matters nearly all their own way. Bain, Patrick, and Burridge all went within an ace of scoring, and then, after a fine bit of play, the first-named placed the ball advantageously to Burridge, who sent it through, and within a few minutes of time a long shot by Patrick also proving successful. Old Westminsters retired winners by five goals to one."

Old Westminsters: W.F.G. Sandwith (Goal); *C.W.R. Tepper, R.T. Squire (Backs); F.W. Janson, H. Wetton, C.T. Roller (Half Backs); W.A. Burridge, O. Scoones (Right Wing), D. Patrick (Centre), E.H. Alington (Capt.), F.W. Bain (Left Wing).

(*AN/BL/SL/SM/REF have Tepper's nom de plume C.W.R."Bentley")

Wednesbury Town: J. Tetsall (Goal); R. Whitehouse, W. Whitehouse (Backs); J. Shenton, A. Cliffe, R. Mason (Half Backs); G. Wood (Capt.), R. Danks (Right), A. Woodcock (Centre), H. Wood, J. Garbett (Left).

Umpires: Mr J.E. Raven (Barnes) and E. Wesson (Wednesbury). Referee: C.H.R. Wollaston (Wanderers)

BLACKBURN ROVERS 5 (J. Brown 4, J. Sourbutts) STAVELEY 1 (H.P. Marples)
(H.T. 3-1) (Sat Jan 19th) (At Blackburn)

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BS: "This match took place in the presence of about 4,000 spectators on the Leamington Ground on Saturday afternoon. For the first half of the game the Rovers played uphill, having lost the toss. Kicking off at 20 minutes to three the Rovers ran ahead, Brown getting splendidly along and Avery making a capital shot at goal, which put Hay in a flutter. Douglas then had a corner, which he placed well in, but the ball was sent over. The visitors got into the left corner then, but the Rovers' right went well up, and after another incursion by the Staveley centres, Douglas and Lofthouse went away again, only to be repulsed, a dangerous scrimmage taking place in the goal for the home team. The visitors forced the ball amid great excitement for a minute, when Brown made a run into their territory, and Avery headed the ball over. From the goal kick the ball was worked down, and H.P. Marples getting near kicked the first goal 15 minutes from the start. Brown next made a first class shot at goal, and Douglas afterwards sent the ball over the bar. Lofthouse now had a corner which he sent into the field, and McIntyre forwarding it towards the goal, Sourbutts sent it over. There was a grand piece of play in front of the visitors' goal, and Lofthouse had another corner. Avery immediately made another

shot, which just went over, and then the Rovers had a free kick for a very foul charge on Brown, from which a corner resulted. Another corner came off this, and Lofthouse putting it well in, Brown headed it through 25 minutes from the start. McIntyre, Sourbutts, and Douglas then showed some good play, the attack on the visitors' goal being continued in fine style. Lofthouse had another corner, and for some time the Rovers continued a heavy pressure on their opponents' goal. At last Lofthouse sent a low shot across, and Brown rushing up, put it through forty minutes from the commencement. Immediately from a free kick by Beverley, Sourbutts sent in a shot, and the ball striking one of the posts, went through. Douglas then had a corner, but it went behind, and Lofthouse sent in an excellent long shot. Suter was then cheered for some capital play in the right corner, and half time then ensued, the game being three one in favour of the Rovers. The home team now had to face a pretty strong wind, which had sprung up since the start, and the visitors immediately ran in front. The Rovers returned the charge with alacrity, and Sourbutts showed some very good play. Brown got the ball centred well, Douglas failing to put the ball through when he had an easy chance. Lofthouse made a shot which struck the crossbar, and Douglas next sent the ball over the bar when only a few yards away. There was another near shave for the Staveley goal, the ball being just forced outside the posts. Beverley showed some good play, and then the visitors became dangerous, the ball being sent into the goal mouth. They had a corner, but Brown and Sourbutts got away and there was a scrimmage at the opposite goal. The Rovers next had a free kick near the goal, but the ball was sent behind, and after some indiscriminate play, Brown sent in a capital long shot. He repeated this performance a short time afterwards, from a centre by Lofthouse. Rovers then had a free kick in front of goal, and the old dodge was resorted to, McIntyre passing to Brown, who sent it through 35 minutes from half time. Two minutes later McIntyre sent in another shot, which Brown headed through. A hot scrimmage followed, and although the Rovers did nothing but shoot at goal till the finish of the game, no other score was made."

AN: "The Leamington Grounds, Blackburn, were on Saturday, thronged with a crowd of about 4,000 spectators on the occasion of the above teams contesting their Association Cup tie. Staveley brought with them a strong lot of players, and their performance was very much superior to what was expected of them after their recent inglorious defeats. The Rovers put their usual team into the field, and, losing the toss, they had to play up the slight incline in the first half. Play was of a most even nature for some time, the Rovers evidently being off colour, especially in front of goal, where their shooting was very bad. One or two nice opportunities were thrown away, and then H.P. Marples, who had played a strong game, was very near scoring for the visitors. This player, when the game had been in operation thirteen minutes, fairly nonplussed Arthur, and Staveley were credited with the first goal. Sowerbutts (who was playing brilliantly for the home team), Brown, and Lofthouse made energetic efforts to make the game even, but for a time the score remained unaltered, and some of the spectators began to have a fear that the Rovers would lose, but at last the redeeming trait of the Rovers began to be manifested, and they penned the Staveley men in their goal, when Brown, who was well up, received the ball from a corner, and, amid loud cheers, made the game level. The home team still continued to press the visitors, but for a long time the ball could not be forced between, the kicking at goal being again anything but good. Then, shortly before half-time, Brown received the ball and safely planted it between; while a few minutes later Hay ran out of his goal to kick the leather, and before he could regain his position, Sowerbutts made a long straight shot, which of course, took effect. This brought on half-time, and ends were changed. On recommencing the Rovers soon had some easy chances, as they again took up the pressing, and many were the times the leather was sent

over the bar, and at other times, Hay in goal and Peel and James at back defended brilliantly, so that twenty-five minutes passed away without any addition to the scoring. At this point M'Intyre had a free kick, and just turning the leather over to Brown, that player to the stupefaction of Staveley, sent it through. Brown, a few minutes later, headed a fifth point, and the Rovers won the match by five goals to one."

Blackburn Rovers: (J.W.) H. Arthur (Goal); J. Beverley, F. Suter (Backs); H. M'Intyre, J. H. Forrest (Half Backs); J. M. Lofthouse, J. Douglas (Right Wing), T. Strachan, J. (E.) Sourbutts (Centres), J. Brown, G. Avery (Left Wing).

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Staveley: J. Hay (Goal); H. Peel, D. James (Backs); A. Booth, S. Hay, J. Rice (Half Backs); Geo. B. Marples, I. Potter (Right Wing), H. P. Marples (Centre), W. N. Crookes, C. Mather (Left Wing).

Referee: N. L. Jackson (Finchley, hon. sec. London football Association).

PRESTON NORTH END 1 (W. Smalley) UPTON PARK 1 (S. R. Bastard) (H.T. 1-0) (F.T. 1-1) (After Extra Time) (Sat Jan 19th) (At Deepdale Ground, Preston)

Preston Herald 23/1/84 P.6/Blackburn Standard 26/1/84 P.3/Field 26/1/84 P.119/Sheffield Independent 21/1/84 P.4/Bolton Evening News 21/1/84 P.3/Bell's Life 26/1/84 P.4/Athletic News 23/1/84 P.3/Sporting Life 21/1/84 P.4/Sportsman 21/1/84 P.4/Referee 20/1/84 P.6:

PH/BS: "There were upwards of 12,000 people present, and Upton Park having won the toss, North End kicked off up the hill. Russell started, and passing to Belger, North End made a slight advance, but almost immediately the home team had a free kick for hands in the centre. Some excellent long shots were then made by both sets of half backs, but Gordon and Drummond were the first to come away, and the former centred to Dewhurst, whose attempt passed just outside the Upton upright. Without loss of time the Preston forwards were again in front of their opponents' goal where Belger transferred to Drummond, who passed across to the opposite wing, where Smalley quickly shot the ball past Stanley, amidst tumultuous applause. A claim was made for "off side", but not allowed. This success was gained in about four minutes from the commencement. The visitors' forwards afterwards made their way down the field and Leete, on the right, made an excellent shot at goal, which Duckworth cleverly headed, and then, in spite of Mitchell, returned to the centre. The ball, however, passed over the North End goal line. Some warm play ensued on the Preston left, and Smalley was temporarily disabled, but Dewhurst clung to the ball, and compelled Stanley to save. Dewhurst, however, returned, but his shot went over the cross-bar. In the even play, which was then seen, Robinson and Russell were very conspicuous, and a grand passage of arms was seen between Drummond, on the one hand, and Logan and Young, on the other, in the right corner. The Upton custodian in the end had to kick into touch, after a shot by Gordon. Brealey, Barnard, Mitchell, and Inglis put in some judicious passing, but the Preston backs were all there, and Ross by one of his powerful kicks, sent the ball up the field. Bastard, however, compelled Joy to punt out of danger. The North End right were soon again pressing, and from a long kick by Russell, Belger went for the goal-keeper, who conceded a corner, which was worth nothing. Mitchell and the Upton right couple then reached the North End goal line, and Duckworth, in attempting to return, was rather badly charged, and for a few moments was "winded", the ball passing out. The North End right couple forced a corner, and Mangles headed away. This gave Logan possession, who made a magnificent dribble on

the left wing, and the visitors gained a free kick for hands within a few yards of the North End goal mouth. In the scrimmage which ensued Belger put in some good play, but Young and Logan immediately afterwards gave Joy a little trouble. Dewhurst and Smalley, by some excellent play, then forced a corner on the left; Ross took the kick, and Mangles defended well, but Ross again returned, and the shot passed out. Both sets of forwards were now playing a grand game, and Robinson, Robertson, and Russell exhibited some excellent play. The Upton left along with Mitchell tried to advance by some smart tactics, and Stuart-King cleverly "back-heeled" the ball, which won him applause from all parts of the field. Belger, from a centre by the left couple, nearly charged the goal keeper through, but the ball was kept in play, and the North End centre forward made another effort, which failed. Gordon then had an easy chance in front of goal, but allowed it to pass, and the game was being easily contested, when the referee signalled half-time. On the resumption of play Belger was quickly on the ball, but the visitors returned. The home team then had a free kick on the plea of hands. Robertson sent in the ball, but it went behind the posts. After the kick off Mitchell took the leather up the field, and made a good shot, but the ball went out. After the goal kick Belger secured the ball, but was neatly robbed by Mitchell, who dribbled in close proximity to the home goal, but was unable to shoot. The visitors then had a free kick off "hands". The ball was nicely sent in, and Bastard, gaining possession, sent in a swift shot, which took effect amidst tremendous applause. The kick-off having been made, the Upton men, flushed with their success, played with much more dash than previously, and Mitchell took the leather up in grand style, but was tackled by Ross, who robbed him, and then passed to Duckworth, (who) missed it, and the ball went out. Dewhurst next secured the ball, and was fast getting dangerous, when a claim of "hands" was made, and Upton had a free kick, but nothing resulted. Leete received the leather from a throw in but allowed it to go out. Smalley gained possession, and passing to Dewhurst, the latter ran the ball down the field in a brilliant manner, and passed to Belger, but the ball went behind before he could get to it. Ross now made a tremendous kick from mid-field, but the ball went behind the posts. Dewhurst again secured the ball, and passed to Belger, who was cleverly robbed by Mangles, who kicked the ball away. Belger, Gordon, and Drummond rushed away with the leather, and Belger sent in a shot, which the goal-keeper stopped, but a corner resulted, which was made into nothing of. The visitors now broke away, Mitchell and Bastard racing down the field, in splendid fashion, and the North End goal was in great danger, when Dewhurst saved, and along with Belger ran the ball to the visitors' goal, and shot, but the goal keeper again saved his charge. As time drew near the excitement was intense. The home team continued to press their opponents, shot after shot being sent in, but the brilliant defence of Mangles and the goal keeper were too many for them. Corners were secured in quick succession, but every time nothing resulted. A shot was sent in by the right wing couple, and Belger charged the goal-keeper, who "elbowed" and hurt Belger, who could not play for a few minutes. Robinson now proved himself a tower of strength, and, playing beautifully, sent in a long shot, from which the left wing couple were able to take the ball down and shoot, the ball just skimming past the uprights. Up to the call of time the home team did all the pressing, and continued to send in shot after shot, which were all stopped, and no further score had been made when the whistle blew. It was then decided to play an extra half hour, the teams playing in the same position as the latter half. Russell kicked off, and the play became fast and furious. Ross sent in some tremendous kicks, and at times took the ball down the field himself. The home team, as in the second half, pressed their opponents very severely, but their defence was really brilliant. At last, after sending in some half-dozen shots, one of them took effect, amidst tremendous cheering, but was disallowed on a plea of "off-side". No further score was

made,although both sides played stubbornly to gain the winning point,and the whistle blew,the game standing one goal each."

