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FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP:

FIRST ROUND:

Bell's Life 17/9/84:"On Monday evening last the ties in the first round in the chief competition of the football season were drawn at the offices,28 Paternoster Row.The first-named club in each instance has choice of ground,and ties must be played on or before Nov. 8."

FIRST DIVISION:

Derby Midland v Wednesbury Old Athletic
Aston Unity v St George's,Birmingham
Aston Villa v Wednesbury Town
Walsall Swifts v Stafford Road Works
Derbyshire County v Walsall Town
Wolverhampton Wanderers v Derby St Luke's
Birmingham Excelsior v Small Heath Alliance
Junction Street School,Derby v West Bromwich Albion

DERBY MIDLAND 1 (H.Evans)WEDNESBURY OLD ATHLETIC 2 (J.Roberts,W.Pope) (H.T. 1-1)
(Sat Nov 8th)At the Midland Ground, Derby)

Derby Daily Telegraph 10/11/84 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 10/11/84 P.4/Birmingham Daily Post 10/11/84 P.7/Sheffield Independent 10/11/84 P.4/Athletic News 12/11/84 P.3/Nottingham Journal 10/11/84 P.6/Sportsman 10/11/84 P.4/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4/Referee 9/11/84 P.6:

DDT:"This National Cup tie was played,on the Midland Gound,Derby,today,in the presence of a large number of spectators-probably as many as have been present at a match on the ground this season. The time fixed for commencement was 2.30,but the visitors were late in arriving,and it was nearly ten minutes after three when the Midlands kicked off towards the river goal,with the wind against them.The ball had hardly been put in motion,when Robinson conceded the visitors a corner,but Evans got hold and took the ball up the centre out of danger.The Athletic men soon had some pretty passing in front of the Midland goal,but the leather was got away,and Coxon,rushing the ball well up,passed to Strutt,who ought to have scored,but kicked the ball very wide.A little later Salt had a goal kick,but it was a weak one,and the Athletic got their second corner.It came to nothing,and Coxon was applauded for another nice run.On the ball coming to the Midland end again,the Wednesbury men were given two more "corners" in quick succession,but there was no score. The fifth corner to Wednesbury was granted by Robinson,who kicked over the line.A sixth "corner" followed immediately,and directly after a long shot from the right wing gave Roberts a chance close to goal,but he was unable to do the needful.In a scrimmage in front of the home goal Robinson relived his lines well,and then Owen ran up well on the right wing,and compelled Wednesbury "to give their first corner".It was badly put in,but the second and third "corner" to the same side followed directly,and Evans very nearly headed the last through.The Wednesbury lefts then ran down,but Roberts in the final effort kicked too high.The Midland were given a "foul" near their opponents' goal,but Byrne placed the leather in security.Evans then made a grand run,and Coxon being given the chance,put in a hot shot,which the custodian handled out.G.Wignall next centred

from the left, and again the Midland were within an ace of scoring-hard lines for the home team. Play was now decidedly at the Wednesbury end, and the Derby backs keeping their ground pretty free. G.H. Holden now ran down beautifully on the right, and Salt unfortunately ran out too far, and Roberts getting hold scored. (One goal for Wednesbury) Before the ball could be got away again the visitors obtained their seventh "corner", but Holden shot too high. Owen at length made play on the right, and kicking high up in the mouth of the goal, Evans headed through in his incomparable style. (One goal each). Wednesbury now got a "foul" close to the Midland citadel, and Byrne made a good try, but Salt was equal to the occasion, although he had to give the visitors their eighth "corner". Holden next sped swiftly on the right, and from the final shot Salt had only time to throw away. A minute later Roberts had a chance of scoring for his side, but he kicked wide, and the ball was taken up by the Midland lefts, and two more "corners" were registered by the home side, but being put in badly by G. Wignall and Cooper. The last-named, however, had another try directly, and did better, but no score resulted. Coxon now tried a long shot from the left, which went just outside the upright. Evans also made a grand long shot, which the custodian fisted out. G. Wignall also had a try, and the Midland were severely pressing their opponents. Half time was called with the game in a most even condition. Upon resuming Owen made himself conspicuous on the right, and from a "corner" which ended his run, G. Wignall very nearly did the business, the leather going over the cross-bar. A "foul" in favour of the Midland followed, but there was no real danger. G.H. Holden then made a pretty run for Wednesbury, and twice Salt had to show his agility. A hearty cheer a minute later was an acknowledgement of Salt's services in saving a goal. Holden again did good service, and Wednesbury secured a corner, which was put in behind the posts. Coxon made a very smart run, on the left, and just failed to score. Wildsmith next fouled the ball in dangerous proximity to the Midland goal, but it was got away, and Wignall and Coxon ran it down, and obtained a "corner" kick for their side. The Midland right wing next executed a skirmish, and Evans tried to head through, the ball striking the cross-bar and going over. Play was now for some time of a give-and-take character. The Midland did some pretty passing on the right wing, and got the sphere well up, but there was no score. Coxon soon followed with a hot shot, which Kent handled out. Wraith next relieved his side when Holden was getting dangerous, and operations were transferred to the Wednesbury end. Ten minutes before time the Midland obtained a corner, but they did nothing. Coxon fetched the ball down from the middle, and had what looked like a chance to score, but he failed, and a corner fell to Derby, but without result. It was now getting dusk, but first Owen, and then Holden were seen to make pretty runs, and then Coxon and Wignall took the ball down, but the latter shot wide. Wildsmith stopped the Wednesbury left wing at a dangerous point, but Wednesbury were not to be denied, and the ball being run up by their left wing, a long low shot by Pope went through. (two to Wednesbury; one to Midland). Play was now very exciting, and both sides worked like lions, and the Midland kept the ball at their opponents' end, but when time was called Wednesbury won by two goals to one. For the winners G.H. Holden and Byrne played excellently; while for the Midland, Evans, Coxon, Owen, Cooper, Strutt, and Wraith were in good form. The game was a very even one throughout, and towards the finish was very fast. It was rather hard lines that the Midland should have been beaten just on the post."

REF: "These teams met today before 2,000 spectators, and in consequence of the train being late, the game, as in the Derbyshire County v Walsall Town match, was considerably delayed. The visitors settled to their work and when half-time arrived each team had secured a goal. During the second

portion some grand play was witnessed. The visitors only just succeeded in winning four minutes from time by two goals to one."

Derby Midland: G. George Salt (Goal); T. Robinson, J. (S.) Wildsmith (Backs); G. F. Cooper, A. Chaplin, E. J. Wraith (Half Backs); W. H. Owen, G. H. Strutt (Right Wing), H. Evans (Centre), G. W. Wignall, C. Coxon (Left Wing).

All checked

Wednesbury Old Athletic: C. Kent (Goal); W. Peters, W. Mumford (Backs); S. Taylor, M. Byrne, John W. Holden (Half Backs); W. Pope, George H. Holden (Right Wing), S. Mills (Centre), F. Bailey, J. Roberts (Left Wing).

WEDNESBURY PAPER

J. Bailey? (SDT has F. Barley and DDT/SI have F. Bailey (used) for J. Bailey) (BDP has J) (AN has E. Bailey)

N.B. DDT and BDP agree except for initials T. Roberts?

ASTON UNITY 0 ST GEORGE'S BIRMINGHAM 5 (Hodgetts, Green 4) (H.T. 0-1) (Sat Nov 1st) (At Trinity Road Ground, Aston)

AFS: FIND ANOTHER SOURCE (Only the result in Birmingham Daily Post 3/11/84 P.7) (Not in Athletic News 5/11/84)

CHECK SATURDAY NIGHT (KR SOURCE?)

Sporting Life 3/11/84 P.4 (No teams): "This match, in the first round of the competition, was played on the ground of the latter, in Trinity-road, Aston, on Saturday last. During the first half the game was fairly even, Hodgetts scoring the first goal for Excelsior. In the second half Green secured three goals in rapid succession for the St George's, who eventually won by five goals to nil."

Sportsman 3/11/84 P.4 (No teams): "These clubs played off their tie in the first round on the ground of the former, Birmingham, on Saturday. In the first half, with the wind in their favour, Unity managed to make a very good game of it, and only lost one goal, but in the second half they were beaten at every point, and were defeated by five goals to (n)one. Green scored four goals."

Aston Unity: Cohen (Goal); J. R. Benson, H. Pallett (Backs); W. Alsopp, Pritchard, S. Randell (Half Backs); Wilson, Evans, Smallwood, Summers, W. Benson.

Randle?

Birmingham St George's: H. Stansbie; Hall, Eagles; F. Stevenson, Wood, Barton; J. Milton, Manton, Green, D. Hodgetts, Harrison.

ASTON VILLA 4 (Albert Brown 2, Arthur Brown, Archie Hunter) WEDNESBURY TOWN 1 (G. Wood) (H.T. 2-1) (Mon Nov 3rd)

N.B. Aston Villa Complete Record has Arthur Brown 2, Albert Brown, Archie Hunter) (Not clear from BDP Report below who scored the first two Villa goals)

Lichfield Mercury 7/11/84 P.8 has an Albert Brown corner, and "the ball passing from head to head until it passed through the posts", for the 1st Villa goal and Arthur Brown scoring the 2nd Villa goal, Albert Brown scoring the 3rd from a centre by Robertson, with Archie Hunter adding the 4th goal soon afterwards.

Birmingham Daily Post 4/11/84 P.5/Athletic News 5/11/84 P.3/Sportsman 4/11/84 P.4/Sporting Life 4/11/84 P.4:

BDP: "Yesterday these two clubs met at Perry Barr in the first round of the National Cup. The weather was somewhat cold, but fine; and there were about 4,000 spectators present. Winning the toss, the Town played downhill, the kick off being near half an hour behind the advertised time. Some good play was seen at the commencement, the Villa pressing their opponents, but playing a somewhat slack game. Tetsall twice saved his goal from long shots by Hunter and Davis, and then Evetts gave a corner kick, which was unproductive. Still the Villa pressed their opponents, and a shot from Davis hit the bar. Wednesbury played up a little. H. Wood, getting past Riddell, made a fine shot, which Harvey saved. Some give-and-take play was then seen, but the Villa were not long before they again pressed their opponents, and from a free kick in mid-field, (R.) Whitehouse gave a corner. Albert Brown took the kick beautifully, and the ball, after bobbing about the goal was forced through, an appeal for foul by the Town being unsuccessful. Hardly had the ball been restarted ere Dawson ran in from mid-field and passed to +Brown, and an unexpected shot from that player scored the second goal. This appeared to arouse the visitors who, benefitting from some loose play on the part of the Villa backs, got down to the Villa goal, and G. Wood scored the first point for them. The home team continued to press their opponents, and several times were within an ace of scoring. Half time, was, however, called, and there was no alteration to the score, which stood Villa 2 Wednesbury 1. Commencing the second half the Wednesbury men played up well for a few minutes, but they were soon pressed back, and from a pass by Dawson, Albert Brown had a chance, and scored a clean goal. A straight unexpected shot by Davis next made what looked like a fourth point for the Villa, Tetsall catching the ball on the line, and giving a corner kick. Some fine quick dribbling was then shown by Hunter and Albert Brown, the latter all but scoring; and soon after from a pretty pass by Vaughton, Hunter scored a further point for the Villa. Darkness now began to gather over the field, and it was with considerable difficulty the ball was seen by the spectators. No more goals, however, were scored, and the Villa won by 4 goals to 1." +Arthur Brown as per SL Report

SL: "After repeated onslaughts on the Town citadel, the Villa obtained a corner, from which a goal was scored. An appeal for foul proved unsuccessful. Almost immediately afterwards Arthur Brown added a second for the Villa, which was followed by one for the visitors, put through by G. Wood. Nothing further was done before half-time. In the second section of the game, Villa had matters nearly all their own way, and scored a couple of additional goals—one by Albert Brown, and the other by Archie Hunter. Towards the end of the match the Wednesbury Town worked hard, but were unable to score, and the game ended in a win for the Villa by four goals to one."

Aston Villa: A. Harvey (Goal); T. Riddell, J. Simmonds (Backs); F. Dawson+, G. Price (Half Backs); Albert Brown, O. Whateley (Right Wing), Archie Hunter, Arthur Brown (Centres), O. H. Vaughton, E. C. Davis (Eli) (Left Wing). (BDP order)

+George Price not J. Price (or R. Price: AVCR Index)

ALL checked (There is a complete muddle in other papers regarding the Aston Villa Half Backs)

WEDNESBURY PAPER CHECK

Wednesbury Town: J. Tetsall (Goal); W. Whitehouse, R. Whitehouse (Backs); +Evetts, Waldron, J. Shenton (Half Backs); R. Danks, W. Jones (Right Wing), A. Woodcock (Centre), H. Wood, G. Wood (Left Wing).
(BDP specified positions)

+Find initials

Referee: Mr Bird (Walsall)

WALSALL SWIFTS 0 STAFFORD ROAD WORKS 0 (Sat Nov 8th) (At the Chuckery, Walsall)

Birmingham Daily Post 10/11/84 P.7/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 10/11/84 P.4/Sportsman 10/11/84 P.4 (No teams)/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4 (No teams)/Referee 9/11/84 P.6 (No teams):

BDP: "These teams met at the Chuckery, Walsall on Saturday, in the presence of upwards of 1,000 spectators.

The Swifts won the toss, and chose to play up the field, with a strong wind at their backs. They got possession of the ball at once, and returning it up to the visitors' quarters, made a dangerous attack, which was finally repulsed by the Stafford Road goal keeper and backs. This attack was renewed again and again, and the ball was sent over the bar, or beside the posts repeatedly, and once, from a long kick by Aldridge, was sent right into the hands of Caddick. On another occasion it struck the bar, and falling back into Caddick's hands, was promptly cleared. He also saved his charge two or three times, by punching out; but once he failed to meet the ball, which passed neatly between the posts. The claim to score was disallowed, however, on the ground of a foul. In the first half Tracey had little or nothing to do. On the turn of ends the visitors gained the advantage of the wind, but were unable to make headway against the Swifts, who still continued to find the visitors' goalkeeper and backs plenty to do, the ball for certainly half the time being on the Stafford Road side of the line, and for a considerable portion of the time being pretty near to their headquarters. Accuracy of aim was next to impossible, owing to the highness of the wind that prevailed, and the game was very fast and rough throughout. At the call of time no goal had been scored, and the referee decided that, as that was the last day allowed for the completion of the round, another half hour must, according to the rules, be played. The captains accordingly tossed, and Jones won and put his men in position. The visitors then appealed to the referee, as to whether he considered there would be sufficient light to allow of play being continued for another half hour - as a matter of fact the course of the ball could scarcely be followed then - and he candidly admitted that he did not think there would. Upon that the visitors left the field, and the Swifts claimed the victory. The matter will, of course, have to be submitted to the committee of the Association."

SDT: "It was decided to play extra time. On losing the toss Stafford refused to play. The Swifts claim the match."

Walsall Swifts: J. Tracey (Goal); A. Jones, A. Aldridge (Backs); H. Allen, J. Morley, G. Morris (Half Backs); R. Davis, J. Farmer (Right Wing), J. Higgins (Centre), +W. Jefferies, +F. Horton (Left Wing).

+Wrong initials in History

WOLVERHAMPTON PAPER

Stafford Road:Caddick(Goal);Riley, Crump(Backs);Scott,Turton,Nicholls(Half Backs);
Baker,Foster(Right),Thorn(Centre),Griffiths,Yates(Left).

Umpires:Brandrick for Walsall Swifts and Daines for Stafford Road.Referee:S.Durban(Aston Unity).

REPLAY:Monday Nov 17th

STAFFORD ROAD WORKS 0 WALSALL SWIFTS 2 (J.Jeffries 2)(H.T. 0-0)(At Molyneux
Grounds,Wolverhampton)

Walsall scorers from Walsall History.Some records record 1-2,but it appears that the Stafford goal
was disallowed for off-side.

Walsall Observer 22/11/84 P.3/Birmingham Daily Post 18/11/84 P.8:

BDP:"These teams met again at the Molyneux Grounds,Wolverhampton,yesterday,having played a
drawn game in their first meeting.The attendance was large,and much interest was shown in the
match.The home team set the leather rolling,playing towards the north end of the ground.The game
was conducted with much spirit on either side,and the activity of both teams in defending their goals
was marked.Riley's defence,as one of the Stafford Road backs,won for him special applause.At half
time no score had been made,but upon resuming the visitors showed increased determination in
their attacks,and scored a couple of goals.Stafford Road also made one goal,but it was challenged on
the ground of the man being offside.At the close the score stood 2 goals to nil in favour of the
Swifts."

WO:"At half time neither side had scored.After the change of ends,+Thomas,for the Roaders,made a
splendid long shot,which struck the cross-bar,and then went underneath,amidst the greatest
enthusiasm among the spectators.The point,however,was disallowed on the ground of "off-side".
Immediately afterwards the Swifts obtained a run,in which the Roaders' backs were passed.Caddick
ran out to meet the ball,but his effort was of no avail,and the visitors obtained their first goal.In a
brief space of time they added a second,off a clever run down the centre,after a throw in.Later on
the home team were within an ace of scoring with a low shot,which only went a little wide of the
mark.Nothing further,was,however,added to the score,and the Swifts won by two goals to (n)one."

WOLVERHAMPTON PAPER

Stafford Road:Caddick(Goal);Riley,Dorrance(Backs);Turton,Scott,Nicholls(Half Backs);
Foster,+Toms(Right),Baker,(Centre)Hill,Griffiths(Left). +Listed as Thomas CHECK WHERE GOT TOMS

Walsall Swifts:+D.Phillips(Goal);A.Aldridge,G.Morris(Backs);+J.Pearce,J.Morley,H.Allen(Half Backs);
R.Davis,+W.Jeffries(Right),J.Garbett(Centre),J.Farmer,J.Higgins(Left).

+Initials wrong in History

DERBY COUNTY 0 WALSALL TOWN 7 (B.Cope 2,C.Shaw,G.Hunter,W.Bird 2,T.Ashe)
(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Nov 8th)(At County Ground,Derby)

N.B.Full scorers from Walsall History P.61

Walsall Observer 15/11/84 P.3/Derbyshire Daily Telegraph 10/11/84 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 10/11/84 P.4/Birmingham Daily Post 10/11/84 P.7/Sportsman 10/11/84 P.4/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4:

WO/SDT/BDP:"These teams met to contest the tie for the English Challenge Cup, at Derby, on Saturday last. Several scrimmages ensued in front of the goals, but for a time nothing became of them. At length the Derby goal was placed in danger, and Gillitt, in saving the goal, was held to have carried the ball through. Three corners then fell to the home team, but the ball was got away each time. Derby made a desperate effort to score, Chatterton making a shot, but it went just outside the post. Five minutes after half-time Walsall obtained a second goal, Hunter having headed the ball through in fine style. Two corners were credited to Walsall, and off the second another goal was scored. From the kick-off the ball was again run up to the Derby goal, and Bird scored the fourth time for Walsall. The fifth and sixth goals came in rapid succession, and, although Bakewell and other Derby players made some good runs their efforts were fruitless, Walsall winning by seven goals to none." (No specified forwards positions in lineups) +Confirmed played and not Bradbury

DDT:"This match was played on the County Ground, today (Saturday) before 1,500 spectators and in fine weather. The County had by no means their full strength, Spilsbury being away at Cambridge, whilst Chevalier was also an absentee. W. Chatterton, the County cricketer who has hitherto performed under Rugby Rules, took the place of Spilsbury and Sugg went centre forward. It was uncertain, to the last, however, whether Sugg would play as a painful illness placed him effectively hors de combat.

A start was not made until a quarter past three, when the County, having won the toss, kicked off with a slight wind in their favour. Bird kicked off for Walsall, and Bakewell was the first to show prominently, with a pretty run on the right, but Dodsworth stopped him in time. Morley twice kicked the ball away from the goal mouth, and Gillett stopped a nasty shot from Bird. Bakewell then got away on the right, but when he centred there was no one up, and Newman sent the ball away. Bird then got away, but Morley was one too many for him, and the Derby back was applauded for fine tackling. Bakewell was again applauded for a fine dodgy run, and after Dodsworth had deprived him of the ball, the home team were awarded a free kick. The Walsall right wing then got away, and Hunter sent one in which went over the bar. A prolonged scrimmage then ensued in front of the Derby goal, and Gillett in saving the goal was held to have carried the ball through, Walsall scoring twenty minutes from the start. (0-1) On the kick off three corners fell to the home team, but the ball was got away each time. The play, it should be mentioned, was rather rough, spills being frequent. A pretty run by Chatterton and Bakewell nearly resulted in the downfall of the Walsall goal, Chatterton's final effort just going outside the post. Smith then had a burst on the left, but the Walsall backs tackled too well to let him get near. After some even play the whistle blew, without either side having gained any further advantage. On resuming Smith went to centre forward and Sugg went on the left wing. The ball was soon in front of the Walsall goal where Derby had a corner, but Sugg failed to place it well. Morley now gave the visitors a corner, and Hunter headed through in fine style, Walsall being credited with their second goal five minutes after the kick off. (0-2) The ball was now kept in front of the County goal, and a good shot by Cope only just went over the bar. Walsall was now credited with another corner, and from the scrimmage that followed, in front of the Derby goal, the ball went through the posts off a Derby man. (0-3) From the kick off the ball was again run up to the Derby goal, and Bird scored a fourth point. (0-4) On the resumption of play a

number of corners fell to Walsall, and then the Derby men created a diversion by having a little the best of the play. It was not for long, however, and after some pretty crossing the ball was again rushed through. (0-5) The ball had not been in play for five minutes before the visitors scored their sixth goal, (0-6) whilst another was added a few minutes later. (0-7) Bakewell then created some enthusiasm by running the entire length of the ground, but his final shot was ineffective, and when the whistle blew shortly afterwards, Walsall had won by seven goals to none. The visitors' forwards played a very fine passing game, and their backs tackled very well. On the County side, Bakewell was the only one of the forwards to do himself justice, and Morley and Gorham were the best of the backs. Sugg's illness prevented him from being much assistance to his side."

N.B. Spilsbury is listed as available for Brentwood also: see match below

+Confirming Bird played, and at No 9: not Bradbury as in SDT/BDP at No 11)

Derby County: L.F. Gillett (Goal), R. Evans, H.A. Morley (Backs); C. Gorham, +D. Maycroft, P.G. Exham (Half Backs); G. Bakewell, W. Chatterton (Right Wing), F.H. Sugg (Centre), A. Smith, C. Ward (Left Wing).

+Initial not found except in DCCR

(Derby County Complete Record has G. Evans but wrong as all lineups with initials give R. Evans instead of G. Evans: G. Evans played at No 9 in 85/86 and probable that he is a different player)

Walsall Town: J. Icke (Goal); G. Cox, E.J. Newman (Backs); G. Collington, J. Brettell, W. Dodsworth (Half Backs); +T. Hunter, +G. Shaw, W. Bird, T. Ash, B. Cope (Forwards). +Initials wrong in History

(SDT /BDP have same reports/lineup a and both list Bradbury at No 11 and no Bird: B. Bradbury replaced W. Bird at No 9 in next Round Match)

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 0 DERBY ST LUKE'S 0 (Sat Nov 8th) (At Dudley Road Ground, Wolverhampton)

Derby Daily Telegraph 10/11/84 P.3/Birmingham Daily Post 10/11/84 P.7/Sportsman 10/11/84 P.4 (No teams)/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4 (No teams):

FIND WOLVERHAMPTON PAPER

DDT: "Played on the Dudley-road Ground, Wolverhampton, today (Saturday), this being an English Cup tie. Both teams were well represented, and a fast and exciting game was witnessed. Some excellent play was shown by either team, and during the second half the visitors pressed their opponents but failed to score. The beautiful combined play of Derby several times placed the home citadel in danger, but the excellent defence of the Wanderers prevented scoring, and the game ended in a draw with no goals to either side. There were a thousand spectators present."

BDP: "Shortly after operations had begun, Lowder of the Wanderers, was hurt in a scrimmage, and had to retire."

Wolverhampton Wanderers: I. Griffiths (Goal); T. Cliff, C. Mason (Backs); A. Davidson, J. Aston, A. Pearson (Half Backs); H. Deans, J. Baynton (Right), S. Stanford (Centre), E. Hadley, A. Lowder (Left).

(Wolves Complete Record P.142:)(BDP has the same names but no initials and reverses 2/3 and also 10/11)(No WW lineup in DDT)

Derby St Luke's:W.E.Parsons((Goal);W.H.Wharmby,F.Harvey(Backs);J.W.Wilson,W.Shipley,W.Twigg (Half Backs);G.Roberts,J.Renshaw,G.Evans,J.Walker,J.Wilde(Forwards).

All checked

REPLAY:Sat Nov 22nd:

DERBY ST LUKE'S 4 (+W.Shipley 2,J.Renshaw,Walker)

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 2 (J.B.Brodie,G.Brazier)(H.T. 1-2)(F.T. 2-2)(Sat Nov 22nd)(At Derby)

+No record of 2nd scorer?

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 24/11/84 P.4/Derbyshire Times 26/11/84 P.3/Sportsman 24/11/84 P.4/Sporting Life 24/11/84 P.3:

FIND WOLVERHAMPTON PAPER

SDT:"These teams met at Derby on Saturday to decide the English Cup tie.After one or two struggles in front of each goal,a shot by Brodie went through,and placed the visitors one in advance of their opponents.Not long afterwards Evans made a fine shot,which was handed out.The ball was then taken to both ends in rapid succession,and some capital shots were made at each citadel,but without effect.After some further scrimmages,however,Shipley sent the ball through for Derby,thus equalising matters.A corner to St Luke's was followed by a foul to the Wanderers,but the ball was got away.Just before time,however,the visitors scored again.On resuming some exciting play ensued,and then Derby succeeded in scoring another goal.When time was called each side had scored twice,but as this was the second draw,it was decided to play extra time.Hardly had the ball been set in motion when St Luke's right wing rushed up,and a goal was secured.The visitors attempted to follow suit,but the ball went over the bar.Later on Walker scored a fourth goal,and although the play was fast,nothing further occurred,Derby thus being declared winners by four goals to two."

(No full report in DT)(Nothing found in Derby Daily Telegraph)

SL:"This undecided tie in the first round of the Association Cup was played on the Derbyshire Cricket Ground,on Saturday,before an assemblage of spectators numbering nearly 4,000.The Wanderers came with a good reputation,and,playing exceptionally well,had placed two goals to their opponents' one at half-time.Resuming,the Derbians played up grandly,and equalised matters.This was the state of the game when the stipulated time-viz.45 min. each way-had transpired.This being the last day for deciding the first round,an extension was deemed desirable,and in the extra time Renshaw scored a beauty after two minutes' play,and before time had expired the St Luke's added another point,thus winning by four goals to two."

Derby St Luke's:W.E.Parsons(Goal);+W.H.Wharmby,F.Harvey(Backs);J.W.Wilson,W.Twigg, W.Dolman (Half Backs);W.Shipley,J.Wilde (Right),J.Walker,(Centre),J.Renshaw,G.Evans(Left).

All checked +Recorded as E.Whamby but as above in next round:came from Rotherham and then went to Derby County for next 3 seasons(see later):Warmby(as in DCCR)or Wharmby?

Wolverhampton Wanderers:I.Griffiths(Goal);T.Cliff,C.Mason(Backs);A.Davidson,J.M.Baynton, A.Pearson(Half Backs);H.Deans,H.Aston(Right), J.B.Brodie(Centre),G.Brazier,S.Stanford(Left).

(Wolves Complete Record P.142)(Extra initials from AFS)(DT reverses 2/3 and has Loder(in fact A.Lowder as in first match) for Brazier at No 10)(Wolves by Tony Matthews has Brazier also and as scorer)

Referee:Jope(Wednesbury).

BIRMINGHAM EXCELSIOR 2 (J.Devey,H.Devey) SMALL HEATH ALLIANCE 0 (H.T. 0-0)
(Sat Nov 8th)(At Aston Lower Grounds)

Birmingham Daily Post 10/11/84 P.7/Sportsman 10/11/84 P.4/Sporting Life 10/10/84 P.4:

TRY "SATURDAY NIGHT" PAPER

BDP:"A numerous attendance assembled at the Aston Lower Grounds,on Saturday,to witness the contest between these two clubs in connection with the above cup.

Small Heath won the toss,and began hostilities with the wind in their favour.Some very good play was shown at the commencement,both teams being well matched.A short time from the start the Heathens,from a run down the field,placed their opponents' goal in some jeopardy,but were with some difficulty beaten off without scoring.Two corner kicks were in succession given to the Small Heath,but nothing came of either of them.The remainder of the game during the first half was of a give-and-take nature,and up to half time neither side had scored.On changing ends the Excelsior seemed to wake up,and H.Meakin took the ball down the field,and passing the Heathen backs, centred it to J.Devey, who sent in a shot which the goalkeeper was unable to stop-thus scoring the first point amid applause.Hardly had the ball been started when H.Devey added another goal to the Excelsior's credit.The Excelsior pressed their opponents severely,and several goals seemed imminent,but the Small Heath goalkeeper kept the ball from going through the posts.The Heathen forwards were indefatigable in their attempts to score,but at the call of time the game was decided in favour of the Excelsior by 2 goals to nil."

Excelsior:Jenks(Goal);Lovesey,W.Dutton(Backs);A.Bailey,W.Farley,F.Barlow(Half Backs); H.Devey,H.Meakin(Right Wing),John Devey(Centre),J.Breese,Albert Brown(Left Wing).

NOT CHECKED

Small Heath Alliance:E.Clarke(Goal);J.Hare,R.Elliman(Backs);T.James,W.Felton,F.James(Half Backs); A.James,H.Morris(Right Wing),C.Simms(Centre),A.E.Stanley,W.Willetts(Left Wing).

NOT CHECKED

(Have added some initials from Complete Record :AFS has W.Clarke for E.Clarke (Edward):his only listed game)(AFS has Sinclair for F.James (wrong because no Sinclair ever played in 1884).

Umpires:W.Hart for Small Heath and W.Nicholls for Excelsior.Referee:Scotts.

JUNCTION-STREET SCHOOL,DERBY 1 (W.Malpass)

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 7 (G.Bell 2,J.M.Bayliss 2,A.Loach ,H.Aston 2)(H.T. 0-2)(Sat Oct 25th)
(At the Siddals,Derby)

(Scorers from WBA History:H.Aston probably scored 5th goal)

Birmingham Daily Post 27/10/84 P.7/Derby Daily Telegraph 27/10/84 P.3/Sportsman 27/10/84 P.4:

CHECK SATURDAY NIGHT BIRMINGHAM PAPER

DDT:"There were from fifteen hundred to two thousand people to witness this match at Derby this afternoon.The Junction-street Ground at the Siddals was in capital order and the play during the afternoon was very fast.The Albion club had considerably the best of the game,and their tactics and combination were of a very superior order.Play began at a quarter past three,Bayliss kicking off for the visitors.It was not long before that player had a try at scoring but failed.A minute had scarcely elapsed,however,before Bell drew first blood for Albion.(0-1) Latham was soon called upon to act, and he placed the ball well up the field.The visitors' centres,however,soon retuned it,and they wound up with a shot at the goal,which went wide.The visitors made frequent onslaughts at the Derby posts,and Matthews had to handle.The School right wing then made a spurt and McNall and Bradley got dangerously near the visitors' goal,but missed scoring.The game hereabouts was very lively.Bayliss was able to make a couple of shots and the second went through.(0-2) Shortly before half time the School had a "corner" but nothing came of it,and when the interval was sounded,the visitors had two goals to nothing to their credit.(H.T.) Upon resuming a foul was given against Junction-street,and the ball was taken close to the School citadel,and Latham twice relieved his side.A corner fell to the visitors,and it was so well put in by Bunn,that in the bully the leather was headed through by Loach.(0-3) Another corner soon fell to the visitors,and Bayliss put it through in fine style.(0-4) The work was now very hot in the Derby goal,and several of the School players missed the ball.The next corner to the visitors was futile,but Woodhall soon had a shot from the right,which was wide of the mark.Latham saved his side another disaster.A "foul" was given against West Bromwich in the middle of the field,and the School team getting the ball up on the right wing,Malpass headed through very smartly.(1-4) Play was now more in the visitors' territory,Raynor placing the ball well,and two good shots were put in,the latter going over the bar.Latham missed the ball,and Bromwich soon got a shot,but it was badly screwed by Aston.The last-named had another try immediately after,but the leather went over.The Derby goalkeeper was then obliged to throw out.A free kick to West Bromwich in the neighborhood of the School territory was converted into the fifth goal for the visitors.(1-5) Bayliss was next stopped scoring,but Aston took hold and put through ,but the goal was disputed.The referee decided in favour of the Albion,who thus made their sixth goal.(1-6) The School rights then made a good run and the Albion custodian had to kick out. Junction-street did nothing with the corner.The ball was quickly taken back and a useless corner followed to the visiting team.The leather was as quickly returned to the Albion end,and the School obtained another corner,but it was not well centred.The visitors' rights made a fine run,and Woodhall had an ineffective shot.The seventh goal soon fell to the visitors from a long shot from the centre.(1-7)The Derby lefts then took the ball up,and compelled Roberts to throw out.Matthews soon had to do the same at the other end.Soon after this when time was called West Bromwich had won by seven goals to one."

Junction Street:J.Matthews(Goal);W.Raynor,A.Latham(Full Backs);+A.Siddons,+McNall,G.Potts(Half Backs);W.Malpass, J.Bromage,J.Radford,S.Bradley,G.Henson(Forwards). +J or I .Siddons?

+Only to be checked

West Bromwich Albion:R.Roberts(Goal);H.Bell,H.Green(Full Backs);E.Horton(Capt.),F.Bunn,J.Stanton (Half Backs);G.Woodhall,H.Aston,J.M.Bayliss,A.Loach,G.Bell(Forwards).