F:"This tie was played off on the Deepdale Ground at Preston,on Jan 19,before a large crowd of spectators,nearly 10,000 paying for admittance,while every tree overlooking the play was also loaded with adventurous climbers.To their credit,be it said,however,that in spite of the excitement being intense amongst them,this crowd behaved exceedingly well all through,though difficult to restrain at times.Following the kick off at 2.15,it was speedily seen that the long leather discs worn on the soles of the boots by the home team gave them a material advantage in the matter of foothold over their opponents,whose slight cross-bar afforded none whatever on the exceedingly sloppy,soft,and slippery ground,which became quickly churned up into a sea of mud.Before the visitors could settle down the ball was worked to their goal by quick passing,and Smalley,after eight minutes' play,kicked the first goal for North End.That player,however,appeared to be palpably offside,but after some discussion the referee allowed the score.Shortly after this Dewhurst sent in a shot,which Stanley saved with difficulty.By clever passing Upton got the fight to the other end,and from a good pass by Bastard,Mitchell nearly headed a goal,but Joy just reached the ball in time.The Uptonians then attacked again in spite of the good and vigorous back play of Duckworth and Ross,the latter showing splendid form all through,and good shots were sent in by Bastard,Brealey, and Mitchell,but Joy always saved his charge.Their exertions were now telling on the visitors,and until half time arrived,their goal was frequently in jeopardy,and Stanley's plucky defence called forth repeated cheering.Very soon after change of ends,Young extricated the ball twenty yards in front of his goal,and,by a magnificent long kick,sent it well towards the North End posts,where Bastard took it on,and when tackled by Ross,sent in a hard shot,which,though it hit the bar,glanced under,and equalised the score amidst great applause.For the next twenty minutes the home team played with the greatest determination,and but for Stanley's fine defence Upton must have suffered many reverses.At last,North End,after quick short passing,got the leather through,but,unfortunately for them,the kicker was offside.Stanley having saved several shots when a goal appeared inevitable,time at length arrived with the score at one goal each.Most of the Uptonians were much distressed,and it appeared any odds on their being defeated during the extra half hour's play that had to follow. However,they played on in the most plucky fashion,and,though all their forwards played their best, the training of the Preston men(who had just returned from Lytham,where they had passed a week with their trainer)told its tale,and,in spite of the capital tackling shown by Mangles,Young,and the three half backs,the Upton goal had four very narrow shaves,and Dewhurst once got right up unopposed,except by Stanley,and missing his shot very badly.The North End left wings were frequently offside throughout the game,and before time was up,one of them put the leather through the Upton posts when in that position.After shots over and outside by Drummond,the whistle at length brought relief to the Uptonians,leaving the game still in a drawn state.The North End men appeared nearly as fresh at the finish as at the start;but of the visitors some were stale at the commencement,and all were done up at the finish.The game was such a fine exhibition of pluck on the part of Upton Park that we will not attempt to single out any individuals for praise,except to state,it being found advisable to strengthen the backs,Leete played as an extra half back instead of forward,and did good service."

BL:"A rush by Belger,Stanley,and Dewhurst then caused Stanley to throw out,and the ball dropping on the feet of the first-named,he sent it through.To the surprise of everyone,the referee disallowed the point,a decision that was met with a strong outburst of feeling on the part of the spectators."

SL: "The Upton team arrived at twenty minutes past eleven on Friday evening, and were met at the station by over 700 football enthusiasts, who accompanied them to their hotel, giving cheer after cheer in honour of the North End's opponents, who seemed entirely taken by surprise. A more hearty welcome was never accorded to even a potentate or political hero."

Preston: W. Joy (Goal); C. Duckworth, N. J. Ross (Backs); + J. Robertson, J. Russell, B. Robinson (Half Backs); G. Drummond, J. Gordon (Right Wing), J. Belger (Centre), F. Dewhurst, W. Smalley (Left Wing).

+Initials to be checked

Upton Park: A. J. Stanley (Goal); W. J. Mangles, + E. A. Young (Backs); N. Leete, R. Stuart-King, N. Logan (Half Backs); S. R. Bastard (Capt.), A. M. Inglis (Right), C. Mitchell (Centre), J. Barnard, H. Brealey (Left).

+A. E. Young?

(Have adopted the F specified positions and order as Leete was an extra half back: see F Report) (SI/BL/SM specified orders (with only 2 Half Backs) are different but exactly the same as each other: all wrongly, have Leete on right wing, and Inglis as another centre forward)

Umpires: J. Armstrong (Union) and W. Sudell (North End). Referee: T. Hindle (Lancashire Association).

SI: "A protest has been lodged by Upton Park against Preston North End on the ground of professionalism. The protest will probably be held at the end of the week." (Sat Jan 26th: see below)

NOTTS COUNTY 2 (S. Macrae, A. W. Cursham) BOLTON WANDERERS 2 (J. K. Davenport, J. Fallon) (H. T. 1-0) (F. T. 2-2) (After Extra Time) (Sat Jan 19th) (At Trent Bridge Ground, Nottingham)

Bolton Evening News 21/2/84 P.3/Nottingham Journal 21/1/84 P.7 (Long Report) Manchester Courier 21/1/84 P.3/Sheffield Independent 21/1/84 P.4/Athletic News 23/1/84 P.3/Bell's Life 26/1/84 P.4/Sporting Life 21/1/84 P.4/Sportsman 21/1/84 P.4/Referee 20/1/84 P.4:

BEN: "A favourable afternoon and the promise of a close game attracted 10,000 spectators to the Trent Bridge ground on Saturday afternoon, the bill of fare being the tie between Notts and the Bolton Wanderers in the fourth round of the English competition. How the latter had been training in the last fortnight, how they lost their old and trusty comrade, Tom Howarth, by the sad accident at Blackpool, how they were prepared to "do or die" for the honour of the good old town, needs no re-telling here, suffice it to say that the team were turned out in fine condition, and even if they had a fear that they might be beaten, they were determined that they would not be disgraced. The trip organised by the Wanderers' Committee proved to be inadequate, and hundreds of tickets could have been sold on Friday night in addition to the (600) disposed of. There was quite a block at Great Moss-street Station on Saturday morning, something like double the value being offered for tickets, while the train was packed long before the hour for starting. The team, the Committee, and a few friends were provided with a saloon, and at seven o'clock the train moved off amid the cheers of those who had the misfortune to be left behind. Nottingham was reached at half-past eleven, many Boltonians being already on the platform who had travelled by ordinary trains. There was a thick mass of human beings eager for the fray packed round the Trent Bridge enclosure when the teams made their appearance, and it was just after half-past two when Davenport kicked off in the teeth of the wind. The ball was at once at the feet of Harry Cursham, who after a smart run, passed to Gunn,

who put it round the post. A shot by Macrae from a pass by Gunn sent the ball a few inches over the bar, and then the first corner fell to the visitors. It was taken by Struthers, and being well placed, a brief scrimmage was witnessed, and Cursham ultimately dashing off, until checked by Powell. After a corner by Gunn, a capital run was effected by Davenport, who unluckily stumbled when about to shoot for goal. Not long afterwards the little centre again got away, and dodging the backs he had only Sherwin to face, but instead of rushing through he tried a shot which was easily stopped—a splendid chance sacrificed. A couple of corners fell to Notts, and then the Wanderers assailed the enemy's fortress in rare style, A.T. Dobson's head saving an apparently certain goal. Davenport screwed in grandly from the left, and Struthers made a grand attempt, all but heading the ball under, and kicking over the bar in the next minute. The Bolton forwards were doing first rate work thereabouts, and kept the Notts backs as busy as bees. After Steel and Vaughan had taken the ball down the left, the first-named sent in a stinger which struck the post—a very narrow escape. Gunn and Cursham varied matters with occasional dribbles, but found the opposing backs quite equal to their attacks, though they were sorely pressed now and again. +Venables split his ear on Gleaves' head, but continued playing with great pluck, the cheers which encouraged him being increased fourfold when Macrae, who blacked his eye in the effort, headed a goal from a beautiful corner by Gunn. Hay claimed that he was charged by Cursham before the ball was put in, but the Major was deaf to the appeal. The Notts forwards now set to with redoubled energy, +Venables and Cursham being particularly lively. A lightning-like shot was fisted out by Hay, who at the same instant eluded Cursham, the force of the latter's vain charge carrying him head over heels. Tom had no sooner knocked the ball out than two other shots were sent at him, but he treated these in the same way, his magnificent goal-keeping being cheered to the (soke) by friend and foe. The teams crossed over with the game one to none in favour of Notts, each side having had five corner kicks. On resuming M'Kernan was prominent for some fine play against Gunn and +Venables. Cursham screwed the ball in marvelously clever from the left, but Tom Hay leaped in the air and fisted it out grandly. M'Kernan handled the ball as it was flying across the goal mouth, and the free kick was taken by "Merry" amid painful quietness. The Wanderers, however, kept their charge intact. From a foul by Macrae, the ball was dropped straight in by Kennedy, but Macrae headed out, and Gunn ran it the length of the field, M'Kernan giving a corner. The ball fell right under the bar, and Powell met it with his head, but before it could be removed out of danger +Venables fired in a daisy-cutter which was too good for any custodian, this success being hailed with thunders of applause, and every demonstration of delight, ("cambrios") and ("mapher)hats" being waived by the hundred. For a while Bolton remained disheartened by two goals to nothing staring them in the face, but urged on by their supporters they warmed to the attack, Vaughan kicking round the post, Sherwin next handling a shot from Struthers. The ball travelling to the left Vaughan was off like the wind, and transferring to Steel, he kicked into Sherwin's hands. The burly goalkeeper assumed a defiant air, and was no doubt surprised at the result. He managed to stave off Fallon's rush, but ere he knew where he was Davenport bundled both him and the ball under the bar. Major Marindin had no hesitation in awarding a goal, much to the chagrin of the "lamps". Spurred by this stroke of good luck, the visitors played better than ever, and the home backs had to exert themselves strenuously to keep their antagonists at bay. Macrae, M'Kernan, and the three Bolton half-backs came in for applause alternately, the game being at this juncture very fast and exciting. Struthers broke away, and nonplussing Chapman and Moore, he turned the ball over to ++Fallon, who passed to Davenport, the last-named scoring a splendid goal. Right up to the close the Boltonians more than held their own, but although both teams strove desperately for a deciding point, it was denied them, and with the game two goals each at the

expiration of the normal hour and a half it was agreed to play an extra quarter each way.+Venables won the toss for the second time,and took advantage of the wind.For the greater part of this short half Notts were the aggressors,but they were seldom really dangerous,the defence being sound and safe,and when ends were once more reversed the condition of the Boltonians told its tale,their forwards,fresh as daises,showing better form than ever.Try as they would,however,the ball could not be forced through,though Davenport was once within an ace of doing the trick.When hostilities were finally suspended,a grand game found each team with two goals each,all the men coming in for rounds of applause for their fine display. They will now have to meet at Bolton,probably next Saturday. Although it was midnight when the trip returned crowds of people were waiting to welcome the Wanderers,Tom Hay coming in for special favours,an attempt being made to chair him for his brilliant goal keeping.”

++Bolton Wanderers by Percy M.Young (P.33)and the Bolton Complete Record,and MC/AN/BL/SM/SL/REF record Fallon as the scorer of this 2nd goal.

+A.W.Cursham

MC:”This cup tie which has been an all absorbing topic of conversation for the past weeks in Nottingham,attracted upwards of 10,000 spectators to the Trent Bridge Grounds on Saturday afternoon,many amongst the number having travelled from Bolton by special train.The weather was very fine and the keenest excitement prevailed all through.The Bolton men stripped in the very pink of condition after their 10 days’ training,and although the Notts men had not undergone any preparation,they were fit and well.Play was fast and pretty from the very commencement,if occasionally rough on the Lancashire side.It was not until just before the close of the first half that M’Re(Macrae) made the first scoring point in the game by heading the ball through from a corner by Gunn.Some 12 minutes after the change of ends from a valuable bit of play on the part of Emmett,+Venables breasted the ball cleverly through the posts,and with the game thus,two goals to nil in favour of their champions,the Notts crowd grew jubilant in the extreme,but the Bolton men played up grandly after the second reverse,and Davenport caught Sherwin napping for once with the ball,and rushed him through the goal while it was in his hand,and later the game was made equal by Fallon,after a grand run with Struthers on the right wing.There was subsequently some determined play on both sides,but no additional scoring up to the call of time.It was thereupon agreed to play an extra half hour,but at the end of time the score stood as before,and the game was declared a tie,two goals each having been registered.”

+A.W.Cursham

AN:”...and later on the game was made equal by Fallon,after a grand run in conjunction with Struthers on the right wing.”

BL:”It was not long before Davenport caught Sherwin napping,and rushing in charged him,ball in hand,through the posts,while a little later Fallon,after a brilliant run with Struthers on the right,made the score equal.”

BL:”The Bolton men,who had been in strict training,played their full strength,with the exception of (T.)Howarth,who was absent through injury.”(AN:”... filled by Parkinson,a second team man.”)

N.B. There is no Report in Nottingham Post online as the Report was in the Saturday night extra special edition.

Notts County:M.Sherwin(Goal);A.T.Dobson,H.T.Moore(Backs);H.Emmett,S.Macrae,H.Chapman (Half Backs);W.Gunn,A.W.Cursham(Right Wing),C.F.Dobson(Centre),J.A.Dixon,H.A.Cursham(Left Wing).(AN has a different order and "Venables" for A.W.Cursham).

Bolton:T.Hay(Goal);J.Powell,J.McKernan(Backs);J.Kennedy,J.Parkinson,J.Gleaves(Half Backs); W.G.Struthers,J.Fallon(Right Wing),J.K.Davenport(Centre),W.Steel,J.Vaughan(Left wing).

(BEN/BCR have Davenport as a Half Back and Parkinson as centre forward for this game)

N.B:BCR wrongly has 2 players named "Steel"(W.Steel and R.Steel):in fact there was only W("Billy").Steel :See Bolton Wanderers by Percy Young P.31 "... on September 2,1881, W.Steel(Sometimes spelled as Steele),also of Arbroath,was elected a playing member of the Wanderers club.Steel played intelligently either at inside left or at centre half..."

Umpires:A.T.Atwell for Notts County and J.Parkinson for Bolton.

Referee:Major Marindin,President,Football Association.

REPLAY:Sat Feb Feb 2nd:

BOLTON WANDERERS 1 (W.Steel) NOTTS COUNTY 2 (C.F.Dobson 2)(H.T. 0-1)(At Pike's Lane,Bolton)

Bolton Evening News 4/2/84 P.3/ Nottingham Journal 4/2/84 P.7(Long report)/Nottingham Evening Post 2/2/84(Extra Special Edition??)/Bell's Life 9/2/84 P.4/Blackburn Standard 9/2/84 P.3/Athletic News 6/2/84 P.3/Sheffield Independent 4/2/84 P.4/Manchester Courier 4/2/84 P.3/Sporting Life 4/2/84 P.4/Field 9/2/84 P.192:

BS:"Again the adjacent fields were thickly occupied,the farmer who tenants them netting a big sum by admitting visitors at threepence per head."