NOT SEPARATELY CHECKED (West Bromwich Complete Record P.157 order)(BDP/DDT have different orders and wrongly have Leach for Loach)

SECOND DIVISION:

Rotherham v Notts Forest

Lockwood Brothers v Sheffield Club

Staveley v Notts Rangers

Long Eaton Rangers v Sheffield Wednesday

Notts Wanderers v Sheffield Heeley

Notts Olympic v Notts County

Spital (Chesterfield) ,a bye

N.B. No Nottingham Evening Post Special Editions on line TONY

NOTTS FOREST 5(G.Unwin,S.W.Widdowson 3,S.Norman) ROTHERHAM 0 (H.T. 1-0)
(Sat Nov 8th)(At Park Side Ground,Lenton,Nottingham)

(Have replaced Fox with Norman scoring 5th goal as SDT gives Norman and SI only has a short report ommitting the 5th scorer)

Rotherham Official History P.5:

“With several other teams setting up-such as Clifton Wanderers,Holmes Rising Star,Kilnhurst and Mexborough-Rotherham Club were eager to show they were the town’s leading team and they entered all the important cup competitions by 1884 and were drawn against Nottingham Forest in the English Cup Competition.But the offer of money to switch the game to their opponent’s ground proved to be more enticing with them receiving the princely sum of £17-10s to concede home advantage plus a dinner at the Maypole.” (No Rotherham Names or Lineup in History)

Nottingham Journal 10/11/84 P.6/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 10/11/84 P.4/Sheffield Independent 10/11/84 P.4/Derby Daily Telegraph 10/11/84 P.3/Sportsman 10/11/84 P.4/Referee 9/11/84 P.6:

NJ:“Originally fixed “by the luck of the hat” to be played at Rotherham,an arrangement was made whereby this tie should take place on the Park Side Ground,Nottingham,and there it was played in the presence of some thousand spectators.The weather was bright,but a keen wind was blowing over the ground,which full often rendered scientific football impossible.The Forest losing the toss had all the worst of the wind in the first half,in which their opponents elected to defend the Ilkeston-road goal.It was within a few minutes to three when Sam Widdowson kicked off.From a run on the right wing a corner kick was immediately given to the Forest,but from the kick-in the ball travelled over the line out of a slight scrimmage.The forwards of the Rotherham side were unable to get the

ball out of their own country from the goal kick, and the Foresters soon obtained their second corner from a struggle in front of the Rotherham goal. The kick was given on the left, and a short and sharp "bundle in" took place before the goal, where the ball was nicely dropped by Unwin. Sam Widdowson, however, headed over the line. Andrews and Dammas broke away for Rotherham, but Norman, who played his usual masterly game at half-back, stopped them, and sent the ball to Unwin, who got it well forward, but without result. Bennett and Thomas now ran through the half-backs by some nice passing, but Hancock checked their career, and Unwin and Leighton got on the ball, and the latter centred to Widdowson. The Forest captain was well tackled, and the ball travelled over the goal line. From the goal kick Fox and Earp were conspicuous in the attack, and they took the ball well to the Rotherham goal mouth, where, from a slight scrimmage, it went through off Unwin's back, and the first goal was secured for the Forest. This was eight minutes from the start. From the centre kick Fox again led an attack and kicked over the bar, and then the right wing of the opposition side broke away with the ball but the Forest goalkeeper came out some distance from the goal and averted danger. The attack was renewed on the left wing with some vigour, but Hancock put in some grand saving play and Unwin, Leighton, and Norman were soon actively employed in getting the ball against the wind to the top end of the field. There Widdowson and Earpe each tried in vain to score, and the third corner was conceded. One of the Rotherham backs saved the delivery from the flag from being made into a goal, and there was then some lively play in the middle of the field. It was continued on pretty level terms for a while, and after a "free kick" had been given against the Forest for "off-side" Unwin and Leighton made a nice run and passed the ball to Widdowson, a nice shot from whose foot was taken clean over the bar by the high wind. Widdowson subsequently received a nasty knock in the ribs, but he soon recovered. The Rotherham men for a while had rather the best of affairs, and they made matters very warm in the left-hand corner of the Forest goal, but Hancock was very prominent in the defence, and the danger went by with the passing of the ball over the goal line. Fox was hurt, and he reappeared after the absence of a few minutes from the field. The Forest reached their sixth corner in the first half, but could get no other goal, and prior to the change of ends the game was in their favour by one to none. In the second portion, with the wind at their backs, the Foresters made a rare example of their visitors, and the play was so one-sided as not to be worth reporting in detail. The Rotherham men did not get the ball into their opponents' ground more than twice, and whereas the Forest got a large number of corners, the Rotherham men could not get one point of the kind given them during the game. Widdowson, playing a vigorous game, kicked three goals in succession—one from a characteristic run. Norman kicked another, and the game ended in a victory for the Forest by five goals to none.

As already observed, the wind was all against scientific football. But all the Forest forwards are worthy of praise; and particularly so Unwin, Leighton, and Widdowson. Norman and Billyeald played an excellent game, and Hancock at back was as clever as usual. Of the Rotherham men the goalkeeper and the two backs did best. The forwards were useless against the fine defence of the reds."

SDT: "This tie was played off at the Parkside Ground Nottingham on Saturday, in the presence of about a thousand spectators. Rotherham won the toss, and elected to play from the Ilkeston Road end, towards which the Foresters kicked off in the teeth of a strong wind. They had also the disadvantage of the lower ground, but these things were not enough to counterbalance their superior strength..." "The leather was taken down the field by the Forest left wing men, and Leighton centred to Widdowson. The latter got well to work, but was tackled, and the ball went over the line. Unwin and Leighton got possession, and out of a scrimmage the ball went through the

Rotherham posts off the former player's shoulders.(1-0) The visitors played with more vigour after this,but to no avail,and it was evident that they were overmatched."

"A grand run by Earp ended in his centring to Widdowson,who was hurt at this stage,and had to retire for a time,but not before he had passed in turn to Leighton.The kick was too high,however, and no further score was made up to half time,although the record showed six corner kicks against none.(H.T.)In the second half the "reds" had again all the best of the attack-in fact the one-sided nature of the game took away a lot of its interest,for the ball was only twice out of the Rotherham lines.Two chances which were offered to Widdowson he declined to take advantage of,and Fox and Leighton were also unsuccessful in trying to score out of a scrimmage,the visitors' backs playing a capital defensive game.From another scrimmage,however,a second point was scored to the Forest by Widdowson (2-0) who,after a short interval,added a third.(3-0) Leighton had an unsuccessful attempt,but Widdowson made amends by putting the fourth goal to his credit;(4-0) while the fifth fell to the share of Norman,(5-0)the game ending in favour of the home team by that number to love.The Foresters all played well together,and quite ran away with the visitors,whose backs and goalkeeper,however,showed decidedly creditable form."

Notts Forest:F.W.Beardsley(Goal); C.J.Caborn,W.T.Hancock(Backs);A.W.Ward,H.Billyeald,S.Norman (Half Backs);F.Fox,F.W.Earp(Right Wing),S.W.Widdowson(Capt.)(Centre),G.Unwin,E.J.Leighton(Left Wing).

All checked

Rotherham Town:+R.J.Brown(Goal);C.Jubb,G.Hague(Backs);W.J.Aizlewood,W.Bone,A.Andrews (Half Backs);B.Bennett,F.W.Thomas(Right Wing),F.C.W.Musson(Centre),J.Damms,C.Taylor(Left Wing).

+Initials uncertain

(SDT/SM names and specified positions) (SI/NJ/REF order has C.Taylor at No 2 not at No 11 and A.Andrews at No 11 not at No 6) (DDT has W.H.Warmby for G.Hague(but he played for Derby St Luke's on the same day:see above) and W.F.Thomas)

Umpires:J.J.Thirlwell and A.J.Bates.Referee:K.Hickling(Swifts).

LOCKWOOD BROTHERS 0 SHEFFIELD CLUB 3 (A.C.Liddell,E.Barber,J.H.Twining)(H.T.0-2) (Sat Nov 8th)(At Lockwood Brothers Ground at Ecclesall Road,Sheffield)

N.B. SI have Wilmott as the 3rd scorer.

Sheffield Independent 10/11/84 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 10/11/84 P.4/Athletic News 12/11/84 P.3/Derby Daily Telegraph 10/11/84 P.3(No teams)Bell's Life 12/11/84 P.1/Field 15/11/84 P.687/Sportsman 10/11/84 P.4/Referee 9/11/84 P.6:

SDT:"A large company assembled at the Eccleshall Ground,Sheffield,to witness this match on Saturday afternoon,and were treated to a capitally-contested game.For about twenty minutes after the commencement the sides seemed somewhat equally matched,and both goalkeepers were kept on the alert.A fine run by E.Barber hereabouts,however,elicited applause as he threaded the ball through and past the Lockwood's half backs and backs,and then passed it cleverly to Davy,who,

however,lost possession temporarily,but who again crossed it at close quarters to Liddell,the latter making the best of his opportunity by shooting the leather through the Lockwood posts.The wind was greatly in favour of the kick off,as it was throughout the first half,of the Sheffield Club players. Another start made the play confined to the middle of the ground for a minute or two,when,in spite of the resolute attitude of Houseley and M'Loughlin,Wilmott got the ball forward,and passing it neatly to E.Barber,enabled the latter to shoot at the posts,which was again effective,Beard appearing quite nonplussed in the goal,making but a lame attempt to get it away.This second goal to none created a somewhat excited feeling amongst the spectators,the partisans of the Brothers' team encouraging and denouncing individuals alternately in quite a lively style,whilst the friends of the Sheffield Club standing round in goodly numbers cheered on their players to further successes, which,however,did not come off up to half-time,and which found the game in this condition,two goals Sheffield Club to none.At the resumption of the play it was seen that Lockwoods,with the strong wind now in their favour,intended to exert themselves to the utmost as,besides having to prevent further scoring on the part of their opponents,they had three goals to get to effect a win-no small matter with the tact of E.Barber,Liddell,and Twining,and the stubborn scientific defence of Bearshaw,Marsden,and *J.H.Smith(N.B.:probably a pseudonym for J.H.Barber:see below) to take into consideration.However,in a little time West and Sellars managed the propulsion of the ball with such marked dexterity that they enabled their centre(Newbould) to essay the reduction of the club fortress,which attempt,however,was frustrated by Burdekin,who obtained the applause of the spectators for his splendid handling in this and other instances through the match,and indeed he was kept active most noticeably now as Lockwood's forwards Newbould,Sellars,and Cutts,especially did themselves credit in their play,the latter making two capital shots at the goal,one a little wide,and the other manipulated only just in time by Burdekin,whilst in a few minutes Beard had a good shot from Houseley's corner kick,which was all but through.However,as time was fast expiring, it became more a matter of preventing the Sheffield Club scoring again than of obtaining goals,and with this view the home team played steadily for some time,but ultimately their backs were unable to prevent the rush now made by Liddell,Davy,and E.Barber,who steered the leather to dangerous nearness,and which,after a little scrimmage,was carried successfully through by Twining.Some ten minutes of rather even play intervened between this incident and call of time-at which the game stood Sheffield Club victorious by three goals to none.Altogether Lockwoods could not be said to have played up to usual form,their best play being displayed when almost too late for hope of any material reprisals."

SI:"Both clubs were strongly represented,the Sheffield Club having the benefit of the services of Mr A.C.Liddell."

Lockwood:T.Beard(Goal);W.Betts,T.Buttery(Capt.)(Backs);L.M'Loughlin,J.Houseley,G.Harris(Half Backs);J.Beard,F.West(Right Wing),J.F.Newbould(Centre),C.Cutts,J.Sellars(Left Wing).

All names and initials checked

N.B.SM/BL/ have J.Houseley as a 2nd Centre.

Sheffield Club:A.E.Burdekin(Goal);W.F.Beardshaw,T.E.B.Wilson(Backs);+J.H.Barber,W.Robinson(Half Backs);E.Barber,Rev.J.H.Twining(Right Wing),W.C.Willmott,F.H.Marsden(Centres),(W.)D.Davy, A.C.Liddell(Left Wing).(SI specified positions)

+Names and/or initials to be checked

N.B. SDT has Marsden as a Half Back in a 1/2/3/5 lineup

*N.B. SI has Jones and SDT has " J.H.(Smith) " for J.H.Barber(Have used the SI 1/2/2/6 form).

Umpires:W.Beard for Lockwood Brothers and W.R.Wake for Sheffield Club.

Referee:T.Tomlinson(Sen.).

STAVELEY 4 (H.P.Marples,S.Willshaw 2 ,"scrimmage")NOTTS RANGERS 1 (H.Shelton) (H.T. 0-1)
(Sat Nov 8th)(At Recreation Ground,Staveley)

Sheffield Independent 10/11/84 P.4/Nottingham Journal 10/11/84 P.6/Sheffield Daily
Telegraph10/11/84 P.4/Derby Daily Telegraph 10/11/84 P.3:

SI:"These clubs met on the Recreation Ground,Staveley,on Saturday,to play their tie in the first round.The Notts team has shown good form recently,and as both clubs were playing their full strength a good match was anticipated.Close upon a thousand persons assembled.A very strong wing was blowing right into the lower goal,which greatly interfered with the play.The Notts captain winning the toss,took advantage of the wind and hill.The Staveley men quickly had to fall back on their goal,and Hodder made a shot,which went outside.H.P.Marples,Hay,and James,at length caused a diversion,but the final shot of the former went over the bar.Although the play was continually in the Staveley half,the backs resisted the attempts of the Rangers to score until twenty-five minutes had passed,when,after a fast run on the Rangers' left,Shelton got the ball past Young.On resuming the Notts men helped by the wind,again pressed forward,but the backs continued to kick and tackle excellently,and prevented any further scoring.The Staveley forwards occasionally got the ball up the field,but without success,and the game at half time stood in favour of the Rangers by one goal to none.On resuming the Staveley men at once assumed the offensive,and,five minutes after the restart,H.P.Marples made the game equal by heading between the Notts goal.Only a few minutes later the home goalkeeper hit the ball away from a shot by Crookes,but it was met by Willshaw and sent between the posts a second time,a loud cheer greeting the home team on taking the lead.In the subsequent play the Staveley men secured two other goals,one from a scrimmage and the fourth from a well judged kick by Willshaw.They eventually won by four goals to one."

NJ:The above teams met for the first time on the ground of the former,in the above competition.The Rangers won the toss,and decided to kick up hill,a very strong wind blowing obliquely down the ground.Nothing was done of any consequence until about twenty minutes after the start,when H.Shelton saw an opening,which he took advantage of,thus scoring the first goal for the visitors.The ball was continually in the home team's quarters,but owing to their continually kicking it out of play (nearly half the time being wasted in throwing in) the Rangers could make no impression.Half-time arrived with the game being in favour of the visitors by one to none.With the wind in their favour the home side pressed the visitors,and after about five minutes' play equalised the score amid a Staveley "whisper".Soon after this they again scored.After the kick-off the home team took the ball into the visitors' stronghold,and again scored,but this score was considered "off-side",the Rangers appealing against it,but the referee allowing the score.The Staveleyites again scored,making their fourth goal in about twenty minutes from the beginning of the second half.After this the Rangers played a grand game against the wind,and came near scoring on several occasions,but could not

succeed."Time" being called the game stood in favour of Staveley by four goals to one.Taking the game through it was a much closer contest than the score represents,and had the Rangers made better use of the wind in the first half,and used the same tactics playing against the wind as their opponents,the result of the match might have been different."

Staveley:W.Young(Goal);D.James(Capt.),H.Peel(Backs);S.Hay,J.Rice(Half Backs);
H.P.Marples,A.James(Right Wing),J.Hay,S.Willshaw(Centres),W.N.Crookes,G.B.Marples (Left Wing).(SDT specified positions)

All checked

Notts Rangers:A.Bull(Goal);C.Shelton,T.Sadler(Backs);A.Shelton,H.Knight,J.Dexter(Half Backs);
W.Archer,A.Brown(Right Wing),W.Hodder(Centre),L.Parker,H.Shelton(Left Wing).(NJ specified positions)

All checked

Referee:R.J.Smith,Hon Sec.,Derbyshire Association.

LONG EATON RANGERS 0 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 1(T.E.Cawley)(H.T. 0-1)
(Sat Nov 8th) (At the Flats,Long Eaton)

Sheffield Independent 10/11/84 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 10/11/84 P.4/Derby Daily Telegraph
10/11/84 P.2/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4:/Referee 9/11/84 P.6:

SDT:"A lively game was witnessed at the Flats,Long Eaton on Saturday,when these clubs met to play off their tie in the first round of the English Cup competition.The attendance was very large.The toss was won by the visitors,who took advantage of a slight wind and incline.Winfield put the ball in motion for Rangers,who had to play a second team man,White,in place of Hexter at half back.The Sheffielders quickly assumed the offensive,and Sayer dribbled up to Mosforth,the latter kicking over the bar.From the corner,Wilson with a long kick,placed the ball in the mouth of the Long Eaton goal,and from a slight scrimmage,Cawley managed to get it through.The goal was objected to,on the ground that there had been a foul,but was allowed.(Vessey) and Gelsthorpe on the left got hold of the leather,which,by some nice passing,they got within dangerous proximity to the Wednesday fortress.The former made his shot,and Smith had to handle.F.Wallis was on the alert,and Malpass had to kick over his own goal-line.Nothing resulted from the corner,and after play had for some time longer been in the neighbourhood of the Sheffield goal,the forwards managed to break away,and, after a nice run,to obtain a corner kick.The Rangers' backs showed to advantage in the play which followed,as they stopped with considerable sharpness all the shots of the Northerners until pressure was relieved.From a free kick Gelsthorpe got possession,and he sent in a nice shot,which went rather too high.Winfield received the ball,and passed to Vessey,for whom Wilson proved too much. Smith was again forced to handle by Wallis,and Gelsthorpe kicked over the bar;the visitors then returning the compliment by sending the leather a foot or two the wrong side of the Rangers' posts. F.Wallis,helped by Orchard,again shot over the bar of the Yorkshiremen,and Winfield followed this up with a low swift shot,the ball striking Smith,and rebounding into the field,where Wilson got it out of the way.Nothing further happened up to half time,but on ends being changed the home team played a better game,the brothers Wallis at once taking the leather to the other end of the ground, and once more compelling the Sheffield goalkeeper to use his hands.A foul was claimed by the

Rangers, and allowed them and from the free kick the ball came in turn to White and Winfield, the latter getting close up but misjudging his kick. A shot by Gelsthorpe sent the ball over the crossbar, and from a corner kick which Wilson gave it was landed over the line. Another corner resulted in a very neat centre, but the danger was averted—in fact the defence offered by the Sheffield backs was almost impenetrable, although the Derbyshire men did all they could to get through it up to the call of time, which found the visitors victorious by one goal to none. The Rangers have lodged objection to the point on account of a foul. Smith, Wilson, and Malpass showed to most advantage on the side of the winners, while Winfield, F. Wallis, and Gelsthorpe were noticeable for the Rangers.”

Long Eaton Rangers: T. H. Bestwick (Goal); J. H. Dennis, G. H. Smith (Backs); J. Orchard, G. White, W. G. Newsum (Half Backs); F. W. K. Wallis, H. C. Wallis (Right Wing), G. C. Winfield (Centre), T. Gelsthorpe, T. S. Vessey (Left Wing).

All checked

Sheffield Wednesday: J. Smith (Goal); G. Wilson, A. Malpass (Backs); E. Brayshaw, C. L. Stratford (Half Backs); J. Sayer, W. Bentley (Right Wing), H. Winterbottom, T. E. Cawley (Centres), J. Heeson, W. H. Mosforth (Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires: B. Bestwick for Long Eaton Rangers and H. Ellis for Sheffield Wednesday.
Referee: Jessop, Newark.

SHEFFIELD HEELEY 1 (H. Stokes) NOTTS WANDERERS 0 (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Nov 8th) (At Bramall Lane, Sheffield)

Sheffield Independent 10/11/84 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 10/11/84 P.4/Nottingham Journal 10/11/84 P.6/Athletic News 12/11/84 P.3/Sportsman 10/11/84 P.4/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4/Referee 9/11/84 P.6:

SDT: “The initial stage between the above clubs for the English Cup was decided at Bramall-lane on Saturday. The weather was unexpectedly fine, and consequently there was an attendance of some 3,000 spectators present. The ground was also again in good condition. The visiting team arrived with one or two alterations from their advertised list, but Heeley played their full strength. When the local men had only got one goal in the first half, with a strong wind partly in their favour, conjecture was rife as to the possibility of losing, but on a change of ends they played with great determination while their opponents displayed an amount of lethargy, which was the general theme of comment and surprise to their supporters, of whom there was a large number present. The forwards had the appearance of being utterly afraid of the opposing back division, and the feeding propensities of their own back division were either ignored, or when a feeble effort was demonstrated there was no earthly chance of success. The home captain possessed the luck in the spin of the coin, and elected to defend the Bramall-lane goal. As the majority of the visitors are unknown to us, we are sorry that we are unable to chronicle the names of individual players who showed most prominently. Soon after hostilities had commenced, and good returns had been noticed by both back divisions, the Notts right got within range, and so close were his adversaries upon Kelvey, that he had to kick over his own goal line in a summary manner. The corner penalty was void of fruition, but almost immediately the ball was returned by a Notts half back, and put through by a confederate, but as he was palpably offside

the score was not allowed. Heeley right and centre now raised the siege, and Sayer's effort was too elevated, but directly afterwards a magnificent long, swift, low shot by Stokes from the extreme right, secured the first goal for Heeley. Each side were responsible for unproductive corners, and nice crossing by the Notts forwards was robbed of success by the timely interference of Moss. Two splendidly dropped corners by Knowlson were headed in both instances over the crossbar, and a shot by Sayer went in the same direction. After some resolute play by Shaw, Sykes, and Sharman, and a beautiful run by Notts right, which was altogether spoiled by the poor attempt at capture of their opponents' stronghold, half-time arrived without any further alteration in the score.

On the change of ends it was generally surmised, that with the advantage of the wind the Notts men would at least get on a level with their opponents, but the latter to a man, playing up wonderfully well, especially Kelvey, whose Sweptstonian "thumbs" at the ball, after cleanly catching it, drew large plaudits from the assembled company, and the decided lethargy of the visiting forwards, decided the day in favour of Heeley by one goal to none. All the winners acquitted themselves well, the pick being Lawson, Knowlson, Shaw, Moss, Jones, and Kelvey, while the others crossed very well, but failed to vigorously follow up any advantage. We have to bestow an encomium upon the umpiring of Tomlinson, who happened to have the bulk of the appeals to decide, his fiats being sharp and decisive, and wonderful to relate, to the entire satisfaction of everybody."

NJ: "This tie was played at Bramall-lane, Sheffield, before 3,000 spectators. Heeley won the toss, and the Wanderers kicked off. Immense excitement prevailed. At half-time the game stood at one to none in favour of Heeley, and holding their own in the second half, Heeley finally won by one to none."

SM/SL: "These clubs played at Bramall-lane Grounds, Sheffield, on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of 3,000 spectators. Heeley won the toss, and kicked towards Shoreham-street, and in a short time Stokes obtained a goal for Heeley, which was the only score in the match, Heeley thus winning by one goal to none."

Sheffield Heeley: C. Kelvey (Goal); T. A. Tomlinson, W. Moss (Backs); C. E. Knowlson, M. P. Jones (Half Backs); G. A. Lawson, H. Stokes, G. Sykes, W. Sayer, T. Sharman, G. A. Shaw (Forwards).

All checked

Notts Wanderers: H. Stevens (Goal); W. Topham, A. E. Scott (Backs); T. Shelton, J. Fletcher (Half Backs); A. Jackson, H. Turney, T. Large, A. King, R. Danks, G. Shelton (Forwards).

All checked

Umpires: J. Tomlinson for Heeley and W. H. Proctor for Notts Wanderers.
Referee: J. C. Clegg, President, Sheffield Association.

All checked

NOTTS COUNTY 2 (H. W. Emmett, J. A. Dixon) NOTTS OLYMPIC 0 (H. T. 1-0) (Sat Nov 8th) (At Trent Bridge)

Nottingham Journal 10/11/84 P.6/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 10/11/84 p.4/Sheffield Independent 10/11/84 P.4/Athletic News 12/11/84 P.3/Derby Daily Telegraph 10/11/84 P.3/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4/Sportsman 10/11/84 P.4/Referee 9/11/84 P.6:

NJ:"TYPE LONG REPORT

SDT:"A very one-sided contest between these clubs was witnessed by 2,000 people on the Trent Bridge, Nottingham on Saturday. The junior club held during the first half the advantage of a strong wind, which blew from the New Pavilion end, and, considering the strength of the team they were opposed to, made a very good fight of it. The Notts men, on the other hand, showing worse form than usual, but never letting the Olympians come near their lines. The first goal was not secured till after a half an hour's play, when Gunn had a corner to deal with, and dropped the ball well in front of the uprights, between which Emmett headed it. Dixon scored another point during the second half of the game, which ended in favour of Notts by two goals to none."

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

All checked except Emmett

Notts Olympic: J. Cheetham (Goal); H. Robinson, H. Hayes (Backs); H. Adcock, A. Jackson, J. Bailey (Half Backs); R. Hammond, E. West (Right Wing), J. Seal (Centre), W. Heath, W. Harrison (Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires: W. Dobson for Notts and A. G. Hines for Notts Olympic. Referee: T. Duxbury (Darwen).

SPITAL (Chesterfield, a bye

THIRD DIVISION:

Astley Bridge v Bolton Association

Higher Walton v Darwen Old Wanderers

Lower Darwen v Halliwell

Bradshaw v Darwen

Bolton Wanderers v Preston Zingari

Darwen Ramblers v Fishwick Ramblers

"BOLTON ASSOCIATION a bye, ASTLEY BRIDGE withdrawn" (Field 15/11/84 P.688)

HIGHER WALTON 1 DARWEN OLD WANDERERS 1 (No scorers traced) (Sat Oct 11th)

Darwen News 18/10/84: "This match was played at Higher Walton, on Saturday, before a considerable number of spectators. Great interest was centred in the encounter, the three previous matches played on this ground between these two clubs having ended in draws. This encounter had the same termination, as, after a very even game, they succeeded in scoring a goal each. The teams will have to meet again, most likely on November 8th, to decide which shall enter the second round of the English competition. Mr Sam Ormerod, Accrington, officiated as referee."

Sportsman 13/10/84 P.4/Sporting Life 13/10/84 P.4: "These teams played their tie at Walton on Saturday, a stubbornly-fought game ending in a draw of one goal each." (No teams)

KR SOURCE CANNOT BE PASTIME AS NOT AT BL??!!

No lineups in Blackburn Standard 18/10/84 P.3):

Higher Walton:W.Holden;J.Osbaldeston,T.Coulston;T.Daley,J.Lee,J.Heyes,
J.Winter,T.Iddon,J.Campbell,J.Baldwin,W.Coulston

N.B.KR Source has Deston:treated as an error for J.Osbaldeston but Deston in First Round 85/86 team:nonetheless have changed to J.Osbaldeston as in Replay)),Colston(wrong) for both Coulston names,Daly for Daley and Heayes for Heyes)

NOTE:T.Coulston (No 3)is the goalkeeper in the Replay and in the First Round 85/86 game but have left the existing order pending further research.

Darwen Old Wanderers:J.Berry(Goal);R.Kirkham,G.Moorhouse(Backs);J.W.Almond,W.Norris,
L.Woods (Half Backs),R.Eccles,J.Eccles(Right Wing),J.Pearson(Centre),T.Chadwick,J.Aspden(Left Wing).(No team in Blackburn Standard)

Referee:S.Ormerod,Accrington.

N.B.Have adjusted the KR Source names based on Manchester Courier 29/9/84 P.3 Lineup for the D.O.W. 27/9/84 Match against Preston Zingari as follows: W.Norris for W.Morris,J.Aspden for J.Apsden,J.Pearson for J.P.Arson and R.Eccles for R.Eales:10 of the players were the same ,only change was J.Eccles for W.Bentley)(Have switched wings also as forwards in specified positions in Zingari Match)

REPLAY:At Darwen,on Sat Nov 8th:

DARWEN OLD WANDERERS 4 HIGHER WALTON 1(No scorers traced)(H.T. 3-1)

Manchester Courier 10/11/84 P.3/Blackburn Standard 15/11/84 P.3 /Sportsman 10/11/84 P.4/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4:

+MC/SL/SM:"The representatives of these clubs met at Darwen on Saturday to decide their tie in the Association Cup competition,and there was a good muster of spectators.Playing with the wind the Darwen Old Wanderers completely ran away with the visitors,but owing to the violence of the breeze they only put the ball through the posts three times,while their opponents contrived to score once.In the second half the Old Wanderers claimed three more goals,but two were disallowed. Though the wind was now in their teeth they maintained the acendancy,and after a dashing game the recorded result was in their favour by four goals to one."

Darwen Old Wanderers:W.Bentley(Goal);R.Kirkham,G.Moorhouse(Backs);L.Woods,J.W.Almond(Half Backs);J.Eccles,R.Eccles(Right Wing),J.Pearson,J.Bury(Centres),T.Chadwick,J.Aspden(Left Wing).

+All lineups agreed :but not J.Chadwick and W.Moorhouse (See PH 1/10/84 P.6 v Preston Zingari)

Higher Walton:T.Coulston(Goal);J.Osbaldeston,T.Daley(Backs);J.Heyes,J.Lee,A.Harwood(Half Backs);
G.Haworth,J.Baldwin(Right Wing),(J.)Winter(Centre), J.Iddon,J.Corbett(Left Wing).

+All lineups agreed but T.Iddon in first game

Umpires:E.Tassiker(Darwen) and J.Naylor(Higher Walton).Referee:N.A.Whittaker(Accrington).

LOWER DARWEN 4 (Livesey, Morris 2, Lonsdale) HALLIWELL 1 (Kay) (H.T. 1-1) (Sat Oct 11th) (At Blackamore)

+Bolton Evening News 13/10/84 P.3/Darwen News 18/10/84/Blackburn Standard 18/10/84 P.3 (No Teams)/ KR Source unknown +Report unreadable

Blackburn Standard: "only 50 spectators present. Halliwell suffer from new team Rules".

DN: "This tie was played at Blackamore on Saturday last, and considerable excitement was the result. The visitors won the toss, and Lonsdale kicked off at 3.35. A run was made up the right, but Livesey shot over. Shortly after Longworth dashed in front, and passed to Livesey, who with a good screw kick, scored the first goal for the home team amid cheers. Starting again the visitors set to work, and Ainslie on the left looked dangerous, but Aspinall, with a flying kick, cleared the goal, and Morris nearly scored at the opposite end. Crossley was now in front, but Tom Duckworth robbed him of the ball, and made for the other end, a corner resulted. Kay made a good run and scored for the visitors. Lonsdale, Rawlinson, and Livesey now found Halliwell plenty of work, and shot after shot was sent in, but the goalkeeping of Mayoh was immense. Owen and Ainslie now got away, and Crossley gave a corner as the whistle was sounded for half-time. On resuming the visitors' forwards came up the field, but Duprey stopped their career, and Brindle dodged the backs, and passed to Morris, who got a beautiful goal. Starting again the home forwards were now pressing their opponents hard, when the custodian missed his kick, allowing the ball to pass under the posts. Following this Morris seeing an opening scored again for the home team. When time was called Lower Darwen were the winners by 4 goals to 1."

Sportsman 13/10/84 P.4/Sporting Life 13/10/84 P.4: "Several hundred spectators witnessed this tie, decided at Lower Darwen on Saturday. A quarter of an hour from the start Livesey scored for the home team, but Halliwell equalised matters before half time. Although playing against a strong wind in the second half, Morris twice and Lonsdale once scored for Lower Darwen, who won by four goals to one." (No teams)

Lower Darwen: Radcliffe (Goal); +Aspinall, W. Duprey (Backs); Hargreaves (Capt.), P. Rawlinson, G. Brindle (Half Backs); Longworth, Livesey (Right Wing), A. Lonsdale (Centre), Tom Duckworth, J. Morris (Left Wing).

+J. Aspin or Aspinall in later games? Initials from 4th round game

Halliwell: Mayoh (Goal); Boardman, Fred Hamer (Backs); H. Crossley, Parr, Bradley (Half Backs); Kay, +Haslam (Right Wing), J. Ainslie (Centre), () Ainslie, Owen (Left Wing). +From Eagley

Umpires: j.??? (missing) for Lower Darwen and McQuillan for Halliwell. Referee: J. Lewis, Blackburn.

DARWEN 11 (Kenyon 2, Owen, Nightingale, J. Richmond (goalkeeper) 2, A.N. Others 5) BRADSHAW 0 (H.T 3-0) (Sat Oct 11th) (At Darwen)

Bolton Evening News 13/10/85 P.3/Athletic News 15/10/84 P.3 P.3/Blackburn Standard 18/10/84 P.3/Manchester Courier 13/10/84 P.3 (has no scorers and no Bradshaw Team)/Sportsman 13/10/84 P.4:

BEN/AN:"Played at Darwen on Saturday before 1,000 spectators.Richmond kicked off for Darwen at 3.30,and Marshall ran into the visitors' quarters.Haslam and Haydock now showed up on the Bradshaw right,but Hamilton stopped them,and Fish afterwards gave the ball to Marshall who made off down the right wing,his final shot,however,going just outside.The Darwen forwards here found the visitors' backs plenty to do and eventually Kenyon planted the ball well into the Bradshaw goal mouth,and it was forced through fifteen minutes from the start.Haslam,Haydock,and Sharples next compelled Richmond to use his hands;then Owen,from midfield,sent in a hot one and scored the second goal for Darwen.Owen again showed up at half back,a swift shot by him hitting the visitors' crossbar,and the ball bounding into play.Nightingale secured the third point.Hamilton subsequently sent the ball between the Bradshaw posts,but a claim for offside against Marshall was sustained.The game at half time was three goals to none in favour of Darwen.On change of ends the visitors were completely penned,and a minute from the re-start Kenyon scored for Darwen.The Darwen goalkeeper at this point left his charge and went among the forwards.From this point goal after goal were secured by Darwen,and before "Time" was called the total had reached 11.The Darwen goalkeeper was responsible for two.Bradshaw thus left the field defeated by 11 goals to none."

MC:"Played at Darwen on Saturday.Bradshaw having no chance whatever."

BS:"A minute from the restart Kenyon scored (4th goal)for Darwen .The Darwen goalkeeper at this point left his charge and went amongst the forwards.""The Darwen goalkeeper was responsible for two"(goals).(MC:No report just lineups)

Darwen:J.Richmond(Goal);S.A.Warburton,T.Crook(Backs);S.Fish,H.Hamilton,D.Owen(Half Backs); T.Marshall,J.Nightingale(Right Wing),H.Richmond(Centre),A.Kenyon,J.Shorrock(Left Wing).

All checked

Bradshaw:W.Hulme(Goal);John Smethurst,James Smethurst(Backs),E.Smith,J.Fielding,Hargreaves (Half Backs);H.Haslam,M.Haydock(Right Wing),J.Wild(Centre),W.Smith,J.Sharples(Left Wing).

All names but not initials checked

(BS/AN same lineup:no lineup in MC)(SM initials but some name mistakes)

Umpires:J.Wolstenholme(Darwen) and A.Smith(Bradshaw).Referee:W.Smith(Astley Bridge).

BOLTON WANDERERS v PRESTON ZINGARI:Both withdrew :see below

Bolton Complete Record:P.182:"Drawn against Preston Zingari in 1884/85 competition but both clubs withdrew due to professional argument with FA."

P.11:"In 1884 the question of professionalism came to a head when Preston North End,Burnley and Great Lever were suspended by the Lancashire FA. On 10th October the Lancashire FA held a meeting at the Commercial Hotel,Bolton,to discuss the crisis.Further meetings were held and Bolton Wanderer's President,Peter Parkinson,suggested that a British FA be formed and run independently from the Football Association.

Consequently Bolton were not involved in the 1884-5 FA Cup.They were drawn against Preston Zingari,but both clubs were embroiled in the political issue of professionalism and withdrew from the competition.Prestigious friendly games against the likes of Notts County and Aston Villa were

also cancelled as Bolton's opponents attempted to avoid the issue by claiming amateur status."(See 1885-6 developments)

DARWEN RAMBLERS 1(Kenyon) FISHWICK RAMBLERS 2 (Booth 2:Fagan passed for 1 of them) (H.T . 0-1) (Sat Nov 1st)(At Walton Brow)(KR records Kenyon as scoring for Darwen Ramblers)(Some sources give 0-2)

(Short report Blackburn Standard 8/11/84 P.3 NOT ON LINE :score 0-2)(Also in Darwen Observer):TEAMS NOT TRACED

Try Blackpool & Fleetwood Gazette/Preston Guardian Nothing in Preston Herald 5/11/84

Darwen News 8/11/84 :

DN:"Played at Walton Brow,on Saturday,before a fair number of spectators,Longworth started the ball for the visitors,when the home team at once began to press their opponents,but owing to the splendid defence of the Darweners,the home team only scored once by a good pass by Fagan.The play in the second half was very rough.It was owing to the visitors being the heavier lot that the Fishwick team did not score more.Booth scored again,and a hot contested game ended in a win for the Fishwick Ramblers by two goals to nil.The goal keeping of the visitors was the chief feature of the match."(No teams)

Manchester Courier 3/11/84 P.3(No lineups):"This tie was decided on Saturday at Preston.Fishwick winning the toss elected to play with ground in their favour.Longworth for Darwen kicked off,and the ball was quickly worked in the vicinity of the Darwen goal,where it remained nearly the whole of the time the game was being played.Fishwick won a one-sided game by two goals to nil."

Sportsman 3/11/84 P.4/Sporting Life 3/11/84 P.4:"This tie in the first round of the above competition was played at Darwen on Saturday in the presence of a numerous company of spectators,and the Preston club won by two goals to one.The Fishwick Ramblers are now the only Preston club left in the competition."

Bell's Life 5/11/84 P.1:"This tie was played on Saturday at Darwen in fine weather.The contest was most evenly contested throughout,and eventually the visitors won by a couple of goals to one."

Derby Mercury 5/11/84 P.5 "The Fishwick Ramblers(Preston) beat Darwen Ramblers at Darwen by two goals to one."

Preston Herald 5/11/84 P.5:"Longman started the ball for the visitors.""Booth,Saul,Greenwood played well for the home team."

Athletic News 5/11/84 P.3:"This tie was decided on Saturday at Preston,Fishwick winning a one-sided game by two goals to nil.T.Cornall and Greenwood for Fishwick and the Darwen goalkeeper played remarkably well."

FOURTH DIVISION:

Chirk v Davenham

Druids v Liverpool Ramblers

Crewe Alexandra v Oswestry

Leek v Northwich Victoria

Wrexham Olympic v Goldenhill

Hartford St John's v Macclesfield

Queen's Park, Glasgow v Stoke-on-Trent

Stafford Rangers, a bye (But see below for game against Newtown and scratched before replay)

CHIRK 4(G.Owen,W.Owen 2,T.Williams) DAVENHAM 2(Bolas(o.g),T.H.Cross)(H.T. 3-0) (Sat Oct 25th)

Field 1/11/84 P.613/(No teams in Wrexham Advertiser 1/11/84 P.7)/Sportsman 27/10/84

P.4/Sporting Life 27/10/84 P.4/Referee 26/10/84 P.6:

F:"These teams met in the first round of this competition on Saturday last, at Chirk in the presence of about five hundred spectators. Chirk won the toss, and played with the wind at their backs. During the first half the home team forced the play, and succeeded in scoring three goals, one by G.Owen, and two by W.Owen. On changing ends the home team still pressed the Cheshire team, and succeeded in adding one more goal to their score, while the visitors put on two, one by Bolas, and another by Crosse, off a corner kick; and Chirk ultimately won by four goals to two."

SM:"This tie in the first round of the Association Cup competition was played at Chirk on Saturday before about 500 spectators. Chirk won the toss, and Earlam kicked off for Davenham against the wind. Chirk soon began to pressure the Cheshire men, and before half time had scored three goals (one by G.Owens and two by W.Owens) to none. On crossing over Davenham ran the ball down the field, and Bolas, in defending his goal, put the leather through the home uprights. Chirk next got the ball through their opponents' goal, but it was disallowed on the plea of offside. Chirk soon afterwards, however, secured another goal, which was put in by T.Williams. From the kick-off, from the centre, Cross secured the ball, and running down the right wing sent in a shot which Conde, in defending his goal, put behind. From the corner Cross hit the second goal for Davenham. Nothing else was scored, and the game thus ended in a win for Davenham by four goals to two."

Chirk: J.Conde(Goal); C.Bolas, A. Jones(Backs); H.Owen, D.Jones, J.Jones(Half Backs); E.Povey, P.Griffiths(Right Wing), W.Owen(Centre), George Griffiths, T.Williams(Left Wing).

Initials believed correct

Davenham: +S.Shaw(Goal); R.Riley, H.Goulding(Backs); T.Whitby, +Birtles, D.Dalton(Half Backs); T.H.Cross, +H.Holland(Right wing), M.Earlam(Centre), A.Moore, E.Johnson(Left Wing).

+Initials to be checked : Maybe W or D or H.Holland T in 83/84

Umpires: Thomas for Chirk and Towers for Davenham. Referee: Evans(Liverpool Association)

DRUIDS 6 (J.Doughty 2, Albert Powell 2, R.Davies 2) LIVERPOOL RAMBLERS 1(F.W.Quilliam) (H.T. 1-0)(Sat Nov 8th)(At Ruabon)

Liverpool Mercury 10/11/84 P.7/Wrexham Advertiser 22/11/84 P.7(report held over from week before)/Athletic News 12/11/84 P.3/Sportsman 10/11/84 P.4/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4/Referee 9/11/84 P.6:

LM/WA:"This match,a first round tie in the English Cup competition,was played at Ruabon on Saturday.The first half was pretty evenly contested,only one goal being scored,put through by Doughty for the Druids.After changing ends the Welshmen had the best of the game,and eventually won by 6 goals to 1."

SM:"These teams met to decide their tie in the first round of the Association Challenge Cup competition on Saturday afternoon at Ruabon.The Druids kicked off slightly against the wind,but at once began to press the Ramblers,and fifteen minutes from the start the first goal was scored for the home team by Doughty.Shortly afterwards Liverpool got a corner,but no score resulted.Before half time was called a second goal was sent through by the Druids but disallowed on the ground of offside.After crossing over the play was fairly even for about twenty minutes,and both sides narrowly escaped scoring.Eventually Quilliam notched one for Liverpool and made the score equal.Soon after Bateson,one of the Ramblers' half-backs,had to leave to catch a train,and a few minutes subsequently (SL:"five minutes after his retirement")Albert Powell kicked a splendid goal for the Druids.The same player increased the score to three shortly afterwards,and three more goals were scored by R.Davies(two) and Doughty.The game thus ended in a win for Druids by six goals to one."

Druids:J.Jones(Goal);R.Jones,W.H.Minshall-Jones(Backs);J.Davies,W.Moulden,R.Davies(Half Backs); Albert Powell,J.Doughty(Right Wing),W.Williams(Centre),C.Davies,E.Roberts(Left Wing).

All checked

Liverpool Ramblers:H.A.Bailey(Goal);G.W.Turner,J.B.Ismay(Backs);A.B.Hull,P.Bateson, E.Stewart-Brown(Half Backs);A.B.Evans,W.E.Earle(Right Wing),G.Smith(Centre), F.W.Quilliam,A.S.Withers(Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires:W.Morrison(Ruabon) and Smart(Liverpool).Referee:Pugh(Pool Quay)

CREWE 2(J.E.Watkin 2) OSWESTRY 1 (G.Farmer)(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Nov 8th)(At Crewe)

Crewe Guardian 12/11/84 P.5/Wrexham Advertiser 22/11/84 P.7 (report held over from week before has Crewe scorers as Watkin,Oakley but Crewe Match by Match agrees with AFS:Watkin 2)/Field 15/11/84 P.688/Athletic News 12/11/84 P.3:

CG:"These clubs met at Crewe on Saturday last,to decide the tie in the first round of the above competition,and as the clubs met a few weeks hence in a friendly contest,in which the Alexandrians proved themselves victors,though only by the slight majority of one goal to nil,consequently their next meeting was looked forward to with more than usual interest,and the weather being fine,about 2,000 supporters were present to witness the match,including 50 who accompanied the team from the Cambrian depths.Each side was fully represented,and Bell,winning the proverbial spin of the coin,elected to defend the goal nearest to Gresty-road,having a strong wind at his back.At 2.45 Davies started the ball in motion,and Fennel getting possession centred,but again sent midfield by Williams.This let in Watkins,who with a good run secured a corner off Powell;the same player,taking the place kick,put in a good one,which Taylor put over the bar.From the goal kick Farmer put in a good run,but was stopped by Marsh before any advantage had been gained,and from which Oakley

and Edwards forced Duncan to give a corner, but from which nothing accrued, Williams again returning it in fine style, and Foulkes judiciously passing to the right wing, J.E. Davies was enabled to centre to his colleague, T. Davies, the latter having a splendid chance given him, only * M'Auley being in the way to stop scoring, but losing his presence of mind, and only for a moment, allowed Downes, who came dashing up and cleared the goal, evidently to the satisfaction of the onlookers. But not to be denied, the Oswestry half back, Evans, again returned into the vicinity of the Crewe goal, which Downes again repelled in grand style. Hands were now claimed close to the home uprights, and a scrimmage ensuing, the ball was put through amidst much cheering from the large concourse of spectators, 25 minutes from the start. From a recommencement Farmer again distinguished himself, and being ably assisted by Roach, the last named was enabled to put in a good shot, but Conde again returned, and from which Watkins made a flying shot, which struck the upright (hard lines) and rebounded into play, Duncan leaving his charge to return the ball, giving a grand opportunity to the Crewe forwards, which was not utilised, and again Edwards put in a grand centre, but not being supported his effort was of no use. Half time was now called. The ball had no sooner been put in motion before a corner was secured by the Crewe men, and from which Watkins equalised matters. This, of course, aroused both sides, the Crewe right wing especially doing yeoman service. Duncan was called upon to stop three shots in rapid succession from Watkins, Oakley, and Edwards, which he did magnificently, but he was at last compelled to give in. Edwards, gaining possession, passed to Watkins, who dribbled till an opening occurred, when he sent in a stinger, which added another notch for the Alexandrians. The visitors now got a turn, and a good innings it was, the ball being put into M'Auley's hands, and being charged at the same moment things looked. The custodian putting the leather round the post, some of the players claimed a goal, but the referee promptly decided in favour of a corner. From this point nothing of importance took place, the play being principally in the Oswestry quarter, the game ending in favour of the home team by two goals to one. For the Alexandra, Downes, Marsh, Edwards, Oakley, and Watkins played best; whilst Duncan, Williams, Roach, and Farmer were the pick of the visiting team."

F(:".....in the presence of about three thousand spectators. The ground was in very fair condition considering the recent heavy rain. The home team, after a good game, retired winners by two goals to one. The visitors were not up to their usual form, and were short of the services of J. Evans. Duncan played a splendid game. The backs played well, but we cannot say the same of the half backs. The forwards were also not so good as usual. They were unlucky in shooting at goal. The second goal scored against them was a questionable one, as a large portion of the crowd admitted Watkins was offside. The second goal they scored ought to have been allowed, as the ball was fairly put through, but a corner only was allowed. The home team played fairly well all round; Downes and Bell were the best of the back division, and Watkins was decidedly the best of the forwards."

Crewe: *M'Auley (Goal); W. Downes, C. Conde (Backs); W.S. Bell (Capt.), F.J. Marsh (Half Backs); J.E. Watkin(s), +Oakley, G. Taylor, W. Edwards, F. Fennell, H. Done (Forwards).

+Most initials from 2nd round game J. McAulay played in goal for Dumbarton: was he used for this game?

*N.B 3 different Goalkeepers recorded in various sources!! CAMBM goalkeeper McAuley agrees with CG :he has no other games listed for Season in CAMBM: AN/AFS and F have the then regular Crewe

goalkeeper H.Parker but WA has Snelson(but he was a forward). N.B. CAMBM got information from Crewe Chronicle and Crewe Guardian.

All other names apart from M'Auley confirmed: initials not traced in CG or elsewhere

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

All checked but WA/AN/AFS have J.H.Williams for J.H.Powell but latter was Capt in a match playing with S.Powell

N.B.AN/AFS have W.Davies for J.E.Davies

Umpires:T.M.Abraham and W.H.Gough.Referee:Lythgoe,Liverpool Association.

LEEK 4 (M.Rider 2,W.Vickerstaff,H.E.Whittles)NORTHWICH VICTORIA 3 (E.Hassall(o.g.),Not traced,Another o.g.) (H.T. 3-1)(Sat Nov 8th)(At Leek)

N.B. Above are the Leek scorers Football in Leek Book P.52:see below

Northwich Guardian 12/11/84 P.5/Crewe Guardian 12/11/84 P.5/Leek Times 15/11/84/Athletic News 12/11/84 P.3:

NG/CG:"This tie was played at Leek,on Saturday,in fine weather,and before 1,000 spectators.The ground was in a very soft state,and is small and very uneven.Both sides were fully represented.The visitors were thoroughly tired with the journey.The distance they had to travel was only 30 miles,and it took them three hours and three-quarters to do it.Winning the toss,Northwich chose to play down hill,and with a slight wind in their favour.Leek kicked off,and going off with a good rush nearly succeeded in scoring.The opposite end then became the scene of the conflict,but only for a short time,the Leek men making great efforts to score,and overcoming a rather feeble resistance drew first blood amid much cheering.Still playing with much determination,they continued to press,and in a short time added a second goal.The visitors then began to play a little,and had several good shots,and at last +Rhodes scored their first goal.The play was now a little more even,but the home team made the best use of their chances,and increased their score to three.Half time was then called.In justice to the Northwich team,it should be stated that after Leek scored their second goal Turnbull received a violent knock on his left temple from a Leek player's head and did not play again during the first half.He,however,played during the second half,but was so unwell he was practically of little use and of course the left wing was completely spoiled.In the second half the Northwich team severely pressed Leek and soon equalised the score,three each, and seemed as though they would win,but Leek defended splendidly,and thoughts of a draw began to arise.This,however,was not the case,as the Leek right finished a good run by centring well,and R(i)der,who stood by the left post,had no opposition to meet,and easily scored.Of course,an objection was made on the ground of off-side,but without avail.The kick-off from the centre was the signal for a wild and enthusiastic cheer from the spectators.Following well up the visitors had two or three chances to score,but failed to do so,and time was called leaving Leek victorious by four goals to three.The play of the Leek team was determined and fast throughout,and the whole played well,Allen,Vickerstaff,Whittles,Hassall, and Wardle being the pick.The Northwich team played very much below form in the first half.In the second half they showed their usual form and made a big effort to score,but it was then too late."

+Rhodes is not listed in the NV team

Manchester Courier 10/11/84 P.3:"Played at Leek on Saturday before a good number of spectators.Stonehewer kicked off to Allen,who ran up the right and centred splendidly.Rider rushed up and scored the first goal for Leek,Stonehewer scoring again in less than ten minutes.Northwich scored,and shortly after Vickerstaff made the score three to one.Half time was called and Northwich quickly made the game even.Four minutes from time Allen passed to Vickerstaff,who scored again,Leek winning by four to three."

AN:"Played at Leek on Saturday in the presence of about 1,200 spectators.The visitors winning the toss,elected to play down hill and with a strong wind at their backs.Notwithstanding this,Leek were the first to score,Rider guiding a good centre by Allen safely past Hilditch after about eight minutes' play.The game had not long recommenced before Stonehewer beat Hilditch from a centre by Vickerstaff,after a splendid dodging run.These reverses roused the visitors,and for some moments the Leek back division were kept hard at work,the visitors' forwards doing some neat passing.At last Wardle relieved,and Hughes and Molyneux,and Hilditch in goal were in their turn "the pressed", Stonehewer twice putting the ball just over the bar.Vickerstaff put a good centre of Stonehewer's (after a neat run by him and Allen) through,but being adjudged offside,the goal was disallowed.The Northwich forwards now did some good work,Malam and Hankey being most prominent,and at last,owing to the Leek centre back missing his kick,they had a clear opening to score.Hassall, however,punched out,only to see the ball rebound off one of his own men through the goal.The Leek forwards were robbed of the ball by Hughes,and his centre made a good run(Ratcliffe from the Leek second team,his opposing half back,seeming unable through nervousness to kick or run) and nearly scored,but Wardle heading out passed the ball to Whittles,and he finishing up a good run with a grand centre,Vickerstaff for the third time lowered the Northwich colours.From now until call of half time the game was most evenly contested,but no further score was made,Leek then having three goals to the visitors' one.On resuming,for some few minutes the Leekites seemed all abroad, and the visitors quickly taking advantage of this pressed Leek,and from a foul close to goal they scored their second point.Some grand play on both sides now took place,the visitors striving hard to equalise matters,whilst the home party were striving to retain the advantage they held.At last one of the Leek half backs ended the struggle by putting the ball through his own goal by trying to screw round.The game now became fast and furious,each team making alterations in the position of their men.It wanted,however,but four minutes to time when a tremendous cheer from the spectators announced the downfall of the visitors' goal,Rider safely guiding the ball past Hilditch-the result of a combined run by Allen and Vickerstaff,who were now playing together.Northwich put nearly all their men forward,but Leek strengthening their defences,kept them safely at bay,the match,which throughout was most keenly though pleasantly contested,ending in a victory for Leek by four goals to three."(No teams)

Football in Leek P.52:"There was much excitement in Leek on November 8th,when Northwich Victoria visited Leek to play off the first round of the English Cup.There were 1,200 spectators.The visitors won the toss,and elected to play down the slope with a strong wind in their favour.In the first couple of minutes Hassall had to save at the expense of a corner.A foul given against Leek close to goal made matters look unpleasant,but Denton put the ball just over the bar.Amid the cheers of the spectators the Leek forwards got away and Allen racing up the field put in a splendid centre from the corner,which Rider put through,scoring first goal for Leek.Vickerstaff made a quick dodgy run,the

result of which was that Leek added another goal. The home team continued to press, and two shots skimmed the bar, and then a goal obtained by Vickerstaff was disallowed on the ground of offside. After a neat bit of passing the visitors were rewarded with a point, the Leek centre-half missing his kick close in. Whittles with a long shot scored a third goal, and Vickerstaff put No 4 through from a cross by Allen, but on appeal to the referee this goal was disallowed as it was apparent that Vickerstaff was in an offside position. On resuming the game was for some time in favour of the visitors and they quickly made two points, making the score equal, three-three. Turnbull missed an easy chance of scoring and the visitors continued to put on pressure, Allen being too closely watched to get away. The Leek captain therefore rearranged his forces, Bowcock going centre-half in place of Ratcliffe. The latter went left wing forward in place of Vickerstaff, who crossed over to assist Allen. This had the desired result, Allen and Vickerstaff getting away and beating their opponents in speed, getting within shooting distance of goal. Allen then gave to Vickerstaff. The latter put straight across the goal, and Rider dashing up guided the ball between the posts, the feat being greeted with great acclamation. There were now only a few minutes to play, and nothing more being done, Leek were credited with the victory by four goals to three."

Leek: E. Hassall (Goal); G. C. Wardle, F. Byrne (Backs); G. Tudor, H. E. Whittles, G. Ratcliffe (Half Backs); W. Vickerstaff, M. Rider, S. Bowcock, H. Stonehewer, W. E. Allen (Forwards).

All checked

Northwich Victoria: G. Hilditch (Goal); E. Molyneux, F. W. Hughes (Backs); W. H. Hughes, W. H. Dalton, G. Vernon; J. Malam, T. Hankey E. R. Denton, E. Turnbull, T. Lever (Forwards).

All checked

Referee: Jope, Wednesbury.

WREXHAM OLYMPIC 1 (R. Davies) GOLDENHILL 0 (H. T. 0-0) (Sat Oct 18th) (At Wrexham Racecourse)

Wrexham Advertiser 25/10/84 P. 7/Bell's Life 22/10/84 P. 1/Sportsman 20/10/84 P. 4/Sporting Life 21/10/84 P. 4/Referee 19/10/84 P. 6:

WA: "This match was played at Wrexham on Saturday. Goldenhill pressed the home team in the first half, and the game in the second half was very even. Eventually from a splendid corner by R. Davies, Wrexham scored the first and only goal in half a minute from the call of time, and thus won the match, after a hard struggle, by a lucky goal."

WA P. 7 Football Notes: "The game was not a very interesting one, and it was only just before the call of time that a little interest was infused into it by the Olympic completely penning their opponents. Numerous corner kicks were given, and it was from one of these, splendidly put in front of goal by +R. Davies, that the winning goal was scored, and immediately afterwards the referee blew his whistle. The visitors were but a moderate lot, the only exception being the goalkeeper, who was far superior to the rest of the team." "The home team did not half play up to the mark. The backs played pretty well during the whole of the game, but the forwards - well the less said about them the better. I don't think I have ever seen them play so loose before, and many times a good opportunity of scoring was missed by their not being in their place. There was no combination or passing at

all.R.Davies being lame,of course,made a lot of difference,but if the rest had shown the least bit of judgment in front of goal,the score would have been larger."

SL:"This tie in the first round was played on Wrexham racecourse on Saturday before a goodly number of spectators.Golden Hill won the toss,and J.Owens kicked off for Wrexham.A number of shots were made by Tisson,Owens,and Hughes for Wrexham and by Scragge for Golden Hill,but they were all got away.On crossing over,Wrexham at once began to press the Staffordshire team,but although shot after shot was made,Heath kept goal so well that no score was made until about three minutes before time,when R.Davies took a corner,the ball passing under the bar,the goalkeeper having just touched it with his fingers."Time" was then called,leaving Wrexham winners by one goal to none."

BL:"This tie was decided on Wrexham Racecourse on Saturday last.The teams were well matched,and up to half time nothing definite had been scored.Crossing over,the home team assumed the aggressive.Golden Hill,however,defended well,and till about a couple of minutes from time,preserved their lines intact.A corner then fell to Wrexham,and,the ball being well placed,was sent through out of the bully.Wrexham thus won by a goal to nil."

Wrexham Olympic:+J.Davies(Goal);R.Roberts,W.Davies(Backs);T.Burke,G.Thomas,J.Wilding(Half Backs);R.Davies,W.Roberts(Right Wing),J.Owen(s)(Centre),H.Sisson,W.J.Hughes(Left Wing).

+Initial not checked

Goldenhill:Heath(Goal);Whittingham,Rigby(Backs);John Farrall,Fox,James Farrall(Half Backs); Clare,Turner(Right Wing),Casper(Centre),Smith,A.Scragg(Left Wing).

N.B.No more initials traceable

(WA/REF have Cooper for Casper)

Umpires:J.Taylor(Wrexham) and W.Green (Goldenhill).Referee:J.Hughes(Aston Villa)

MACCLESFIELD 9 (P.Wright 3,6 others) HARTFORD ST JOHN'S 0 (Sat Nov 8th)(H.T. 3-0)(At Macclesfield)

Macclesfield Courier 22/11/84 P.3??/Athletic News 12/11/84 P.3:

WAIT FOR ONLINE Macclesfield Courier.

Manchester Courier 10/11/84 P.3:"Played on Saturday on the ground of the Macclesfield Club, before about 1,100 spectators,and resulted in a win for Macclesfield by nine goals to nil.There was a strong wind blowing,of which Hartford took advantage,but the home team played up well and scored their first goal in 10 minutes from the start,and at half time had three goals to their credit.On the change of ends,with the wind in their favour,Macclesfield scored six more goals."(No teams)

Football Notes,Manchester Courier 10/11/84 P.3"A very glowing account has come to hand of the position and prospects of the Macclesfield Club, which is much too long for insertion here,but from which I gather that since 1878,when the club was founded,it has gradually been making headway in public favour.There are now between 70 and 80 members of the club,and the first team has an

unbroken record this season, having scored 15 goals to four against them. That the game is popular in the whilom flourishing silk district is obvious from the fact that at each first class match there is a "gate" of between 2,000 to 3,000, and the treasurer last season was, after paying all expenses, the happy possessor of a balance of £60."

AN: "Played at Macclesfield, before about 1,100 spectators, and resulted in a win for Macclesfield by nine goals to nil. It is only fair to state that Hartford had to alter their chosen team in two instances. The winners played grandly to a man, the forwards especially, Bancroft, Mason, Dunkerley, Bates, and Howarth deserving special mention."

Macclesfield: J. Morton (Goal), T. Mason, A. Bancroft (Backs); W. Goodfellow, J. Dunkerley, Gaskell (Half Backs); J. Howarth, P. Wright, J. Bates, F. Bond, Sheldon.

Initials confirmed (see also 2nd round game)

Hartford St John's: Barton; G. Anderson, T. Russell (Capt.); J. Prest, W. Saunders, W. Upton; T. Heywood, Rowbotham, + W. Harper, T. Brooks, J. Brooks. (KR/AN) + Also could be another player E. Harper

Initials added from Cheshire Cup Match 14/3/85 W. Heywood?

QUEEN'S PARK walked over STOKE-ON-TRENT scratched:

"Stoke should have journeyed to Glasgow to meet them (Queen's Park) in the English ties, but they did not see the utility of travelling hundreds of miles to be extinguished, and so they scratched." (Wrexham Advertiser 22/11/84 P.7)

STAFFORD RANGERS 2 (Scorers not reported) NEWTOWN 2 (h. Hibbott, "scrimmage") (H.T. 0-1) (F.T. 2-2) (After extra time) (Sat Nov 8th) (At Stafford):

N.B. Not in records of FA Cup Results Books

"The entrance of the Newtown Club was not received in time for the first draw and so they were pitted against Stafford Rangers who had the bye." (Wrexham Advertiser 22/11/84 P.7)

Wrexham Advertiser 22/11/84 P.7 ("report of 8/11/84 matches "unavoidably held over from last week") / Montgomery Express 11/11/84 P.8:

WA: "This match was played at Stafford on Saturday in the presence of a large number of spectators. Newtown played with their full strength, with the exception of H. Andres and L. Savage, who met with accidents whilst playing against the Wednesbury Strollers on the 1st November. The Newtown captain won the toss, and elected to play with the hill and a slight wind in their favour. Stafford set the ball rolling at three o'clock, but it quickly found its way in the vicinity of the home goal, and after repeated attempts to score, Hibbott sent the ball between the sticks, thus scoring the first goal for the visitors. Newtown still continued to press their opponents severely, but could not score again up to half time, while the home team only crossed their visitors' lines twice during that period. With the wind and hill in their favour it was thought the home team would soon score, which proved to be correct. Newtown now played up with renewed vigour, and after a splendid combined run, in which the five forwards took part, made a determined attack on the Rangers' goal, which the custodian

saved by giving a corner. Stafford next assumed the offensive, and after some grand passing scored their second goal amidst great excitement. It was thought that the Newtown representatives stood a very poor chance, but Lloyd got hold of the ball and ran it up the ground, passed it to Hibbott, who eluded the half backs and transferred it to Andrew, on the left, who centred, and out of a scrimmage Newtown scored their second goal, thus equalising matters. The way in which the goal was scored well merited the applause it evoked, being the best passing move of the day. The visitors again nearly scored, but the home backs returned the ball, and soon after time was called. It being the last day for the first round there was an extra half hour's play. Lloyd again won the toss, and Newtown kicked off with the hill in their favour, and kept up a continual attack on the Rangers goal, but could not score during the first quarter-of-an-hour. Ends were again changed, and the home team made it rather hot for the Welshmen, but failed to add to their laurels, and a splendidly contested game ended in a draw- 2 goals each. The home backs played a fine game, their forwards played a fast short-passing game, and Charlsley, the custodian, fully sustained his reputation. The visitors played a grand game all through, especially Gentle at half back, who improves every time he plays, and now has few superiors, if any, in the Principality."

ME: "The Newtown team journeyed to Stafford on Saturday last to meet the "Rangers" in the first round of the above competition. Play was announced to commence at 2.45 prompt, but it was twenty minutes later before both teams made their appearance in the field. Newtown won the toss, and decided to defend the goal nearest the road, having the advantage of a slight wind at their back. The Rangers having kicked off, Newtown got possession and at once attacked their opponents' goal, Hibbott sending in a good shot, which was thrown out by the goal-keeper. From the goal kick the ball was well returned, and after about eight minutes' play was put through the posts by Newtown. This sudden reverse seemed to put the Rangers on their mettle, and they endeavoured to carry the play into Newton territory, and although they sent the ball behind once or twice they were never dangerous, the back play of the Newton division being too good for them. Up to half-time Newtown made repeated attempts to score, shot after shot being sent in in quick succession, but the Stafford goal-keeper was always there, and saved his charge. On changing ends at half-time the play became very fast, the Newtown men striving hard to increase their score, and the Rangers being as determined to equalise matters, which they did after a few minutes' good play. This raised the hopes of the spectators, who cheered heartily, but more so when shortly afterwards the Rangers scored a second goal. With one goal to the bad Newtown again kicked off, and forcing the game into their opponents' grounds, compelled the goal-keeper to use his hands repeatedly to stop the many shots sent in by Newton. At length one proved too good for him, and a second goal was placed to the credit of Newtown. From this to call of time both teams played up well, and both goal-keepers had a lot of work, but when time was called the game was drawn, 2 goals each. The referee therefore decided that play be extended for half an hour, during which time Newtown had much the best of the play, but no further score was made. When time was called the game was declared drawn. The teams will now have to meet at Newtown to decide the match."

Stafford Rangers: C. Charlsley (Goal); A. Latham, W. Humphreys (Backs); G. Worthington, W. Turner, E. Concar (Half Backs); A. Cooper, A. Emberton (Right Wing), J. Stanton (Centre), W. Baker, F. Gee (Left Wing).

(Sporting Life 8/11/83 P.4: Team for the match but with added initials and forwards positions from another November match): but elsewhere has J. Emberton and H. Baker)

Newtown:A.Townshend(Goal);W.Jones,Humphrey Owen(Backs);R.Jones,J.Gentle,J.Ingram(Half Backs);H.Hibbott,J.W.Lloyd(Capt.)(Right Wing),C.Jones(Centre),W.Owen,D.Andrew(Left Wing).(WA)

Umpires:A.Moore for Stafford Rangers and Edward Morgan for Newtown

Referee:Mr Goe.Underhill,Newport,Salop

"Wrexham Advertiser 6/12/84 P.6:"The Newtown club have been very badly treated in their English Cup Tie by the Stafford Rangers.It will be remembered that Newtown met the Rangers in the First Round at Stafford,when,after a hard battle,the match resulted in a draw,and was to have been played off at Newtown on Saturday the 22nd ult..In the meantime,it seems,that the Rangers,without consulting the Welsh team,or without their authority,applied to the Association for,and obtained an extension of time,and although the Newtown club had gone to the expense of advertising the match,the contest had to be postponed until the following Saturday(Nov 29th).Then to finish up with,as if it was not disappointing enough,the Stafford club later on sent to Newtown to say they will not meet them,and that they will scratch.This little affair quite upset the arrangements of the Welsh club,and as they have two cup ties to play today(Saturday: Dec 6th),they are in a bit of a muddle.They have to meet the Castle Blues,at Shrewsbury, in the Welsh Cup ties and the Druids,at Newtown in the English ties.As it is impossible to do this,they have applied to the Shrewsbury Club asking them to postpone their match,and I believe that unless they can succeed in making arrangements with them,they have determined to scratch to the Druids,and to continue in the Welsh completion."

FIFTH DIVISION:

Hull Town v Lincoln City

Grantham v Grimsby Town

Redcar v Sunderland

Middlesbrough v Grimsby District

Newark v Spilsby

HULL TOWN +1(E.North) LINCOLN CITY 5 ("scrimmage,C.Newsum,W.Fox 2,H.Newsum)(H.T. 1-0)(Sat Nov 1st)(At Town Ground,Hessle Road)

+N.B. +Hull Packet "...and the game ended in favour of Lincoln by five goals to two."(See below).However Lincolnshire Chronicle and Sportsman state 1-5 (CHECK FURTHER)

Hull Packet 7/11/84 P.7/Lincolnshire Chronicle 7/11/84 P.8:

HP:"The home team won the toss,and elected to play down hill,with a pretty strong breeze at their backs,and Lincoln kicked off.When play had settled down,Hull took the ball down the field on the left.A fiercely-contested scrimmage let Marshall have a shot,the ball striking the cross-bar and bounding back into play.Lincoln retaliated,and some fine passing among the forwards took the ball to the other end of the field,and secured them a "corner" but nothing came of it.Soon afterwards a well-judged shot by Milner compelled Cousins to use his hands.A corner kick by Lincoln was followed by one to Hull,but both proved worthless.Some fine play by Hallam endangered the home goal,but Balmforth relived his charge with a beautiful kick.Going with an irresistible rush down the field,Milner had hard lines of not scoring,as he sent in a swift shot,which the Lincoln goalkeeper just

managed to save. Two corner kicks fell to Hull, and then the ball went out on the right to Percy, who dribbled finely down the field, and then screwed into the centre. Here North and Milner were in waiting, and, after a short sharp scrimmage, North headed the ball through amid cheers. On re-starting Lincoln played up, but Cubley relieved his lines grandly, the result being that the Lincoln lines were again invaded, and several corner kicks fell to the home team, the visitors, however, keeping their opponents from scoring. Hull had the best of the play that followed, and a hot fusillade was kept up on the visitors' goal. At last, the ball was finely taken down the right wing by Percy. A corner fell to Hull, and from it the ball was rushed through. Half time was now called, Hull having +two goals to their credit, as against nil. On changing ends Lincoln held the advantage for some time, the wind having freshened considerably, and the visitors were not slow in finding out that long kicking tactics paid the best. The play raged on the Hull line, but the fine play of Cubley, Balmforth, and Walker completely neutralised all the visitors' efforts to score. From a scrimmage in front of the goal, however, the ball was sent through, and though Hull disputed the point, the referee allowed it. Soon afterwards Hull were pressed again, and a poor shot just rolled along the ground and through the posts, thus making the score equal. Lincoln scored again a minute after from an exactly similar shot, which Lee ought certainly to have stopped. Hull being now a goal to the bad, played up with redoubled vigour, and had hard lines of not scoring time after time. Lincoln raised the siege and scored a very fluky goal. A fifth goal was credited to them immediately after, and the game ended in favour of Lincoln by five goals to +two. Lee played miserably during the second half, and the home team have him to thank for losing the game. Cubley played grandly, and was the best man on the field. He was simply invaluable to his side. Percy also played finely."

+This report therefore gives 2-5 as the score.

LC: "The "City" club, having been drawn with Hull Town, in the first round of the England Association Cup, ties journeyed to Hull on Saturday to play off the game. The City were unfortunately unable to secure the services of several of their regular players, Mason, Sturgess, Jones, E. D. Teesdale and E. Y. Teesdale all being absentees. On the other hand Hull having amalgamated with "Dairycoats" and "Bluestar" for these cup games, played a team of exceptional strength. The game was played on the Town Ground, Hessle-road, and several hundreds turned out to witness the contest. Hull won the toss and elected to play with the strong wind blowing from end to end of the ground, and with the hill in their favour. Strawson kicked off for Lincoln, and after long kicking by the backs on both sides, Hallam, Strawson, and C. Newsum were prominent in a combined raid, from which they secured a corner. Simpson took the kick, and another determined attack was made on the Hull citadel, but again nothing further than a corner rewarded the Lincoln efforts. After some more exciting play in the Hull lines, Cubley relieved, and the home left wing carried the attack to the other end, Marshall shot, but Cousins repulsed, and Oglesby and White soon cleared their lines of danger, the forwards backing up with some fine passing, and securing another corner. Nothing, however, came of it, the wind at this time being so strong that correct shooting against its force was impossible. At this time Simpson at half, and White at full back were playing a grand game, tackling and kicking against the wind almost without mistake. The play soon after this was very fast, first Cousins, and then Lee, having to handle for their respective sides, but Lincoln, despite the wind, still kept the upper hand, and finished with a fourth corner. Hull, as yet, playing with the wind, had not reaped a single advantage. Hallam was next conspicuous by some pretty dodging play on the left, and passing to Strawson, he in turn transferred to Newsum, but Balmforth frustrated the last player's effort, and relieved his side from further danger. Milner for Hull was next to the front, and made a dashing run down the field, but Cousins

cleverly cut short his career and handed the ball to Lincoln backs. Two corner kicks fell to Hull, both of which were kept out, after which Lincoln made a strong attack on the Hull goal, but Cubley relieved, and Percy, North, and Milner, took the attack to the other end, another corner coming to the share of Hull, and from this they obtained their only goal. The Lincoln men played up hard to equalise the score, but without avail, the score at half time reading, Hull one goal Lincoln none, the number of corners being about equal on either side."

(N.B. This disagrees with the above HP report that gives 2-0 as the H.T. score. Both papers were giving their report 6 days later, on the following Friday, so it is difficult to decide which is the correct score.)