BEN:"The second meeting of the above clubs in the fourth round of the competition for the English Cup,attracted a gigantic crowd to Pike's-lane on Saturday afternoon.Two special trains from Nottingham conveyed something like a thousand football enthusiasts whilst hundreds of visitors came into the town by the ordinary services from all over the county.The Wanderers' Committee, with commendable forethought had made ample provision for the crush.Tiers of galleries,one above the other,having been erected on three sides of the enclosure,affording a splendid view of the play. The stand,including an additional thirty yards which had been built,was densely packed,and the adjoining fields were also very freely made use of.Not a little commotion was caused amongst the occupants of the stand by some adventurous youths taking up a position on the roof.An ominous cracking sound was heard which promised to be speedily followed by someone coming through the boards,but the roof was soon cleared fortunately and peace and quietness restored.Viewed from the stand the sight was one of a lifetime,and the question is if it was ever equalled at any football match in the county-not even when Queen's Park visited Blackburn two seasons ago.Exactly the same teams which opposed each other at Trent Bridge fourteen days ago turned out,the Wanderers having come from Blackpool and the Notts men from Manchester during the forenoon.The Wanderers wore white jerseys,and the visitors their usual colours of chocolate and blue.

The Wanderers had the good luck to win the toss, and elected to play with the sun at their backs, the wind pressure being at a minimum, and the ground in very fair order. Charles Dobson started the ball at 2.38, and Struthers and Davenport carried it down to near the right corner, where a throw in ensued. Cursham started a run, but Kennedy met him, and Chapman gave hands. Powell took the shot but the ball travelled to the right. From the kick-off Davenport and Struthers were prominent, but Chapman and Macrae got at the right wing man and stopped his run. Steel put in a shot which was knocked out by Sherwin, and the Notts right gained temporary possession, but Gunn and Venables were frustrated. Macrae charged Gleaves, and the Bolton captain went down, but he was soon able to retaliate, and the Notts' attack was diverted for a time. Dixon got a shot, but he was tackled, and the ball went outside. Vaughan and Steel came away in spite of Macrae, but the ball was taken by A.T. Dobson and returned. Vaughan was slightly hurt by Gunn at this point in the corner. Gunn ran up, was tackled by M'Kernan, and Steel went right down the wing amid enthusiasm, his final shot unfortunately going wide. Play then verged to the centre, where Macrae passed to Gunn, but M'Kernan knocked him off the ball. At 12 minutes to 3 Dobson headed a splendid goal for Notts from a short but excellent run and screw of Emmett's. Then it was easy to see where the Notts partisans were; hats being thrown up, and the applause being really terrific. The Wanderers were next credited with a corner taken by Struthers, who gave Gunn possession, and he put the leather in touch. The Wanderers were pressing their opponents hard just now, Davenport having a nice opportunity, which was spoilt by Moore. Vaughan then earned a cheer by a fine run, dodging Chapman and Venables, and Powell immediately afterwards saved a goal from Gunn's centre to Cursham, who put the ball in sharp and straight. The game was now one of the fastest ever witnessed on the ground, and much more rough than the meeting at Nottingham. Powell gave the visitors a dangerous chance, getting in Dixon and Cursham, but M'Kernan came up in the nick of time and cleared his lines. Then it was thought for a minute that the Wanderers must have a goal. Vaughan and Steel ran the ball down, and Davenport took the shot, which Sherwin barely succeeded in putting wide of the posts, luckily catching the ball between his knees. The Wanderers kept the "Lambs" pinned for a few minutes, Vaughan especially distinguishing himself on the wing. Gunn was, however, soon busy screwing in, but nothing came of it. A third corner to the Wanderers was handled by Cursham; Powell took the free kick, and a regular swarming scrimmage followed in front of the Notts goal. The pressure was relieved only to be renewed, and three more futile corners fell to the Pike's-lane champions. Gunn after a nice run was forced out by M'Kernan, and Gleaves took the throw in. The half trundled across to the Notts left where a determined struggle followed, Powell landing the ball clear. In response to shouts of "shoot", Dixon took a long one from the centre, landing right over the bar. From Struthers and Steel the ball travelled down once more, and Davenport breasted in, but Moore got at it. Davenport was again on the ball, and passing to Fallon the latter shot behind the post. Steel then had a chance to shoot, but kicked over the line, and there were once more cries of "Gunn", as the big forward came away. Travelling across, Struthers made a pretty screw, Moore just catching the ball on his toe. Powell returned, and Davenport rushing down was met by Dobson. Davenport again distinguished himself, kicking right into Sherwin's hands from the touch line—a splendid effort. A grand shot by Dixon was stopped by Hay, just at the corner of the posts, Powell having been passed in mid-field. Macrae gave hands, M'Kernan took the kick, and Parkinson shot well in. One of the Notts men again gave hands just in front, and the shot which followed went over the bar. Very hard lines for the Wanderers. Vaughan again ran down, and a kick-out ensued. From the throw-in Davenport and Fallon ought to have scored easily, but dallied until Macrae came up and destroyed the chance. Sherwin having saved a goal, the ball dropping at his feet, the whistle sounded half-time, the Notts team

leading by one goal to nil, although the Wanderers had had much the best of the play, coupled with extreme bad luck.

Immediately on resuming the visitors' left made an incursion, Cursham sending to C.F. Dobson, who missed his opportunity. Notts found that the sun at their backs was a great advantage, and they played hard and well. Harry Cursham had the goal at his mercy, Hay having come right out, but he shot across. Steel and Vaughan worked the ball along the wing, and a prolonged scrimmage, in which almost all of the players were engaged, waged fiercely within a few yards of the Notts posts. Luckily for the visitors the ball was removed and Cursham dodged through his opponents splendidly, winning the first corner for his side. The home team now looked like scoring, but the defence of Notts was superb, while the efforts of the Wanderers' forwards were much feebler than usual. A second goal now fell to Notts to the great delight of their supporters, the ball being put just inside the post by C.F. Dobson—a somewhat easy goal. The visitors' followers were in high glee, some even kicking their hats about in their high ecstasy. The excitement had hardly abated, when a free kick gave the Boltonians their first point. The ball was passed to Vaughan, who transferred it to Steel, and he shot it under the bar. Encouraged by this the home team bent to their work with redoubled vigour, with the result that Davenport beat Sherwin with a long shot, the scoring at Nottingham then being exactly repeated. The frantic cheers with which this was greeted were followed with feelings of bitter disappointment on the goal being disallowed owing, as was alleged, to the Wanderers having previously claimed hands. The decision was all the more annoying inasmuch as the referee's whistle was not blown, although he appeared to have plenty of time. Cursham now dashed away in fine style, and passing Powell he had reached the post when Powell came up and kicked out just as a goal seemed imminent. This tactic was imitated by Emmett when a long way from the goal, the crowd groaning lustily. Cries of "Play up" were heard on every side, and it was quite obvious that Notts meant to win somehow, as Gunn had, some time ago, joined the back division. If anything the home team now had the best of the game, but luck was dead against them. The Notts forwards, as time wore on, rarely attempted to break away, and just on the close their goal was literally crowded. When the whistle was at length heard, the visitors were the winners by two goals to one, Harry Cursham being "chaired" from the field by his admirers."

NEP: "On Saturday the Notts club and Bolton Wanderers played off their undecided tie in the fourth round of the English Challenge Cup Competition, at Pike's Lane Ground, Bolton, in the presence of spectators variously estimated to number 12,000 to 15,000 people."

".....the competing teams repaired to Bolton, both the Wanderers from Blackpool, and the Notts from Manchester, arriving in the forenoon, and within an hour of each other. The Notts Club repaired to the Saddle Hotel, which is the headquarters of the Bolton Association, while their opponents betook themselves to the Britannia Inn."

"The contagion had spread all over the country, and the neighbouring boroughs of Blackburn, Accrington, Chorley, and Preston, each contributed a considerable quota of onlookers. Trips were run from most of these places, besides Chester. There were two excursions from Nottingham, by the Midland and Great Northern Railways, which carried nearly 800 enthusiastic supporters of the Notts Club."

"The Wanderers' Committee very naturally expected a large attendance, and consequently made every provision that they deemed necessary. The covered grand stand was lengthened, and tiers were erected in other parts round the enclosure, so that as many people as possible should be able to have a good view of the game. The gates were opened at an early hour, and crowds at once began

to pass through the turnstiles, and at least an hour before the time for the kick-off the best positions had all been appropriated. At two o'clock the field presented a sight which few who saw it will ever forget. The grand stand did not contain a vacant seat, while on the opposite side of the enclosure the ground rises gently, thus forming a natural amphitheatre. This was densely packed with thousands of spectators, many of whom occupied an admirable standpoint, although outside the boundaries of Pike's Lane Ground. On the other two sides—behind the goals—the onlookers were thickly congregated, and wherever one turned there was a sea of faces. Many of those within this surging mass must have suffered great inconveniences, but still there was no display of bad temper. “The Notts lost the toss, and their antagonists chose the Dean goal. With commendable punctuality C.F. Dobson set the ball in motion but a few minutes after half past two. The home team had the advantage at the outset, but it was not for long. The play was fast, furious, and rough, the Wanderers evidently endeavouring to use every possible means to beat Notts. Both the forwards, and the backs of the visitors worked admirably together, so were able to hold their own. This was no slight matter marking the fitness and physique of the Wanderers. At last Gunn, whose tactics from the commencement of the match had been wonderfully clever, sped along the right, and ultimately centering, C.F. Dobson headed the first goal for Notts after 10 minutes' play. From that point until the end of the first half of the game neither team succeeded in obtaining any other goals. The Wanderers were conceded several corners, but Notts played so safely that it was impossible to pass the ball through their ranks. “

(Percy Young P.172 type last paragraph or do NJ Report)

BL: “For 20 minutes the play was of an even character, but then after the ball had been run into the Wanderers' lines, Dixon, by a fine screw kick sent it into the mouth of the home goal, through which it was headed by C. Dobson, out of the reach of Hay, amidst great excitement. Undaunted by this reverse the home eleven soon assumed the offensive, and for a long time the Notts backs had plenty to do. Three or four corners now fell to the Wanderers, and though on several occasions Steel placed the ball in front of the visitors' goal, luck seemed dead against the home team, and no score could be obtained. Cursham at length broke away, and rushing through the Bolton backs, gained the first corner for his side. Just before the teams crossed over Davenport and Fallon rushed up the centre and got the ball clean in front of the Notts goal, and certainly ought to have scored, but Macrae rushed up and saved splendidly. Ends having been changed, directly afterwards C. Dobson missed a very easy chance after a capital run, followed by a middle on the part of Cursham. A little later a grand piece of combined play, in which nearly the whole of the Notts forwards took part, resulted in C. Dobson getting a second goal amidst tremendous cheering from the visitors from the lace town. This success was, however, speedily supplemented by a point being gained by the Wanderers, as from a free kick in midfield, after some neat passing by Steel and Vaughan, the last-named sent in a shot that beat Sherwin. The ball had been started but a few minutes before Davenport, from a long shot, sent it through again, but to the chagrin of the supporters of the home team the referee, after some discussion, disallowed the point, on the ground that “hands” had already been claimed by the Wanderers, and the ball was therefore dead. After this Notts, apparently content with the advantage they held, strengthened their back division by removing two of their forwards to that position, and thus reinforced the defence was perfect, and up to the call of time they successfully neutralised all the efforts of their opponents to score. The Wanderers, who certainly had the best of the game all through, were thus defeated by two goals to one.”

AN:"The stand had been lengthened for 30 yards ,uncovered stands had been erected on three sides of the ground,and all these,together with the roofs of the dressing and refreshment tents,swarmed with sightseers."

Bolton:T.Hay(Goal);J.Powell,J.McKernan(Backs);J.Kennedy,J.Parkinson,J.Gleaves(Capt.)(Half Backs); W.G.Struthers,J.Fallon(Right Wing),J.K.Davenport(Centre),W.Steel,J.Vaughan(Left Wing).

Notts County:M.Sherwin(Goal);A.T.Dobson,H.T.Moore(Backs);H.Emmett,S.Macrae,H.Chapman (Half Backs),W.Gunn,A.W.Cursham(Capt.)(Right Wing),C.F.Dobson(Centre),J.A.Dixon, H.A.Cursham (Left Wing).

N.B.R.H.Venables:nom de plume of A.W.Cursham.

Umpires:W.Marshall and J.Parkinson.Referee:T.C.Slaney(Staffordshire Association)

NEP 5/2/84 P.3:"A Bolton correspondent telegraphs:The Wanderers' Committee have resolved to protest about the result of last Saturday's match,on the ground that the referee's decision about the disallowed goal was incorrect,that he stopped the match three minutes before time,and also that "Venables",the Notts captain,wore spikes in his boots.Saturday's gate realised £428,over 18,000 persons being present."

NEP 6/2/84 P.3:"As a matter of fact,not only had the Bolton umpire claimed for a foul before Davenport shot the ball through his opponents' posts,but the Notts umpire even admitted the claim,so that in reality there was no dispute upon which the referee could adjudicate.The umpires were agreed as to the ball having been handled,and the free kick followed as a matter of course.The question of "time" having been called too soon is apparently an afterthought,and there is not, according to the Notts umpire,the slightest evidence to substantiate such an idea. As regards the third clause of the objection,it may be said that "Venables " wore a small strap,with a buckle on it,round his shoe for the purpose of giving support to his ankle."

FIFTH ROUND:

Birmingham Daily Post 28/1/84 P.5"After the match(The North v South Match at the Oval on 26/1/84)the committee of the English Association met to consider the protest of Upton Park against Preston North End on an allegation of employing professional footballers.The Lancashire Club had lately obtained the services of Robertson,of Edinburgh St Bernard,and Ferguson of the Heart of Midlothian,in addition to Ross,Belger,Drummond and Russell,all Scotch players.The protest was sustained and the club debarred from the competition.-The Committee then drew the Fifth Round ties which resulted as follows:-

Old Westminsters v Queen's Park,Glasgow,at London

Blackburn Olympic v Northwich Victoria,at Blackburn

Upton Park v Blackburn Rovers,on the ground of the former

Notts County or Bolton Wanderers v London Swifts,on the ground of the winner of the tie

The round has to be concluded by February 9."