"After change of ends it was soon seen what an enemy the wind had been to the visitors, for from start to finish a strong fusillade was kept up on the home goal, the forwards keeping well up, and the backs being much too strong for the Hull men to force their defence. For the first quarter of an hour Hull kept their opponents at bay, by kicking out on every possible occasion, not, however, after many narrow escapes at their goal. After several fruitless corners, Hallam manipulated one on the left wing, and White marshalled all his forward force well into the goal's mouth. The corner was beautifully kicked right into the mouth of the goal, and players and ball pushed through en masse, equalising the score. After this the Lincoln men were simply irresistible, their passing tactics in front of goal being exceptionally clever, and time after time puzzled the Hull defence; and C. Newsum, from a short pass by Strawson, added the second point. Fox scored the third, H. Newsum the fourth, and Fox added the fifth, the game thus ending in a well-earned victory for Lincoln by five goals to one. The Hull men played a rough game from start to finish, and no less than three Lincoln men, at various points of the game, were temporarily incapacitated by rough and brutal charging and kicking. Hallam was so badly hurt that he had to be assisted off the field, and Lincoln played one man short for a considerable time. Every man of the Lincoln team played a grand game, but the pick perhaps was E.A. Cousans in goal, White and Simpson in the back division, and Hallam and Newsum forward. Cubley and Percy were the best men on the Hull side."

Sportsman 4/11/84 P.4: "Played on Saturday at Hull, and resulted in a decisive victory for the visitors by five goals to one. The winners were superior at every point." (No teams)

Hull Town: H. Lee (Goal); J. Balmforth, L. Cubley (Backs); F. H. Walker, J. L. Cordingley, F. Milner (Half Backs); C. Percy, T. Lawson (Right), T. Milner (Centre), E. North, H. Marshall (Left).

All checked

Lincoln City: Eustace A. Cousans (Goal); Thomas Harry White (Capt.), Samuel Oglesby (Backs); Kenneth Bayne, Walter Fox, Herbert Simpson (Half Backs); Clement Newsum, Herbert Newsum (Right), Jack H. Strawson (Centre), George Hallam, William Heywood (Left). (LC initials)

All checked

Umpires: F. Beardshaw for Hull and C. F. Doncaster for Lincoln. Referee: Rev Dennis (Whitby)

GRANTHAM 1 (C. G. F. Curtis) GRIMSBY TOWN 1 (H. Mundahl) (H.T. 0-1) (Sat Oct 25th) (At Grantham)

Grantham Journal 1/11/84 P.4/Lincolnshire Chronicle 31/10/84 P.8:

LC: "This match, in the first round of the English Cup ties, was played at Grantham, in splendid weather, on Saturday last, and excited a considerable amount of local interest—some seven or eight hundred persons assembling to witness the game. Grantham having won the toss, elected to play against a slight breeze for the first half time, and at about 2.50 the visitors set the ball rolling. From the commencement the game was fairly fast. For the first few minutes the visitors worked the ball down towards the home goal, but the Grantham backs quickly relieved their side, and for some time the play was of a very even character, if anything Grantham having the best of it, but neither side were able to score. At length, after about a half an hour's play, from a header by Shannon the visitors' forwards brought the ball back smartly and succeeded in scoring the first goal. (see GJ Report below: Mundahl the scorer) On resuming the home team carried the fight to their opponents' territories, and once or twice looking like scoring, but, having poor luck, had scored nothing when half time was called. Ends were changed, and the home team playing up well, strove hard to equalise matters, and in about a quarter of an hour their efforts were successful, Curtis rushing the leather through from a neat centre by Hutchinson. From this point Grantham had decidedly the best of the game, and soon afterwards from a scrimmage in the mouth of the visitors' goal, had a claim for hands given in their favour. Curtis took the kick and put the kick under the line, it seeming to touch the foot of one of the home side just before going through. As, however, the teams could not agree whether it did or not, and the referee being uncertain, no goal was allowed. After kicking out the visitors took possession and rushing the ball down, shot at goal, Jarrett stopped it, but appeared to let it slip partly through his legs and a goal was claimed; another dispute followed, and the referee not being near enough to judge accurately, disallowed the claim. After this for the last quarter of an hour the visitors acted entirely on the defensive. Though the home team played up hard and continually pressed their opponents, they were unable to score another goal, and the game resulted in a draw, one goal each and one each disputed. For Grantham, Treadgold was most conspicuous among the forwards, Copson and Geeson played well half-back, while Shannon (back) was a regular tower of strength, being easily the best man on the field. The visitors' backs showed some very good play and their forwards worked fairly well together. The tie will be played off at Grimsby, probably on Saturday the 8th Nov."

GJ: "Some six hundred people assembled on Saturday last to witness our own Club play Grimsby Town in the first round of the English Cup tie. Against the same club last year Grantham obtained a decisive victory, but it was known that the visitors had made several valuable additions to their team since then, and a very tough encounter was anticipated. The ball was started at 2.45, Grantham playing against the wind, and attacking the pavilion-end goal. Some give-and-take play soon showed that neither side had much the best of it, the kicking of the Grimsby backs keeping the home team from too dangerous quarters. After twenty-three minutes play the Grimsby centre forward and left wing made a successful advance, and the ball being well middled to Mundahl, he had no difficulty putting it through. Nothing further was scored up to half time, nor indeed for twenty minutes after change of ends, when matters were equalised by Curtis kicking a goal for the home team. Although this was the first time Grantham had scored, they had some very unlucky attempts. Before call of time another goal was claimed on each side, but both were disallowed by the referee. Thus a very interesting match resulted in a draw, each side being credited with one goal and one disputed. For Grimsby the backs were especially prominent for their strong and useful kicking, and Read and Mundahl played up very well. For the home team, all played fairly well together, but Shannon was the mainstay of his side: Treadgold also played very well, and Copson showed great promise for a young player."

Grantham: Rev. B. G. Jarrett (Goal); F. R. Shannon, E. G. Hardy (Backs); J. Segar, F. Geeson, W. Copson (Half Backs); A. Hutchinson (Capt.), A. N. Treadgold (Right Wing), G. F. Curtis (Centre), R. F. M. White, H. Bell (Left Wing). (GJ)

All checked

Grimsby: W. Asling (Goal); J. H. Taylor, H. Taylor (Backs); R. C. Hall (Capt.), G. Kimpson, H. Chambers (Half Backs); S. Noble, T. Garnham (Right Wing), R. Raynes (Centre), H. (S.) Mundahl, A. H. Read (Left Wing).

All checked

REPLAY: Sat Nov 8th

GRIMBY TOWN 1 (T. Garnham) GRANTHAM 0 (H.T. 0-0) (At Grimsby)

Lincolnshire Chronicle 14/11/84 P.8/Grantham Journal 15/11/84 P.4:

LC: "Having played a drawn game (one goal each) at Grantham, on the 25th ult., these teams played off their tie on the 8th inst., at Grimsby, the event being of such interest as to attract about 2,000 spectators, who, throughout the contest, evinced the keenest interest, frequently applauding the players whose skill merited notice, irrespective of which side they belonged to. So equally were the teams matched that the game only ultimately ended in victory for the home team by one goal to love. The general impression left by the wonderfully good play witnessed is that the Lincolnshire Association ought to take a more prominent position in the country, as there is in the county an amount of talent sufficient to combat, with credit to the county, many of the older and more noted county organisations, if judiciously selected for the purpose. Both Shannon and D. J. Wood are "backs" that would do credit to any team, as would Geeson and Segar as half-backs. W. Wood and Curtis, too, are forwards whose ability merits county honours. As much may be said for several members of the victorious team whose names would be easy to mention. Grantham had obtained the assistance of D. J. and W. Wood and N. Orson, who occupied, respectively, the places filled on the previous occasion by Hardy (Back) and Treadgold and White (Forwards). Of the absentees on Saturday last, Treadgold was the most missed, but the substituted players, with his exception, were incomparably superior to those whose places they occupied. Grimsby could not secure the services of Mundahl - he being now at Cambridge and Monument, who had been laid up since the opening match of his club (Sept 13th) from an injured shoulder, occupied his place with not a little credit, both to himself and his team. Playing "at home" must therefore be considered as the set-off for the victors to the improvement in the composition of the visiting team. Grantham won the toss, and Grimsby had to start hostilities against a strong wind, which blew partly across the ground. It was in this period that Asling's brilliant defence proved so serviceable to the home team, though much of the credit for his performance is due to his nearest co-adjutors (J. and H. Taylor), whose tackling was seldom at fault; thus the custodian had very little of that mystifying play to contend with, which so often reduces the best kept goals. Chambers again proved a tower of strength to the home half back division, his dashing and zealous efforts greatly pleasing the spectators, while disconcerting his opponents. It is seldom that a match is played where fouls for inadvertent handling were so numerous as on this occasion; each side was alike guilty in this respect, and some of the free-kicks which were the forfeits proved very dangerous; Grantham actually got the ball through their opponents' goal from one of these, but the score was not valid as the ball passed through without being played by another player, much to the chagrin of

the visitors and the delight of the on-lookers. Beside this immatured goal, Grantham gained four corners, but, in spite of the splendid way in which Shannon took the place kicks, no score was gained, so energetic were the defence. Jarrett's office was not a sinecure during this period, for his services were several times required to repel the shots put into his goal by the ever-watchful home forwards, who were well fed by the half-backs, in spite of the wind. A long shot from the home left placed the sphere between the backs and Jarrett, when the latter rushed forward rather indiscretely, picked up the ball and threw out; Raynes secured it, and might have easily scored before the custodian could recover his position, but his usual coolness, at this critical juncture, failed him, and he shot wildly, and thus the goal escaped. The change over was announced without any goal being scored by either side. After a brief rest the home team were not slow to make use of the wind, and they began seriously to press the visitors, who stubbornly contested every inch of the ground, but at length a fine combined movement on the part of Read, Monument, and Raines, enabled the last-named to direct the leather straight into goal, where Jarrett, by springing up, just managed to stop it and return it into play, but Garnham rushed up just in time to breast it through, amidst the delighted plaudits of the spectators. Beyond a couple of corners—both of which lacked direction—Grimsby gained no further success, although their efforts to increase their score were unrelaxing until the end of the game."

GJ: "Misfortune still seems to attend the efforts of the Grantham Football Club, and Grimsby Town defeated them at Grimsby on Saturday last by one goal to nothing, having played a drawn game at Grantham. Both clubs had put the best available teams in the field, but Treadgold and Beaumont had to be dispensed with and were much missed by the visitors. The game was of a very even nature throughout, although Grantham got some four or five more corners than the home team. Garnham was credited with one goal for Grimsby, which secured them the match. Some 1,200 people were on the ground, most of whom carefully avoided any acknowledgement of good play on the part of our townsmen. This match throws Grantham out of the English Cup Tie, and in the County Cup one of our local teams must go to the wall today, their drawn match being played at 2.30 this afternoon. For Grimsby, J.H. and H. Taylor, Hall, and Monument were most conspicuous; whilst for Grantham, Shannon was, if possible, in greater form than ever, and even once or twice drew forth a word of approval from the onlookers. D. Wood, Segar, and W. Wood also showed some especially good play, and the whole team played very well together. Copson unfortunately got a nasty kick about half way through the game."

Grimsby: W. Asling (Goal); J.H. Taylor, H. Taylor (Backs); R.C. Hall (Capt.), G. Kimpson, H. Chambers (Half Backs); S. Noble, T. Garnham (Right Wing), R. Raynes (Centre), A.H. Read, H. Monument (Left Wing).

All checked

Grantham: Rev. B.G. Jarrett (Goal); F.R. Shannon, D.J. Wood (Backs); J. Segar, W. Copson, F. Geeson (Half Backs), A. Hutchinson (Capt.), H. Bell (Right Wing), G.F. Curtis (Centre), W. Wood, Nelson Orson (Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires: W.T. Lammin (Grimsby Town) and R.F. Lee. Referee: H. Kirk (Wanderers/Sleaford).

REDCAR 3 (J. Bulman, W. Harrison, R. Agar) SUNDERLAND 1 (M'Cullum: see below) (H.T. 3-0) (Sat Nov 8th) (At Redcar)

Sunderland History P.36:"On 8th November 1884,the Club travelled to Redcar for the first round of the English Cup only to lose 3-1 with McColl scoring for Sunderland"(KR:have assumed mean M'Cullum)

Sunderland Daily Echo 11/11/84 P.4/:

FIND REDCAR PAPER/LINEUPS TAKEN FROM SUNDERLAND HERALD AND DAILY POST(AT BL)

SHDE:"This match played at Redcar on Saturday resulted in a win for that team by three goals to one.The Redcar kicked off with a strong wind in their favour,and the first goal was soon scored for them by Bulman,from a pass by Hikeley,a promising player.The second point was scored by the captain of Redcar(W.Harrison) by a magnificent shot over his head,cheer after cheer greeting the feat.Agar,another young player,notched the third point just before time. On change of ends Sunderland scored their first and only goal in the first five minutes,and it looked as if they would win.Shortly after,the ball was again between the posts,but it was disallowed,the player who put it through being offside.Some exciting play followed,but the visitors' forwards soon fell all to pieces, and failed to score again.Bulman and Harrison played best for Redcar,and the backs for the Sunderland rendered good service."(No lineups)

Newcastle Journal 11/11/84 P.4/York Herald 10/11/84 P.8 : "The match between these teams,in the first round of the English Challenge Cup competition,was played at Redcar,on Saturday.Despite the cold weather there was a large attendance of spectators.Redcar won the toss and as a matter of course,elected to play with the stiff north-west breeze across the ground in their favour.The first point for them was neatly scored by J.Bulman,after the ball had been passed to him in fine style by Hikeley,a very young player.The second goal was got by the captian of the Redcar team,W.Harrison, who kicked the ball over his head,a magnificent shot,which was loudly applauded.Agar,a promising young fellow,obtained the third goal just before half- time.When ends were changed it was thought the visitors would soon equalise matters,as within the first five minutes they scored a goal,and very shortly after again put the ball between the uprights,but the goal was disallowed owing to the player being offside.Some exciting play followed,but the forwards soon went to pieces,and the rest of the game was mainly confined to the visitors' quarters.Bulman,Harrison,and Robinson played best for Redcar,and the backs for the Sunderland team rendered good service."(No lineups)

Redcar:T.Walton,T.Alvey,T.Bradbury;T.Simpson,R.Agar,C.Wilkinson;
W.Harrison,E.Robinson,Murphy,G.Hikeley,J.Bulman.

Sunderland:J.Kirtley;J.Johnson,J.Elliott;W.M.Allan,Rev.R.Hindle,J.M'Millan;
+J.M'Donell,Murdoch,Grayston,J.R.Allan,M'Cullum. +Macdonald?

MIDDLESBROUGH walked over GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT scratched:Sat Nov 8th:

"The latter club having declined to play at Middlesbrough today,the Middlesbrough club obtain the round,although they would much rather have met their opponents on their own ground."(Daily Gazette for Middlesbrough 8/11/84 P.4)

NEWARK 7 SPILSBY 3(No scorers traced) (H.T. 1-3)(Sat Oct 25th)(At Kelham Road Ground,Newark)

Lincolnshire Chronicle 28/10/84 P.3 and 31/10/84 P.8(KR Source Newark Paper source):

FIND NEWARK PAPER

LC(Both reports are the same):"A football match at Newark,in which considerable interest was manifested,took place on Saturday afternoon,on the Kelham-road Ground.The teams were Newark and Spilsby,and the contest was for the English Cup tie.The weather was cold and dull,and a small charge was made for admission to the ground,but there was a numerous attendance,and the game was watched throughout with the greatest anxiety.Every point was noted,and good play on either side was promptly cheered.Spilsby brought a strong team,and at the commencement were remarkably successful.The Newark men worked well together,but Spilsby obtained three goals in succession.After this a decisive change came.Newark,by energetic play,kept the ball constantly in the vicinity of their opponents' goal,and presently sent it between the posts,a result which was hailed with loud applause.At half time the game stood at three goals to one,but soon after ends had been changed the Newark men added two more goals in quick succession.At this juncture the play was exceedingly good,both sides putting forth their best endeavours,but the home team had the advantage,and ere time was called,four more goals were placed to their credit.The game thus ended in a victory for Newark by seven goals to three.

The play was remarkably good throughout on both sides,and the Newark team were warmly congratulated on their victory."

Newark:W.Reckitt(Goal);A.Wilson,Webb(Backs);J.Stennett,H.J.Smith,Rev.W.Saunders(Half Backs); R.Matthews,R.D.Preston(Right Wing),W.Machin(Centre),W.Morley,F.Flowers(Left Wing).

(LC specified positions)(Newark paper agrees except has H.I.Smith(wrong) for H.J.Smith).(Have assumed initials are Rev.W.Saunders and W.Machin although in different positions in 2nd Round Daily Middlesbrough Gazette 8/12/84 lineup:probably before the game as W.Machin at No 3 and did not play)

Spilsby:Dickinson(Goal);Sage,Inge(Backs);John Searby,F.Prestidge,Sawfleet(Half Backs); Banks,B.Robinson(Right Wing),J.H.Barratt(Centre),Howden,M.Freshney(Left Wing).

(LC specified positions) No more initials traceable Holden??? A.Freshney half back

SIXTH DIVISION:

Oswaldtwistle Rovers v Blackburn Olympic

Accrington v Southport

Park Road,Blackburn v Low Moor

Hurst v Church

Blackburn Rovers v Rossendale

Rawtenstall v South Shore

Clitheroe v Witton

OSWALDTWISLE ROVERS 0 BLACKBURN OLYMPIC 12(W.Parker 4,W.Whitehead 3,J.Costley, T.Dewhurst 3,J.Hunter) (H.T. 0-5)(Wed Sept 17th)(At Oswaldtwistle)

Blackburn Standard 20/9/84 P.3/Bell's Life 20/9/84 P.2/Field 20/9/84 P.418:

CHECK BLACKBURN TIMES WHEN ON LINE

BS: "The first match in the first round of this competition was played between these teams, on the ground of the latter, at Oswaldtwistle, on Wednesday evening. The reason of playing the match on Wednesday evening was to enable the Olympic to fasten all their men for the cup team as there had been so many inducements offered by other local clubs to the players to join them. Yates, who had gone to reside at Accrington, was absent but a good substitute was found in Whitehead of the second team. The Rovers won the toss, and Parker kicked off at 5.13 in the presence of a large number of spectators. For about five minutes a dashing game was played. Webster secured the ball and made tracks for the Olympic goal, when he collided with Ward, and in falling unfortunately broke his leg. He was conveyed from the field and the home team during the game played with ten men. This mishap seemed to dishearten the players, but after a time they brightened up and play commenced in earnest. The Olympic were the first to break the ice, scoring three goals in rapid succession. The visitors made several attempts to score and once or twice invaded the Olympic goal, but they were driven back and called upon to defend their own. Two more goals followed before half time, when the game stood in favour of the visitors by five goals to nil. Ends were changed, and in the second half the Light Blues fairly stormed their opponents' fortress, and succeeded in registering seven more goals. At the call of time the Olympians left the field victors by 12 goals to nil."

F: "On Wednesday afternoon the first match in the competition for the Association Challenge Cup was played at Oswaldtwistle, the visitors winning by eleven goals to none."

BL: "This, the opening match of the chief competition of the year, took place on Wednesday last at Oswaldtwistle. A very one-sided game ensued, the Olympic doing literally what they pleased with the locals, who were eventually defeated by twelve goals to nil. In the first half goals were gained by Parker (two), Whitehead, Costley, and Dewhurst, whilst after the change the last-named, Parker, and Whitehead each scored twice. Fifteen minutes from the start Webster had his leg broken by Ward in a charge." N.B. J. Hunter got the 12th goal according to the History

Oswaldtwistle: L. Graham (Goal); Metcalf, Williamson (Backs); Gaskell, Wardle, Eccles (Half Backs); Rawcliffe, Fullen (Right Wing), Pearson (Centre), Webster, Hall (Left Wing) (BS specified positions)

Blackburn Olympic: W. Astley (Goal); J. Beverley, J. T. Ward (Backs); J. Hunter, T. Gibson, Jos. Duckworth (Half Backs); T. Dewhurst, A. Matthews, W. Parker, J. Costley, W. Whitehead (Forwards).

ACCRINGTON 3 (Scorers not traced) SOUTHPORT 0 (H.T. 0-0) (Sat Oct 11th) (At Accrington)

Blackburn Standard 18/10/84 P.3/Manchester Courier 13/10/84 P.3/Athletic News 15/10/84 P.3:

CHECK ACCRINGTON GAZETTE/SOUTHPORT GUARDIAN

BS/MC: "Halliwell Jubilee having failed to face Accrington in the first round of the Lancashire Cup, the latter club met Southport on the Accrington ground on Saturday in the first round of the English Cup, and beat the visitors by three goals to none. Accrington was expected to run away with the seashiders, and consequently the game only attracted a moderate number of spectators, but owing to the absence of some of Accrington's best players, the credit of the salubrious watering hole was upheld better than anticipated, although from first to last the home team outplayed their opponents, and they ought certainly to have scored more goals. Some amusement was caused by Horne, the Accrington goalkeeper, being allowed to play forward at intervals during the game."

Bell's Life 15/10/84 P.1:"....in the first half of the game nothing was scored."

Accrington:J.K.Horne(Goal);James Yates,Hindle(Backs);W.J.Whittaker,P.Chippendale(Half Backs); Jefferson,R.Horne(Right Wing),W.Bamber,W.J.Whittaker(Centres),Jack Yates,E.Hacking(Left Wing).

Southport:S.Platt(Goal);H.Baxter,Critchley(Backs);A.B.Dalby,E.Ramsbottom,J.H.Johnston(Half Backs);J.Melross,T.Morris(Right Wing),J.Briggs(Centre),P.Mellor,A.Bailey(Left Wing).

All checked

Referee:W.Gregson

ACCRINGTON DISQUALIFIED for fielding non-registered players:see below,and Accrington Complete Record Ps.16/17

Birmingham Daily Post 25/10/84 P.3:"Notice has been sent by the Football Association Committee to the clubs still in the cup that if they play with Accrington,Clitheroe,Preston Zingari,Astley Bridge,or Bolton Wanderers,who refused to comply with the new rules of the Association with regard to professionalism,they will be struck out of the competition.Four out of the five clubs mentioned have withdrawn from the struggle.Accrington,however,were not allowed to do so but were disqualified for playing members not duly registered.Southport consequently gets a place in the second round."(N.B. These clubs had formed a new Association-The British Association,as they objected to what they regarded as harsh treatment regarding the rules against professionalism(It was reported anyway that Accrington had to all intents and purposes fielded a reserve team in the cup tie)

PARK ROAD,BLACKBURN 3(Gabbott 2,H.Tootil)LOW MOOR 3 (Ramsbottom,J.Wrigley,E.Chippendale) (H.T . 0-2)(Sat Oct 25th)(At Audley Hall Ground)

Blackburn Standard 1/11/84 P.3:

BS:"For the second time the above teams were pitted against each other in the English competition.The Roadsters got together their full strength,as Duckworth,Gabbot,Tootil,and Grimshaw had rejoined their old club.The visiting team included three second team men, consequently a capital stand was made before over 1,500 spectators who assembled on the Audley Hall ground.Low Moor won the toss,and Tootil kicked off about 3.30,and a raid was at once made on the visitors' vanguard.Gabbot placed the ball well in,Eastwood gave it a header away.Soon after the Moor men had a free kick for hands,Swarbrick nicely planted it,when Ramsbottom,after some good dodging,eluded the Road backs,and scored the first goal amid cheers.Soon the visiting forwards were pelting at goal,during which time Wrigley sent in a hot shot,which scored number two in favour of Low Moor.In about ten minutes half-time came,the home team being two goals behind.Before ten minutes had been played Gabbot sent in some warm shots from the left,and he was awarded with scoring the first goal for the Audley men.Two minutes had hardly been played before the same player lodged another amid cheers.Thus the game was even.D.Wrigley and E.Chippendale were the next pair to become noticeable,on account of their pretty play.The ball was nicely taken up,the backs being nicely evaded,when the latter sent in a swift low shot which surprised Lee once more,this being number three for the Lower Moor.The home forwards now played strong,the visiting backs defended well,and for a time thwarted their attempts.After some even play the home forwards came with a dash,and Tootil registered number three,and the game ended in a draw."

Manchester Courier 27/10/84 P.3:"Played at Blackburn on Saturday in the presence of 2,000 spectators.Both teams were strongly represented,and a very exciting game resulted.Low Moor,in the first half,scored two goals to none.In the second half Park Road had all the best of the game,and scored three goals to one.The result was a draw of three goals each."

Park Road:Lee(Goal);Redhead,Proctor(Backs);J.Hartley,J.Grimshaw,Eastham(Half Backs);
A.Mackereth,Duckworth,Gabbot,J.Slater,H.Tootil(Forwards).

Low Moor:Dugdale(Goal);Eastwood,Slinger(Backs);R.Swarbrick,Hargreaves,R.Tomlinson(Half backs);
Ramsbottom,D.Wrigley,J.Wrigley,E.Chippendale(10 only:probably Robinson No 11 as for Second Round game)

LOW MOOR walked over BLACKBURN PARK ROAD:scratched:BL 15/11/84 P.2

HURST 2(Smith,Burns) CHURCH 3 (Gregson,R.Broderick,and o.g.)(H.T.0-2)(Sat Oct 18th)(At Hurst)

Athletic News 22/10/84 P.3/Manchester Courier 20/10/84 P.3/Blackburn Standard 25/10/84 P.3 (No teams):

(AN has this game with same players but different orders and Clegg missing as No 6 for Church)

N.B.MC /BS/BL/SM all describe this game as a Lancashire Second Round Cup Tie but Athletic News describes it as an English Association Cup Tie:therefore have used their lineup orders.BL states that the game took place at Ashton-under-Lyne.

MC:"Played at Hurst on Saturday.The above tie was played before a large number of spectators. Church won the toss and decided to play up hill.After about four minutes' play the visitors scored their first point,from a good kick by Gregson.After this the play was more even, neither side appearing to have the advantage.After about half an hour's play,in a scrummage before the home fortress,Broderick managed to secure the second goal for the visitors,the game standing two goals to nil at half time.Shortly after change of ends Smith got the first goal for Hurst,after a good bit of passing.This seemed to put life into the home team,who scored a second time by the aid of Burns, after about 10 minutes' play.The third goal was scored for Church,from a corner kick,the ball being put through the posts by one of the home team,about two minutes from the call of time.Before anything more could be done time was called,Church winning a good game by three goals to two."

Hurst:Eaton(Goal);J.Nussey,S.Nadin(Backs);J.Ingham,Kershaw,T.Hill(Half Backs);
A.Fish,Lees(Right Wing),J.A.Moss(Centre),J.Burns,J.Smith(Left Wing).

(MC specified order)

Initials added from MC 8/11/84 match

Church: J.Cowell(Goal);J.Taylor,J.Wood(Backs);W.Wood,Kenyon,Clegg(Half Backs);
R.Broderick,J.Holden(Right Wing)(D.),Worthington(Centre),J.H.Gregson,A.Walton(Left Wing).

(MC specified order)(AN has a different order but no Clegg at No 6:i.e. 10 men only) W.Woods?

BLACKBURN ROVERS 11 (A.Barton 3,A.Birtwistle,J.Brown,J.E.Sowerbutts 2,H.L.Fecitt 4) ROSSENDALE 0 (H.T. 5-0)(Mon Oct 13th)

Blackburn Standard 18/10/84 P.3/Manchester Courier 14/10/84 P.7/Bell's Life 15/10/84/Athletic News 15/10/84 P.3/Sportsman 14/10/84 P.4:

WAIT FOR BLACKBURN TIMES TO CONFIRM SCORERS AS TAKEN FROM BLCR WHICH VARIES FROM BS SCORERS

BS:"This match was played at the Leamington ground on Monday afternoon,in the presence of 600 persons.The game was not very interesting,and the Rovers secured an easy victory.The home team won the toss,and Turner kicked off.Lofthouse took possession of the ball,and centred badly.The same player secured the ball again,ran down the right,and put the leather well in,and Barton did the needful eight minutes from the start.The visitors,by nice play,took the ball to the opposite end, and a corner was given them.The kick was well taken,but the home defence was too good. Barton,after some brilliant play,scored the second goal for the Rovers thirteen minutes from the start.The play was now pretty even,but McIntyre,by one of his magnificent kicks transferred the ball to the other end.Sowerbutts received,and passed to Birtwistle,who secured the third goal.The Rovers continued to press,and Brown scored the fourth goal.A scrimmage now ensued just in front of the visitors' goal,and the ball was finally put through the posts for the fifth time.Half-time was called with the game five goals to nil in favour of the home team.On resuming play Sowerbutts ran down the right,and Fecitt registered the sixth goal.The home team kept the ball in the visitors' quarters,and a fine centre from the right enabled Barton to score the seventh goal,and the play was even for some time,each goal being in turn attacked.Ultimately the Rovers overcame the visitors,and Birtwistle secured goal number eight.Fecitt receiving the ball in the centre,secured the 9th point;and after more attacks Sowerbutts rushed forward and lowered the visitors' colours for the 10th time. Goal 11 quickly followed out of a scrimmage from the foot of Brown,and time was called with a victory for the Rovers by 11 goals to nil."

MC:"The present holders of the trophy played their first tie in this season's competition at Blackburn yesterday,against Rossendale.They were unable to play their full strength,but secured an easy victory by 11 goals to nil and had three points disallowed.Rain fell throughout the whole of the match and made the ball very bad for reliable kicking or the score would have been heavier."

BL:"On Monday last these teams decided their cup tie on the Blackburn ground.The weather, however,was very bad,and as the result was looked on as a foregone conclusion for the holders,but few spectators witnessed the contest.The Rovers,who were unable to play their full strength,had matters almost entirely in their own hands,and at the conclusion had scored 11 goals to nil.In addition to these three goals were disallowed on the ground of offside."

Referee:Heaton(Accrington)

Blackburn Rovers:J.W.H.Arthur(Goal);W.Hopwood,H.McIntyre(Backs);J.H.Forrest,R.Blenkhorn(Half Backs),J.M.Lofthouse,J.E.Sowerbutts,A.Barton,A.Birtwistle, J.Brown,H.L.Fecitt(Forwards).

(Blackburn Rovers Complete Record names and order)(AFS has J.Barton not A.Barton)

Rossendale:Lamberton(Goal);Haworth,Moorhouse(Backs);Ashworth,J.Haseltine(Half Backs); Spencer,Walls,F.Haseltine,Pilkington,Saunders,Turner(Forwards).

(Haseltine-MC/Heseltine/Hiseltine-BS??)

Referee:Pilkington(Accrington)

SOUTH SHORE walked over RAWTENSTALL scratched: Bell's Life 15/11/84 P.2

"The tie between the Blackpool South Shore and Rawtenstall ought to have taken place on Saturday, but owing to the latter club having joined the newly-formed British Association, the contest was not decided." Derby Mercury 5/11/84 P.5)

WITTON walked over CLITHEROE scratched: Bell's Life 15/11/84 P.2

SEVENTH DIVISION(METROPOLITAN DIVISION):

Acton v Old Carthusians

West End v Upton Park

Reading v Rochester

Marlow v Royal Engineers

Uxbridge v Hotspur

Old Wykehamists v Maidenhead

ACTON 1 OLD CARTHUSIANS 6 (H.T. 1-1)(Sat Nov 8th)(At Acton)(No scorers traced)

Referee 9/11/84 P.6/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4/ Field 15/11/84 P.653 (No teams)/No report in Sportsman/Carthusian 67-129 P.348/Pastime 12/11/84: Nothing in Acton Gazette

N.B 1-6 is given in all of Bell's Life, Field, London Daily News, Derby Daily Telegraph, Manchester Courier, York Herald, Sheffield Independent

N.B. Pastime and Carthusian give 1-7 score.

CARTH:"Old Carthusians made short work of Acton on November 8th, 7 goals to 1, and in the second round they were drawn against Great Marlow, but there are rumours of their intention to retire from the competition, owing to the "professionalism" question."

SL/REF:"Played at Acton, and won by the latter by six goals to one. During the first half, although the Old Boys had the better of the game, they had no easy chance of scoring, and at half time the score stood at one to one. During the second half the game was apparently more equal, but while Acton lost every chance of scoring the Carthusians added five more points to their score."

BL:"Played at Acton, and for the first half the play was very even, each side scoring one goal. After change, however, the home team made a very poor show, and were eventually defeated by six goals to one."

Acton: Matthews(Goal); J.G. Mellers, F.S. Hyneman(Backs); C.A. Sykes, A.S. Savage(Half Backs); F.M. King, W.C. Stringfield, F.W. Grey, W. Abell, S.G. Pailthorpe, H. Leese(Forwards). (Pastime 12/11/84 with adjustments from Acton Gazette sources)

H. Leese not Leach .R. Grey was the Captain of the Club

N.B. Other team lists have Richards, Savage, C. Sykes making 12 men

N.B. Acton v Dulwich (29/11/84)(Field 6/12/84 P.794 has J.Mellers as a right wing and H.Lee (maybe for Leach))

Old Carthusians: +Kayes, P.M. Walters, A.M. Walters, G.F.A. England, A. Amos, W.A. Evelyn, F.J. Barmby, ++L. Owen, +++Moses, L.M. Richards, E.H. Parry. +Initials not found ++Listed under "Rex" pseudonym +++Probably a pseudonym

N.B. Have assumed both Walters played as only one listed in 10 man team

WEST END 3 (G.J. Hope, O.H. Cooper 2) UPTON PARK 3 (H. Savill, E.B. Hill, H.P. Ward)
(H.T. 3-1)(Sat Nov 8th)(No extra time: darkness)(At Uxbridge Road, Wormholt)

Field 15/11/84 P.687/Sportsman 10/11/84 P.4/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4/Referee 9/11/84 P.6:

F: "Played at Wormholt Farm on Nov 8th. The Uptonians were not playing full strength, and evidently underrated their opponents, who played a hard dashing game all through. After about ten minutes' play, during which the home forwards showed to advantage, while the visiting backs seemed quite non-plussed by the rather lumpy ground, and the very light ball which was used, a good run and middle enabled Hope to score for West End, and very shortly after Cooper kicked a second goal for them. Then, from a good corner kick by Ward, Savill cleverly headed a goal for the Uptonians, and before half time Cooper again scored for West End. He appeared very offside, but the referee did not allow the claim. After changing ends the visitors woke up, and had many chances of scoring, but the shots were unusually weak, and Lyne, in goal, saved some of them splendidly. At length, from another good corner kick by Ward, Hill scored a second goal for Upton, and before time was called, another splendid corner by Ward equalised the game, Lyne injudiciously endeavouring to hit away the ball as it was passing through untouched by others. The match thus ended in a draw, darkness preventing further play."

REF: "This match, in the first round of the above competition, was played on the ground of the former, at Wormholt Farm, Uxbridge-road, in the presence of over 1,500 spectators, and, after a very fast and most exciting game, ended in a draw (three goals each)."

SL: "Played at Shepherd's Bush, on Saturday. The visitors played very badly during the first half, while West End played up hard and well, and scored three goals—Hope one and Cooper two—to one by Savill. In the second half the Uptonians woke up somewhat and Hill and Ward both scored, thus equalising the game. Ward, Ellis, Barnard, and Hill alone showed their usual form for Upton. All West End played well, the backs especially, while the goal-keeping of Lyne was brilliant. Upton had many chances, but their shots at goal were feeble."

SM: "This match was played at Shepherd's Bush on Saturday, and ended in a draw, each side scoring three goals."

West End+: D.H. Lyne (Goal); J.G. Scott (Capt.); F.W. Fisher (Backs); A. Edwards, D. Foster, C.F. Sudbury (Half Backs); O.H. Cooper, J. Gill (Right Wing), G.J. Hope (Centre), F. Elmslie, G. Rees (Left Wing).

+Only Initials to be checked (Except SM /SL have F.G. Sudbury/REF has C.G. Sudbury)

Upton Park: W. Francis (Goal); W.J. Mangles, C.J.S. Moore (Backs); E.D. Ellis, H.P. Ward (Half backs); E.B. Hill, H. Savill (Right), C. Mitchell, S.R. Bastard (Capt.) (Centres), J. Barnard, T.G. Thompson (Left).

All checked

Umpires:R.A.Palmer and F.Barnett.Referee:N.L.Jackson(Hon Sec London Association)

REPLAY:UPTON PARK walked over WEST END scratched:22/11/84:CHECK

READING 2 (G.Egerton,Edgar Field) ROCHESTER 0(H.T.1-0) (Sat Nov 8th)(At Coley Park,Reading)

N.B.The 2nd goal was really after a centre by Edgar Field:see report below:

Reading Observer 15/11/84 P.3/Reading Mercury 15/11/84 P.6/Field P.687/Berkshire Chronicle 15/11/84 P.2/Referee 9/11/84 P.6/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4/Sportsman 10/11/84 P.4:

RO:"There was a very large concourse of spectators at Coley Park,Reading,on Saturday,to witness one of the first ties in the above important competition between the chief local club and Rochester F.C.The weather was most suitable for football,and a most interesting match was the result, Reading,we are glad to say,though not playing their full strength,winning a well-contested game by two goals to love.Play commenced at three p.m.,the visitors kicking downhill and against a little wind,but they quickly assumed the offensive,keeping the ball in the Reading quarters for the first quarter-of-an-hour,but their shooting was very wild,and no score resulted.The Reading men at length settled down to their work,and so successfully invaded their opponents' quarters as to give the Rochester goal-keeper a good deal of trouble,he on one or two occasions saving his charge very cleverly.The brothers Prall,however,were very active,and constantly,with the aid of Bathurst(who arrived late),brought the ball near the Reading lines,but only one shot was put in straight,that, however,being stopped,and the Reading goal-keeper for the rest of the game found little to do but to look on.Soon after this,West and Holbrook took the ball along,and the latter muddled to Egerton, who placed the first goal to the credit of his side.Half-time was soon called,the game standing in favour of Reading by one goal.On resuming Reading had by far the best of the game,though occasionally,Bathurst, who played well throughout,had some capital runs up,but Field prevented him from becoming dangerous.For the latter part of the game,however,the visitors were severely pressed,Reading obtaining at one point three corners in almost as many minutes.Walker played brilliantly,but his middles were not utilised,though Egerton did his best to baffle the goal-keeper, who was always on the alert,but was at last overcome by a grand rush of all the Reading forwards on to the ball,well placed in the centre of the goal by Edgar Field.This,the second point gained,was the last,and the game thus resulted in the defeat of the visitors by two goals,which,considering that they played one man short throughout,was not a very severe licking.Besides the above mentioned, Woodhams played untiringly throughout,Danter was in better form than when he played last,his corner kicks being skillfully placed,and Turner showed that half-back was his right place."

RM:"A match between these two teams was played at Coley Park,Reading on Saturday,and after a fast and well contested game resulted in favour of the Reading team by two goals to nil."

BC/F:"This match was played at Reading on Saturday,and resulted in a win for the home team by two goals to love.Play commenced at 3pm,the visitors kicking downhill,but against a little wind.++They quickly assumed the offensive,keeping the ball in the Reading quarters for the first quarter of an hour,but their shooting was very wild,so no score was made.At last the Reading men began to get together,and taking the ball to the other end of the ground,they gave the Rochester goalkeeper a good deal of trouble;on one or two occasions he saved his charge very cleverly.The

brothers Prall, however, were very active, and constantly, with the aid of Bathurst, who arrived late, brought the ball near the enemy's lines, but only one shot was put in straight; that, however, was stopped, and the Reading goalkeeper for the rest of the game had nothing to do but look on. Soon after West and Holbrook took the ball along, and the latter middled to Egerton, who placed the first goal to the credit of his side. Half time was soon called, the game standing in favour of Reading by one goal. On resuming, Reading on the whole, had by far the best of the game, though occasionally Bathurst, who played well throughout, made some capital runs up, but Field prevented him from becoming dangerous. Walker played brilliantly, but his middles were not utilised, though Egerton did his best to baffle the goalkeeper, who was always on the alert, though at last overcome by a grand rush of all the Reading forwards on to the ball well placed in the centre of the goal by Edgar Field. This, the second point gained, was the last, and the game thus resulted in a defeat for the visitors by two goals, which considering that they played one man short throughout, was not a very severe beating. Besides those above mentioned, Woodhouse played untiringly throughout, Danter was in better form than when he played last, and Turner showed that half back was his right place."

++From here till the end these reports are the same as RO Report above

Reading: S. Hayward (Goal); Edgar Field (Capt.), W. L. Franklin (Backs); T. H. Turner, J. A. Danter (Half Backs); W. Holbrook, + A. West (Right Wing), G. Egerton, E. Deacon (Centres), C. G. Field, H. E. Walker (Left Wing)

(BC/F/RO specified positions) +Only initial not checked (REF has F. West)

(RM/SL/SM all have following forwards: R. M. Bird-Thompson, H. Wolbrook (Right Wing), C. J. Cornish, G. Egerton (Centres), H. E. Walker, E. Deacon (Left Wing): bthis is as listed for the match in SL on Sat 8/11/84

(RM has C. G. Field for J. Cornish) (REF has Thompson for A. West and Cornish for Field)

Rochester: E. W. Wood (Goal); F. F. Smith, A. C. Roberts (Backs); Sydney (S. D.) Woodhams, E. F. Prall (Half Backs); G. W. Prall (Capt.), R. Bathurst (Right Wing), H. H. Prall, A. Henry (Centres), C. R. Jones, R. Lake (Left Wing).

All initials checked

However, F /BC/RO all state that Rochester played with 10 men throughout (see above reports) and all have 1/2/3/4 lineup with same defence plus W. Langhorne at No 6 and the following four forwards: A. T. Brown, H. H. Prall, T. W. Prall, R. Bathurst.

CHECK ROCHESTER PAPER

Umpires: W. H. Barnett/J. W. Martin (Reading) and J. H. Prall (Rochester).

Referee: C. H. Wollaston (Wanderers).

GREAT MARLOW 10 (R. A. Lunnon 5, T. Walker 2, H. G. Endall, Bailey, A. N. Other)

ROYAL ENGINEERS 1 (W. H. Stafford) (H. T. 5-0) (Sat Nov 8th) (Scorer of 5th goal not recorded in BH)

Bucks Herald 15/11/84 P.8/Reading Mercury 15/11/84 P4/Reading Observer 15/11/84 P.3/Referee 9/11/84 P.6/Sportsman 10/11/84 P.4/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4/Uxbridge & West Drayton Gazette 15/11/84 P.7:

BH/UWDG: "This match in the first round of the Association Cup Ties was played on the Marlow ground on Saturday. The Engineers won the toss, and Pigg kicked off. Marlow immediately assumed the offensive, and exactly three minutes after the start R.A. Lunnon kicked the first goal. Five minutes later T. Walker followed with another, and the same player soon added a third point. Seven minutes before half time R.A. Lunnon registered a fourth goal, and a fifth success was gained just before the change of ends. The rapid scoring ceased for a time, but at last Renny-Tailyour failed to stop a shot by Endall. A general rush by the Sappers' forwards subsequently enabled Stafford to score one solitary point, but R.A. Lunnon quickly placed a seventh goal to the credit of Marlow, and before the referee's whistle sounded the same forward added two more, while Bailey also helped to swell the heavy total with a splendid side shot. Pigg kicked the ball between the Sappers' posts for the eleventh time, but the point was disallowed. Thus the Marlow men scored a decisive victory by ten goals to one, and they will take a lot of putting out in the next round."

SL: "Played at Marlow. Three minutes after the commencement, R.A. Lunnon kicked the first goal for Marlow, and five minutes later T. Walker scored a second. A splendid centre by Bayley again enabled "long Tom" to do the trick, and thus the home eleven scored three goals in thirteen minutes. The Sappers sustained a disastrous defeat by ten goals (!) to one. The winners never played a better game, but the Engineers were terribly weak behind."

RO: "For Marlow, R.A. Lunnon kicked five goals, T. Walker two, Endall one and Bailey one, whilst one bounded off an Engineer."

Great Marlow: F. Plumridge (Goal); F. Speller, H. G. Endall (Backs); J. T. Flint, T. Walker, R. H. Lunnon (Half Backs); R. A. Lunnon, J. Bailey (Right Wing), C. Pigg (Centre), H. Walker, R. Shaw (Left Wing).

All checked

Royal Engineers: Lieut. T. F. B. Renny-Tailyour (Goal); Lieut. C. B. Mayne, Lieut. G. F. H. Simmonds (Backs); Capt. + Maycock, Lieut. J. R. B. Sargeant (Half Backs); Lieut. + Brownrigg, Lieut. H. G. Harvey (Right Wing), Lieut. G. Palmer, Lieut. F. O. Hamilton (Centres), Lieut. W. F. H. Stafford, Lieut. C. Wingfield Stratford (Left Wing).

+Find initials .

Umpires: H. R. Hewett (Marlow) and Capt. H. Renny-Tailyour (R.E.).

Referee: Hon. W. E. Denison (Old Etonians)

UXBRIDGE 1 (C. Heron) HOTSPUR 3 (Pottinger, Carr, C. Sutton) (At Uxbridge) (H.T. 1-3) (Sat Nov 8th)

Uxbridge & West Drayton Gazette 15/11/84 P.7/Sportsman 10/11/84 P.4/Referee 9/11/84 P.6/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4/Bell's Life 12/11/84 P.1:

UWDG: "This tie was played at Uxbridge on Saturday, in the presence of between five and six hundred spectators. The ball was kicked off shortly after three o'clock, the home team having the advantage of the wind. Some three or four minutes from starting Roberts had an opportunity of scoring for the Uxbridgians, but he mulled the ball, and it was quickly put away by the backs. A smart run up the left by C. Sutton and Quint, and a good pass, enabled Pottinger to score the first goal for Hotspur. On the ball being kicked off the home forwards invaded their opponents' territory, but Sugden saved his

trust, and the ball was quickly transferred to the other end by some good passing. C. Sutton made a shot at goal, which Franklin caught, but he was charged through before he got the ball away. A little later the same forward again lowered the Uxbridge colours, thus making their score three to nil. A combined rush by Uxbridge resulted in a corner, but the Hotspur backs cleared the goal. A second corner fell to Uxbridge, and was headed over by Barker. Sugden here distinguished himself by the manner in which he saved his goal on two occasions, but at last Heron put in a swift low shot out of reach, and so gained the first point for the home team. From this stage the aspect of the play altered considerably. The home team had been playing very loosely, but they pulled themselves together, and, notwithstanding that after changing ends at half-time the wind was against them, they pressed their opponents at times somewhat hotly. Their efforts, however, were of no avail, and when the referee's whistle sounded the scores were unaltered. Of the Hotspur team the brothers Sutton, Pottinger, and Carr were most conspicuous, whilst Stevens, the Birds, Heron and White played well for Uxbridge." +By Carr: see SM Report

SM: "This match was played at Uxbridge on Saturday, and resulted in favour of the 'Spurs by three goals to one. Nine minutes after starting, the 'Spurs, who were kicking against the wind, gained the first goal, Pottinger having the last kick. Some good passing having taken place between the brothers Sutton, C. Sutton shot at goal, and Carr rushing in sent goalkeeper and ball through before he had time to throw it out. Hotspur soon after had a corner, which was fruitless. J. Sutton then kicked over from a good pass by Pottinger; his brother was more successful, as his shot from the left wing was not stopped by the home custodian. Uxbridge a little later ran the ball down, and gained two corners, but the Hotspur backs cleared the goal, and Quint shot at the Uxbridge fortress, but it went outside. Proom next headed over, and the home team attacked the visitors' goal, a swift low shot proving successful. After half time Carr put the ball through again, but was offside. No further additions were made to the scores, though the home team was very much pressed, the Hotspur obtaining eight corners to their opponents' one."

BL: "A close contest took place in this tie at Uxbridge. During the first half the visitors had the advantage, and scored three goals to their opponents' one. No addition to this score was made after change, but the visitors for the most part kept their opponents penned." (No lineups)

Uxbridge: "Uxbridge names not obtained" (REF/SM/SL)

SL: "Played at Uxbridge, on Saturday, and resulted in favour of the Hotspur by three goals to one goal."

Uxbridge: C. Franklin (Goal), A. J. Taylor, T. White (Backs), S. Bird, H. C. Gregory (Half Backs), W. A. Hancock (Capt.), H. Barker (Right), A. C. Bird, C. Heron (Centres), E. Stevens, H. C. Roberts (Left).

All checked UWDG

Hotspur: Sugden (Goal), J. T. Gaymer (Capt.), G. G. Landragin (Backs), F. R. Johnson, N. Whittaker (Half Backs), S. R. Carr, G. Pottinger (Right), J. Sutton, T. Proom (Centres), C. Sutton, G. H. Quint ((Left).

(Initials taken from other Reports)

Umpires: R. Evans and J. Bailey. Referee: A. Sargeant (late St Mark's and Kennington).

MAIDENHEAD 0 OLD WYKEHAMISTS 3 (E.M.Blackburn 2,J.A.Fort)(H.T. 0-2)
(Sat Nov 8th)(At Maidenhead)(F gives the BL “out of a bully” goal to Blackburn)

Field 15/11/84 P.688/Referee 9/11/84 P.6/Sportsman 10/11/84 P.4/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4
/Uxbridge & West Drayton Gazette 15/11/84 P.7:

SM/UWDG:”Played on the Maidenhead Cricket-ground on Saturday afternoon.Maidenhead won the toss,and the past students of Winchester kicked off.Half an hour from the commencement the visitors obtained their first goal out of a general bully in front of the Maidenhead uprights,and a few minutes later Blackburn manipulated a return of Rookley’s,and scored a second point for the Wykehamists. After change of ends play was tolerably even for some time,but fifteen minutes before the cessation of hostilities Fort brought about the third downfall of the home fortress.The wearers of the red and black strove hard to reduce the balance against them,but all to no purpose,and the Old Wykehamists retired victors by three goals to love.”

F:”Played at Maidenhead on Saturday,Nov. 8th.Old Wykehamists won by three goals(Blackburn 2,Ingram 1) to none.”

London Daily News 10/11/84 P. :”During the first half of the game two goals were scored by Winchester,and after the sides had crossed over they added another.”

Bell’s Life 12/11/84 P.1(No lineups):”Played on the ground of the last-named(Maidenhead),and after an uninteresting contest resulted in the victory of the visitors by three goals to love.Two goals were gained by the Winchester Boys before half time,one being kicked through out of a bully,and the other by Blackburn.Fort gained the third goal just before time was called.”

REF:(“by Telegraph,Maidenhead,November 8th)-Played here today.Half-hour after the start the ball rushed through the Maidenhead posts.Just before half time Blackburn kicked the second goal.After changing ends the play was even.Fifteen minutes before the conclusion,Fort registered the third point for the Old Boys.The Old Wykehamists won by three goals to none.”

MAIDENHEAD ADVERTISER REPORT AND TEAMS CHECK

Maidenhead:J.Rookley(Goal),C.A.Vardy,J.H.Haviland(Backs),A.M.Inglis(Capt.),G.Wakerill,
(Bedo)Hobbs(Half Backs),G.Drewett,T.Thurlow(Right Wing),F.Hazeldine(Centre),H.Morris,
J.(R.)Fuller(Left Wing).

All checked except brackets

Old Wykehamists:P.C.Parr(Goal),G.F.Wells-Cole,F.A.Jones(Backs),H.H.Coles,W.H.Edgar(Half Backs),
F.M.Ingram,H.Chitty(Right Wing),T.B.Hughes,E.M.Blackburn(Centres),J.A.Fort,H.W.Pike
(Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires:J.Wilks(Windsor) and E.J.Humphrey(Old Wykehamists).Referee: E.D.Shaw.

EIGHTH DIVISION:

Dulwich v Pilgrims
Hoddesdon v Old Foresters
Hanover United v Reading Minster
Clapham Rovers v Hendon
Chatham v Windsor
Clapton v Romford

DULWICH 3 (A.R.Kirkpatrick 2,John Morris) PILGRIMS 2 (R.L.Escombe,L.Shaw)(H.T. 1-1)(Sat Nov 8th)(At the Greyhound,Dulwich)

Field 15/11/84 P.688/Referee 9/11/84 P.6/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4:

REF/SL:"Played at the Greyhound (on Saturday),the home team winning a good match by three goals to two. Kirkpatrick rushed the first goal;Escombe kicked one for Pilgrims.After half time Shaw scored for the visitors,Kirkpatrick and Morris for the winners."

London Daily News 10/11/84 P.7(No lineups):"This proved to be an evenly contested match at Dulwich.Kirkpatrick kicked the first goal for Dulwich,which was counteracted by Escombe for the Pilgrims.Ends having been exchanged,Shaw kicked a goal for the Pilgrims,and Kirkpatrick and Morris one each for the home team.Thus Dulwich won by three goals to two."

F:"Played at the Greyhound,Dulwich,before a large number of spectators,the home team eventually winning by three goals to two.Having lost the toss,Swepstone kicked off against the wind,with the sun shining brightly in his face.The first few runs were into Dulwich territory,Escombe taking the ball up,and passing to Humphery,who centred,but Shaw missed an easy shot.Swepstone next overran the ball just in front of the goal,and a second time fell on it when within a few feet of the line.These close shaves were followed by a burst from Dulwich,who rattled the ball to the other end.Osbourne saved a light shot from the right wing,but Morris sent in another,which slipped through his hands, and Kirkpatrick passed the leather through in a loose scrimmage.The Pilgrims immediately retaliated,the ball hovering around the upper goal until a loose shot by Escombe put it under the bar.At half time the score was still a goal each,but the visitors had a great deal the best of the play,their half backs,aided by the fine kicking of Fraser and A.W.Platt,completely penning the Dulwich men.Corner kicks fell constantly,eight being taken by Lamont,Swepstone,and Escombe, without effect.At length Shaw fastened on the ball,and by a swift high shot scored the second goal for the Pilgrims,who seemed to have the game in their hands.The uncertainties of football were now verified,as the Dulwich players broke away on two occasions,and each time scored a goal,while, notwithstanding the heavy pressure put on their lines,the Walthamstow men could not again get the ball through.Great credit is due to the home eleven for a plucky defence,one of their backs getting very lame at the finish,and play ceased in the dark.Bradbury,Kirkpatrick,Denny,and Soulby played very well.The Pilgrims' right wing,Prior and Humphery did excellent work;but the forwards all shot feebly,Swepstone missing four chances,while Escombe sent the ball against the bar,and several times just outside the goal."

Dulwich :R.E.Mayo(Goal);C.A.Stephenson,H.Denny(Backs);E.A.Whittle(Capt.),S.Tombleson(Half Backs);F.S.Mayo,John Morris(Rights),A.R.Kirkpatrick,E.M.Soulby(Centres),T.T.Bradbury, A.E.J.Stirr(Lefts).

All checked

Pilgrims:A.Willoughby Osborne(Goal),T.R.Fraser,A.W.Platt(Backs);C.R.Hodges,R.Lamont(Half backs); J.S.Prior,H.C.Humphery(Rights),R.L.Escombe,H.A.Swepstone(Capt.)(Centres),L.Shaw,H.B.Stocken (Lefts).

All checked

Umpires:J.Henderson and Sir James Kirkpatrick,Bart.Referee:R.Growse(Brentwood).

HODDESDON 0 OLD FORESTERS 8 (P.Fairclough 2,R.B.Johnson,C.J.Horner 4,R.V.G.Shaw)(H.T. 0-4)
(Sat Nov 1st)(At Hoddesdon)

Essex Times Field 8/11/84 P.655(Not in F.A Cup section))

ET:"This match was played on Saturday,Nov 1st,at Hoddesdon,and resulted in a victory for the visitors by eight goals to none.The game was started about half-past three,and it was not long before the Foresters began attacking the Hoddesdon goal,Fairclough succeeding,after about ten minutes' play in scoring the first goal.The next one was from a good shot of Johnson's,from half back,the ball grazing one of the home backs on its way through.Hoddesdon played up well,and often succeeded in getting over the line,but Borrow and Fox generally stopped them well in time.Before half-time Horner kicked two more goals,being well helped by Shaw,making the score four to none. After half-time,although the visitors pressed their opponents,they did not succeed in adding to their score for some time,until Horner again kicked two goals in good style.Fairclough soon after kicked another from a good middle by Matthews and Shaw,who had been playing remarkably throughout-his passing being especially noticeable-kicked the last one.Hoddesdon,during the latter part of the game,made several good rushes,and were on the point of scoring more than once.Their backs were most conspicuous,and worked well for their side,Borrow,Johnson,and Shaw being most noticeable for the Foresters."

F:"This match,being one In the first round of the Association Cup ties,was played on Saturday,at Hoddesdon,and resulted in a victory for the visitors by eight goals to none.The game was started at about half past three,and it was not long before the Old Forresters began attacking the Hoddesdon goal,Fairclough succeeding,after about ten minutes' play,in scoring the first goal.The next one was from a good shot of Johnson's from half back,the ball grazing one of the home backs on its way through.Hoddesdon played up well and often succeeded in getting over the line;but Borrow and Fox generally stopped them well in time.Before half time Horner kicked two more goals,being well helped by Shaw,making the score four to none.After half time,although the visitors pressed their opponents,they did not succeed in adding to their score for some time,until Horner again kicked two goals in fine style.Fairclough soon after kicked another,from a good middle by Matthews,and Shaw,who had been playing remarkably well throughout,his passing being especially noticeable, kicked the last.Hoddesdon during the latter part of the game,made several good rushes,and were on the point of scoring more than once;their backs were most conspicuous,and worked well for their side;Borrow,Johnson,and Shaw being most noticeable for the Old Foresters."

Hoddesdon:J.E.Carter(Goal);G.Duff,H.C.Addison(Backs);H.Stevens,L.Horley,E.Caldecott(Half Backs); H.Hampton,S.Hampton(Right),N.P.Christie(Centre),G.M.Webster,S.M.Gardiner(Left).

All checked

Old Foresters: E.B.Denton(Goal);L.Horner,W.Borrow(Backs);R.B.Johnson,C.J.Fox(Half Backs); J.H.Matthews,S.N.Sargeant(Right),R.V.G.Shaw,C.J.Horner(Centres),P.Fairclough(Capt.),M.C.Church (Left).

All checked

Umpires:C.R.Newbery and T.Y.Woolcombe.Referee:C.E.Hart(As per ET initials)

HANOVER UNITED 1(S.Dorrington) READING MINSTER 0 (Sat Nov 8th)(H.T. 0-0)(At Barnes)

Reading Observer 15/11/84 P.3/Berkshire Chronicle 15/11/84 P.2/Referee 9/11/84 P.6/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4/(Not in Sportsman):

RO:"This match,for the above tie,was played on Saturday,at Barnes,in the presence of a large number of spectators.Throughout the game the play was of a very even description,the ball travelling from one end of the field to the other in rapid succession,and the only score being made by the Hanover United,who won by one goal to none.Both teams played well throughout(the goalkeepers especially)."

BC:"This match was played on Saturday on the ground of the latter(Hanover United)at Barnes in the presence of a large number of spectators.The Minster captain having won the toss,the Hanover team started the ball at three o'clock,and from the beginning to the end of the game the play was of an even description,the ball travelling from one end of the field to the other in rapid succession.The only score was made by the Hanover United,who scored one goal from a long shot soon after the change of ends.The match ended in a victory for the Hanover United by one goal to none."

REF/SL:"Played on the ground of the former,(on Saturday).The Reading captain won the toss,and selected to kick with the wind.Stanning started the leather,which was taken to the visitors' territory,but the Hanover forwards led on by Stanning,made onslaughts on the Reading citadel,and Dorrington,by a splendid shot,scored for the home team.This was the only score,and the game resulted in a win for Hanover by one goal to nil.Foster played well for Reading."

Hanover:A.Hunt(Goal);G.Scoble,Q.Hogg(Backs);W.Rennie,W.G.Adams(Half Backs); J.Crick, S.Dorrington (Right Wing),C.Stanning,L.Harris(Centres),T.Totman,F.Krauesslach(Left Wing).

Same as second round lineup names

Reading Minster:+W.Winkworth(Goal);+H.Hatsell,Rev H.M.Foster(Capt.)(Backs), +A.Plim,A.Wilson(Half Backs);J.Allen,H.J.Allwood(Right Wing),S.S.Wollaston,C.C.Hitchcock (Centres),A.Bilson, (C.)F.Wilson(Left Wing).

+Only initials to be checked

Umpires:G.W.Bowsher for Reading Minster and H.Cysted for Hanover.Referee:Capt.Fowler/Foulgar.

CLAPHAM ROVERS 3 (Not traced) HENDON 3(Not traced)(H.T. 3-1)(Sat Nov 8th)(At Wandsworth)

Referee 9/11/84 P.6/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4/Sportsman 11/11/84 P.4(Not found in H&FT):

Bell's Life 12/11/84 P1(No lineups):"Played at Wandsworth,resulting in a drawn game.During the first half the Rovers had the assistance of the wind,and when ends were changed had scored three goals to their opponents' one.During the second half the Rovers were much pressed,and have only to thank their goalkeeper,A.J.Stanley,that they were not defeated."

SL:"Played at Wandsworth,on Saturday,and resulted in a drawn game-three goals each.The Rovers got their goals with the wind,the game being three to one in their favour at half time.On change of ends Hendon soon made the game a tie,and should have scored on several occasions,but for the fine goalkeeping of Stanley."

Clapham Rovers:A.J.Stanley(Goal);O.E.Coles,E.J.Diver(Backs);B.Farrer,C.(H.)Holden-White(Half Backs),E.J.Humphrey,H.H.Scott(Centres),E.R.P..Keeley,E.A.Ram(Left),D.O.D.Kerr,S.(W).Poulton(Right)

All checked except brackets

Hendon:W.L.B.Hayter(Goal);C.G.Broadhurst,W.N.Roe(Backs);A.V.Despard,A.B.Coutts(Half Backs); P.H.Morton,E.B.Perry(Left),Guy(C.) Clarkson,H.C.Clarkson(Rights),J.G.Coutts(Capt.), A.Redford(Centres).

All checked except brackets

Umpire: J.H.Ince for Clapham Referee:C.Hart(SL for the game)

REPLAY:Sat Nov 22nd

HENDON 6 (Own goal,H.O.Ince 3,W.H.Bather,A.B.Coutts) CLAPHAM ROVERS 0
(H.T. 2-0) (At Hendon Cricket Club)

Hendon & Finchley Times 29/11/84 P.5/Referee 23/11/84 P.6/Bell's Life 26/11/84 P.1/Sporting Life 24/11/84 P.3/Sportsman 24/11/84 P.4:

H&FT:"This undecided tie in the first round of the Association Challenge Cup was played at Hendon on Saturday.The ground was in splendid condition,and a pleasant game resulted in a win for the Hendonians by six goals to nil.After 10 minutes' play a rush by the home forwards resulted in Kerr's kicking the ball away,only to hit Diver and rebound through the goal.The game was pretty even up to half-time,Hendon a little having the best of it,and just before the whistle to change ends,Ince,with a splendid shot,scored a second goal.In the second half the visitors were very hard pressed,the Hendon forwards playing splendidly together.A run on the left by Bather and Perry,resulted in Ince scoring a third goal,and soon after,from a splendid shot by the same player,a fourth was scored. Keeley and Humphrey on the right worked hard together,but Despard was ever on the lookout.A fine run and centre by Clarkson resulted in Bather scoring a fifth.Holden-White played forward the latter part of the game.A short run and rather feeble shot of the same player was the only attempt Wilson had to stop.Just before time,a call of hands gave Hendon a free kick near the Rovers' goal, Despard just playing the ball,J.G.Coutts,by a good shot,scored the sixth and last goal of the match. Hendon played remarkably well,the backs particularly so.Holden-White,Ram,Farrar,Lloyd Jones and Kerr were the best for the Rovers.Undoubtedly the best team won.Ince and Bather were in good form(forwards) as were Broadhurst and Coutts(backs),while Holden-White did well for the losers.

C.P.Wilson,the International "half",kept goal for the winners.The Hendonians will be almost sure to enter the second series."

BL:"These teams,who had already played a drawn match in the first round of the competition,met again on Saturday last,on the ground of the Hendon Cricket Club.The turf was in splendid condition,and the weather being fine a large number of spectators were present.Hendon,who were without the assistance of Morton,played against the wind for the first half,but in spite of this disadvantage,they quickly assumed the offensive,and after ten minutes' play,one of the visitors' backs put the ball through his own goal posts.Though occasionally the Clapham men carried hostilities into the Hendon lines,they were never really dangerous,and before half time Ince scored a second goal for Hendon.Resuming,the Rovers were fairly overmatched,and four more goals were added to their opponents' total.The points were scored by Ince(2),Bather,and Coutts."

SL"This match....was replayed at Hendon,on Saturday,when the latter,playing in grand style,carried everything before them,winning in grand style by five goals ,and one disputed(which was got from a free kick,Despard playing it first,Coutts sent it through with a hard shot).Hendon all played well,the backs in particular,Of the Rovers,Holden-White,Lloyd-Jones,Diver,and Keeley were best."

Hendon:C.P.Wilson(Goal);J.G.Coutts(Capt.),C.G.Broadhurst(Backs);A.B.Coutts,A.V.Despard(Half Backs),H.C.Clarkson+J.S.Austen(Right Wing),A.Redford,H.O.Ince(Centres),E.B.Perry,W.H.Bather(Left Wing).

All checked N.B. H&FT has J.S.Austen (as in 2nd round) not S.P.Austin

Clapham Rovers:D.O.D.Kerr(Goal);+O.E.Danby,E.J.Diver(Backs);C.Holden-White,B.Farrea(Half Backs); E.A.Ram(Capt.),E.J.Humphrey(Right Wing),H.H.Scott,++A.Edwards(Centres),E.R.P.Keeley,C.A.Lloyd-Jones (Left Wing).

+ N.B All checked but not O.E.Danby which is a muddle because O.E.Coles was listed for the game but Danby took his place and his initials are T.W. or J.W.(as in H&FT :also has ++C.Edwards but also B.Edwards is listed).

Umpires:H.A.O.Redford for Hendon and H.S.Bevington for Clapham Rovers.

Referee:C.E.Hart(Pilgrims).

CHATHAM walked over WINDSOR:

"The former club have obtained a bye in the first round Windsor having scratched."(York Herald 4/11/84 P.8)

ROMFORD 3 (R.Oliver,J.Goadby,L.E.Clark) CLAPTON 2 (E.H.Jackson,S.P.Davies)(H.T. 1-2)(Sat Nov 1st)(At Romford)

Bell's Life 5/11/84 P.1/Chelmsford Chronicle 7/11/84 P.7/Essex Herald 3/11/84 P.7/Sportsman 3/11/84 P.4/Sporting Life 3/11/84 P.4:

CC/EH:"These clubs met at Romford on Saturday to decide their tie in the first round of the Association Cup competition,and a fast and very finely contested game ended in the victory of Romford by three goals to two.The visitors won the toss,and played during the first half with the

wind at their backs. After a corner had fallen to Romford without result, the play for a time was very even, but eventually a serious attack was made on the home fortress, and Cornell only saved his charge by cleverly kicking the ball over the crossbar. Attack and counter-attack followed, the play being very fast. A capital run down the left wing by Earle was followed by a determined assault on the Clapton lines, and three hot shots in rapid succession were well stopped by the visitors' custodian. Directly afterwards Goadby had a good opening from a centre by Wright, but the ball went over. Returning to the attack, the home team at last succeeded in scoring, the ball being finely centred by Goadby and headed through by Oliver. Undismayed by this the visitors soon equalised matters, Jackson scoring from a pass by Milne. For some minutes after this Cornell was kept on the alert, and although the pressure was, for a time removed the visitors came again, and Heap passing the ball across, Davis scored a second point for the visitors. Half time was directly afterwards called. On the change of ends, Goadby from a good centre by Earle brought matters equal, the ball going through off one of the Clapton backs, and directly afterwards, from a pass by Earle, Clark by a grand long shot scored a third point for Romford. After this the home team had decidedly the best of the game, good runs being made by Earle, Macfarlane, and Wright, but although they had repeated shots at goal, they were unable to increase their score and the match ended as above stated. For Romford the forwards played very well together and the passing was good, while the backs and half backs offered a determined defence. The visitors' forwards included two or three very fast men, but they lacked combination. The half backs played a strong game, R.H. Clark playing especially well."

BL: "Goadby, however, soon made amends for this by a fine centre, which Oliver headed through. It was not long, however, before Jackson, from a pass by Milne, equalised matters. Up to half time Clapton gave the home team plenty to do, and a good shot by Davies placed them ahead. After change the combined tactics of the home team told, and goals in quick succession were gained by Goadby and Clarke respectively. It is only fair to the Clapton men to state that they were without the assistance of several of their best men."

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

All checked

Clapton: W. Fenton Jones (Goal), +W.A. Clark, C. Whyte (Backs), R.H. Clark (Capt.), J. Barclay, W.A. Whyte (Half Backs); +E. Milne, W.A. Heap (Right Wing), J. Lees (Centre), E.H. Jackson, S.P. Davies (Left Wing).

+Only initials to be checked

Umpires: E. Champness (Romford) and J.J. Holdsworth, jun. (Somerset Club)
Referee: J. Armstrong (English Association)

NINTH DIVISION:

Swifts v Old Brightonians

Brentwood v Barnes

Casuals v South Reading

Old Westminster v Bournemouth Rovers

Luton Wanderers v Old Etonians

Henley, a bye

SWIFTS 3 (E.C.Bambridge, 2,E.Bryan) OLD BRIGHTONIANS 0 (H.T. 1-0)(Sat Nov 8th)(At Slough)

(BL has Keyser scoring 3rd goal:see below:

Uxbridge & West Drayton Gazette 15/11/84 P.7/Referee 9/11/84 P.6/Sportsman 10/11/84

P.4/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4:

U&WDG:"On Saturday the above clubs met on the Dolphin Ground,Slough,to decide the first tie for the Cup.The afternoon being fine there was a large number of spectators to witness the contest.The Brightonians played only ten men,++one of the brothers Muspratt being unable to play.At quarter past three o'clock the visitors kicked off,and after ten minutes' play,Bambridge,by a fine run down the ground,scored the first goal for the Swifts.The play was then very even,up to "change" when the home team began to work better together,and rushed the leather up,when Keyser well centred the ball to +Byrons,who scored the second goal for his side.For the Brightonians,who had been playing throughout well together,Bennett on several occasions exhibited some fine play,and although they tried hard they could not manage to lower the Swifts' goal.The last ten minutes of the game the home team took the ball up the ground,and Bambridge,by a well-judged shot,scored the third goal for his side.Time being called,the match resulted in a victory for the Swifts by three goals to their opponents' nil."

Bell's Life 12/11/84 P.1(No lineups):"The Old Brighton Scholars played one man short in this match at Slough on Saturday.On the other hand,the Swifts had got together a very powerful Eleven,which included several University players.Some capital play took place,and though the visitors were compelled chiefly to act on the defensive,they only managed to score three goals.The points were gained by E.C.Bambridge(2),and Keyser."

REF:"The Old Brightonians were playing one man short as one of their best forwards was unable to turn up owing to illness."

++SM:"one of the brothers Muspratt being unable to play."

Swifts:W.C.Rose;L.W.North,Hubert Nicholls;T.W.Gellibrand,L.Cooper;

F.W.Pawson,+E.Bryan,R.Playford,L.B.Keyser,+G.C.Hare,E.C.Bambridge.(1/2/2/6)(REF)

+Check initials (N.B.Lineups in papers have several bad name errors)

Old Brightonians:A.C.Stone;A.T.Young,E.Thirkell;J.P.Muspratt,F.C.Lingard,P.C.Muspratt;

J.H.Bennett(Capt.),R.H.Dewing,F.C.Muspratt,A.S.Gibbs(10 men only:see above)

All checked

Umpires:W.Bambridge(Swifts) and H.H.Cheesman(Old Brightonians).Referee:M.P.Betts.