OLD WESTMINSTERS 0 QUEEN'S PARK,GLASGOW 1(D.S.Allan)(H.T. 0-0) (Sat Feb 9th)(At Kennington Oval)

Glasgow Herald 11/2/84 P.10/Field 16/2/84 P.215/Athletic News 13/2/84 P.3/Bell's Life 16/2/84 P.10/Sportsman 11/2/84 P.4/Sporting Life 11/2/84 P.4/Blackburn Standard 16/2/84 P.3/Referee 10/2/84 P.6:

GH:"The Scotchmen,having been drawn in the fifth round of the English Cup competition to play the Old Westminsters at London on Saturday,found some difficulty in securing a good team to make the lengthened journey to the English metropolis,and Rowan,+Gow,and Fraser were absentees.This gave the contest additional interest,and although the weather was misty,and rain fell all the time, upwards of 3,000 spectators were present at Kennington Oval,where the ground was heavy and slippery from start to finish.The Scotchmen won the toss,so decided to play with the wind behind them,and at four minutes past three o'clock Patrick kicked off from the Clayton Street side of the enclosure on behalf of the home team.During the whole of the first half neither team was able to gain any decisive point,although,Patrick,Burridge,Scoones,Squire,Teppe, and particularly Sandwith in goal,worked admirably for Westminster,as did Gillespie,Arnott,Smith,Anderson,and Campbell for the Scotch team,who at times considerably pressed their opponents.After changing ends 15 minutes elapsed without any score being effected,but at last Allan kicked a splendid goal for Queen's Park, but when the home team began to get the upper hand of the visitors the excitement was intense.At one critical point a corner fell to them,and Roller took it,whilst Patrick,gaining possession,made a fine shot at goal,but the ball hit the post and went on the wrong side.Thus the Scotchmen won by one goal to nil." +See below

F:"When the game began the turf was very slippery,and as the match advanced,it became exceedingly heavy and treacherous,and there was a disagreeable cold wind blowing across the ground,which favoured the defenders of the western goal,first held by Queen's Park,who had won the toss.Following the kick off the play remained for the first few minutes pretty well in the centre. The Westminsters pressed their opponents,whose goal line was reached,but the ball went over without having been really dangerous.A smart bit of play on the Westminster right by Burridge and Scoones again took the ball to the Scotch quarters;but the visitors then set up such a strong attack,that it really began to look as if they would have an easy time of it.A corner was quickly gained though nothing came of it though for a brief period matters looked dangerous for Westminster.A free kick for hands again gave the Glasgow men a momentary advantage,and, following this,the home team backs were frequently employed,until a claim of hands relieved them for a while.Anderson on the right,Harrower in the centre,Christie on the left,and Campbell,at this stage of the game made several capital runs,and more than once the ball was sent over the goal line, in close proximity to the Westminster posts.After a smart bit of play by the Scotch lefts and centres, the ball was kicked through the home players' goal,but the last to touch it being distinctly offside,the score was not allowed.Further attempts to secure a point were well frustrated by Sandwith,and nothing but sheer hard work and ability enabled the backs of the Londoners to keep their opponents at bay.Burridge and Scoones,the former especially,played remarkably well,and Patrick and Alington showed considerable energy,while Bain made several effective dribbles,though he threw away one excellent chance of scoring by kicking too hurriedly.Arnott and Campbell, however,showed most admirable defence,and,though for a time Westminster maintained an aggressive position,the ball seldom got within reach of Gillespie.On the other hand,Sandwith had plenty to do.Two corners were taken by the Scotchmen,and the Westminster goal narrowly escaped before Patrick and Burridge relieved their side with a smart piece of play,which,after causing the Scotchmen some little anxiety, resulted in the ball going behind.Some desultory play followed amongst the forwards in the middle

of the ground;but at last the Scotchmen,with a neatly managed bit of passing,got to within a short distance of Sandwith's charge.Alington,however,rushed the ball away splendidly,though he was unable to break through the backs,and once more the visitors strongly menaced the Westminster goal,which escaped in wonderful manner and at half time nothing had been scored by either side. With change of ends Westminster had the assistance of the breeze but at first did not make use of it,and Glasgow were frequently within their opponents' quarters.At length the Westminster forwards kicked more judiciously,and gave the Glasgow backs plenty to do.Arnott and Holm displayed great coolness and kicked most accurately,and Campbell was a tower of strength;but despite this Alington,Patrick,Bain,Janson,Burridge,and Scoones frequently got through.Christie proved a most useful player to the Scotchmen,and his runs on the left were one of the features of the match.Anderson also contributed several smart runs,and in quick succession shots were made at the Westminster goal,through which Allan at length succeeded in sending it by means of a sharp and high side shot,which Sandwith had no chance of stopping.Following this the Scotchmen looked like getting a second goal,but the Westminsters rallying,made every effort to equalise matters,and Gillespie had more than once in a brief period,to handle the ball,on one occasion only just in time to avoid a plucky charge by Burridge,who displayed great energy all through.It was towards the close of the game that the best play was seen.The forwards on both sides worked better together,and the backs made little mistake.Charge and counter-charge were equally good,and matters continued vastly interesting especially as during the closing minutes,Westminster pressed their rivals very hard. A shot by Patrick hit the post,and only just went outside;while from a well directed corner the Glasgow goal was placed in imminent danger.Still nothing of a decisive character occurred,and Queen's Park left the field winners by one goal to none,thoroughly deserving their victory over most worthy opponents."

REF:"The receipt of the result of the match between the Old Westminsters and Queen's Park was anxiously awaited in Glasgow,where some doubts existed as to the likelihood of the Glasgow players coming off victorious after their all-night journey to London.The result,one goal to nothing,relieved all anxiety,however,and the Queen's Park team are now stronger favourites than ever for the triple event –the Football and Scotch Association Cups and the Glasgow Charity Cup."

Old Westminsters;W.F.G.Sandwith(Goal);C.W.R.Tepper,R.T.Squire(Backs);C.T.Roller,
H.Wetton,F.W.Janson(Half Backs);W.A.Burridge,O.Scoones(Right Wing),D.Patrick(Centre),
E.H.Alington(Capt.),F.W.Bain(Left Wing).

Queen's Park:G.Gillespie(Goal);Walter Arnott,Andrew H.Holm(Backs);C.Campbell,++J.Connor(Half Backs);+J.Scobie, W.Anderson(Right Wing),W.Harrower,Dr.J.Smith(Centres),David S.Allan,
R.M.Christie(Left Wing).

+Check initials

++(BL/SL have J.J.Gow and F/SM :maybe J.Connor was a pseudonym as have J."Connor"). Bolton Evening News 11/2/84 : "Rowan(whose place was filled by Gillespie) and Gow were the only absentees.E.Fraser has left for Africa,so that he is now out of the reckoning."

SM:"Both had powerful elevens,though the Glasgowites were without Kaye,whose place was filled by Scobie."So did not identify J."Connor" as replacing J.J.Gow:who was listed in their Edition for Saturday 9/11/84 P.7)

Umpires:A.Geake(Queen's Park) and J.L.Nickisson(Brentwood).Referee:Major marindin(Old Etonians)

BLACKBURN OLYMPIC 9(J.Yates 2,+T.Dewhurst,"a rush",W.Parker 2,A.Matthews 2,J.Hunter)
NORTHWICH VICTORIA 1 (E.Rhodes)(H.T. 4-0)(Sat Feb 9th)(At Hole-i'th'-Wall Ground,Blackburn)

+Olympic History gives this goal to Duckworth.

Blackburn Times for 1884 not on line

Northwich Guardian 13/2/84 P.5/Blackburn Standard 16/2/84 P.3/Athletic News 13/2/84 P.3(Long Report)/Manchester Courier 11/2/84 P.3/Bell's Life 16/2/84 P.11/Field 16/2/84 P.215/Sportsman 11/2/84 P.4/Sporting Life 11/2/84 P.4:

NG:"Under conditions about as unfavourable as could be imaged,the above clubs played off their tie in the fifth round of the English Cup Competition on the Olympic ground on Saturday,in the presnce of some 3,000 spectators.The weather was wretched,a strong wind and driving showers of rain combining to make matters extremely uncomfortable for both players and onlookers.But this was not all.The ground,notorious for its unsuitability for football almost at any time,was simply abominable.A more complete quagmire we have never seen.In one portion of the field the players were nearly knee-deep in mud,and an exhibition of the strict football game was an impossibility.The Olympians,accustomed to these conditions,had a tremendous advantage over their opponents,who were nearly lost in the mud.The toss was won by the Victorians,who elected to play down hill.The home team at once assumed the aggressive,and Matthews took a shot at goal.It was alleged that it went between the posts,but the referee decided that it flew over the bar.Continuing the pressure for some time,the Olympians had several corners,entrusted to Hunter,and out of one of the scrimmages the ball went through the Northwich goal off F.W.Hughes.After this the Victorians had an innings,and on two or three occasions the Blackburn fortress very narrowly escaped capture, Woolfall,the custodian,having to use his hands freely.Fortune was,however,against the visitors,and they were eventually repulsed,and some exciting play ensued in close proximity to the Northwich goal.Hilditch,the goal keeper,well earning the remark of the Lancastrians that he was a "red hot 'un".Dewhurst scored a second goal,and after three minutes' more play Duckworth was credited with a third.The kick off from the middle was soon followed by a smart skirmish in the mouth of the Northwich goal,which ended in the home players claiming a fourth goal.The Victorians joined issue on the ground that the ball did not actually pass over the line.Some jostling took place and Dewhurst knocked W.H.Hughes(one of the Northwich half-backs) down,an act which,we understand,will be brought under the notice of the English Association.The state of the game was unaltered when ends were changed.In the second half the play was one-sided,the Olympians having much their own way. The Northwich representatives were disheartened,and before the call of time lost five more goals, three being got by Parker,one by Hunter,and one by Yates.After the eighth goal was registered,the Victorians broke away,and carried the ball to their opponents' end,Atherton finally putting it under the bar.For the last five minutes the warfare was carried on with much vigour in the home quarters, but the efforts of the visitors to score further were foiled.The match thus ended in favour of the Olympic(the present holders of the cup) by nine goals to one.It should be added that during the latter part of the game Hilditch relinquished his position between the posts in consequence of an injured hand,and played on the backs.His place was taken in turn by Vernon,F.Hughes,and W.Hughes,neither of whom,however,excelled at goal-keeping.

The London and North-Western Railway Company ran a special train from Crewe, Northwich, and the other places to Blackburn. Before the commencement of the match, Mr G.A. Hughes, on behalf of the Victorian team, gave notice to the referee that a protest would be made against the ground on account of its unsuitability for a cup tie, under Rule 1 relating to the challenge cup competition. The protest has since been formally lodged with the Secretary of the English Football Association, who are asked to order the match to be played again on the Northwich or some neutral ground."

BS: "These teams played their cup tie in the fifth round of the English Association on the Hole-i'-th'-Wall Ground on Saturday afternoon. Notwithstanding the wretched weather about 4,000 persons assembled to witness the match. Losing the toss the home team had to play up hill with the wind against them and the kick off was made at five minutes past three." (No named scorers in this report)

BL: "The play in this tie, which was decided last Saturday afternoon, was spoiled by the wretched state of the elements, rain falling throughout the whole of the contest, whilst the ground could not have been in a worse condition. The home captain, who won the toss, elected to play for the first half against a strong wind, and within a minute after the kick off, a long shot by Matthews appeared to go through the Northwich posts, but the referee ruled otherwise. Four corners, in rapid succession, fell to the home team, but in each instance the place-kick was spoiled by the wind, but at length the ball was well dropped by Dewhurst in front of the visitors' goal, where it was secured by Yates, who, seeing an opening, shot it through, whilst, after the lapse of a few minutes, a shot by Dewhurst struck one of the posts and cannoned between the posts. A little later a third goal was obtained, the ball being rushed through out of a bully. Just before ends were changed Parker sent in a shot, which bounded off one of the Northwich backs, and apparently went through, but one of the same side kicked it back. The point was claimed by the Olympians, and a fierce dispute arose, Dewhurst and Hughes using their fists, but they were soon parted, and the game progressed, the goal being allowed. With the wind against them the Northwich men fared badly, and five minutes after the teams had changed over, Matthews scored the fifth goal, whilst directly afterwards the Northwich custodian, in attempting to fist back a hot shot by the last-named player, sprained his wrist, and changed places with + Vernon. A fine centre by Matthews to Parker, enabled the last-named to score the sixth goal, and a long shot by Hunter from half back speedily added another, the new goalkeeper failing to stop a very easy shot, whilst Yates was the next to score, after the ball had been centred by Matthews. These reverses brought Hughes into goal instead of Vernon, but directly afterwards the Northwich men broke away, and Woolfall was compelled to fist out a dangerous shot by Rhodes, though a sharp return by the latter enabled the visitors to score their first and only point. Another reverse was yet in store for Northwich, as just before time was called, Matthews scored the ninth goal for the Olympic, who thus obtained a very easy victory."

+Olympic History P.59 says: "Their captain, burly Welsh International F.W. Hughes, took over between the sticks "and it was he who shoved Costley against the post and had the fight with Dewhurst.

F: "Both weather and ground were bad; indeed the latter was in such a deplorable condition that Northwich lodged a protest on that account, which, owing, we believe, to some informality, the committee of the Association have not been able to deal with."

Blackburn Olympic: A. Woolfall (Goal); W. Moss, J. (T.) Ward (Backs); Jos. Duckworth, J. Hunter, T. Gibson (Half Backs); T. Dewhurst, A. Matthews (Right Wing), W ("Tich") Parker (Centre), J. Yates, J. (T.) Costley (Left Wing).