BRENTWOOD 2 (E.Crosskey,E.C.Evelyn) BARNES 0 (H.T. 0-0)(Sat Nov 8th)(At Essex County Cricket Ground,Brentwood)

Field 15/11/84 P.688/Essex Times 5/11/84 P.5/Chelmsford Chronicle 14/11/84 P.7/ Essex Herald 10/11/84 P.8/Bell's Life 12/11/84 P.1/Referee 9/11/84 P.6/Sportsman 10/11/84 P.4/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4:

F: "In this match, played on Nov 8, Brentwood was fortunate in having the game played on its own ground. Neither club had its full strength, especially Brentwood, who were without two or three of their best men. Brentwood kicked off at 3pm, and up to half time, no score resulted to either side. On changing ends Brentwood settled down to their work, the backs, especially Nickisson, playing very well, feeding their forwards in a style that would have done credit to any club; but the latter did not make the use they should have done, their play being loose and not together, a fault which Brentwood must erase before they will shine in the front. For the last half hour Barnes were completely penned in; but M. Roberts was not to be denied; time after time he saved his stronghold; at last Crosskey, with a low shot, scored the first goal for Brentwood. The ball struck Morice's foot, then the post, bounding through out of Roberts's reach. Several corner kicks fell to Brentwood, but without result; but a few minutes before time Evelyn got one of the low swift shots in, which proved too much for the goalkeeper, and thus scored No. 2. Time was soon called, the game ending in favour of Brentwood by two goals to nil. For Barnes M. Roberts was a host in himself; Morice was seen to the best advantage in the back division; while Webster, Ibbs, and Freeman worked well forward, but were not able to cope with the opposing backs. For Brentwood, in the back division Nickisson was never seen in better form, Jobson was very useful, but Buckley was hardly up to his usual form, yet played very well, his tackling was very sure. It would be difficult to single any of the forwards out, as all played hard, and when they get more together later on in the season will be hard to keep back."

ET/CC/EH: "Each club was well represented (but see F report above), and a thoroughly scientific game was played, the passing being excellent. For the first few minutes after the start the game was carried on in the home territory, but, warming to their work, the Brentwood forwards got the ball away, and from a pass by Sherrington, W.S. Morice made a good shot, which compelled the visitors' goal keeper to use his hands. Some even play followed, and then a splendid shot by Morice again compelled Mills-Roberts to throw out. A scrimmage ensued just in front of the visitors' goal, but the danger was averted by Mills-Roberts, and another incursion was made into the home territory, Kennedy being called upon to save his charge. A corner fell to Brentwood without result, and then Nickisson, by a fine long shot, placed the ball in the mouth of the visitors' goal. From the hot scrimmage which ensued the home team seemed almost certain to score, but Mills-Roberts got the ball under him and held it tenaciously until the chance arose to throw it aside. A shot by Powell directly afterwards passed outside, and another shot by the same player soon after went over. When half time was called no definite advantage had been gained; but in the second half the superiority of the home team was very apparent. The visitors' goal was repeatedly in danger, and the struggle was confined almost entirely to their territory. Two or three times they broke away, but on one occasion only was Kennedy called upon to save his charge. From both wings and from the centre the home team kept up a strong attack, and eventually, within a quarter of an hour of time, the ball, after some fast play, was turned over to Crosskey, who shot it through. Again and again the home team returned to the attack, and after a good shot by Morice had been well returned by the Barnes custodian, Evelyn, by a grand low shot, scored a second point for Brentwood. Time was shortly afterwards called, the game ending in a victory for Brentwood by two goals to love. All the home forwards played a fine game, and Evelyn was particularly clever in the centre, while Sherrington, Morice, and Powell were most noticeable on the wings. Nickisson played a fine game at half back, and fed the forwards with marked judgment, and he was well supported at back by Buckley."

Brentwood:A.G.O.Kennedy(Goal);H.Buckley,+R.H.Clark(Backs);J.L.Nickisson(Capt.),W.S.Jobson(Half Backs);W.S.Morice,G.S.Sherrington(Right Wing),E.C.Evelyn,E.Crosskey(Centres), J.J.Powell, J.W.Burnside(Left Wing).

+N.B.:F and REF have "R.H.Clark" implying not real name:W.B.Hobbs in SL Sat team

All others checked

Barnes:R.H.Mills-Roberts(Goal);N.Morice,A.F.Smith(Backs);H.Williams,J.M.Haslip(Half Backs); C.R.Freeman,W.M.Robertson(Right Wing),R.S.Ibbs(Capt.),E.O.Powell(Centres),R.A.Walker, G.Webster(Left Wing).

(F has W.Morice:W.F.Morice as a forward in onother game

Umpires:J.J.Read and W.Dorling .Referee: E.H.Bambridge(Swifts)

CASUALS 1 (Morrison) SOUTH READING 4 (Fry,3 Others)(H.T. 1-1)(At Wandsworth)(Sat Nov 8th)

Reading Observer 15/11/84 P.3/ Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4/Referee 9/11/84 P.6:

RO:"Contrary to general expectation,the Casuals came off second best in their match with the South Reading F.C. in their tie for the Challenge Cup,played at Wandsworth on Saturday afternoon.The first-named club has gained such a name for itself that the Readingites far from flattered themselves as regards being able to cope with such a powerful eleven;but as the result proves,they won very easily indeed.However,it is only fair to mention,that several of the most prominent players In the Casuals Club were giving their services to other societies,consequently they were not so strongly represented as they might have been.Be that as it may it certainly gives us pleasure to record a victory for our home team.Soon after the start Fry scored for Reading by a very neat cross shot,and Morrison for the Casuals managed to equalise matters just before half time.On changing ends,South Reading quite outstayed their opponents,sending in shot after shot at the Casuals' citadel,adding three goals to their number,whilst several "corners" fell to their share.The Casuals tried their utmost,and once or twice got into dangerous quarters,but their efforts to increase their score proved futile,and the game ended in favour of South Reading by four goals to one.Every man played well."

SL:"Played at Wandsworth,on Saturday,and resulted in a victory for the visitors by four goals to one(kicked by Morrison).The match was well contested till the last twenty minutes when Reading got their last three goals.The Casuals owe their defeat in no slight measure to so many of their best men playing for their old schools in the Cup.For Readin,Lusty(in goal) was very brilliant."

Casuals:Cawston(Goal);F.J.Richardson,Ingram(Backs);C.H.Last,+C.B.Crews(Half Backs); E.H.Atkinson,J.H.Farmer,Morrison,C.M.Smith,H.M.Holman,F.Bickley(Forwards).

+A.E.Crews was a left wing

Initials added from elsewhere

South Reading:H.Lusty(Goal);E.Steward,E.Woodley(Backs),C.Smith,C.Cooper,R.E.A.Maynard(Half Backs),F.Haydon,C.Embury,E.Gregory,A.Johnson(Capt.),A.Fry(Forwards)

All checked

Referee:G.Stephenson,Old Westminster.

OLD WESTMINSTERS 6 (C.W.R.Heath 2,A.R.Hurst 3,O.Scoones)BOURNEMOUTH ROVERS 0 (H.T. 3-0)
(Sat Nov 1st)(At Kennington Oval)(Scorers from BL/SM as below)(Scorers differ between other reports)

Bell's Life 5/11/84 P.1/Field 8/11/84 P.653/Referee 2/11/84 P.6/Bournemouth Guardian 8/11/84 P.5/Sportsman 3/11/84 P.4/Sporting Life 3/11/84 P.4:

BG:"This match,the outcome of the draw between these clubs in the first round of the Challenge Cup Competition was played off at Kennington Oval on Saturday.The day was fine,though there was a bad light during the second half of the game,and the turf being in good order,every chance for good play was offered.The presence of 1,000 spectators showed the curiosity of the Londoners,either about the Hampshire team or their opponents.Promptly at three o'clock the two teams stepped into the enclosure,the Rovers' cardinal and lemon,and the old schoolboys' light pink shirts affording an easily marked contrast.In the point of weight the home team had the best of appearance-the presence of the formidable Bailey added to their chances.Nethercoate won the toss,as usual,and placed his men under the shadow of the gasworks,Bailey,with a long kick to his right wing,opening the game.Scoones settled on the ball and centred,Bailey driving in a hot shot,which went over the bar.On kicking out Heath obtained possession,and began with his partner Scoones a series of clever manipulations of the ball,which kept Duchesne on hot irons all afternoon.At last the ball was worked up close to the Rovers' goal and passed to Bain,who replied with a feeble shot which Nethercoate breasted out.Kingsbury now broke away,and for several minutes looked dangerous.Squire,however, got the leather away,and some very hot work took place in the visitors' goalmouth,Wallingford responding to each attack in a style which brought down the applause of all the spectators.Again and again,Campbell,Pickford,and Kingsbury broke away,and once the first-named shot at goal,and a little tussle with Sandwith produced a kick off.After nearly half-an-hour's (SM states 10 mins and REF states 20 minutes)desperate play,in which the Rovers had kept their goal intact.Heath got the ball under the bar off Johns,and a roar from the onlookers announced the first blood.W.Pickford restarted with a short pass to Campbell,and for five minutes or so the ball remained in the enemy's ground,but for the last ten minutes before half time the Rovers' goal was strongly attacked,and Johns let in another goal from Hurst,and Scoones,from a place kick from Wetton,shot a third.Half time,and 3 to 0 against the Rovers.With the wind they now hoped at least to score,and after the kick off the forwards made a tremendous effort,but Williams and then Campbell shot wildly.Squire cleared his lines,and some brilliant work by Scoones resulted in Heath kicking goal number four.By this time the Rovers had become better set,and time after time the forwards broke away,and each time Bailey was passed the spectators cheered them to the echo,but they were indifferently backed up,and their efforts were of no avail.In the meantime the Old Westminsterers had been putting in shot after shot,which Wallingford cleared away with such un mistakeable skill that their hopes of running up a score must have received a wet blanket,for only two more points were registered,both by Hurst,up to the whistle sounding,making 6 to nil in their favour.On entering the pavilion the favourite players of both teams were cheered to the echo,Wallingford receiving an ovation.We may add that the most gentlemanly behaviour was shown by both elevens,the visitors setting an example of good nature under difficulties greatly to their credit."

BL: "On Saturday last the Bournemouth Rovers, a club which has done much for the dribbling game in Hampshire, journeyed up to London to play their Cup tie with the Old Westminsters at Kennington Oval. The attendance was fairly good, over 1,000 spectators passing the turnstiles. The Londoners by no means played their full strength, as from various causes Burrridge, Tepper, and Janson were absentees. In spite of this they proved far too strong for the countrymen, who, however, played up pluckily, and though overmatched, did their best in an unequal contest. In their defensive play the visitors were particularly weak, the backs being puzzled by the splendid passing and dodging of the Westminster men. The Bournemouth captain, having won the toss, elected to play from the gasometer goal, and Bailey set the ball in motion from the other end. The "Pinks" soon forced their opponents back, and after ten minutes' play in the strangers' quarters a side shot by Heath cannoned off one of the Bournemouth backs and went through the posts. Directly after the ball had been restarted Hurst made a brilliant run up the right, and dodging Wallingford, who ineffectually essayed to stay his progress, gained a second point. Keeping up the pressure it was not long before a claim of hands on behalf of the home team was allowed, and Wetton taking the place kick turned the ball over to Scoones, who sent it through. At half time the score stood at three goals to nil in favour of the Londoners. For some time after this the Rovers seemed to play better together, and several raids were made into the Westminster quarters. At length Scoones getting away crossed to Heath, who kicked the fourth goal. A few minutes afterwards Hurst headed the ball through again out of a bully, whilst just before the whistle sounded the same player scored again. The Westminsters thus won a rather one-sided but interesting contest by six goals to nil."

SL: "Owing to accidents the Old Westminsters were deprived of the valuable services of Burrridge (forward) and Janson and Tepper (back)"" Bailey made his first appearance in an Association Cup tie for the Old Westminsters in this match, and, as usual, he was untiring."" Though he did little in the first half, towards the end of the game Hurst showed to better advantage in the centre, and three of the six goals which fell to his side were gained by him, one of them through a very good piece of heading."

F: "Old Westminsters, having secured the services of N.C. Bailey, the famous international half back, are stronger this season than last, but on Saturday, in their cup match with the South Hants players, they were unable to place their full strength in the field, Burrridge, Janson and Tepper being absent."

"During the latter portion of the first half the home team scored three times, C.R. Heath, Hurst, and Scoones each putting the ball between the posts. Following the change of ends the game continued to be carried on greatly in favour of the Old Westminsters, though their opponents played in better form than previously. First Scoones added to the score, then Hurst secured a goal, and another successful shot on behalf of the latter left the Old Westminsters winners by six goals to none."

Old Westminsters: W.F.G. Sandwith (Goal); R.T. Squire, A.L. Fevez (Backs); N.C. Bailey (Capt.), H. Wetton (Half Backs); O. Scoones, C.R.W. Heath (Right Wing), A.R. Hurst, A.C.W. Jenner (Centres), F.W. Bain, A.J. Heath (Left Wing).

All checked

Bournemouth Rovers: S.E. Wallingford (Goal); P.H. Milne, F.A. Johns (Backs); J.A. Nethercote (Capt.), E.C. Duchesne (Half Backs); F. Brockington, E.G. Williams (Right Wing), F.H. Campbell, W. Pickford (Centres), A.H. Kingsbury, C. Neave (Left Wing). (BG forward order)

All checked

Umpires:F.Barnett(Upton Park) and Seymour C.Owen(Reading FC).Referee:C.W.Alcock(Hon Sec Football Association)

LUTON WANDERERS 1 (R.Ellingham) OLD ETONIANS 3 (J.B.T.Chevalier 2,H.Whitfeld)(H.T. 0-1)
(Sat Nov 8th)(At Dallow Lane,Luton)

Luton Reporter 15/11/84 P.5/Bell's Life 12/11/84 P.1/Referee 9/11/84 P.6/Sportsman 10/11/84 P.4/Sporting Life 10/11/84 P.4:

LR:"The match between these clubs in the first round of the Association Challenge Cup competition was played at Dallow Lane on Saturday afternoon.The weather was splendid and the ground was in excellent condition.This being the most important contest this season in this district,it attracted a large number of spectators,and the gate could not have been represented much less than 2,000.The strangers were somewhat late in arriving,and they played for the first quarter of an hour or so with two men short.Winning the toss,the Etonians elected to play down hill,and in doing so they also had the benefit of the wind.Aided by these advantages they pressed their opponents very hard,during the first forty-five,the ball being almost entirely confined to Luton territory.The home team lost one good chance.The leather was got well up the hill,and was within measurable distance of the Etonian goal,but Lomax in shooting it in was a little off the line,and the ball struck one of the posts.The Luton men had thus a very narrow shave of securing a goal.Shortly thereafter the ball was started down hill at the west side of the field,and after being smartly passed down to the forwards,it was centred, and after one or two give and take kicks Chevalier managed to send it underneath the Luton bar. After ends were changed the play distributed itself more evenly over the ground,and was marked by some splendid dribbling and passing on both sides,the Lomaxes and one of the Deacons repeatedly rendering good service to the Luton team in this way.At one point the home goal was in great jeopardy,the strangers charging time after time in a determined manner.At last after several shots had been made and returned,the Luton colours fell to Whitfeld,who scored with a fine clean kick.A few minutes after this C.Lomax had a good run across the field,for which achievement he was greatly cheered by the onlookers.The Etonians passing the ball in beautiful style up the west side,repeated their former tactics with considerable smartness,and on its being transferred to the centre to Chevalier,that watchful player again succeeded in sending it between the posts.The Luton men were now bent on making a desperate struggle to retrieve their honours.They again managed to bring the ball down by dint of some clever dribbling,and were within an ace of scoring;but the shot for goal was delivered rather hard and the leather flew over the bar.A few minutes after this,however,the same play was again witnessed,and Ellingham for Luton was successful in getting the ball through this time.The game from this to the end was very exciting,but nothing further was scored,and it thus ended in a win for the strangers by three goals to one.The match was a fast one,and much enjoyed on both sides.The Luton men had little prospect of winning but their courageous play against a team who were decidedly heavier than they were,was exceedingly creditable.Veale,the goalkeeper, acquitted himself admirably,for had it not been for his very able defence there is no doubt the victory would have been much greater."

BL:"Played at Luton and resulted in an easy win for the visitors by three goals to one.The Etonians, who played with the wind and the hill in their favour for the first half,quickly penned their opponents,who until ends were changed did little else but defend their lines.In spite of their

advantages the visitors were only able to score once, Chevalier sending the ball through. After half time the play became more even, and it was not long before Whitfeld secured the second point, which was quickly followed by another from the foot of Chevalier. Towards the finish a capital rush of the home forwards enabled Ellingham to gain a point."

London Daily News 10/11/84 P.7: "In the early portion of the game Chevalier scored a goal for the Etonians, and in the second half Whitfield and Chevalier each shot the ball under the crossbar. Towards the end of the game Ellingham obtained a goal for Luton."

Luton Wanderers: T. Veale (Goal); W. Barratt, A. Martin (Backs), C. H. Lomax, H. G. Spratley, J. Clark (Half Backs), A. Deacon, G. Deacon, R. Ellingham, J. C. Lomax, D. A. N. Lomax (Forwards).

All checked

Old Etonians: J. F. P. Rawlinson (Goal); T. H. French, P. J. de Paravicini (Capt.) (Backs), C. W. Foley, G. E. Preston, F. Marchant (Half Backs) J. B. T. Chevalier, H. C. Goodhart, + H. Baxter, H. W. Bainbridge, H. (E.) Whitfeld (Forwards).

+Only initial to check

Umpires: Not found. Referee: Not found.

HENLEY, a bye.

SECOND ROUND DRAW:

"Last evening a committee of the Football Association met at the offices, Paternoster Row, to make the draw for the second round of the cup competition. Several protests had been lodged in consequence of clubs omitting to register the names of players under the new Cup rules, amongst them being the Old Carthusians and South Reading. It is understood that the protests were not dealt with last evening. The clubs which had played drawn games in the first round were allowed an extension of time until Saturday next in which to replay their matches. The following is the draw for the second round, the first-named club in each instance having the choice of ground, and the clubs having ties to be played off on or before Saturday, December 6th." (Nottingham Evening Post 18/11/84 P.4).

NORTH DISTRICT:

FIRST DIVISION:

Wolverhampton Wanderers or Derby St Luke's v Walsall Swifts or Stafford Road (At Wolverhampton or Derby)

Birmingham Excelsior v Birmingham St George's (At Birmingham)

Walsall Town v Aston Villa (At Walsall)

West Bromwich Albion v Wednesbury Old Athletic (At West Bromwich)

DERBY ST LUKE'S 0 WALSALL SWIFTS 1 (R. Davis) (H.T. 0-0) (F.T. 0-0 (After extra time) (Sat Dec 6th) (County Ground, Derby)

Derby Daily Telegraph 8/12/84 P.3/Sheffield Independent 8/12/84 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 8/12/84 P.4/Nottingham Journal 8/12/84 P.6/Sportsman 8/12/84 P.4/Sporting Life 8/12/84 P.4/Referee 7/12/84 P.6:

N.B.Nothing found in Walsall Observer

DDT:"This match in the second round of the English Cup,was played on the County Ground,at Derby this (Saturday) afternoon,before about 1,000 spectators.The ground,owing to recent heavy rains,was very slippery,and there were a good many "spills",while the kicking at times was very inaccurate. The play was nearly even throughout,and an extra half hour had to be played,the result being that Walsall won by one to none.The back division on both sides excelled,particularly Wharmby for St Luke's, who played splendidly.

St Luke's kicked off,and from a good run Shipley got hold,and made a capital shot,which the Swifts custodian appeared to handle out very close on the line.An appeal for goal by St Luke's was given against the appellants.From the kick-off again the leather was taken down the Swifts' right,and there was some severe work until Wharmby relieved his side,after Parsons had handled out.Harvey missed stopping the Swifts' lefts,and they looked like dangerous,but Wharmby again came to the rescue. After this the Swifts got into possession on the left,and the ball was put through the uprights,but the claim was disallowed,as it had previously passed over the line,resulting in a corner,which came to nothing.The Swifts pressed again and St Luke's,kicking badly,had difficulty in getting the leather out of danger.By a little good passing,Shipley got hold,and made a run,but was unable to make a final shot,the ball going over the line.St Luke's now got a foul in close quarters,but Twigg kicked over the line.The Swifts broke away again on the right,and Wharmby was applauded for a good stop.Play continued very even,but at length Wharmby had to concede the visitors another corner,and another came directly from the kick off.The Swifts' left wing now brought the leather down,and Higgins put in a shot,which Davis just headed over.The ball passed up and down,and then St Luke's got into close quarters,and Renshaw made a shot,which just went outside.The Walsall men,however,had another turn and there were a couple of shots at St Luke's goal,Parsons handling the first out in good style. Wharmby then stopped a shot,but gave a corner,and the kick in being accurate,Parsons had to handle out in double-quick time.Half time was then called with nothing done on either side.Soon after the re-commencement,first the St Luke's lefts,and then the Walsall left,were cheered for runs. Twigg now had a free kick,but he did not lift high enough.Another foul was also given to St Luke's close to the Swifts' goal,but the kick went outside.A foul to Walsall followed at St Luke's end,but there was nothing done.St Luke's were now given a corner,but Walker kicked wide.Renshaw and Walker then made a pretty run,and St Luke's being given another foul,Shipley got hold and kicked outside the posts.Play was suspended for a time,owing to Shipley sustaining an injury.The Swifts then ran up on the right,and Farmer made a good shot,compelling Parsons to handle.Immediately after Garbett failed to get hold of a cross,and thus missed a chance of scoring.St Luke's broke away again,but were stopped by Jones.The Swifts got another corner on the right,and from the subsequent "bully"a foul was given close to St Luke's fortress,but the ball was kicked out.After this the ball twice went outside the Walsall posts.Play continued even,the ball passing up and down rapidly.The Church club now obtained another foul close to the Swifts' goal,but they could not score. The Swifts' right ran up,and Harvey fouled in front of goal,and from the kick the ball went through without a touch,and there was no score.After give and take play the Swifts obtained another corner, and before the leather could be got away the visitors had a shot,but it was again put aside.St Luke's

now got a third corner;a foul thirty yards from goal followed,and also their fourth corner.Time was now called,and this being the last day for deciding the round,it was resolved to go on for an extra half hour.The game was continued,and the Swifts were quickly compelled to give a corner but the sphere was put outside.St Luke's followed with a long shot from the centre which went over the bar. The visitors' left now ran up finely,and Harvey failing to stop them,Davis got past Parsons and scored.(One to Walsall).The Swifts now played up with considerable dash,and two or three fine runs on the right wing were applauded.Parsons had to handle a shot from the left,and the Swifts claimed that it had gone over the line,but the point was not allowed.Three minutes before time St Luke's managed to put through the uprights from the left wing,but the referee's decision was against them on the ground of "offside".Thus Walsall Swifts were declared winners by one goal to none."

"A singular incident is said to have happened during the tossing for choice of kick in the extra half hour.The coin introduced we are told was a penny with two heads!Some unpleasantness resulted, and probably more will be heard of the matter,although we cannot help thinking the coin was introduced inadvertently."

Derby St Luke's:W.E.Parsons(Goal);F.Harvey,W.H.Wharmby(Backs);J.W.Wilson,W.Twigg,A.H.Dolman (Half Backs);J.Walker,J.Renshaw(Right Wing),G.Evans(Centre),J.Wilde,W.Shipley(Left Wing).

+All checked but A.Dolman is W.Dolman in DDT

Walsall Swifts:J.Tracey(Goal);A.Jones,A.Aldridge(Backs);J.Morley,G.Morris,H.Allen(Half Backs); R.Davis,+W.Jefferies(Right Wing),J.Garbett(Centre),J.Farmer,J.Higgins (Left Wing).

+Changed from R.Jeffries:all checked

Umpires:Mr George Oakes for Derby St Luke's and Mr Farmer for walsall Swifts.Referee:Mr W.H.Jope(Wednesbury)

BIRMINGHAM EXCELSIOR 3(+ "bully", "Scrimmage", Albert Brown) BIRMINGHAM ST GEORGE'S 3 (Green,Hodgetts, o.g)(H.T. 1-3)(Sat Dec 6th)(At Aston Lower Grounds)

+Source?

Birmingham Daily Post 8/12/84 P.7/Sportsman 8/12/84 P.4/Sporting Life 8/12/84 P.4:

BDP:"These teams played off their English Cup tie at Aston,on Saturday in the presence of about a thousand spectators.The ground was in a very heavy and treacherous condition.During the earlier part of the game the Excelsior played the most aggressive part,but the+ first goal was won by their opponents.Persevering,however,in their efforts for nearly a quarter of an hour,the score was equalised.Shortly afterwards the St George's got another goal,Hodgetts screwing in from the left.A foul a few yards from the goal gave them further chance,but Jenks handed the ball out,and not long afterwards a bad misskick by Lovesay enabled Manton to get well in,but his shot was wild.The St George's returned to the charge,and Milton sent in a good centre.While the sphere was rolling towards the goal,one of the Excelsior backs,in trying to get it away,confused the goalkeeper and touched it through.Half time was then sounded with the score 3 to 1 in favour of St George's.In the second half Excelsior pulled themselves together and made the game very even and exciting.A long shot from their left wing was touched by Stansbie,who failed to get the ball away,and it shaved the

crossbar. The Excelsior claimed a goal on the ground that it fell underneath, but the referee decided that it went over, and awarded a corner, which came to nothing. Shortly afterwards the home players obtained an undisputed goal out of a warm scrimmage, and about five minutes from the finish Albert Brown raised the enthusiasm of his team's partisans to fever heat by making the scores once more equal. In the few minutes that remained to play, both sides made desperate efforts to win, but failed, a well contested game ending in a draw -3 goals each. The Excelsior offered to play an extra half hour, but the St George's captain refused on the ground of want of light. The Excelsior have decided to lodge a protest claiming the game."

+SL: "Green (for St George's) took the ball to the opposite end, with the result that St George's scored in about seven minutes from the start."

Excelsior: +Jenks (Goal); W. Lovesay, W. Dutton (Backs); A. Bailey, W. Farley (Half Backs); H. Meakin, Harry Devey (Right Wing), John Devey, F. Barlow (Centres), Albert Brown, J. Breeze (Left Wing).

N.B. Another Albert Brown played for Aston Villa +J or G or W. Jenks

Breeze?

St George's: H. Stansbie (Goal); Hall, +Eagles (Backs); Barton, Wood, F. Stevenson (Half Backs); J. Milton, Manton (Right Wing), Green (Centre), D. Hodgetts, Harrison (Left Wing).

+There were H. Eagles and S. Eagles

REPLAY: Mon Dec 22nd :

BIRMINGHAM ST GEORGE'S 2 (No scorers traced) BIRMINGHAM EXCELSIOR 0 (H.T. 0-0)
(At St George's Ground, Fentham Road, Birchfield)

Birmingham Daily Post 23/12/84 P.8/Bell's Life 24/12/84 P.4/Sportsman 23/12/84 P.4 :

BDP/SM: "This undecided tie in the second round of the Cup competition was played off yesterday (Monday), at the St George's ground, Fentham road. The previous game, played at Aston Lower Grounds, resulted in a draw, each club scoring three goals. Today a very even game was seen. In the first half Excelsior played down hill, and had a bit the best of the play, but they were very uncertain about goal, and the consequence was that at half time neither team had scored. In the second half the St George's were not long before they drew first blood, and continuing to hold the upper hand, they had won at the call of time by two goals to none."

St George's: H. Stansbie (Goal); Hall, Eagles (Backs); Barton, Manton, F. Stevenson (Half Backs); D. Hodgetts, Harrison, Green, J. Milton, Keane (Forwards). (Keane?)

Excelsior: Jenks (Goal); W. Lovesay, W. Dutton (Backs); Mountford, W. Farley (Half Backs); Albert Brown, J. Breeze, J. Devey, F. Barlow, H. Meakin, Harry Devey (Forwards)

(BL/SM both have D. Meakin)

WALSALL TOWN 0 ASTON VILLA 2 (O. Whateley, Archie Hunter) (H.T. 0-1) (Sat Dec 6th) (At the Chuckery, Walsall)

Birmingham Daily Post 8/12/84 P.7/Walsall Observer 13/12/84 P.7/Bell's Life 10/12/84 P.1/Athletic News 10/12/84 P.3/Sportsman 8/12/84 P.4:

BDP:"On Saturday between 3,000 and 4,000 persons mustered at the Chuckery,Walsall,to witness the competition between these two teams for the right to enter the third round of the English Cup,and the anticipations that had been entertained of an excellent match were fully realised,the home team well holding their own against the visitors,and,on the whole,having the best of the play.They were unfortunate,however,the two goals kicked on their behalf,and which,had they stood,would have secured them a draw,failing to count.The Villans won the toss,and began the play downhill,with only ten men,Price not arriving till half time.The home team at once secured possession of the ball,and almost immediately obtained a couple of corners-a run to the other end alone intervening-but nothing resulted from either of them,whilst a good try only landed the ball outside the posts.The visitors also secured a couple of fruitless corners,and made a good attempt,which sent the ball against the bar.In ten minutes from the start,however-the rain then descending in torrents-a low shot from Whateley gained the first point.A brief spell of brisk play in the vicinity of the Town goal was succeeded by an equally brisk attack upon the visitors' headquarters,but Harvey kicked the sphere away,and it was taken to the other end,but promptly run back again,a lively bit of play following close to the goal,and ending in another fruitless corner,taken by Beech.Soon afterwards Harvey stopped the ball on the line-some claimed that it was over the line-and threw out.Another corner fell to the lot of the Town,and a turn of give-and-take play followed,until just as the whistle sounded half time,the interval between the two being almost imperceptible,Dodsworth for the Town passed the ball between the posts,and it was "hard lines" indeed that the achievement did not count.On the resumption of play the home team again took up the pressing,but,relief being afforded,the ball was for a time kept in mid-field,and then was taken up to the Town's quarters and shot well in,but was caught by Icke and thrown out.Business then became brisk about the visitors' goal,a series of determined attempts being well repulsed,and the ball being got out of a desperate scrimmage,and taken upfield by the right wing.Beech met Whateley,and endeavoured to dispossess him,the result being that the two went down together .A.Brown took the ball from between and centred,and Reynolds headed it towards Icke,who punched out against Hunter,by whom it was headed through,making the second goal for the Astonians.Some more give-and-take play ensued,and at about a quarter of an hour from the close, Shaw put the ball through the visitors' posts,but was declared offside-another disappointment to the representatives of the leather town.The play continued fast and good to the finish,neither side having much advantage,for while the ball once struck the home crossbar,the visitors had to be on the alert to save their goal from a hot attack on the part of their opponents,and the match ended in favour of the visitors by 2 to 0.The spirited and combined play on both sides was excellent,and the defence no less so."

WO:"A pretty dribble by Albert Brown relieved for a time,and then,after Harvey had saved what looked like a certain score,the Villa got away,and Whateley made a low shot straight at Icke,which he badly mulled and allowed to go through."

"A rattling run up the right,and after a tussle with Beech,Albert Brown centred,Icke punched the ball against Archie,and it rebounded through the goal.From now till the close,the struggle waged fiercely, each goal being in turn attacked,until at last Hunter and Shaw got away,and the latter centring, Harvey placed the ball on to Ash,who was close up,and a score resulted.To the great chagrin of the

Walsall men,however,this point was also disallowed,on the ground of off-side.Ash and Bradbury were,however,so close to Harvey that it was very difficult for the referee to see what occurred.A clinking shot by Whateley,which hit the cross bar,was the most noticeable item after this,and a very even and grand struggle resulted in favour of the Villa by two goals to none.It is extremely difficult to say which was really the better team of the two.The luck was undoubtedly dead against the home team,and Harvey had a great deal more work to do than Icke."

SM:"Both teams represented the full strength of their respective sides."

Walsall Town:J.Icke(Goal);+S.Reynolds,G.Cox(Backs);J.Brettle,G.Collington,J.Beech(Half Backs);
+G..Shaw,+T.Hunter(Right Wing),++B.Bradbury(Centre),T.Ash,W.Dodsworth(Left Wing).

+Contra History ++Check

Aston Villa:A.Harvey(Goal);T.Riddell,J.Simmonds(Backs);F.Dawson,+G.Price(Half Backs);
Albert Brown,O.Whateley(Right Wing),Archie Hunter,Arthur Brown(Centres),E.C.Davis,
O.H.Vaughton(Left Wing)(BDP/BL specified positions)

+Check is George not J.

Umpires:Adams for Walsall Town and McGregor for Aston Villa.Referee:Slaney(secretary of the
Staffordshire Association).

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 4 (Aston 2,Woodhall,Taylor (o.g.))WEDNESBURY OLD ATHLETIC 2
(...)(H.T. 3-1) (Sat Dec 6th)(Scorers as per WBA History P.157)

Lichfield Mercury 12/12/84 P.8/York Herald 8/12/84 P.8 both have the same report:"The ground was very slippery at West Bromwich,where the above clubs met to decide their tie,in the presence of 6,000 people.Although they lost the toss,West Bromwich had much the best of the play throughout.Woodhall kicked two goals,and Spry and Bayliss one each for the home team,and as these points were only replied to by one goal by Kent for the Old Athletics,the West Bromwich men proved victorious by four goals to +one." +two

AFS(No proper report traced in BDP):FIND SATURDAY NIGHT REPORT/WEDNESBURY PAPER

West Bromwich:R.Roberts;J.Horton,H.Green;E.Horton,F.Bunn,J.Stanton;
G.Woodhall,H.Aston,J.M.Bayliss,A.Loach,G.Bell.(West Bromwich Complete Record/AFS lineup)

Wednesbury Old Athletic:C.Kent;Ross,W.Mumford;Styche,John W.Holden,S.Taylor;
W.Pope,T.Groucutt,J.Roberts,F.Bailey,S.Mills. (AFS only traced lineup)(Bailey initial uncertain but have put F.Bailey for E.Bailey in AFS:see First Round)

SECOND DIVISION:

Sheffield Club v Spital (At Sheffield)
Notts Forest v Sheffield Heeley (At Nottingham)
Staveley v Notts County (At Staveley)
Sheffield Wednesday,a bye

SHEFFIELD CLUB 4 (E.Barber,D.Davy 3) SPITAL(CHESTERFIELD)1 (W.Booker)(H.T. 1-1) (Sat Dec 6th)
(On the Attercliffe Ground at Old Forge,Brightside Lane,Sheffield)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 8/12/84 P.4/Sheffield Independent 8/12/84 P.4/Athletic News 10/12/84
P.3/Field 13/12/84 P.828/Sportsman 8/12/84 P.4/Sporting Life 8/12/84 P.4/Referee 7/12/84 P.6:

SDT:"This contest took place on the Attercliffe Ground on Saturday. There was a fair attendance of spectators. The weather was fine, and a lively breeze was blowing across the ground. On the leather being set in motion the players set to work with a will, the Spital team showing good form and playing a rather fast game. Their crossing was particularly good, and for some time they appeared to have the best of the play. Their exertions were at length rewarded, Booker obtaining the first goal in the match for his side by a well directed kick, Burdekin, the Sheffield goalkeeper failing to prevent the ball passing between the posts. The visitors again had several shots at the Sheffield goal, which, however, proved unsuccessful. The home team now warmed to their work, Robinson and W.F. Beardshaw showing great activity in their back play. An assault on the Spital citadel resulted in its downfall, E. Barber, who played throughout the game in fine style, scoring a goal and thus equalising matters. Another attempt to score by the Sheffield club failed, the ball going over the bar. Half time was now called. On resuming Sheffield were again to the fore, Davy securing a second goal. H. Wilkinson and Bishop showed by their vigorous play a desire to retrieve this loss to their side, but the home team were certainly having the best of the play, and Davy succeeded in kicking another goal. A corner kick falling to Spital was entrusted to Walker, but nothing came of it. The visitors' citadel was again menaced, several shots being made in rapid succession, failing, however, to score. Wilmott and Marsden displayed fine forward play, and Davy again secured a goal for his side, this being the third kicked by that player. The light was now failing and the game became much slower. The efforts of the Spital men to retrieve the fortunes of the day were of no avail. No further additions were made to the score, and victory rested with Sheffield Club by four goals to one. Although defeated, the Spital team played a good game, Bishop, H. Wilkinson, and Booker rendering yeoman service. For Sheffield Club, E. Barber, Robinson, W.F. Beardshaw, Wilmott, Marsden, and Davy distinguished themselves, their play at times being brilliant."

Sheffield Club: A.E. Burdekin (Goal); W.F. Beardshaw, W. Robinson (Backs); +J.H. Jones, T.E.B. Wilson (Half Backs); E. Barber (Capt.), Rev. J.H. Twining (Right Wing), W.C. Wilmott, F.H. Marsden (Centres), E. Beardshaw, +D. Davy (Left Wing).

+To be checked

Spital+: R. Green (Goal); +H. Wilkinson, J. Wheatley (Backs); E.G. Askew, F. Cundy, H. Bower (Half Backs); T. Bishop (Capt.), +J. Walker (Right Wing), C. Wilkinson (Centre), W. Booker, W. Storer (Left Wing).

+To be checked and is it C.H. Wilkinson?

Umpires: W. Pierce-Dix and T. Riggott. Referee: R.A. Daft.

NOTTS FOREST 4 (H. Billyeald, S.W. Widdowson, F. Fox 2) SHEFFIELD HEELEY 1 (W. Sayer) (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Dec 6th) (At Parkside Ground, Nottingham):

Sheffield Independent 8/12/84 P.4/Nottingham Journal 8/12/84 P.6/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 8/12/84 P.4/Athletic News 10/12/84 P.3/ Sportsman 8/12/84 P.4/Sporting Life 8/12/84 P.4/Referee 7/12/84 P.6:

SI:"Played on the Parkside ground.About a 1,000 spectators.During the first 20 minutes there was heavy rain.The visitors won the toss and had the advantage of the wind,and the rain at their backs. The Forest,notwithstanding,immediately assumed the aggressive,and in a very short time obtained a corner kick.They repeatedly assailed the visitors' stronghold,and but for the combined efforts of their opponents' backs,the goalkeeper's services would have been frequently called into requisition. A reverse shortly afterwards took place,and the ball was carried close to the Forest goal,but it was got away,and the Forest then succeeded in obtaining a second corner.That was entrusted to Unwin,who,however,failed.The Forest backs were pressed,but Caborn and Hancock repelled all assaults.Widdowson and Fox carried the ball into the Sheffield territory,but Kelvey,the goalkeeper, preserved his charge.Sheffield appeared to have the advantage for a short time,and a couple of corners fell to them from which the ball was placed well in front of the Forest goal.The ball, however,was well repulsed.Several shots at the visitors' goal were all cleverly repelled.Forest then obtained a free kick,and Billyeald, by a splendid shot,secured the first goal.From now till half time the game was of a give and take description.On the resumption Widdowson succeeded in placing the second goal to the credit of the home team.Shortly after Norman was temporarily incapacitated by a blow from the ball caused in "heading",and for ten minutes the Forest were without his assistance.Sheffield,by combined play on the part of their forwards,secured their first corner,but the Forest speedily carried the ball into their opponents' territory,and Fox obtained their third,receiving the ball from Billyeald.Two corners in quick succession accrued to the Forest,and Kelvey was obliged to handle very frequently.Sheffield strove bravely to avert disaster,but their efforts were only moderately successful,they obtaining another corner.The home team were also successful in obtaining two more corners,and Fox secured goal number four.Incited by this the Sheffield forwards made a determined dash to the Forest goal,and Sayer,managing to elude the vigilance of the Notts goalkeeper,secured the first and only goal for his side,this being just before the whistle was blown. The encounter thus terminated in a victory for the Forest by four goals to one."

NJ:"A foul was given in favour of Heeley in mid-field,but Norman saved the attack the concession looked like producing,and Unwin started for a run on his side of the field,but was unfortunate in kicking out of the ground.Fox and Widdowson led an attack,which resulted in one of the visitors' backs giving Forest their third corner.The ball passed over the line from the flag kick,but it was no sooner started from the goal than Billyeald kicked a goal out of a scrimmage.Twenty-four minutes of the play time had then elapsed,and during the whole of it the Foresters had never been called upon to make anything like exertion to save their goal,the ball having but seldom travelled outside the Heeley territory."

"Although the "Reds" had the hill against them in the second half,they still maintained their superiority,the defence being beyond the power of the visiting forwards to break down.Soon after the change of ends,a sixth corner was given to the Foresters from a lovely shot by Fox.The ball was got out of a scrimmage which ensued,but Hancock,with a long kick,dropped it back into the "bully" again,and Widdowson scored with a low although not very strong shot."

"At length from a run by Shaw and Jackson Hancock gave Heeley their first corner, but from the kick in Earp and Widdowson got right away until they were checked. Still the Forest kept up the aggressive, and the wonder was that more goals were not scored. Fox at last got on the ball in front of goal, and sent in a scoring effort, making the game read three to none in favour of the "Reds". Subsequently shot after shot was sent at the Heeley stronghold, where the custodian behaved himself well. The eighth and ninth corners were allowed to the attackers, and in the meantime a second was given to the Sheffielders. Fox got a fourth goal with a beautiful shot, and just afterwards Sayers scored for Heeley, a one-sided game ending in favour of the Forest by four goals to one."

"Although not feeling himself, Fox came back to his place with the Forest side, owing to Pike being unable to play in consequence of a slight injury."

Notts Forest: F.W. Beardsley (Goal); C.J. Caborn, W.T. Hancock (Backs); S. Norman, H. Billyeald, A.W. Ward (Half Backs); F. Fox, S.W. Widdowson (Right Wing), F.W. Earp (Centre), E.(J.) Leighton, G. Unwin (Left Wing).

+All checked except Leighton

Sheffield Heeley: C. Kelvey (Goal); +C.E. Knowlson, W. Moss (Backs); M.P. Jones, +I. Swallow, G.A. Lawson (Half Backs); H. Stokes, W. Sayer (Right Wing), C. Hiller (Centre), A. Jackson, G.A. Shaw, (Left Wing).

+To be checked

(SI specified positions except has G.E. Knowlson and J. Swallow) (SDT has 5, 4, 6 and reverses 7/8)

N.B. C. Hiller later went to Sheffield Wednesday: see later muddle with W. Hiller)

Umpires: J. Bates for Notts Forest and J. Tomlinson for Heeley. Referee: Hutchinson (Grantham).

STAVELEY 0 NOTTS COUNTY 2 (W. Gunn, H.A. Cursham) (H.T. 0-1)
(Sat Dec 6th) (At Recreation Ground, Staveley)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 8/12/84 P.4/Nottingham Journal 8/12/84 P.6/Sheffield Independent 8/12/84 P.4/Sporting Life 8/12/84 P.4/Sportsman 8/12/84 P.4 (No teams)/Referee 7/12/84 P.6:

SDT: "This important match in the second round of ties for the National Cup came off on the Recreation Ground, Staveley, on Saturday. Great interest was manifested in the encounter, shown by the fact that nearly four thousand persons assembled to witness the game, amongst them being many friends of the visiting team, who journeyed to Staveley by special train. Owing to the recent rains the ground was in a rather slippery condition, which made it heavy going. A strong wind prevailed during the whole of the game, and greatly interfered with the passing of the ball which was frequently out of play. The spin of the coin was in favour of the home team, and Jackson for Notts, commenced the game by kicking off from the entrance, and against a strong wind. Gunn immediately secured possession, and after a run on the right, sent in a shot at the home goal. Marshall, however, caught the ball, and threw it on the left to +Needham, who effected an excellent run, and was becoming dangerous when Dobson wrested the ball from him and transferred it half way up the left. After a pretty run on the left by Cursham and Dixon, one of the home backs was compelled to kick over his own lines. Nothing came of the corner awarded, as Gunn placed the leather behind the posts. For a time after this the back division on either side played up magnificently, their tackling and return kicks being a treat to witness. S. Hay, Rice, and James were

conspicuous for the home team, while C. Dobson, Macrae, and Emmitt were equally good on the other side. Jackson and Cursham each had a shy at the Staveley goal, but Marshall saved his charge in grand style. The Staveley men next had a turn, and carried the ball to the other end where Needham, by a screw kick, nearly effected the downfall of the Notts goal; the ball going a few inches the wrong side of the post, touching a back player in its course. The penalty corner kick, which was taken by Rice, yielded nothing. A second by G. B. Marples had a similar result, the ball dropping behind the goal line. From the place kick Gunn and Marshall received the ball, and they manipulated it in such a manner that they got past all opposition, and the county cricketer (i.e. Gunn) registered for his side the first and only point made in the early portion of the game. On change of ends the Notts men, had the wind to aid them, and for a short time pressed the Staveley goal. The home backs, however, played a fine defensive game, and kept their opponents well at bay. Marples and Willshaw on the home right wing worked the leather in an admirable manner towards the County goal, and a shot by the latter caused Sherwin some little trouble, but he succeeded in getting the leather away. Gunn and Jackson were next to show up prominently, and had it not been for some marvellous goalkeeping by Marshall, Jackson would most certainly have scored. A corner fell to Notts, which was entrusted to Cursham, but nothing accrued; and the home forwards made a gallant attempt to reduce the opposing stronghold, shots by Needham and Young being well saved by Sherwin in goal. Gunn and Marshall hereabouts carried the ball to the Staveley goal, and the latter pulling it over his head in front, gave Cursham an excellent opportunity, which he availed himself of by sending the ball spinning under the crossbar of the home goal for the second time. Up to the call of time, no other score was made, and a grand match, in which Notts had slightly the best of it, resulted in their favour by two goals to none. Messrs Cursham, Jackson, and the brothers Dobson played best for the winners, while for the other side, S. Hay, + W. Needham, Rice, and Marshall in goal were most conspicuous."

SM: "The play was of a very rough description, and at one time the game had to be stopped for several minutes, owing to two of the players coming to blows. Emmett charged Marples in a perfectly justifiable manner. But Marples seemed to have thought otherwise, for he turned round and kicked Emmett. Blows were exchanged, and the umpires rushed in and stopped the affair, and after a short consultation the game was proceeded with." (No teams)

Staveley: J. Marshall (Goal); D. James, H. Peel (Backs); S. Hay, J. Rice (Half Backs); H. P. Marples, S. Willshaw (Right Wing), J. Hay, W. Young (Centres), G. B. Marples, + W. Needham (Left Wing).

All checked

+ N. B. There is a major doubt as to whether Needham or Crookes played as in some lineups and reports Crookes is named, but in SDT report and lineup and in SI lineup W. Needham is named, so have kept him (he was in the SL team for the match).

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

All checked

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY, a bye

THIRD DIVISION:

Fishwick Ramblers v Darwen (At Preston)

Darwen Old Wanderers or Higher Walton v Bolton Association (corrected from Bell's Life 19/11/84))
Lower Darwen, a bye

FISHWICK RAMBLERS 0 DARWEN 2 (Kenyon, Walsh) (H.T. 0-1) (Sat Nov 22nd) (At Walton
Brow, Fishwick's ground, Preston)

Blackburn Standard 29/11/84 P.3/Preston Herald 26/11/84 P.6/Athletic News 26/11/84 P.6:

BS/PH/AN: "These clubs played off their tie on Saturday, on the Fishwick Ramblers' ground, at Walton Brow. The visitors had not their full strength, Nightingale, Owen, and Shorrock being absent. About 300 persons assembled to witness the match. The home team won the toss and took advantage of a strong breeze. Walsh started the ball for Darwen at 3-14, and, after a few minutes' play the home team began to press Darwen, Richmond having to save at the expense of a corner, which was nicely placed. A struggle took place in the Darwen goal mouth, until Kenyon came to the rescue, and gained ground by a serviceable run. Marshall was next to the fore by a fine run half the length of the field, but Kenyon let the ball pass out. Greenwood and Hothersall on the home left broke away, but Fish tackled well, and Ashton getting hold centred finely, Kenyon heading against the cross bar. An incursion was made into the visitors' quarters, but Baron sent them back, and Kenyon kicked out. The Darwen forwards returned to the attack and Kenyon headed the ball through, from a pass by Ashton, after 20 minutes' play. A claim was made for offside, but the point was allowed. This reverse seemed to put new life into the Ramblers, who after this played with great dash, and Darwen were pressed, but the defence of Fish and Richmond in goal was too good. Hothersall was next prominent by a fine run, finishing up with a hot shot, which Richmond only just managed to turn aside. At half time the game stood at-Darwen 1, Ramblers 0, although the latter had the best of the game. On resuming, the Ramblers ran up and forced a corner, which turned out resultless. Darwen, with the wind at their backs, began to press, and play was for a time confined to the home end. Ultimately Walsh put the leather past Addison a second time. The visitors continued to have the best of it, and ultimately won by two goals to nil. For Darwen, Richmond in goal, Fish, and Marshall were the pick; whilst for Fishwick, Entwistle, Barnes, Hathersall, and Booth were to the fore."

Fishwick Ramblers: Addison (Goal); Baverstock, Entwistle (Backs); Bolton, Barnes, Cornall (Half Backs);
Saul, Booth, Fagan, Greenwood, Hothersall (Forwards).

Initials not found

Darwen: J. Richmond (Goal); S.A. Warburton, +Baron (Backs); S. Fish, +A. Entwistle, H. Hamilton (Half Backs);
T. Marshall, R. Ashton, +Walsh, H. Richmond, A. Kenyon (Forwards).

+Find initials and is it R. Entwistle?

Umpires: J. Cotton (Ramblers) and J. Wolstenholme (Darwen). Referee: A. Astley (Blackburn Olympic).

DARWEN OLD WANDERERS 7 BOLTON ASSOCIATION 2 (H.T. 3-1)
(Sat Nov 29th) (At Pothouse Meadow, Darwen)

Darwen News 6/12/84/Bolton Evening News 1/12/84 P.2/Preston Herald 3/12/84 P.7/Athletic News 3/12/84 P.3

No lineups in Blackburn Standard 6/12/84 P.3, which covers Darwen games

NO LINEUPS FOUND

DN/BEN/PH/AN : "Played at Pothouse Meadow, Darwen. As this was the only important match in Darwen on Saturday, about 1,000 spectators were present. + It was pretty generally expressed that the Wanderers would win, as the Bolton Club have this season only shown poor form. Play commenced about five minutes past three. The visitors went off with great dash, and early on scored a goal, and for some time afterwards had the best of it. The Old Wanderers then roused up, and playing well together soon equalised matters. Again the home team rushed to the front, their passing being excellent, and before half time was called they were two goals ahead. On resuming, the home team swarmed round the Bolton fortress, and another three goals were quickly added. Then the Bolton men ran down and managed to put one through, but before the finish the home team scored again, the Wanderers being victorious by seven to two." (No teams)

+Extra sentence in AN Report

Manchester Courier 1/12/84 P.3 : "The Bolton Association took an indifferent team to Darwen on Saturday to meet the Old Wanderers in the English Cup ties, and were beaten by seven goals to (two). In the second half the visitors were a good deal pressed. There were 1,000 spectators present."

LOWER DARWEN, a bye.

FOURTH DIVISION:

Stafford Rangers or Newtown v Druids (At Stafford or Newtown)

Chirk v Wrexham Olympic (At Chirk)

Queen's Park v Crewe Alexandra (At Glasgow)

Macclesfield v Leek (At Macclesfield)

NEWTOWN 1 DRUIDS 0 (Sat Dec 6th) (Druids absent: breach of Rule 15- match awarded to Newtown by the Referee, but FA ordered the match to be replayed):

Wrexham Advertiser 13/12/84 P.3/Sportsman 8/12/84 P.4/Sporting Life 8/12/84 P.4/Referee 7/12/84 P.6:

WA: "On Saturday these teams were to have played off their tie in the second round of this competition at Newtown. Considerable preparations had been made by the home team, and the match was naturally looked forward to by them with keen interest. Much disappointment was therefore caused on Saturday morning when at half-past eleven, about an hour before the team were to arrive at Newtown, a telegram was received from the secretary of the Druids declining to play, on the ground that the notice was too short. This took the home team by surprise, and much indignation was felt at being thus disappointed a second time within a fortnight. Their men were got together, taken to the ground, and in the presence of the referee, Mr J.W. Whittaker, of Oswestry, they kicked a goal, and the game was awarded to them. It is very probable that the conduct of the Druids

will form the subject of enquiry before the Association Committee. The following composed the Newtown Team:

Goal, A. Townsend; backs, W. Jones, John Andrew; half backs, J. Gentle, R. Jones; right wing, J. W. Lloyd (captain), W. Owen; left wing, L. I. Savage, D. Andrew; centre, H. Hibbot, C. Jones; umpire, Mr Edward Morgan." +Not W. Gentle

N.B There is further detail and comment on this in the same edition of the Wrexham Advertiser

Athletic News 10/12/84 P.3: "The Druids, however, failing to turn up, their secretary sending the following telegraphic message: - "We decline playing today. Have informed Association committee. Your notice too short. Will play any day after Monday next." The Newtown team went on the field, and kicked a goal, and claim the match." (No teams)

SL: "These teams were to meet on Saturday at Newtown, in the second round of this competition, but the following telegram was received, by Mr Morgan, the secretary, at half past eleven from the secretary of the Druids: "We decline playing today. Have informed Association committee. Your notice too short. Will play any day after Monday next." The Newtown team went on the field, and kicked a goal, and claim the match. The Newton team were: Townsend (Goal), Jones and Andrews (Backs), Gentle and Jones (Half Backs), J. W. Lloyd, Owen, Savage, D. Andrew, Hibbott, and C. Jones."

SM: "These teams were to have met on Saturday last at Newtown in the second round of this competition. The teams had tried to get an extension of time, owing to the fact that the second round of the Welsh Cup had to be played off on the same date as the English tie. The English Association, however, refused to extend the time, and the teams were ordered to meet at Newtown on Saturday last. The Newtown team advertised the match, and the Druids' executive were made aware of the decision of the English Association, and up to eleven o'clock on Saturday the Newtown team and its supporters were led to believe the match would come off. At eleven o'clock, however, a telegram was received from the Druids team saying they declined to play, but would contend any day after Monday. The Newtown team were then taken on the ground and after the usual grace kicked a goal and claimed the match. The Newtown team was as follows: - Townsend (goal), Jones and Andrews (backs), Gentle and R. Jones (half backs), J. W. Lloyd (Capt.) and W. Owen (right), Savage and D. Andrews (left) H. + Habbitt and C. Jones (centres). Referee: J. W. Whittaker." +Hibbott

(The F.A ordered the match to be replayed by Saturday 20th December)

NEWTOWN 1 (Savage) DRUIDS 1 (....) (H.T. 1-1) (F.T. 1-1) (After extra time) (Sat Dec 20th) (At Newtown)

Sportsman 22/12/84 P.4/KR Source Montgomeryshire Express (Only brief report of result in Wrexham Advertiser):

SM: "These teams met at Newtown on Saturday to play off their tie in the second round of this competition. Both teams were weak, the Druids being short of Albert Jones, the International wing player, and Newtown were short of their best back, who had to be left out, owing to a family bereavement. Newton lost the toss, and Davies kicked off for the home team. After playing about twenty minutes the visitors scored the first goal, and in three minutes afterwards the home team equalised the score amidst the most indescribable enthusiasm. At the end of the usual ninety

minutes the game was equal. Another half hour was played, but neither side was able to score, and the game ended in a draw of one goal each."

Sheffield Daily Telegraph/Sheffield independent 22/12/84 P.4: "These teams met in the second round of the competition at Newtown on Saturday. The Druids scored the first point, and three minutes after the home team equalised the score. At the call of time the score was equal. An extra half hour was played, and at the close of the game the score stood at one each, a draw resulting." (No lineups)

Newtown: A. Townshend (Goal); John Andrew, J. Gentle (Backs); R. Jones, P. Ingram (Half Backs); J. W. Lloyd (Capt.), W. Owen (Right Wing), H. Hibbott, T. White (Centres), D. Andrew, Ll. Savage (Left Wing).

Names to be checked

Druids: J. Jones (Goal); R. Jones, + E. Bowen (Backs); W. Williams, R. Davies, J. Davies (Half Backs); A. Powell, J. Doughty (Right Wing), W. Jones (Centre), + W. Tyler, + C. Davies (Left Wing).

+ Initials to be confirmed

Umpires: E. Morgan for Newtown and Powell for Druids. Referee: ??

REPLAY : Sat Dec 27th:

DRUIDS 6 (J. Doughty 2, Albert Powell, Albert Jones 2, W. Jones) NEWTOWN 0 (H.T. 3-0) (At Ruabon)

Athletic News 31/12/84 P.3/Bell's Life 31/12/84 P.1/Referee 28/12/84 P.6/Sporting Life 29/12/84 P.4/Sportsman 29/12/84 P.4:

SM: "Returning from their trip to Lancashire, where they were defeated by Accrington, the Druids met Newtown at Ruabon, on Saturday, for the purpose of deciding their tie in the second round of the Association Cup competition, the first attempt to settle matters ending in a draw. Newtown, who had played a drawn game the previous day with Oswestry in the Wales and Border Counties competition, brought anything but their best team with them, and had to return home defeated. E. Jones kicked off for the visitors. The ball was well returned, and the Druids at once commenced to press the men from Montgomeryshire. Several corners followed in quick succession, but nothing tangible resulted, and Newtown at length paid a visit to the Druids' quarters. A corner was obtained, but nothing came of it. The game continued pretty even for the next quarter of an hour, each goal being visited in turn. Hibbert made a splendid shot into the mouth of goal, but Jones knocked it out, and soon afterwards the Druids got the ball across the field, and about half an hour from the start Doughty shot the first goal, and about ten minutes subsequently put in a second. This was objected to on the ground of offside, but allowed. A few minutes afterwards a beautiful shot of Albert Powell's increased the score to three. Just before the whistle blew for "half time" Savage, one of the Newton forwards, fell and wrenched his knee, and was compelled to retire from the game. After crossing over the Druids penned the visitors and three more goals were scored by Albert Jones (two) and W. Jones. The game thus ended in a win for the home team by six goals to nil."

REF: "These teams made another attempt at Ruabon to settle their tie in the second round. Newtown brought a somewhat indifferent team, and although they fairly held their own for the first twenty minutes, they afterwards went to pieces, and the Druids won easily. Doughty scored twenty-five

minutes from the start, and added another goal soon afterwards and Powell kicked third in the second half. A. Jones increased the score by kicking two goals and the sixth was shot by W. Jones. The game thus ended in a win for Druids by six goals to nil."

BL: "The visitors who, on the day previous, had played a drawn game with Oswestry in the Welsh Cup, were by no means strongly represented, and eventually sustained a reverse by no fewer than six goals to one" (meant none) "The contest requires but little description, as from the first the home team had all the best of it, and at half time had scored three goals. After change one of the Newtown men was disabled, and three further points were scored by the Druids."

SM: "Savage had to leave the field at half-time in consequence of an injured knee."

Wrexham Advertiser 3/1/85 P.5: "After an undecided game, the teams representing the Druids and Newtown Clubs met on Saturday at Ruabon. The Druids won by six to nil." (No lineups)

Druids: J. Jones (Goal); R. Jones, W. H. Minshall-Jones (Backs); + W. Williams, J. Davies, R. Davies (Half Backs); Albert Powell, W. Jones (Right Wing), J. Doughty (Centre), Albert Jones, + D. Jones (Left Wing).

+ Initials to be confirmed

Newtown: A. Townsend (Goal); D. Jones, H. Owens (Backs); R. Jones, P. Ingram, G. Wilson (Half Backs); H. Hibbert, W. Astley (Right Wing), E. Jones (Centre), L. I. Savage, E. Davies (Left Wing).

Names to be checked

Umpires: E. Bowen (Ruabon) and T. Evans (Newtown).

Referee: Coope(r) (Llangollen)

CHIRK 4 (Not traced, E. Povey, P. Griffiths, Not traced) WREXHAM OLYMPIC 1 (A. Lea) (H.T 2-0) (Sat Nov 29th)

Wrexham Advertiser 6/12/84 P.6/Sporting Life 1/12/84 P.4/Sportsman 1/12/84 P.4:

WA: "These teams met at Chirk on Saturday afternoon in the second round of the competition. The home team had the best of the game throughout, eventually winning by four goals to one."

SL: "The weather was fine and frosty, and there was a fair attendance of spectators. Wrexham, who had an indifferent team, owing to enforced defections at the last moment, won the toss, and Chirk kicked off with the wind slightly in favour of the visitors. Hayes was hurt soon after starting, and twenty minutes from the kick off Sisson burst his right boot, and had to retire temporarily. After half an hour's play Chirk scored the first goal the goalkeeper missing his kick. Almost immediately afterwards W. Roberts was badly hurt, and had to retire for the remainder of the first half. From a corner, entrusted to George Griffiths, a second goal was scored for Chirk, the ball being headed through by Povey just before half time was whistled. After change Wrexham pulled themselves together and for some time the game was very even, both citadels being stormed in turn. Eventually, out of a scrummage, the first and only goal for the Olympians was headed through by Lea. Soon after Griffiths scored for Chirk, and a fourth was subsequently added, and the game ended in a win for the home team by four goals to one."

Chirk:J.Conde(Goal),C.Bolas,A.Jones(Capt.)(Backs);H.Owen,J.Jones,D.Jones(Half Backs);
W.Owen,P.Griffiths(Right Wing),E.Povey(Centre),T.Williams,George Griffiths(Left Wing).

All checked

Wrexham Olympic:C.L.Heywood(Goal);R.Roberts,+F.Owen(Backs);T.Burke(Capt.),+E.Owen,J.Wilding
(Half Backs);A.Hayes,W.Roberts(Right Wing),A.Lea(Centre),H.Sisson,+J.Pugh(Left Wing). (SL/SM
have J.Owens and E.Owens)

+To be checked

Umpires:Thomas for Chirk and Taylor for Wrexham Olympic.Referee:Earlham(Davenham)

QUEEN'S PARK 2 (D.S.Allan,R.M.Christie) CREWE ALEXANDRA 1 (+G.Taylor)(H.T. 2-1)(At Queen's
Park,Glasgow)(Sat Dec 6th)(Scorer attributed by CMFM but "scrimmage" or "rush" in reports below)

N.B.Abandoned earl in 2nd half

Crewe Guardian 10/12/84 P.5/Glasgow Herald 8/12/84 P.11/Bell's Life 10/12/84 P.1/Athletic News
10/12/84 P.3/Northwich Guardian 10/12/84 P.5/Sportsman 8/12/84 P.4/Sporting Life 8/12/84 P.4/
Referee 7/12/84 P.6/Sportsman 8/12/84 P.4:

CG/NG:"Played at Glasgow on Saturday in the presence of 1,500 spectators.The home team winning
the toss elected to play against a slight wind,which was blowing obliquely,and Harrower started the
game at 2.30 punctually.A rush was at once made by the Scotch left wing forwards,Downes tackling
and returning in good style.Campbell was applauded for some smart handling,and the Alexandrians
were considerably pressed.A foul was given in favour of Queen's Park,and was taken by Anderson,
but he shot wide.Parker shortly afterwards was called upon to save his charge,which he did finely,
making a huge kick.Edwards now got possession,and dodged Campbell,and after one of the finest
pieces of passing ever seen-the whole of the Crewe forwards participating-+Pearson and Taylor
conjointly registering the first goal for the Englishmen,amidst deafening applause,seven minutes
from the kick-off.The home team were evidently surprised at the passing and dodging of the Crewe
forwards,and also at the stubborn defence shown by the back division,and they redoubled their
efforts.A corner now fell to the Scotchmen,which was well got away,and a foul was given near goal a
short time afterwards,Conde saving grandly.The Queen's Park forwards,however,would not be
denied,a grand run on the left by Christie and Allan ending in the latter scoring with a splendid side
shot,which it would have been impossible to have stopped,as the leather was very high up,and went
through near the right goal post.Twenty minutes had now elapsed,and the excitement ran high.
Christie put in some very strong runs,finding the Crewe backs plenty of work,and eventually shot
past Downes and was off like a deer,the Crewe backs being well up the ground.Although Downes
strained every nerve to overtake him,it was no use,and when close in goal he(Christie) let fly and
completely beat Parker.The Alexandrians now played with great determination,Taylor especially
distinguishing himself by a great run,and Harvie was compelled to concede a corner.Taylor took the
kick,and placed finely,and Edwards sent in a warm one,but the ball rebounded off Campbell.Give-
and-take play was now the order,Christie and Anderson shooting in good style,and Parker's coolness
and excellent judgment stood him in good stead,he saving his goal about this period in a fine
manner.Harrower now had an easy chance,but mulled the ball,and from a good piece of play by the
Crewe forwards,Edwards ultimatley made a splendid shot,which struck the bar,and unfortunatley

went over-a very hard slice of luck for the visitors. Watkins, Fennell, and Taylor were now well to the fore, the first-named almost scoring, the cross-wind taking the ball just outside the post. Nothing further was scored during the first half-time, and the teams crossed over. Play had only resumed about three minutes when a tremendous storm burst out, and players and spectators made a rush for shelter. So terrible was the state of the elements that, in a very few minutes, the ground –which at the commencement of the game was in a very soft state-became completely flooded. The captains of the teams could see that it would be an utter impossibility to carry on the game, and the Crewe representatives very considerably agreed to abandon the game, and to scratch in favour of Queen's Park. Taking the play on the whole it may be confidently said that the Alexandra team never played better. To particularise any player would be invidious, the result not being one which even the most sanguine supporter of the Alexandra could even have anticipated, and of which everyone must feel proud. The Scotchmen were also in excellent form, having been practising assiduously for a week prior to the match, Campbell, Gow, Anderson, and Christie showing magnificently. The teams were afterwards entertained at the Atholl Arms Hotel, and frequent eulogiums were passed by the Scotchmen upon the rapid advance made by the Crewe Alexandra side since their first visit to Crewe."

GH:"The weather was most unpropitious and the spectators numbered only about 1500. The strangers came with a reputation of being good exponents of the game, but the form they showed on Saturday was not up to what might have been expected. Their passing and their dribbling were much inferior to that of their opponents, and their kicking was "wild", although they could tackle pretty well. About five minutes after the start the Crewe secured a goal through a scrimmage, but after this the ball was kept frequently in their own territory. The Queen's forwards played in excellent style, and had several shots at goal, but the Englishmen's custodian managed to keep his goal intact. Several times the leather was sent just past the post. About 30 minutes after the kick off, Allan on the left wing, sent in a fine long shot, which the Crewe's goalkeeper was unable to keep out. Almost immediately after this Christie scored a second goal for the home team. The Queen's forwards had now some fine runs up the field, but there was no further scoring. The strong wind which blew in the face of the Queen's men prevented accurate shooting for goal. Shortly before the call of half time the Queen's Park lost an excellent opportunity of scoring. Christie brought the ball down the field in fine style, and, when near the goal, sent it across to Watt, who, however, missed the chance. No sooner was the second half commenced than the rain began to fall in torrents, and put a stop to the match. The Queen's Park, after a short time, wanted to resume the game, but their opponents refused, and Queen's Park were accordingly declared the winners by two goals to one."

BL:"Played on the Queen's Park ground in most miserable weather, rain falling throughout the afternoon, whilst a strong south-westerly wind made matters still more unpleasant. The visitors won the toss and, of course, played with the wind behind them. The Crewe were the first to score, the ball being rushed through from a miss-kick by Gillespie. Allan speedily equalised matters, and before ends were changed Christie added another point. Directly afterwards a terrific storm of wind and rain broke over the ground driving spectators and players alike to the Pavilion for shelter. Seeing that there was but little chance of the squall abating the Crewe captain declined to play further, and withdrew from the contest."

Queen's Park:G.Gillespie(Goal);J.J.Gow,J.Harvie(Backs);C.Campbell,J.MacDonald(Half Backs);
A.Hamilton,W.Anderson(Right Wing),W.W.Watt(Capt.),W.Harrower(Centres),R.M.Christie,
D.S.Allan(Left Wing).

All initials checked

(AN/REF/SL have Mc Dougall and Wallace as backs and GH has Harvey)

Crewe Alexandra:H.Parker(Goal);W.Downes,C.Conde(Backs);W.S.Bell(Capt.),F.Marsh(Half Backs);
F.Fennell,J.Watkin(Right Wing),W.Edwards,G.Taylor(Centres),H.Done,J.Pearson(Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires:T.Y.Brock and T.M.Abraham.Referee:M.J.Paul,Port Glasgow Athletic.

MACCLESFIELD 1 (Rev.R.F.Cobbold) LEEK 5 (W.Vickerstaff,W.E.Allen,Others 3)(H.T. 0-2)
(Sat Dec 6th)(At Macclesfield)

KR Source Leek Times/Macclesfield Courier 13/12/84 P.8:

FIND REPORT(Short report in Athletic News 10/12/84 P.3)

Leek Book P.54/55:"On December 6th Leek went to Macclesfield,to play off the second round for the Cup.There were nearly three thousand spectators,over four hundred of whom had come from Leek by special train,arranged for by the Leek club.Leek had to play against the wind,and for the first ten minutes the game appeared decidedly slow,the home team having the best of the exchanges.Leek, however,got an opening,and Vickerstaff and Rider making a grand run,Bancroft gave a corner to save.Macclesfield retaliated and gave a similar advantage,and then from a good centre by Allen, Vickerstaff scored the first goal for Leek after twenty minutes' play.Following this,Brentnall kicked straight into goal,and Morton keeping the ball in his hands,Allen rushed up;and avoiding the goalkeeper's kind intention of putting him over his back,shot the ball out of his hands through the posts,notching No. 2 for Leek.Soon after this,Bates going over to the left wing to tackle Vickerstaff, got the worst of a charge with that player,and had to leave the field,the Macclesfield spectators being much incensed by an accident to their champion,which was entirely of his own seeking.Half-time arrived without any addition to the score,and on resuming the hopes of the spectators were raised once more by a successful shot by Cobbold.From this point the ten Macclesfield players were never in the running,and Leek scored three more goals,having also another by Vickerstaff disallowed.Leek were then five goals to one,and they received as a result some ill-treatment from the spectators,who threw clods and things at them as they left the ground,Allen having his head cut open.The Leek team was as usual,and the Macclesfield team was made up of ..." (see below).

York Herald 8/12/84 P.8:"Great excitement prevailed during the match at Macclesfield between the local club and Leek.Some good play was shown,but Leek proved the stronger side,and won by five goals to (one).For the successful team,(V)ickerstaff,Wardle,and Whittles played exceedingly well, while Mason,Dunkerley,and Downie were most conspicuous for Macclesfield."