Northwich Victoria:G.Hilditch(Goal);E.Butterworth (Capt.),F.W.Hughes(Backs);W.H.Hughes,
+G.Vernon(Half Backs);A.Atherton,J.Malam(Right Wing),E.Rhodes,G.D.Lang(Centres),E.Turnbull,
G.Plant(Left Wing). +Vernon took the place of Hilditch after the 5th (BL) or 7th (MC) goal

Umpires:L.Monk(Olympic) and G.Hughes(Northwich).Referee:T.J.Slaney(Staffordshire Association).

UPTON PARK 0 BLACKBURN ROVERS 3(J.Inglis ,J.M.Lofthouse 2)(H.T. 0-0)(Sat Feb 9th)(At West Ham Park)

BL:"Unfortunately this (the Upton Park Club Ground) is situated in the West Ham Park,one of the open spaces owned by the corporation,consequently no "gate" could be charged,a fact which scarcely pleased the Blackburn men."

Field 16/2/84 P.215/Bell's Life 16/2/84 P.10/11/Blackburn Standard 16/2/84 P.3/Athletic News 13/2/84 P.3/Sportsman 11/2/84 P.4/Sporting Life 11/2/84 P.4/Referee 10/2/84 P.6:

F:"Three special trains from Blackburn helped to swell the number of spectators to about four to five thousand,and they were rewarded by seeing a very interesting game.The ground had been specially roped in and a special enclosure was graced by the presence of many ladies,in spite of the rain which fell nearly the whole of the game.Coconut fibre was spread on the field of play where necessary,and proved a great boon to the players.A gradually increasing wind somewhat marred the play,but it was of a high order nevertheless.During the first half excellent back play and dribbling was shown on both sides,and though both goals were frequently in jeopardy,nothing was scored."

BL:"....the unselfish tactics of the visitors gave them an advantage over the home men,who,as a rule,did not part with the ball unless compelled.The game commenced at 2.45,Upton,who had won the toss,electing to play uphill with the wind behind them.Within a minute of the start a rush by the Blackburn lefts nearly scored,a sharp shot by Avery only just missing the Upton uprights.But few noteworthy features were presented during the first half of the game,but the Rovers certainly had not the worst of the play,which was chiefly carried on in the Upton lines..."

BS/AN:"About 4,000 spectators assembled in West Ham Park to witness the match between the Rovers and the London Cup holders.The mere fact that the Londoners could witness the play in a first-class contest for love no doubt conducing to the large attendance.The ground,which is situated in one of the public London parks,is full size,though it slopes somewhat towards the west,and with one exception,the surface is fairly level.The exception is a nasty hump,which runs across about 12 yards from the upper goal line.The drizzling rain,which had fallen since the previous evening,made the ground fearfully greasy.The Blackburn men,when they turned out,all looked as fit as possible, with the exception of the goalkeeper,who was rather lame.This,however,mattered little,as his post was a sinecure throughout.Beverley,Suter,Forrest,and M'Intyre,all played in their best form.The forwards, however,on both sides,were certainly not up to the mark,but the passing of the Rovers gave them a great advantage over the Upton men,who played a most selfish game throughout; Mitchell in particular,though he did more work than any other man in either team,stuck to the ball on every possible occasion.Of the Rovers in this position,Lofthouse and Brown,who though hardly at their best,were the most prominent,the first-named in particular shooting in first-class style.Bates in goal,did not belie his reputation,but Pellatt is certainly overrated,whilst Barnard,who though clever,is certainly too slow.Of the half-backs Moore and King were invaluable whilst Mangles,though

he made one or two mistakes, on the whole played a sound defensive game. Play commenced at three minutes to three, Upton, who had won the toss, playing against the hill, but they had the assistance of a strong south-westerly breeze, which kept the ball all through the game on one side of the ground. Inglis kicked off, and the ball was at once secured by Brown and Avery, who dashed down the left, the last-named sending in a hot shot which just missed its mark. Some good dribbling by Mitchell then worked the ball up the centre, but it was returned by McIntyre, and Bates then stopped a shot by Inglis. A run by Pellatt was neutralised by Forrest, but Barnard got in, and the ball was eventually sent behind the Blackburn lines. A capital centre by Logan then gave Mitchell a chance, but his shot went wide, and some good work by McIntyre removed it into neutral ground. After Mitchell had rushed near the Rovers' posts, a free kick for "hands" fell to the home team, but nothing came of it, and a smart run by Brown was stopped by Barnard and Logan, who in turn were dispossessed by McIntyre. Pellatt was next to break away, but he failed to pass Forrest, and then a shot by Brown from a cross by Douglas, struck one of the Upton posts and bounded back into play, while a minute later a shot by the same player went over. Some good play by Lofthouse and Suter was now applauded, as was McIntyre for stopping a combined run by Barnard and Logan. A very clever dribble by Mitchell looked like resulting in a score, but Strachan came to the rescue and returned to the centre by means of a long kick, whilst a minute later a shot by Lofthouse was carried aside by the wind. Pellatt then dribbled into the Rovers' quarters, but the shot was very poor, as was one by Mitchell directly afterwards. "Hands" against the Rovers was now given, but Inglis rushed back to mid-field, where he was stopped by Young, and Avery following up passed to Lofthouse, who again shot wide. A sharp attack was now made on the home goal, but, thanks to Bates and Mangles, no harm was done, and Mitchell breaking away, rushed to the other end, where King made a very wild shot. The Blackburn backs now had something to do, Bastard, Mitchell, Barnard, and Pellatt working very hard, but Beverley, McIntyre, and Suter were equal to the occasion, and at length the Uptonians were forced back. Some good passing by Douglas and Brown removed the ball to neutral ground where it remained until half-time was called. After a couple of minutes rest Moore re-started, and Bastard and Pellatt, following up, an attack was at once commenced on the Rovers' lines. Suter, however returned, and Douglas ran down the right, and a sharp shot by Lofthouse was saved by Mangles at the expense of a corner. Nothing came of it, and then a pretty piece of play was shown by Mitchell, Bastard, and Pellatt, which, however, was neutralised by a combined run by Inglis and Avery. The next item of note was a run by Lofthouse who crossed to Brown, but the latter's shot was well stopped by Moore, whilst a similar attempt by Pellatt was rendered abortive by Suter. For the next few minutes Upton had an advantage, shots by Logan and Mitchell going dangerously close to the Blackburn posts, that by the latter only just clearing the crossbar. A rush by the Lancashire forwards soon transferred the ball to the other end, where, from a splendid centre by Lofthouse, Brown and Avery let slip a ridiculously easy chance of scoring. A corner, however, resulted; but though well placed by Brown, Mitchell headed away, and getting possession, ran as far as the Blackburn quarters, when Suter checked him. After some sharp play in which Mitchell, Bastard, Inglis and Lofthouse were concerned, Brown and Avery dribbled into the Upton lines, where two corners were got in quick succession, nothing, however, resulting. Logan then broke away, but McIntyre returned to Brown, whose shot was splendidly stopped by Bates. A raid by the whole of the Upton forwards then threatened danger, but a wild kick by Moore sent the ball behind, and a good passing run by Brown and Avery quickly carried the scene of action into the home territory, where Bates in a short space of time turned aside a couple of dangerous shots by Lofthouse, who was now playing in rare form. It was now palpable that the Uptonians were tiring, and their play lacked the dash which had characterised it earlier in the

game, and at length, after the ball had been brought down by Brown, after some loose play in front of the home posts, the ball was smartly sent through by Inglis, whilst within a few minutes of the kick off, from a well-judged cross by Avery, Lofthouse sent in a stinger, which just beat Bates. A run by Pellatt was then instrumental in the gain of a corner by Upton, which proved fruitless; but the last-named were soon forced back, and for the rest of the game acted entirely on the defensive, and their backs had to do their utmost to ward off shots that were now being sent in. One more reverse has, however, yet to be chronicled, as, shortly before the whistle was sounded, from a good pass by Inglis, Lofthouse scored again by a low shot. The Rovers thus won by three goals to love."

Upton Park: P.C. Bates (Goal); W.J. Mangles, E.A. Young (Backs); R. Stuart-King; J.E.S. Moore, R.H. Dewing (Half Backs); S.R. Bastard, T. Pellatt (Right Wing), C. Mitchell (Centre), J. Barnard, N. Logan (Left Wing).

Blackburn Rovers: (J.W.) H. Arthur (Goal); J. Beverley, F. Suter (Backs); H.M'Intyre, J.H. Forrest (Half Backs); J. Douglas, J.M. Lofthouse (Right Wing), J. Inglis, T. Strachan (Centres), J. Brown, G. Avery (Left Wing).

Umpires: J. Armstrong (Union) and R. Birtwhistle (Blackburn Rovers). Referee: W.F. Beardshaw (Sheffield Club)

NOTTS COUNTY 1 (H.A. Cursham) SWIFTS 1 (A.L. Bambridge) (H.T. 1-0) (F.T. 1-1) (After Extra Time) (Sat Feb 9th) (At Trent Bridge, Nottingham)

Nottingham Journal 11/2/84 P.7 (Long Report)/Field 16/2/84 P.215/Athletic News 13/2/84 P.3/Blackburn Standard 16/2/84 P.3/Bell's Life 16/2/84 P.11/Sportsman 11/2/84 P.4/Sporting Life 11/2/84 P.4:

NJ: "TYPE REPORT

F: "Football enthusiasts in Nottingham seemed to regard the meeting of the above clubs on the Trent Bridge enclosure in that town last Saturday afternoon as little short of a certainty for the representatives of the "lace town", but in this respect they were sadly disappointed. The Swifts to a man played up splendidly, and succeeded, after a desperately hard struggle, in bringing about a tie. One or two of the Notts players were indisposed, and C.F. Dobson, their centre, and winner of the match against the Bolton Wanderers, was a comparative failure. There was an enormous attendance, and the numbers present, over eleven thousand, is by far the largest assemblage ever congregated at a football contest on the well-known cricket enclosure. A boisterous wind prevailed, and as the local team were successful in the toss, they subjected their opponents to it. For the first few minutes after the start, which took place at 2.35, some rather wild kicking was indulged in, and, as a result, the ball was not infrequently out of play. Dixon and Cursham were the leaders of the attack on the Notts left wing, and, after a foul had been obtained in the Swifts' quarters, the former made an unsuccessful shot at goal. On a second occasion the same player kicked behind, and matters were looking dangerous for the visitors, when Watson stepped in and returned the leather into the centre of play. Here, however, it remained but a few moments, and a kick at goal by Cursham, was followed by another from Gunn on the right wing. The latter next got a corner, but nothing definite resulted; and then in turn, and Bromley-Davenport broke through the Notts lines, and were cheered for a very fine run. On the ball being returned, Cursham secured a corner, and Gunn very nearly headed through. The Swifts were pressed for some time, and two other corners were taken by Cursham. Gunn obtained a fifth, and, after the lapse of exactly half an hour, a loud shout proclaimed the downfall of the

southerners' stronghold from the foot of Cursham. Play was at once resumed, and Dixon twice kicked over the Swifts' barrier. Watson, as back, was a host in himself, and rapid runs by E.C. Bambridge and Thorpe into the Notts quarters were not overlooked by the crowd. Hands were given to the locals in the jaws of the Swifts' stronghold, but the ball was got away, and at half time no further advantage had been gained. On changing ends the visitors had the full benefit of the wind, which was still blowing fiercely, and they soon compelled their opponents to adopt defensive tactics. The wing and centre players kept pounding away at the Notts fortress, and, after three corners had been booked, A.L. Bambridge, by the aid of a long kick, succeeded in equalising matters. From here to the close the game was hotly contested, and Gunn, who had played a prominent part on the Notts left wing, was ordered to full back, to the support of A. Dobson and Moore. No further scores were made by either side, and thus the match resulted in a tie. An extra half hour was taken, and during this time the home men had probably the best of the play. Both goals were, however, kept intact, and accordingly a second meeting was necessitated."

AN: "The meeting of these two well-known teams, which took place at Trent Bridge Ground, Nottingham, on Saturday was witnessed by a very large concourse of spectators. Notts, winning the toss, kicked with the wind, and after 29 minutes' fast play, Harry Cursham scored for his side with a splendid shot, which was sent in immediately after Rose in goal had stopped one from the same foot. Sixteen minutes from the change of ends A.L. Bambridge made the reckoning equal, with a long and lofty kick which it was quite impossible for Sherwin to stop, and from this stage to the call of "Time", although the play was carried on furiously, there was no further scoring. An extra half hour was arranged, but although both teams played with undiminished vigour, neither could make the winning point, and the game was drawn, with one goal each having been recorded. A. Watson was a tower of strength for the Swifts, and the Bambridges and Perkins played grandly. C.F. Dobson, on the home side, was weak, having been ill since the Bolton match, but his brother, H. Dobson, Cursham, Emmett, and Macrae played in their best style."

Notts County; M. Sherwin (Goal); A. T. Dobson, H. T. Moore (Backs); H. Emmett, S. Macrae, H. Chapman (Half Backs); W. Gunn, A. W. Cursham (Capt.) (Right Wing), C. F. Dobson (Centre), J. A. Dixon, H. A. Cursham (Left Wing).

N.B. In all the Notts lineups for these 2 games A. W. Cursham is still listed as R. H. Venables, and where Cursham is referred to in the reports below it is referring to H. A. Cursham.

Swifts: W. C. Rose (Goal); Andy Watson, A. J. Weakley (Backs); Hubert Nicholls, W. S. Bell (Half Backs); F. W. Pawson, A. L. Bambridge (Right Wing), W. E. Bromley-Davenport, J. D. Perkins (Centres), E. C. Bambridge, R. W. Thorpe (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Marshall for Notts and N. L. Jackson, of London for the Swifts. Referee: Pierce-Dix (Sheffield)

REPLAY: Thurs Feb 14th :

SWIFTS 0 NOTTS COUNTY 1 (H. A. Cursham) (H. T. 0-0) (At Kennington Oval)

Nottingham Journal 15/2/84 P.6 (Long Report) Nottingham Evening Post 14/2/84 P.3/Athletic News 13/2/84 P.3/Derby Daily Telegraph 15/2/84 P.4/Bell's Life 16/2/84 P.11/Field 16/2/84 P.215/Sportsman 15/2/84 P.4/Sporting Life 15/2/84 P.4:

NJ:"TYPE REPORT

NEP:"This afternoon the above clubs met at Kennington Oval to decide which should enter the sixth round, or semi-final stage, of the above competition for the Association Challenge Cup. As is generally known, the two teams opposed one another at Trent Bridge Ground, on Saturday, in the presence of 11,000 spectators, and after two hours' play the game was left drawn with two goals each, Notts having been conceded nine corner kicks to eight secured by the Swifts. It was at first thought that this even result would compel Notts to go to Slough, near Windsor, the ground generally associated with the Swifts' Club, but arrangements were completed on Monday night by which the Oval was rendered available this afternoon for the purposes of the undecided match between the two teams. The Northerners left Nottingham last night, when their departure was witnessed by a large number of supporters, the team being exactly the same as did duty on Saturday last. On the side of the Swifts, however, at the last minute, several alterations were made in the constitution of the team, and as several of the men were playing in positions to which they are not accustomed, it must be admitted that their chances of victory were by no means improved. This will readily be seen when it is mentioned that E.C. Bambridge was playing at half-back instead of forward. The morning opened very fine, and by the time appointed for a start between two and three thousand spectators had assembled round the ropes at Kennington Oval, the Notts men having many partisans. The Swifts were fortunate in winning the toss, but as there was absolutely no wind, and the ground was in excellent condition, there was little to be gained in having the choice of ends. At four minutes past three Notts kicked off from the Crown Baths, and at once made an incursion into the Swifts' quarters the Southerners being greatly pressed for some time. At length, however, Watson came to the relief of his side and after the ball had been twice sent behind the Swifts' lines, A.L. Bambridge made a fine run, and passed to his brother, who put in a shot that was within an ace of scoring. Gunn ran the ball down, and after Bromley-Davenport and Perkins had been applauded for some good play, Jessop tried to head the ball through, but it went behind. Play now became very fast and exciting. Bell and Perkins made good runs, but after the ball had been in Notts territory for some little time Gunn made a splendid run down, and a corner followed to the share of the visitors. In taking the kick Gunn sent the ball behind. Some good play ensued in the centre of the ground, E.C. and A.L. Bambridge being conspicuous. A little later a claim for hands, by Watson, was allowed, but nothing resulted. E.C. Bambridge, Watson, and Bell were at this time playing brilliantly, but the ball was mostly in the Swifts' quarters. Jessop and Pawson were then noticeable, and after a pretty run by the latter, a corner fell to E.C. Bambridge, but nothing resulted. Dixon and Macrae, the latter playing splendidly, made a very fierce assault upon the Swifts' stronghold, which was maintained by Cursham, who obtained two corners in rapid succession. The Swifts then worked the ball down and after some fine give-and-take play, half-time arrived without any score having been registered.

After the change of ends the Swifts followed up hard, and as the result of a fine dribble by Bromley-Davenport, the Southern team obtained a corner, but it proved unproductive. E.C. Bambridge was applauded for some fine play, and Macrae and C.F. Dobson took the ball down, but Watson met the advance. He, in turn, however, was encountered by Cursham, and out of some fine play between the lot mentioned, a claim on the part of Notts for "hands" arose, but it was disallowed. The Swifts then paid a visit to their opponents' end, the passing of the forwards being very fine, but a combined attack was then made by the Notts men, and a good shot by Macrae was prevented from scoring in consequence of the ball hitting the cross-bar, while another shot Rose only just managed to save. Bromley-Davenport and E.C. Bambridge came to the relief of their side, and the last-named had a

chance at goal, of which he did not avail himself. After some good play by Nichols, hands were allowed the Swifts, but Roff, whose services were here brought into requisition, failed to render his side any material aid. Pawson then looked like causing the Notts men a lot of trouble, but he was met and stopped by Dawson and Macrae. Cursham then dribbled well, and passed to Emmett, who put in a long kick, E.C. Bambridge ran down, but some brilliant play by Macrae and Cursham ended in the latter kicking the ball through, and at five minutes past four Notts scored their first goal, amidst uproarious applause. An appeal for "hands" was made by the Swifts, but disallowed. The Swifts, so far from arousing themselves, seemed half abroad for a few minutes, and it appeared probable that they would allow their opponents to score again. However, they rallied a little later, and E.C. Bambridge and Bromley-Davenport made a hot attack upon the Notts goal, but Davenport sent the ball over the bar. A series of onslaughts were made by the Swifts, but the defence of Notts was grand, and when the time expired the score was one goal to none in favour of Notts, Perkins having been close to the goal when the whistle sounded. For the winners H. Cursham and Gunn deserve special mention amongst the forwards, while A.T. Dobson and Macrae played with marvellous coolness and safety behind. The Swifts lacked combination, and would have been defeated by a larger margin but for the grand play of Watson. Of the others E.C. Bambridge, Pawson, and Nicholls deserve mention. Rose performed well in goal."

BL: "The weather on Thursday last, when the teams met again, this time at Kennington Oval, left nothing to be desired, it being fine and springlike, whilst there was scarcely a breath of air stirring. One of the best contested games that has been played on the Surrey Cricket ground this season ensued, though it must be admitted that the county men fully deserved their victory, as they were undoubtedly the better team. The Swifts were compelled to find a couple of substitutes in the place of Weakley and Thorpe, who had taken part in the Notts fixture. Play commenced soon after three o'clock, C. Dobson starting the ball from the Crown Baths goal. Some loose play in the centre was carried on for the first few minutes, after which Cursham broke away on the left, but the ball was well returned by E.C. Bambridge, and after a bully, was sent behind the Notts line. A short run was then made by A.L. Bambridge, who was dispossessed by Emmett, and Cursham, after a dodging run, crossed to Gunn, whose final shot, however, went wide. "Hands" were now given in favour of the Swifts, which enabled A.L. Bambridge to get away, and after one or two bullies in the visitors' territory E.C. Bambridge sent in a shot which went close to their posts. The ball was now rapidly worked from end to end of the ground, Gunn, Dixon, and Cursham showing by far the best of the visitors, whilst Davenport, the Bambridges, and Pawson well maintained the reputation of the Swifts. Each goal in turn was assailed, but after about a quarter of an hour's play, Notts pressed their opponents severely, yet the back play of Watson, and the goalkeeping of Rose more than once saved a score, whilst Dobson repeatedly prevented the Swifts from breaking away. Several corners fell to the visitors, but they were not further utilised, and shortly before half time, Rose fairly brought down the house by saving splendidly. When the teams crossed over nothing had been scored, and no sooner had the ball been re-started than a splendid run on the part of Perkins and A.L. Bambridge threatened danger, but the first-named shot wide. Play was now very fast, both sides trying their utmost to score, and at length, after a rush of the Swifts' left had been stopped by Macrae, the ball was passed to Gunn, who ran into the home quarters, where he centred finely, and Cursham getting the better of Watson by a low sharp shot, scored a goal. For some time after this the play was very equal, the only notable features being a grand save on the part of Rose, and what was perhaps the best run of the day, by A.L. Bambridge, Perkins, and Davenport rushing from end to end of the ground, but the last-named

lost a very easy chance of equalising matters by a bad shot. Towards the end of the game the Swifts seemed to hold the advantage, but Macrae and Dobson neutralised all their efforts until just before the conclusion from a well placed corner a bully ensued almost just under the Notts posts, when the last chance was lost by Perkins kicking outside. Notts thus won by a goal to nil."

Swifts: W.C. Rose (Goal); A. Watson, + W.G. Roff (Backs); Hubert Nicholls (Capt.), W.S. Bell, E.C. Bambridge (Half backs); F.W. Pawson, E. Jessop (Right Wing), W.E. Bromley-Davenport (Centre), J.D. Perkins, A.L. Bambridge (Left Wing).

N.B. As above, and set out in BL/F, Swifts played 2/3/5 in this replay having played 2/2/6 in the first match.

Notts County: M. Sherwin (Goal); A.T. Dobson, H.T. Moore (Backs); H. Emmett, S. Macrae, H. Chapman (Half Backs); W. Gunn, A.W. Cursham (Right Wing), C.F. Dobson (Centre), J.A. Dixon, H.A. Cursham (Left Wing).

Umpires: H. Jessop (Notts) and M.P. Betts (Swifts). Referee: N.L. Jackson.

SIXTH ROUND:

Derby Daily Telegraph 12/2/84 P.4:

"The committee of the English Association met in London on Monday night and made the draw for the 6th round of the ties in the Cup Competition. The result was as follows:

Swifts or Notts v Blackburn Rovers, at Birmingham
Queen's Park v Blackburn Olympic, at Nottingham

This round will have to be played by March 1st. It was decided that the two games should be played at Birmingham and Nottingham, as may be deemed advisable after the result of the undecided tie between Swifts and Notts, but in all probability the matches will be played as previously indicated. The final tie for the Cup will be played at Kennington Oval.

It has been arranged that the match between Nottingham and Swifts in the Fifth Round of ties shall be played at Kennington Oval, on Thursday, the kick off taking place at three o'clock. The Notts team are to leave for London on Wednesday evening, and the eleven will be exactly the same as represented the club on Saturday last."

BLACKBURN ROVERS 1 (J.M. Lofthouse) NOTTS COUNTY 0 (H.T. 0-0) (Sat Mar 1st) (At Aston Lower Grounds, Birmingham)

Blackburn Standard 8/3/84 P.3/Nottingham Journal 3/3/84 P.7 (Long Report)/Athletic News 5/3/84 P.3/Bell's Life 8/3/84 P.4/Manchester Courier 3/3/84 P.3/Sportsman 3/3/84 P.4/Sporting Life 3/3/84 P.4/Field 8/3/84 P.338/Glasgow Herald 3/3/84 P.10/Referee 2/3/84 P.6:

BS: "These teams met in the semi-final of the English Cup, on the Aston Lower Grounds, Birmingham, on Saturday, before about 15,000 spectators. The Notts captain won the toss, and chose to play towards the Witton end of the field; but there was no wind, and, consequently but little advantage. At about twenty-five minutes to four Inglis started the ball, and after being kicked out several times, the

Rovers went up but fouled the ball, and Moore had a free kick from which the game was transferred to the Rovers' quarters. Suter, however, cleared his lines well, and Jimmy Brown got away up the left, but Dixon compelled him to part with the ball, and gave it to Gunn, from whence it passed out. Suter foiled a good run by +Venables, and immediately after A.T. Dobson knocked Brown off his feet as he sped along the left and came into dangerous proximity to the Notts goal. Brown, notwithstanding, was instantly on the ball again, and centring it was kicked over the goal line. Cursham then got possession and getting past Suter, a severe scrimmage took place in the Rovers goal from which the Notts men gained the first corner, Emmett putting the corner kick behind. For a few minutes the Notts men pressed the Rovers hard, but the back play of Suter and Beverley was superb. Gunn dribbled neatly down the left and passed to Cursham, who made a shot but it went wide. From a pass by Avery, Jimmy Brown got past Macrae, but was dispossessed by Moore, though Lofthouse immediately brought the ball up again, and the Blackburn team looked like scoring. The pressure was at length relieved, and Gunn and Dixon worked up, receiving a check, however, from Lofthouse, which enabled Beverley to head the ball away, and again the Notts men were pressed. The forwards, however, broke away, and Beverley missing a kick, gave Cursham an opportunity, but he failed to improve it, and almost the next instant C.F. Dobson missed a similar chance. A little roughness began to be noticeable, Inglis being placed hors de combat for a few moments. Douglas and Lofthouse got close to the Notts goal, but Gunn robbed them, and Cursham receiving the ball made another erratic shot, and directly afterwards Dixon shot wide. Strachan was conspicuous for a brilliant run, finishing up with a shot, which went behind, but soon after up came Brown, and getting past A.T. Dobson, passed to Lofthouse, who shot, but Sherwin fisted it out, and a desperate struggle ensued in the Notts goal, the ball immediately being kicked over. Up till half time the ball was continually travelling the field, though the Rovers undoubtedly had the best of the game now, no score, however, being made in the first half. On recommencing operations Brown opened the ball by a long shot, which fell just in front of Sherwin, and bounding from the floor somewhat non-plussed him, but it bounded over the bar. By the most strenuous efforts the Notts men at last managed to get into the Rovers' quarters, and made it pretty hot for a time, Beverley ultimately relieving the pressure. A splendid dribble by Brown called forth the applause of the spectators, and the forwards swarming round the Notts goal, gave Sherwin plenty to do, and he did it well. Inglis executed some fine dribbling from which Lofthouse kicked over the bar, and Cursham, +Venables, and Gunn retaliated, but a call of "hands" allowed the ball to be returned, and Brown put in a magnificent shot, which Sherwin stopped splendidly. Mainly through Gunn's instrumentality, a corner was conceded to Notts, which was placed well in front of goal, but the Rovers got it away, and Brown rushed down the left with the ball. Close to the goal line on the left, several throws-in fell to the Rovers, and at last the ball was placed nicely in front of goal, and a most exciting scrimmage was observed, Lofthouse putting the final touch to the ball, and scoring the only goal for the Rovers, amid renewed cheering at ten minutes to five, after 20 minutes' play in the second half. The Notts men now redoubled their exertions, but were unable to make any headway, and the Rovers continued to have the best of the game, finally winning by one goal to nil."

NJ: "TYPE REPORT

AN: "This match perhaps proved the most interesting of the two semi-final ties of the above competition, inasmuch as the result to a great extent seemed more uncertain than the encounter between Queen's Park and the Olympic. Notts had displayed capital form, whilst the Blackburn Rovers had apparently deteriorated somewhat, at least that was the opinion of many when it was found that

the latter had succumbed to Preston North End, and had only managed to make a draw of it with Accrington. However, the Rovers were in capital fettle on Saturday, and were extremely confident of success. The Notts supporters, too, were equally sanguine, and fully 10,000 supporters assembled on the Aston Lower Grounds, Birmingham, on Saturday, to witness the encounter. The game was splendidly contested all through, and great enthusiasm prevailed at the finish amongst the Blackburn supporters when the Rovers were hailed victors by a goal to nothing. Notts having won the toss, Inglis started the ball for the Rovers, and play was quickly in the Notts quarters. The latter, however, removed hostilities, and were credited with the first corner kick, which did not avail them much. Brown was then conspicuous with a fine run, and Lofthouse next caused the Notts goal to be assailed, the Rovers at this period having slightly the best of the play. A capital bit of passing by the Notts right wing now transferred the leather to the Rovers' quarters, where C.F. Dobson had a chance to score, but failed to utilise it. H. Cursham and Dixon then put in some good work, each making shots at the Rovers goal. Strachan, however, made a splendid run down the left wing, and Sherwin was obliged to use his hands. Play was now carried on in front of the Notts posts, and great excitement prevailed. Brown nearly scored, and then Moore and Macrae came to the rescue, and the ball was taken into the Rovers' half again. The play was very fast, and eventually the Rovers had a corner, which was sent in front, and Lofthouse kicked over the bar. Half time arrived shortly afterwards, neither side having scored. On changing ends, Cursham recommenced by kicking off, but play was again taken into the Notts quarters, when Brown almost brought about the downfall of the Notts citadel, the ball going over the bar. The Rovers now played splendidly, and pressed their opponents severely, and, indeed, it seemed marvellous that they did not score. Sherwin, however, defended his goal in brilliant form and stopped shot after shot. After about 20 minutes' play in the second half, Lofthouse, after a splendid piece of play, shot at goal, and Sherwin was unable to get the leather away before the Rovers' forwards swarmed round, and he was pushed through the posts, the first and only goal of the match being placed to the credit of the Rovers. The Notts men made strenuous efforts to equalise matters after this, but were unsuccessful, and when "Time" was called, the Rovers were left the winners by one goal to nil."

"The Committee of the Notts Club met on Monday, and decided to object to Inglis having been played in Saturday's semi-final tie in the English Challenge Cup, on the ground that he is an imported professional. They believe that they will be able to offer evidence of a character that led to the disqualification of Preston North End." (See further below)

+A.W. Cursham

Blackburn Rovers: J. (W.H.) Arthur (Goal); J. Beverley, F. Suter (Backs); H. M'Intyre, J.H. Forrest (Half Backs); J.M. Lofthouse, J. Douglas (Right Wing), J. Inglis, T. Strachan (Centres), G. Avery, J. Brown (Capt.) (Left Wing).

Notts County: M. Sherwin (Goal); A.T. Dobson, H.T. Moore (Backs); H.W. Emmett, S. Macrae, H. Chapman (Half Backs); W. Gunn, A.W. Cursham (Right Wing), C.F. Dobson (Centre), J.A. Dixon, H.A. Cursham (Left Wing).

N.B. A protest by Notts that Inglis was an imported professional from Scotland was not upheld at the FA Committee Meeting called to hear both disputes, held in London on Monday March 10th: see Nottingham Evening Post 12/3/84 P.4 :

"Today's Pastime, edited by N.L. Jackson, one of the Committee of the English Association, has the following suggestive commentary on the remarkable decision arrived at on Monday evening with reference to the Notts protest: "Both the protests about the result of the semi-final ties have been disallowed. The Olympians were told that any encroachment upon the field of play was equally injurious to the Queen's Park as to themselves, while the verdict in the Notts v Rovers case was "not guilty, but don't do it again." The Notts club now thinks that it deserved to lose, for, being wealthy enough to import a good Scotch centre, it stupidly refrained from doing so, and is justly(?) punished for the omission."

QUEEN'S PARK, GLASGOW 4 (W. Watt 2, Dr. J. Smith 2) BLACKBURN OLYMPIC 0
(H.T. 1-0) (BL/F/AFS all give Smith 3, Watt as the scorers for Queen's Park (Sat Mar 1st)) (At Trent Bridge Cricket Ground, Nottingham)

Blackburn Standard 8/3/84 P.3/Glasgow Herald 3/3/84 P.10/Nottingham Evening Post Sat 1/3/84 P.3/Bell's Life 8/3/84 P.4/Field 8/3/84 P.338/Athletic News 5/3/84 P.3/Sportsman 3/3/84 P.4/Sporting Life 3/3/84 P.4:

BS: "TYPE REPORT

F: "Blackburn Olympic, the holders since last season, had undergone a special preparation, and they appeared on the 1st in the very pink of condition, although Hunter, their captain and centre, was suffering from a doubtful knee. Compared with the Scotchmen, the eleven were very light, and from the outset public opinion inclined to the chances possessed by the northerners."

"Hunter, their (the Olympian) captain, was extremely annoyed with the conduct of the crowd, and soon after the conclusion of hostilities, lodged a written protest with the referee, objecting to Queen's Park's victory, on the ground of the spectators' encroachment."

NEP: "This match, one of the semi-final ties in the English Cup Competition, was played at Trent Bridge Ground this afternoon, in the presence of 12,000 spectators, the crowd being the largest in point of numbers which has assembled in that enclosure during the present winter. The weather was delightfully fine, and the wind almost conspicuous by its absence, while the ground, which had been well rolled, looked in really admirable order. A long time before the hour-three o'clock-fixed for the commencement of the game, every point or stand from which a sight of the game could be obtained were occupied with enthusiastic sightseers. It was announced that the Queen's Park were placed at a great disadvantage by the absence of their regular goalkeeper, the man who had regularly played under the name "McCallam", and Gillespie their second man in that position (N.B.: see below). The Blackburn Olympic team were as strong as could be made at the present time. The Queen's Park men were the first to come on the field, making their appearance at five minutes to three, and were immediately followed by the Olympic."

GH: "This match, the semi-final, was played on the Trent Bridge Cricket Ground, Nottingham, and the excitement caused by the meeting may be gathered from the fact that 15,000 spectators were present. The loss of Fraser and A. Holm considerably lessened the chances of the Queen's Park, and as the English cupholders had beaten Dumbarton last week, their supporters were confident that they would prove superior to the Scotchmen. The latter won the toss, and chose the ground nearest the Gamston Road. Hunter kicked off for the Olympic at three minutes past three, and the ball was

worked over the Olympic lines. A run on the left by Costley and Yates brought the ball to the Queen's Park end, and the ball going over the line. Play was somewhat slow at the commencement. "Hands" were given against Watt, and at five minutes from the start Olympic took their first corner. Hunter shot the ball in magnificently, and a hot attack took place on the Glasgow goal, which was in considerable danger. The Olympics played in magnificent fashion, but a grand run by the Glasgow left wings ended in a long attack on the Olympic goal. Some fine heading was shown by Glasgow, but the ball was worked back to the Queen's Park end, Moss putting in a magnificent kick, which dropped the ball near the Glasgow goal, Costley kicking just a little wide of the post. Then the Blackburn goal was invaded, the greatest excitement being shown, and M'Cullum had to handle from a good shot. Dr Smith ran the ball down, and made a good shot at the Blackburn goal, which just went wide of the post. This was a good chance badly missed. "Hands" were given against the Olympic near their own goal, and the ball was shot through without anybody touching it. "Hands" were given against Glasgow in the centre of the ground, and Parker ultimately kicked over the bar. Smith dribbled to the Blackburn end, and Christie kicked a little too high. The game was now stopped on the ground of the crowd having broken upon the field of play, and a long interval ensued before the spectators were got back. After play was resumed Olympic pressed Queen's Park, but Christie brought them relief with a fine run, the ball being kicked over the line. The game was now even, the ball frequently going out at the sides. A fine piece of passing by the Blackburn forwards ended with Costley heading the ball wide of the posts. There was nothing remarkable in the play for two or three minutes, though Hunter and Gibson both kicked well. The game was tame, neither side having much advantage until after 32 minutes' play, when a run on the right wing, and Woolfall being charged over, a goal was scored out of a scrimmage apparently by Watt. A foul was given against Queen's Park near their own position, but the ball was finally kicked over Glasgow bar. The ball was rushed down the Scotch right wing, and a foul was given against the Olympic near their own post. It came to nothing, however, and Queen's Park now had to act on the defensive, Gibson playing splendidly. Hunter fouled the ball 30 yards from his own goal, and a corner was taken by Queen's Park after 42 minutes' play. A fine run by Dewhurst and Parker relieved the English goal. The attack was again made, and the Olympic had to kick over their own goal for safety. Christie took the corner, and a magnificent shot he made, and half-time was immediately called, Queen's Park having scored one goal to none. After a few minutes' interval ends were changed and the game continued. A long rest took place so that the crowd at the Gamston road end of the ground could be got back, as the spectators had encroached well into the field of play. At four o'clock Dr Smith kicked off, and the game was at once taken to the Glasgow end, where Queen's Park fouled the ball. Nothing came of the free kick, which Hunter took, and Christie with a fine run, went to the other end, and Woolfall kept out a fine shot. Olympic had rather the best of it for a minute or two, but again was Blackburn pressed, and Dr Smith kicked a second goal for Queen's Park after five minutes' play. Olympic immediately afterwards had a corner-kick, which was taken by Hunter. Queen's Park had to defend their goal for a time on two or three good shots, and then a second corner was given to the Olympic, which went behind the line. Blackburn had the best of it, until they fouled the ball, when it was at once taken to their end, and Woolfall had to keep out a shot. Another interval had to be taken to work the crowd back, who were again over the Blackburn line, and fully five minutes was cut to waste in the effort, which was not very effective. At last Woolfall kicked out, and the ball was sent back to his end, where the goal-keeper, in clearing his position, had to give a corner. The kick was a bad one, but Queen's Park again asserted their superiority, the Olympic being kept to their end. Gibson played well, but Watt, by a fine piece of play, scored the third goal for his side after 20 minutes' play in the second half of the game. Again did the

spectators interfere with the progress of the game, the onlookers being eight or ten yards in the field of play, and could not be persuaded to go back. At last the play was continued, and Woolfall had to keep out two warm shots, but he was successful. The Glasgow was now invaded, and "hands" were given against them, but they cleared their position, and Christie and Dr Smith ran down to the Olympic end. The ball was soon back, however, and kicked over the Glasgow line. Christie made a tremendous dash at goal, but Woolfall stopped the shot, and play was speedily once again in the centre of the ground. The ball was kicked out by the Blackburn full back, but was then driven to the Glasgow end, where it was kept for a few minutes. "Hands" against Christie, and Holm kicked out in self defence. Blackburn had slightly the best of it, until Dr Smith rushed up, but Moss took the ball off him and kicked out. Another stoppage was caused by the spectators, who were almost unmanageable. After seven minutes of enforced rest Glasgow had a throw in near the Olympic line, but the ball at last got away, and the Queen's Park again went to the other end and secured another corner kick. Two or three times Glasgow seemed to have a chance of scoring, but the opportunities were not utilised. A foul against the Olympic gave Arnott a free kick, which he made full use of, and Christie and Harrower were seen in grand form. Another corner was taken by Queen's Park, but it was fruitless, and much of the interest in the game had now expired. Once or twice the Olympic broke through, but after 40 minutes' play Dr Smith got away, went straight up to the mouth of the goal, and shot the ball past Woolfall, who could not have possibly stopped the shot. Gibson played well, and gave Costley a chance, which was well taken, but M'Callum stopped a shot in easy style. The Scotchmen once more took the upper hand, Gibson defending well. At 5.5 the whistle was blown, Queen's Park having won by four goals to (n)one. For the winners, Arnott, Holm, Christie, Watt, and Dr Smith all played well, while on the side of the losers Gibson, Moss, Costley, and Dewhurst did the most work."

"At the close of the game the Olympic protested against the decision of the game on account of the spectators having interfered with the play."

N.B.: Protest not upheld at the meeting on 11/3/84.

Queen's Park: +P. McCallum (Goal); W. Arnott, J.W. Holm (Backs); J. MacDonald, J.J. Gow (Half Backs); W. Anderson, W.W. Watt (Right Wing), W. Harrower, Dr J. Smith, (Centres), D.S. Allan, R.M. Christie (Left Wing).

+Check initials

N.B.: Queen's Park History P.106/107: "The Queen's Park hoped to take a strong team to Nottingham 1st March, 1884, for the ...game against Olympic, but first one and then another called off. Andrew Holm was still on the accident list, as his leg broke down against 3rd Lanark on the Saturday before. His brother, J.W. Holm, joined Arnott at back. C. Campbell could not get away, neither could A. Rowan. J. MacDonald (Edinburgh University), who had quite recently been made a member of the club, took Campbell's place, and P. McCallum went up by the high mail to Nottingham, being sent by A. Rowan at the last minute to fill the goal."

+(Have used P. McCallum (as in QPHistory not A. McCullum: as in NEP, which itself states in above report that the first 2 choice goalkeepers were unavailable)

Blackburn Olympic:A.Woolfall(Goal);W.Moss,J.T.Ward(Backs);Jos.Duckworth,J.Hunter,T.Gibson(Half Backs);T.Dewhurst,A.Matthews(Right Wing),W.Parker(Centre),J.(T.)Costley,J.Yates(Left Wing).

Umpires:C.H.R.Wollaston(Wanderers Club) and Pierce-Dix(Sheffield Association).Referee:C.W.Alcock(Secretary,Football Association)

FINAL:

BLACKBURN ROVERS 2 (J.E.Sowerbutts,J.H.Forrest)QUEEN'S PARK 1 (R.M.Christie)(H.T. 2-1)(Sat Mar 29th)(At Kennington Oval)

(Blackburn Complete Record has Sowerbutts for Brown for the scorer of the first goal:see extract from the BS Report below attributing the last touch to Sowerbutts)

Blackburn Standard 5/4/84 P.3/Glasgow Herald 31/3/84 P.6/Field 5/4/84 P.478/Bell's Life 2/4/84 P.1/Athletic News 2/4/84 P.3/Sportsman 31/3/84 P.4/Sporting Life 31/3/84 P.4/Referee 30/3/84 P.6:

BS:"The Rovers had a pleasant journey to Richmond on Friday,and retired to bed at eleven o'clock.They made the journey to the City shortly after noon on Saturday,and proceeded by 'bus to the Oval.Efficient arrangements had been made,a very large space of ground having been railed round.A special stand had been erected behind the goal at the gasometer end,and a large one also at the west side.The Pavilion was reserved for members of the Surrey Cricket Club exclusively.The ground was in excellent condition,and had been carefully marked.The weather was beautifully fine but cloudy,and a pretty strong wind blew from the gasometer end.Although the kick-off was not advertised to take place until half-past three,fully an hour and a half before that time people commenced to make their way to Kennington Oval in large numbers,both in cabs and on foot.There were about 12,000 spectators on the ground.No favours of either party were worn.A large proportion of the spectators seemed to be from the North.The Rovers made their appearance upon the field at 24 minutes past three.Queen's Park followed,and they were both warmly welcomed.The rovers lost the toss,and had to defend the Crown Baths goal,facing the wind,their opponents now and again having the sun in their faces.Sowerbutts started the game at thirty-two minutes past three by turning over to Inglis.The Scotchmen were not long in assuming the offensive,Dr Smith and Christie showing prominently.A centre was made and Dr Smith let fly at the posts,only to see McIntyre checkmate his effort.The Scots returned to the attack,but this time Suter interposed with his head.The Rovers had a warm time of it for a minute or so,but at length from a throw in,Lofthouse gave Douglas a chance,and the latter sped away.Campbell brought him up,returning the ball to the front of the goal,where Christie and then Watt tried hard to score.Arthur kept out one or two hot shots,and Brown got off,but could not pass Arnott,who,with a long clean lunge,dropped the ball in front again,but in the final kick of a Queen's Park forward sent the leather over the bar.The kick-off brought the Rovers no rest,and a corner accrued to the Scotchmen,the ball hitting the cross-bar from Harrower's shot.Allan was next conspicuous,but Lofthouse secured and kicked across to Brown,and the latter trotted off up the ground.The Blackburn international did not get very far,Campbell tackling skilfully,which caused the play to rage in the Rovers' quarters again.After a pretty hot tussle,Anderson got the ball and sent it in,Christie hitting the bar and then rushing it through.The Rovers,however,claimed off-side,and got it so the goal was disallowed,to the evident

annoyance of the Scotchmen. Upon re-starting Douglas passed to Lofthouse, and then ensued some really good passing among the Rovers, the result being that the ball was taken nicely in front of the Queen's Park goal where Brown failed to find an opening. Arnott got the ball away, but the Rovers again came crowding round the Scotch fortress. Arnott at this point was loudly cheered for one or two kicks, and the Scotchmen were dangerous for a moment, until a nice combined bit of work between Lofthouse and McIntyre brought relief.

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BS: "The only alteration in the advertised team was J. MacDonald for J. Holm, who had been hurt."

BS: "Campbell then tried a shy at goal on his own account, but it lacked accuracy, and away went Brown on the left. Passing Arnott, he ran between Campbell and Gow, and Gillespie rushed up. Jimmy was too quick for him, however, and he sent the ball rolling along, Sowerbutts racing along and gently assisting it through the posts."

GH: "TYPE REPORT

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F: "The last stage in the above competition was reached on Saturday, and the result of the match leaves the cup still at Blackburn, though it is now held by the Rovers, who have thus gained the honour, which in 1882 may be said to have been snatched from them by the Old Etonians. Of the thirteen competitions that have been decided none have presented more features of interest than the one belonging to this season, which has still a few days to run, and the international character associated with the concluding contest invested it with a greater amount of excitement than has ever before been the case. Arrangements were made at Kennington Oval, where each of the finals has in its turn been fought, for an extraordinary attendance, and the work of the executive was not done in vain. The ground was attended as it has never before been attended on the occasion of a football match, and the additional accommodation in the shape of stands was eagerly taken advantage of. There were perhaps twelve thousand persons present, and a more orderly crowd was never seen anywhere. An ever watchful eye was kept on the ropes, and stakes which enclosed the playing portion of the ground, but there was not a single effort made to encroach beyond the limits defined. Indeed, the whole affair was carried off in a manner that could not have been more satisfactory. From first to last the game was contested with spirit and fairness, and, though the majority of the spectators were, as was to be expected, the better pleased when the Rovers were in the ascendant, applause was, when deserved, given in no begrudging manner, to the Scotchmen, whose chance all along, had generally been considered above that of their opponents. The weather proved fine, and but that the ground was rather hard, the conditions under which the match was played could not have been more favourable, for there was not sufficient wind to render kicking at all uncertain.

Half past three was the advertised time for starting, and punctually the kick-off was accomplished by Sowerbutts on behalf of the Rovers, who had lost the toss, and had to begin with the wind against them and the sun at their backs. Queen's Park quickly took a strong aggressive position. A capital middle by Anderson looked dangerous, and, out of a sharp bully, which ensued Smith headed the ball

right to the mouth of the goal, from which Arthur transferred it to near the corner flag. Queen's Park continued to press their rivals very closely, and twice the ball was shot to the Blackburn crossbar, only for it to rebound into play. To such great advantage were Queen's Park seen during these early stages of the game, as to bring forth the remark from more than one quarter, "Why, it is only a question of how many goals they will win by." M'Intyre at length got the ball away, but Arnott quickly returned it close under the Rovers' goal, and a corner was gained. The backs and goalkeeper had plenty of work to do, and had they not done it remarkably well, the Scotchmen must have scored several times. After a long pass by Smith, the ball was kicked through by Christie, but it was claimed and allowed that the latter was offside. From this point the complexion of the game changed. Inglis, Lofthouse, and Douglas came away in fine style, and for the first time the Scotchmen were seriously threatened. After some capital passing Brown had what looked like a good chance, but M'Donald proved too quick for him, and the play was taken to the centre. Following this incident the game became very fast, and the strength of the backs on either side was severely put to the test. A free kick for hands gave Queen's Park a momentary advantage, and Arnott, who took it, sending the ball to the crossbar, under which it dropped, and thence went between the posts, a goal was claimed; but it was ruled that it had not touched anyone after leaving Arnott's foot. Another long shot from Arnott was punched away by Arthur, only to be headed back by Harrower; but the ball just touched the bar and bounded behind. A run by the lefts and centres of Blackburn placed the Rovers in the ascendant, but the final kick was easily dealt with by Gillespie. Returning to the charge, the Rovers secured a corner, which was placed behind. Each end was in turn visited, and matters were extremely interesting from the evenness of the play. From a throw-in Inglis got possession and passed to Hargreaves; the latter passed to Brown, who, favoured by a stumble on the part of Gillespie, was able to score, this success being greeted with great applause. (N.B.: Sowerbutts in fact helped the ball in: see below) Two free kicks were then incurred by Queen's Park, and the Rovers' forwards playing up with great spirit somewhat disorganised their opponents, and, after a kick of Brown had been met by Gillespie, a shot sent in by Forrest gave Rovers their second goal, at which the cheering was again loud and prolonged. After each side had gained a corner, Queen's Park made a very strong assault. Campbell placed the ball smartly to Allan, who passed it slightly to the left, and Christie, with a cleverly executed kick, obtained a goal for the Scotchmen, who previous to half time, again besieged the Rovers' quarters without success. After change of ends Queen's Park were the first on the aggressive; but the Blackburn backs now played up better than previously, and Brown, Hargreaves, and Lofthouse gave Arnott and M'Donald plenty of work. A corner kick soon fell to the Rovers, but after a short bully the ball was sent over the bar; then after a splendid kick by Arnott, some good play was shown by Queen's Park, but the ball was eventually forced too near the goal line to be dangerous. The Blackburn forwards, as the game advanced, played in dashing style, Brown, Lofthouse, and Sowerbutts taking every advantage of a certain amount of looseness amongst the forward division of the Scotchmen who, however, subsequently showed improvement, and gave the Rovers much anxiety. Time after time the ball hovered close to the Blackburn goal, and shots were met in wonderfully fine style. One sharp kick by Christie was cleverly stopped by Arthur; and then Beverley stayed a well-meant effort from the same player, who afterwards spoiled an excellent chance by kicking too loftily. The defence of Blackburn was at this stage exceedingly fine, though, had the Scotchmen on several occasions taken their shots earlier, rather than passing so much, their efforts might have been crowned with success. The Rovers at length broke away, and Brown had a shot at the Scotch goal, which Gillespie stopped, but let the ball drop out of his hands. It was claimed that the ball had rolled over the line, but the decision was against this plea. Another strong effort by Glasgow was made to

equalise matters, but without success; and with only a few minutes of time left, Douglas headed the ball through the Scotch goal, but, as he was offside, the point was not allowed. In the end Blackburn Rovers retired winners by two goals to one.

The result of the game was a great surprise to those who had pinned their faith to the Scotchmen. In justice to this section of football players and admirers, it must be admitted that their favourites had bad luck, both at the commencement of the game and towards the finish, but it cannot be denied that they played less judiciously than on many a previous occasion, and that there was, at times, a want of dash amongst the forwards. The back play of Queen's Park was by no means perfect, but Arnott kicked, with little exception, very accurately. During the very early stages the Blackburn backs played rather wildly, but they showed great improvement subsequently, and nothing could have been much better than the defence of Forrest, Beverley, and M'Intyre after the first fifteen minutes. The Rovers' forwards played a good game throughout, and generally displayed superiority in pace over their rivals, with whom it may be here said, they had previously played three drawn matches. Brown, Hargreaves, Sowerbutts, and Lofthouse rendered a lot of useful service. A more evenly contested game it would be impossible to witness, and few could have been dissatisfied with their visit to Kennington Oval. The umpires were Messrs C.H. Wollaston and C. Crump; the referee was Major Marindin, who shortly after the conclusion of the match presented the winning team the cup and medals."

History of the Queen's Park Football Club 1867-1917 Ps 108-109: "The Queen's Park entered the competition to bring glory to Scotland, and ended by giving glory to Blackburn Rovers. As it turned out the game was a close one—a very close one—but the Queen's Park did not win. They had many chances at goal, but owing to the strong defence of the Rovers, could not manage to square the total. The whole team seemed out of joint; Smith was off form; Allan and Watt, too, played below expectation. Anderson and Harrower were the only forwards who did themselves credit. Campbell never played harder, and the same may be said of Arnott, than whom there was no better back in Britain. Gow and McDonald changed places and got mixed up, and wound up hindering each other. As has been said, the Queen's Park had two goals disallowed and the Rovers one. The appeals against the Queen's Park were so persistent, that the team got afraid to kick the ball when at all near goal. Major Marindin acted a most extraordinary part. On the Sunday after the match, he came to the hotel, and told the team they had the ball through the Rovers' goal a foot, and did not claim, and also that the first goal scored by the Rovers was distinctly offside, but no appeal was made. Arnott emphatically stated he appealed loudly, but no notice was taken. The major ought to have kept the information to himself, and not thus increased the chagrin of the Queen's Park. On his own showing the Scots won by 3-1. The Queen's Park counted in the other two goals disallowed, and asserted they gained the day by 5-1. These unhappy incidents left behind an unhappy flavour, the circumstances connected with the game being particularly unfortunate, and to the present day they are not forgotten."

The QPK History (as did the BS editorial) also laid blame on the Queen's Park Committee who were responsible for team selection: "It was a blunder, a terrible blunder, not to have played Shaw and Kay. The match committee came in for great blame for their lack of foresight. The team was not a strong one for such an occasion. J. McDonald, a right half, had to play left back, and Watt, a Second Eleven man then, was hardly class enough for a crucial struggle. J.W. Holm and F. Shaw were left out."

SM: "Both teams were strongly represented, though the Scotchmen were minus the services of A.H. Holm, whose leg had given way, his place at full back being filled by J. Macdonald, while Watt(s) was chosen as the confrere of Anderson, Fraser having gone abroad. On the side of the Rovers "Jack" Hargreaves took the place of Avery on the +right wing, whilst the centres were Inglis, of the Glasgow Rangers, and Sowerbutts, whose first season it was with the first eleven, Strachan's services not being called into requisition." +Left Wing

"Although play was not announced to commence until half past three, the gates, or, more correctly speaking, the turnstiles, were open at one, and for nearly three hours were besieged by an eager throng. Special arrangements had been made for the presence of a large crowd, but this even exceeded anticipations, and ingress was no easy matter, though a little more energy on the part of the officials would have obviated many of the "blocks". Once inside the ground it was patent that the crowd was no ordinary one. The football pavilion reserved for members of the Surrey Club was filled to repletion, as were also the special stands erected on the opposite side, and at the back of the gasometer goal. The raised terraces had their occupants, whilst the ropes were surrounded by an enthusiastic crowd, in many cases ten or a dozen deep. Altogether there could not have been fewer than 14,000 present, whilst every coign of vantage on the surrounding houses was occupied. That their visit was not a wasted one, as all must be forced to admit, for a finer exposition of the game has seldom been witnessed."

"At twenty-five minutes past three a cheer from the crowd greeted the Blackburn mens they came forth in quartered blue and white jerseys. The Scotchmen, who were attired in dark blue and white hoops, followed almost directly, and were greeted with many cries of encouragement and welcome."

SL: "Five minutes before the appointed time the Rovers, who wore shirts of blue and white in halves, made their appearance inside the ropes, receiving hearty applause from all parts of the ground. They were almost immediately afterwards followed by the Queen's Park team, in jerseys of black and white stripes, who were also the recipients of general cheering."

Queen's Park: George Gillespie (Goal); W. Arnott, J. McDonald, (Backs); Charles Campbell (Capt.), J.J. Gow (Half Backs); W. Anderson, W.W. Watt (Right Wing), Dr. J. Smith, W. Harrower (Centres), D.S. Allan, R.M. Christie (Left Wing).

+Not J. Watts: contra many papers inc GH

(Have put in Queen's Park History P.109 order)

Blackburn Rovers: (J.W.) H. Arthur (Goal); J. Beverley, F. Suter (Backs); H.M'Intyre (Capt.), J.H. Forrest (Half Backs); J.M. Lofthouse, J. Douglas (Right Wing), J. Inglis (Centres), +J.E. Sowerbutts (Centres), J. Brown (Capt.), J. Hargreaves (Left Wing). +?J.W?

Umpires: Crump (Birmingham) and Wollaston (Wanderers).
Referee: Major Marindin (President, Football Association)