Macclesfield:J.Morton(Goal),A.Bancroft,T.Mason(Backs),J.Dunkerley,C.Downie,W.Goodfellow(Half Backs),P.Wright,F.Bond,J.Bates,Rev.R.F.Cobbold,J.Howorth.(MC)(LT has 6,5,4)

NOT DOUBLE CHECKED

Check Howarth Macclesfield online archive

Leek:E.Hassall(Goal);F.Byrne,G.C.Wardle(Backs);G.Tudor,J,Smethurst,H.E.Whittles,
W.Vickerstaff,M.Rider,H.Stonehewer,J.Brentnall,W.E.Allen.(LT)

All checked

FIFTH DIVISION:

Middlesbrough v Newark (At Middlesbrough)

Redcar or Sunderland v Grimsby Town (At Redcar or Sunderland)

Lincoln,a bye

MIDDLESBROUGH 4 (A.Borrie,J.Hardwick,A.R.Pringle 2)NEWARK 1 (C.J.Huskinson)
(H.T. 3-0)(Sat Dec 6th)(At Middlesbrough)

York Herald 8/12/84 P.8/Northern Echo 8/12/84 P.4/Athletic News 10/12/84 P.3/Sporting Life
8/12/84 P.4:

YH:"The Newark eleven,who had been drawn against the Middlesbro' team in the second round of the English Cup competition,journeyed to Teeside,and played off their tie on the Middlesbro' ground.Neither club was represented at its best,+Mr O.H.Cochrane,the captain of the home team,being unable to appear owing to injury sustained in a match last week,while the visitors were deprived ,through illness,of the services of Mr W.Machin,one of the best players in the Newark district.The weather was favourable,and as the match had been looked forward to with considerable interest,there was a large attendance of spectators,nearly 2,000 ladies and gentlemen being present.The strangers,singular to say,wore almost the same coloured jerseys as the local men and in order that the two teams might be better distinguished by the onlookers the home team tied white handkerchiefs round their arms.The choice of ends fell to the visitors whose captain selected the eastern goal,thus securing the aid of the wind.Borrie set the ball in motion for the home team,and after a smart run Fox made a good but unsuccessful attempt at goal.A few minutes after,the ball all the while being kept in the visitors' territory,Borrie got possession out of a scrimmage and put it neatly between the uprights.From the quarters of the visitors,who had almost obtained a goal,the ball was sent in fine style down the ground by Miller,and after a pretty piece of dribbling by Borrie,it was passed to Hardwick,who sent it past the goalkeeper amidst loud applause,thus scoring,within ten minutes of the commencement of the game,their second goal.The strangers warming to their work,some fast and furious play ensued,and the frequent charges of the Newark representatives,who were much more powerfully built than their opponents,led to some awkward spills.For some time the visitors showed some better play,their running being admirable,and they secured several corner kicks.From none of them,however,were they able to score,indeed most of their attempts to place the ball in front of the goal were exceedingly bad."Hands" being called by Newark near the mouth of the Middlesbro' goal,the appeal was allowed,but they were unable to break through the defence of the home team and a piece of amusing play on the part of the goalkeeper caused general laughter. He had caught the ball close on to his lines,and was charged by one of the Newark men, when he dodged and threw the ball out.Just before half time,after some smart play by Pickstock, T"Toby"Wynn, Fox,and Hardwick,the latter passed to Pringle who,after a miss-kick,got the ball again

and scored the third goal for Middlesbro'. In the second half of the game it was thought the better stamina of the visitors would tell in their favour, and playing better together, they got the globe several times in front of the Middlesbro' goal, but always failed to get it through. After a scrimmage in the mouth of the goal, Borrie took it by a splendid run to the other end of the ground, and passing to Pickstock, the latter dribbled it in fine style to Pringle, who scored the fourth goal. Some fine runs by the visitors ensued, Mr Huskinson and the Rev Mr Saunders showing some grand play, and the former eventually scored the only goal for Newark. Very shortly afterwards Hardwick kicked another goal for the home team, but it was disallowed on the count of offside, and the game terminated in favour of Middlesbro' by four goals to one. The visitors played well individually, but lacked the combined play which is the strong feature of the Middlesbro' men."

+Listed as going to play in North Eastern Daily Gazette of Middlesbrough 6/12/84 P.4 but replaced by R.J.Becton with otherwise the Middlesbrough team below

Middlesbrough: J. Dawkins (Goal); T. H. Wynn, George Miller (Backs); R. L. Peel, R. J. Becton, E. Pauls (Half Backs); W. Pickstock, A. R. Pringle, A. Borrie (Capt.), W. Fox, J. Hardwick (Forwards).

All checked

Newark: W. Reckitt (Goal); A. Wilson, H. J. Smith (Backs); +H. Trickett, J. Stennett (Capt.), R. D. Preston (Half Backs); R. Matthews, C. J. Huskinson, Rev. W. Saunders, F. Flowers, W. Morley (Forwards).

+Not checked

Umpires: P. Hardisty for Middlesbrough and R. C. Preston for Newark. Referee: J. P. Williams, Loftus.

GRIMSBY 3 (T. Garnham 2, R. Raynes) REDCAR 1 (G. Hikeley) (H. T. 1-1) (Sat Dec 6th) (At Grimsby)

Lincolnshire Chronicle 12/12/84 P.8/ Hull Packet 12/12/84 P.3:

LC: "These teams having been drawn together in the second round of the above-named ties, and the choice of ground having, for the second time, fallen to Grimsby's opponents, a sufficient inducement was offered the northern club to make it worth their while visiting Grimsby, which they did on Saturday last, the 6th inst. A cup tie is always of sufficient interest in Grimsby to attract an attendance of spectators, but the fact of the visitors having defeated the Sunderland "cracks" in the first round of these ties, made their visit still more attractive, and nearly 2,000 persons witnessed the match, which was played in fine weather and on a fairly fast ground. Having settled the preliminaries, Raynes set the leather going against the wind shortly after two o'clock. The ball was immediately returned to Bulman on the visitors' left, who quickly took it up the wing and middled it at the right moment, thus enabling Hikeley to score for Redcar within a minute of the kick off. Both the home team and their supporters were evidently taken aback at this reverse, but the latter, on recovering themselves, awarded the visitors a hearty cheer for their splendid play. Placed on their mettle, the home team renewed hostilities with greater vigour and more watchfulness, with the satisfactory result that the visitors were frustrated in their skillful efforts to augment their score, while the home team, by really smart combination, made matters even before ends were changed, Garnham, dashing up in time to score from a throw out of Howcroft's occasioned by a straight and hot shot of Raynes. Three corner kicks fell to the home team and one to the visitors, but all proved fruitless, that of the visitors being placed behind the goal by Simpson. After the usual interval Williams re-started the game for the

visitors, who got dangerously near Asling's goal, and obtained the first place kick for handling the sphere, which Simpson was entrusted with, but his practice was very erratic. Asling once more set the ball rolling, and it was quickly transferred to the opposite goal, and a corner of a defensive character fell to Noble, who placed the ball admirably, but Read failed to take advantage of his opportunity. After a short run by the visitors' right, which was abruptly terminated by the obstructive tactics of H. Taylor and Chambers, a long shot of J. Taylor's almost reduced the Redcar citadel, the ball just going over the cross-bar; applause greeted this effort from mid-field. The place kick from goal gave Harrison and Hikeley an opportunity, and they successfully dribbled and passed past their opponents, and the former put in a grand shot which caused Asling to handle again, but he succeeded in dropping the ball out of immediate danger, hearty and prolonged cheering being evoked by the all-round good play exhibited. The home right wing next invaded, and Noble was again entrusted with the corner which fell to his side. His shot was again excellent, but was rewarded with greater success, as Garnham managed, out of the scrimmage it produced, to charge both player and ball through the uprights amidst manifestations of jubilation on the part of the onlookers. Shortly after re-starting a combined effort on the part of Monument, Raynes, and Noble, enabled the last-named to jeopardise the visitors' goal by a shot which he directed. Another, taken by Read, proved unfruitful, though well aimed. The last-named met with better success in his next effort, for, on receiving the ball from Chambers, he managed to pass both Wilkinson and Alvey and centred opportunely to Raynes, who beat Howcroft by the shot he put in, thus adding the third and last notch for the home team after about 22 minutes' play. The visiting captain (Harrison, of Sheffield renown) not being able to do much owing to the pressing attentions of Messrs. Chambers and H. Taylor, occupied the position of centre forward and Williams tried what he could do on the wing. This change proved slightly advantageous for a few minutes as the home players required a little time to adapt themselves to the somewhat unusual styles of play of their opponents; it was during this period that the visitors managed to put the pressure on their opponents, and both J. Taylor and Chambers conceded a corner to Redcar. Wilkinson placed both shots well in front of Asling's goal, but neither took effect, and Hall ultimately cleared his lines, and Raynes, Read, and Monument each shot the sphere dangerously near the visitors' stronghold, but no further scoring ensued, though another corner was gained and taken by Noble with his customary skill. Until the call of time the game continued to be contested in the visitors' quarters, as Kimpson had quickly assumed the bothering tactics, which alone had prevented Harrison's wonderful dribbling from becoming dangerous. Thus an enjoyable game ended, contrary to expectation, in a well-earned and decisive victory for Grimsby by three goals to one."

Grimsby: W. Asling (Goal); J. H. Taylor, H. Taylor (Backs); R. C. Hall (Capt.), G. Kimpson, H. Chambers (Half Backs); S. Noble, T. Garnham (Right Wing), R. Raynes (Centre), A. H. Read, H. Monument (Left Wing).

All checked

Redcar: J. T. Howcroft (Goal); T. Alvey, T. Bradbury (Backs); C. Wilkinson, R. Agar, T. Simpson (Half Backs); W. Harrison (Capt.), G. Hikeley (Right Wing), S. Williams (Centre), J. Bulman, T. Reid (Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires: Mr W. T. Lammin for Grimsby and Mr E. T. Umpleby for Redcar. Referee: Mr Harvey (Sheffield Association)

LINCOLN CITY, a bye.

SIXTH DIVISION:

South Shore v Church (At Blackpool)
Southport v Low Moor (At Southport)
Blackburn Rovers v Blackburn Olympic (At Blackburn)
Witton, a bye

SOUTH SHORE 2 (Robert Elston 2) CHURCH 3 (J.Beresford, J.Crawford 2) (H.T. 2-1) (F.T. 2-2) (After Extra Time) (Sat Dec 6th) (At Blackpool)

KR Original Source Blackpool Times :

Blackpool Herald 12/12/84 P.7:

BH: "This tie in the second round of the English Cup Competition was played at South Shore on neutral ground last Saturday, in the presence of fully 700 spectators. This year South Shore have been playing so well, and have been scoring such brilliant wins, that the feeling in well-informed circles was that on Saturday they would win, and the chances are that they would run up a tolerably large score if the match had been played on the old ground. As it was, the home team made a grand fight, and if anything, perhaps, had the best of the game. The dribbling, dodging, passing, and shooting of the home forwards was a sight to behold, and roused the spectators to immense enthusiasm. The shots that scored the two goals that South Shore got were no fluke ones; both were sent in by Robert Elston, and they were sent in hard and vicious, and no goalkeeper upon earth could have stopped them."

"South Shore won the toss, and elected to defend the south goal. Beresford kicked off for Church at exactly 2.20, South Shore then having only seven men on the field. Crawford was the first to get hold, and passed to Beresford, who ran the ball through, +ten seconds only having elapsed since kick the kick off. The home team had by this time whipped up their eleven, and play began in real earnest. Elston re-started the game, and at once Ainsworth dashed away, George clearing his lines in fine style. Heaton and Ainsworth got past Taylor, and the former were becoming dangerous when George came up with a rush and saved. Hall here came in for loud applause for some really clever play at half-back. Some good placing by Gregson and Holden gave the Shore lads some trouble, but Westhead got it away. Then the home team went up the field in rare form, their passing at this time being splendid. Elston was in front, and lost an easy chance by shooting out. Again the home forwards got in front, Thackery passed the leather to Robert Elston, who scored a neat goal for South Shore amidst cheers. Crawford now dodged up the centre, and in company with (Connell), caused Westhead and Dakin to be smart. Heaton was again busy, Taylor coming to the rescue; then Elston dashed down, and Thackery just shaved the post. Beresford and Holden carried play to the other end. Church now began to press South Shore a little, Dakin and Westhead, however, playing well to each other, foiled all attempts to score. Dakin on one occasion had a prolonged tussle with Gregson for the possession of the ball, the South Shorer coming off the best. Robert Elston now, with a grand flying shot, scored a beauty, amidst a perfect storm of applause. Resuming, Beresford got an opening, and planted the ball well in, but Wood saved finely. Connell and Crawford, on the right, began to trouble the home backs, but Dakin by a good kick sent the sphere to midfield, and Thackery and Robert Elston by some pretty passing threatened Pilling's charge, but Taylor saved at the expense of a corner, which, however, proved fruitless. Gregson and Holden were next to the fore with a fine run up the

left, but Dakin again averted danger. Crawford immediately afterwards shot across the goal mouth, the ball, however, going out. Shortly after this the whistle blew for half-time.

On the restart Beresford came in first for notice by a good run, but Sharples kicked well. Eventually Crawford and Connell got away past Hall and crossed the ball, over to the left; an attempt was made to score, but was easily repulsed. Again were Heaton and Ainsworth conspicuous by some nice passing, after which some grand play by the home half-backs was witnessed, Hall especially being to the fore with his useful clean kicking. Church were now playing with an effort. Two minutes off time, and a goal to the bad! A stinging shot from a corner was now sent in, which Crawford promptly converted into a second goal. Time was immediately called, a draw of two goals each.

It was now decided to play an extra half-hour. Beresford kicked off, Gregson got nicely to the fore and passed to Holden, who was, however, nicely intercepted by Westhead, and the ball sent out of play. From the throw in, Kenyon got possession, but Sharples and Walsh proved too many for him, and he was forced to relinquish it in their favour. Elston's efforts to score were frustrated by George at back, who saved his goal at a critical moment by a timely kick. Pilling, after this, was forced to use his hands pretty freely. Again Sharples transferred the sphere to his opponents' goal, but George and Taylor at back worked hard, and with effect. Ends were now changed, South Shore having a stiff wind, almost a gale in fact, to face. On the restart Connell and Crawford were to the front and running strongly to the other end, but Dakin relieved. The South Shore goal was now besieged. Wood, Dakin, and Westhead, however, managed to keep their goal intact. Walsh came in for applause for his fine display at half-back. Play for a little while was of an even character, neither side having any advantage, until about a minute off time, when the ball was shot past Wood, by Crawford. No further point was notched, Church winning a hard game by three goals to two. For Church George and J. Wood played magnificently, as also did Gregson, Crawford, and Beresford. For South Shore it would be hard to pick anyone out as being more prominent than his companions. Sharples made a very favourable impression, his tackling being first-rate. Sharples is a mere lad from the junior team, and played with the first team for the first time. Some people were rather doubtful as to the wisdom of playing him in an important match, such as this; but we must congratulate him on his clever performance, and hope the encouragement thus given by his club will be the means of still further improvement in him. It is some time since the South Shore supports witnessed such full back play as was exhibited on Saturday by Dakin and Westhead."

+Record at that time?

South Shore: Wood (Goal); Dakin, Westhead (Backs), Walsh, Sharples, Hall (Half Backs),
Heaton, Ainsworth (Right Wing), Richard Elston (Centre), Robert Elston, Thackery (Left Wing).

Church: +Pilling (Goal); J. Taylor, +George (Backs), W. Wood, J. Wood, ++T. Kenyon (Half Backs);
J. Crawford, J. Connell (Right Wing), J. Beresford (Centre), J. H. Gregson, J. Holden (Left Wing)

+Find initials. ++Blackpool Times has J. Worthington?: but BH has T. Kenyon

Umpires: Johnson for South Shore and Crabtree for Church. Referee: R. P. Gregson (Blackburn)

SOUTHPORT 3 (Dalby, Morris, 1 other) LOW MOOR 1 (Wrigley) (H.T. 2-0) (Sat Nov 22nd)

Blackburn Standard 29/11/84 P.3/Manchester Courier 24/11/84 P.3 :

BS:"The above teams met to play their tie on Saturday on the ground of the latter(Southport).There was only a moderate number of spectators present,and about 2.40 Dalby set motion to the ball,the visitors having won the toss.At the outset of the game the right wing paid a visit to the home goal. Baxter made a miskick,and a goal was nicely saved by Burnett,who followed behind,and neatly passed the ball on the right,when Melrose with the aid of Morris made a good attempt.The same two players were again busy,when the leather was centred,and Dalby scored the first point amid cheers.This occurrence stirred the play up of the visitors,who up to this time had been playing rather tame,a wise pass on the part of Robinson gave the ball to Wrigley,who just cleared the bar.Shot after shot about this time went in,Platt in goal was very useful,and managed to defy them scoring.Before the whistle made known the interval,Morris,who was clearly offside,notched another.The latter portion of the game,with a slight change in the position of men,benefited the visitors much,and the first fifteen minutes of play was confined in the home quarters.Two corners afterwards were awarded Low Moor,the latter was well planted by Wrigley,the custodian touched it through,this being the first goal for the visitors.Hardly five minutes had elapsed when Robinson sent another fairly between;Wrigley charged one of the backs,and the referee,in consequence,disallowed what ought to have been credited.The forwards again came with a rush,and Chippendale charged the custodian through with ball in hand.Another claim was set at nought,to the amazement of spectators and players.In this half Southport scored one,which was rather doubtful,offside being claimed.The home team were winners by three to one."

MC:"Played at Southport only before a moderate number of supporters.Score Southport,three goals; Low Moor,one goal."

Southport:S.Platt(Goal);T.B.Burnett,H.Baxter(Backs);A.Bailey,E.Ramsbottom,J.H.Johnson(Half Backs); T.Morris,J.Melross,A.B.Dalby,P.Mellor,J.(I.)Briggs(Forwards).(MC)

Low Moor:Fielden(Goal);Slinger,Eastwood(Backs);Swarbrick,Kenyon,Tomlinson(Half Backs); D.Wrigley,Ramsbottom,Chippendale,J.Wrigley,C.Robinson(Forwards).

No other initials found

(Fielding in the 12/1/85 MC Report of 10/1/85 game v Bolton Wanderers)

Umpires:Hitchen and Hatch.Referee:Hindle(Darwen).

BLACKBURN ROVERS 3 (H.L.Fecitt 2 +J.E.Sowerbutts) BLACKBURN OLYMPIC 2
(++W.Parker,"scrimmage")(H.T. 1-1)(Sat Dec 6th)(At Leamington Ground Blackburn)

+Sowerbutts

++Parker given in several papers but not BS but maybe BT as in History

Blackburn Standard 13/12/84 P.3/Athletic News 10/12/84 P.3/Bell's Life 10/12/84 P.1/Sheffield Independent 8/12/84 P.4/Sportsman 8/12/84 P.4/Sporting Life 8/12/84 P.4/Referee 7/12/84 P.6:

BS:"This tie was played on the ground of the Rovers on Saturday.About 12,000 people witnessed the match,which was very exciting,the game being very even and hotly contested throughout.The

Rovers won the toss, and the Olympic ran the ball down against the wind, and, after a return by Suter, Parker shot over. Then Arthur stopped a good one from Hunter, but he was directly afterwards compelled to concede a corner. Travelling up, Douglas had a shot which went very wide. Then Brown had a crashing shot, which Hacking saved beautifully, and after a stiff scrimmage, the leather was cleared. Ward gave an unlucky corner, which was put in grandly by Brown, and out of the rush Fecitt scored for the Rovers after eight minutes' play. Lofthouse then showed some pretty play, and then Suter gave hands rather close. Duckworth took the kick, but it was easily got away. Walton had a shot at the other end, which Ward rushed in and cleared, and some close work followed in the Olympic goal. McIntyre put in some strong kicking, which kept the attack at the visitors' end, and Brown had another corner. Then the Olympic left came down cleverly, and after McIntyre had headed out a shot by ++Parker, Whitehead scored for the Olympic amid great cheering. An appeal for offside was disallowed. The Rovers again took up the attack, and Brown had another well-placed corner. Turner displayed excellent defence, and Beverley missing his kick would have let Brown in but for Ward, who beat him on the line. The Olympic were again dangerous, and a shot for goal just went wide. Turner then gave a corner, which Whitehead put right at Brown's feet. He was knocked over, and the leather returned, when Arthur caught and threw out from Whitehead, whilst Dewhurst, who worked the ball nicely into position, kicked high over. Brown and Lofthouse both had good shots, but Hacking saved faultlessly. At half time the Rovers were pressing, but the game had become much more quiet. The Olympic started the second half with the wind in their favour, and the score at one goal each. Lofthouse had possession, when he was robbed by Duckworth, who, however, gave a corner. This went behind. After McIntyre had beaten Duckworth in a nice bit of dodging, Sowerbutts should have scored, and the corners followed at either ends. Costley tried a shot from centre, but without effect. Douglas had a long shot, which went over, and the game became quiet until the Olympic, from a corner, rushed the ball through the posts a second time amidst great cheering. This roused the Rovers, who quickly ran in, and McIntyre took a free kick. He lifted the ball gently and it passed between the posts. The Olympic objected on the ground that it had not touched anyone, but Mr Crump allowed the goal. The Olympic in consequence of this were about to leave the field, but on the advice of a vice-president of the club, they returned, and play was resumed. Ward tripped Lofthouse badly, and there was more confusion, the crowd evidently being Olympic in their sympathies. Brown and Whitehead each kicked over the bar, and then Fecitt scored the third goal for the Rovers, who won by three goals to two."

Manchester Courier 8/12/84 P.3(no lineups)"Unusual interest was excited by the holders meeting the ex-holders of this trophy to decide which team should enter the third round of this season's competition, and 7,000 spectators assembled to view the encounter on the Leamington Road Ground, Blackburn on Saturday. A strong wind blew up the slope of the field and the Rovers chose to have it behind them in the first half. The Olympians became aggressive as soon as the game commenced, but they were driven back, and eight minutes from the start, from a corner kick, Brown dropped a ball just in front of the bar, and a short scrimmage ended in Fecitt securing the first point for the Rovers. Seventeen minutes from the start Gibson sent the ball down the field, and Costley running along the wing, centred to Parker who, after some fine defence, equalised the score amid great cheering. Both teams played with determination, but at half time the score remained one goal each. For 20 minutes after the change of ends neither side could score, but then, from a corner kick by Hunter, the ball was scrimmaged through the Rovers' goal. A minute later McIntyre made a free kick near the Olympic goal and sent the ball between the posts. An excited dispute followed, the

Olympians denying the allegation that the ball had touched a +player, but the referee decided in the Rovers' favour. The Olympic players were leaving the field in a body but remained in the enclosure, and, after four minutes' stoppage, play was resumed. The contest then became far more exciting than previously, and both sides made desperate efforts to score. A few minutes only had passed when Sowerbutts made a dashing run down the Rovers' left wing, and eluding Duckworth, had a tussle in the goalmouth with Beverley. Fecitt darted forward, and by a low swift shot scored the winning goal for the Rovers. For 14 minutes the game continued and both goalkeepers saved their goals in a marvellous way. The match ended in a victory for the Rovers by three goals to two .

The losers subsequently lodged a protest on the ground that the second goal allowed to the Rovers was no goal at all. They claimed that the goal was illegally allowed, as it was scored direct from a free kick, according to their contention, the ball not touching any player but the one who made a free kick. The dispute between the two clubs caused intense excitement in Blackburn on Saturday night. "(No teams) +Sowerbutts claimed that he had touched it and the referee agreed with him and reversed his decision (see History page 66)

SM/SL: "The meeting of the holders and the ex-holders of the trophy on the Leamington Gound, Blackburn, on Saturday, produced one of the most exciting contests of the round, and the 7,000 spectators drawn from many parts of the country, remained in doubt almost to the close as to the issue of the contest. The Rovers won the toss, and played with the wind behind them in the first half. The Olympians soon invaded the home goal, and a shot by Costley sent the ball just over the bar, while a long kick by Hunter placed it in the hands of Arthur. The attack was not repulsed until, from a corner kick by Hunter, the ball was sent over the goal-line. From the goal kick the Rovers got away, and Brown made a brilliant shot, which Hacking foiled at the expense of a corner-kick. The advantage proved fruitless, but from a second Brown dropped the ball just in front of the bar, and a short scrummage ended in the first goal for the Rovers, being secured by Fecitt eight minutes from the start. A free kick against the Rovers near their goal was rendered fruitless by Forrest. Both lots of backs showed to advantage, and after a corner kick for the Rovers, Gibson sent the ball down, and Costley made a good run and gave it to Parker. Turner and McIntyre finely returned the ball in turn, but the Olympic forwards continued their attack, and Parker cleverly equalised the score. For the remaining twenty-eight minutes of the first half, the play continued to be marked by determination but towards half-time became slower and less exciting. The score at half-time was one goal each. With the wind in their favour, the Olympians were considered to have the best chance of winning the game. Soon after the resumption of play, Sourbutts, from the extreme left, dropped the ball a few inches in front of the Olympic goal bar, and Hacking struck it away, but an exciting scrummage ensued, and the ball having been put over the line by a defender, a corner kick accrued without result. At the other end Arthur saved his charge at the expense of a corner kick, and Costley dropped the ball upon the bar, from which it rebounded behind. The defence of neither side could be overcome until twenty minutes after the change of ends, when, from a finely judged corner kick by Hunter, the ball was put through the Rovers' goal. Only a minute had elapsed when the Rovers had a free kick in front of their opponents' goal, and McIntyre sent the ball between the posts by a high shot. To a great number of spectators it appeared that no player had touched. The Rovers claimed a goal, and the Olympians denied that any player had touched the ball. The referee, on appeal, decided in favour of the Rovers' claim, and the Olympians marched in a body to the ropes, with the intention of leaving the field. After a remonstrance they again took their places, and, amid the greatest excitement, the play was resumed. The contest then became far more exciting than previously, and

both sides made desperate efforts to score. A few minutes only had passed, when Sourbutts made a dashing run down the Rovers' left wing, and eluding Duckworth, had a tussle in the goal mouth with Beverley. Fecitt darted forward, and by a low, swift shot, scored the winning goal for the Rovers. For fourteen minutes the game continued, and both keepers saved their ends in a marvellous way. The match ended in a victory for the Rovers by three goals to two."

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+Sowerbutts claimed that he had touched the ball on its way, and the referee accepted his word and awarded a goal.

Blackburn Rovers: J.W.H. Arthur (Goal); F. Suter, R.G. Turner (Backs); H. McIntyre, J.H. Forrest (Half Backs); J.M. Lofthouse, J. Douglas, (Right Wing), H.L. Fecitt, J. Brown (Capt.) (Centres), N. Walton, J.E. Sowerbutts (Left Wing).

All checked

Blackburn Olympic: T. Hacking (Goal); J. Beverley, J.(T.) Ward (Backs); J. Duckworth, J. Hunter (Capt.), T. Gibson (Half Backs); T. Dewhurst, W. Astley (Right Wing), W. Parker (Centre), W. Whitehead, J. Costley (Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires: R. Birtwistle and T. Woodruff. Referee: C. Crump, Birmingham Association..

Athletic News 17/12/84 P.3: "The protest by the Blackburn Olympic against the Rovers was not sustained."

WITTON, a bye

SOUTH DISTRICT:

SEVENTH DIVISION:

Hotspur v Old Wykehamists (At Wimbledon)

West End or Upton Park v Reading (At Uxbridge Road or Wanstead)

Old Carthusians or Acton v Great Marlow (At Oval (doubtful) or Acton)

HOTSPUR 1 (N. Whittaker) OLD WYKEHAMISTS 2 (J.A. Fort, F.M. Ingram) (H.T. 0-1) (Sat Dec 6th) (At Wimbledon)

Referee 7/12/84 P.6/Sporting Life 8/12/84 P.4/Field 13/12/84 P.828/Bell's Life 10/12/84 P.1:

REF: "Played at Wimbledon, and resulted in favour of the Old Wykehamists by two goals to one. In the first half the Old Wykehamists, playing with the wind, scored once, Fort doing the needful. Whittaker

equalised matters after about seventy minutes' play, and Ingram, for the visitors, scored their second goal four minutes before the termination of the game."

SL: "Played at Wimbledon on Saturday, and resulted in favour of the Old Wykehamists by two goals to one. In the first half the Old Wykehamists, playing with the wind, scored once, Fort doing the needful. Whittaker equalised matters after about seventy minutes' play, and Ingram, for the visitors, scored their second goal four minutes before the termination of the game."

F: "Played at Wimbledon on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Old Wykehamists won by two goals (Fort, Ingram) to one."

BL: "Played on the ground of the last-named (Hotspur) at Merton, in stormy weather. The play was very even throughout, the visitors scoring during the first half, whilst soon after change a goal was registered to Hotspur. A few minutes before the close the old Winchester boys added another point, and thus won by two goals to one." (No lineups)

Hotspur: J.F. Sugden (Goal); G.G. Landragin, J. Clark (Backs); J.T. Gaymer (Capt.), F.R. Johnson (Half Backs); G. Pottinger, N. Whittaker, J. Sutton, T. Proom, G.H. Quint, C. Sutton (Forwards).

All checked

Old Wykehamists: P.C. Parr (Goal); G.F. Wells-Cole, F.A. Jones (Backs), W.R. Sheldon, H.G. Majendie, H.H. Coles (Half Backs), H.W. Pike, J.A. Fort, F.M. Ingram, T.B. Hughes (Capt.), C.W. How (Forwards)

All checked

Umpires: R. Evans and E.J. Humphries. Referee: Captain Fulger.

UPTON PARK 3 (H. Lafone, F. Pellatt, S.R. Bastard) READING 1 (H.E. Walker) (H.T 0-0)
(Sat Dec 6th) (At Wanstead Park)

Reading Observer 13/12/84 P.3/Reading Mercury 13/12/84 P.2/Field 13/12/84 P.828/Sportsman 9/12/84 P.4/Sporting Life 8/12/84 P.4/Referee 7/12/84 P.6:

RO: "Reading journeyed to Wanstead on Saturday to play off their tie (the 2nd) with Upton Park, who, bye-the-bye, are the holders of the London Association Challenge Cup. During the whole of the game the wind blew a perfect hurricane, so that really good scientific play was out of the question. Unfortunately Reading were disappointed at the last moment by one of their men not turning up, and so took ten men with them, and no umpire. The home team winning the toss, elected to play with the wind at their backs, and though pressing the visitors for the first half, they were unable to score. On changing ends the game was more even, the visitors making incursions into their opponents' ground, but they were well met by the home backs. After some really good passing, Lafone scored the first goal for the Uptonians, but to many it was a very doubtful one, as Hayward's hand was very close to the post, and the ball was said to have gone between his hand and the post. Pellatt soon succeeded in scoring again, and Bastard, from a good pass by Mitchell, succeeded in getting the third point for Upton." Offside, was, however, claimed, and the referee, understanding that the umpires disagreed, gave it as his opinion that it was no goal; on hearing, however, that both umpires agreed that it was not "Off-side", he, of course, had no voice in the matter, and the goal was allowed. But it should be mentioned that Hayward, being certain that the man was "off-side", made

no attempt to stop the ball. Just before time, Walker, by a good long shot, scored a goal for Reading, and the game thus ended in a win for Upton Park by three goals to one. Reading are certainly to be congratulated on the excellent fight they made of it, especially when it is taken into consideration that they only played ten men and had to fall back on a member of their opponents' team to stand umpire for them; and it was only natural that in any doubtful event turning up during the course of the game that he would give his club the benefit of the doubt."

RM: "Reading, being drawn against Upton Park, their old opponents, journeyed to Wanstead Park on Saturday to decide who should enter the 3rd round of the Association Challenge Cup. Unfortunately at the last minute they were disappointed of one of the team, and had to play with only ten men. The Uptonians mustered their strongest team, but in spite of the odds against them the visitors were only beaten by three goals to one. The ground was in excellent condition, considering the weather, which was boisterous and wet. Mitchell won the toss for Upton, and Moore kicked off against a very high wind. The ball soon travelled towards the Reading goal, but the attempts to score proved fruitless. The kicks behind were numerous, interspersed by a few corners, nearly all of which were sent behind, owing to the force of the wind. Barnard and Woolley showed some good dribbling and passing, but their final efforts went behind. Mitchell and Pellatt constantly got within shooting distance, but were a little slow in taking their kick, and allowed Turner to take the ball away; indeed, had it not been for this ever-active centre half-back, Reading would have fared badly. As it was, half-time arrived without any score. Now and then Walker on the left and West on the right broke away, but the Upton backs were too good for them, being as they were, weakened in only having two other forwards to help them. On changing ends the game became more even, but Lafone getting well away, sent in a good shot, which was adjudged a goal, amidst cheers. Soon after Mitchell passed to Pellatt, who put the leather through, an appeal for off-side not being successful, though apparently well grounded. Again Upton scored, this time off Bastard from a pass by Mitchell, and two minutes before time Walker by a long shot lowered the home goal, the ball passing through the goalkeeper's hands over his head. For Reading all played well and pluckily, while the Upton men played a good game, which was much interfered with by the wind."

F: "This tie was played off on Dec 6th, on the ground of the Wanstead Cricket Club, about two hundred and fifty spectators assembling. In spite of the wet and very windy weather which prevailed. Both sides were short at starting; but Barnard completed the home team after fifteen minutes' play, while Reading were one short throughout. Winning the toss, the Uptonians decided to play with the strong wind behind them; but it was too strong to prove a useful ally, and half the game was expended in chasing the truant ball behind the visitors' goal, which had, however, some very narrow escapes of capture, shots by Mitchell, Pellatt, Bastard, and Lafone, being well saved by Hayward. After half time the home forwards played much better together, in spite of the gale in their faces, and after a good run by Mitchell and a shot just outside by Pellatt, a capital fast dribble was executed by Lafone, who scored the first goal, with a hard low shot. A quick run by +Bird-Thompson then took the leather to the Upton end; but it was shot outside the posts by Moore. Good dribbling by Woolley and Bastard ended in Mitchell shooting hard at the Reading goal; but Hayward saved well. Then Bastard, Mitchell, and Pellatt worked the ball well up, and Lafone put in a hot one, which Hayward again staved off. Following this, Mitchell worked the ball well up; but his shot was too high. At length a good pass by Bastard enabled Pellatt to score a second goal for Upton. The Reading forwards several times broke away from this state of siege; but the Upton backs were too good for them, and the ball was speedily returned. A good chance was afforded to Mitchell, from a pass by Barnard; but he again

lifted the ball much too high. After some open skirmishing, Barnard ran cleverly up the side, and passed to Mitchell, and the latter, being hotly tackled passed neatly to Bastard in front of goal, and a third success fell to Upton. It was now getting very dark, and just before the finish a very long shot down wind by +Bird-Thompson bounded over Francis, and secured a goal for the visitors, who soon after retired beaten by (three) goals to one."

+Bird-Thompson did not play

SL: "The visitors unfortunately were one man short in this tie at Wanstead on Saturday. Playing first half with the wind, the Uptonians could not score, though pressing Reading hard. After change Lafone scored a splendid goal, which success was followed by another from Pellatt. Before the close Bastard scored from a good pass by Mitchell, while just before time +Bird-Thompson scored with a long shot, which baffled Francis in the semi-darkness. The high wind prevented accurate play." (REF Report very similar but does not give the Reading scorer)

+F/SL/SM all list Bird-Thompson as the scorer but both RO and RM and the Reading History have Walker as the scorer and do not list Bird-Thompson in their lineups.

SM: "During the first half nothing was scored, the chasing of the ball to the extreme limits of the ground being the chief amusement."

Upton Park: W. Francis (Goal); W. J. Mangles, C. J. S. Moore (Backs); A. M. Inglis, H. P. Ward (Half Backs); S. R. Bastard, H. C. Woolley (Right Wing), C. Mitchell, T. Pellatt (Centres), J. Barnard, H. Lafone (Left Wing).

All checked: Not F. Pellatt

Reading: S. Hayward (Goal); Edgar Field, C. G. Field (Backs); T. H. Turner, C. Maxwell, J. A. Danter (Half Backs); ++A. West (Right Wing), +G. Simpson, W. H. Moore (Centres), H. E. Walker (Left Wing). (10 men)

N.B. The official forward order is uncertain

+RO has G. Egerton ++Check not F. West

Umpires: E. B. Hill and F. Barnett (Reading did not have their own umpire (see RO Report above). Referee: C. H. R. Wollaston (Wanderers).

OLD CARTHUSIANS 5 (C. A. Smith, E. H. Parry, W. N. Cobbold 2, A. J. Last) GREAT MARLOW 3 (F. Speller, C. Pigg, R. A. Lunnon) (H. T. 2-1) (Sat Dec 6th) (At Kennington Oval)

Field 13/12/84 P.828/Sportsman 8/12/84 P.4/Reading Observer 13/12/84 P.3/Bell's Life 10/12/84 P.1/Referee 7/12/84 P.6/Sporting Life 8/12/84 P.4:

Carthusian 67-129 P359: "Old Carthusians (not having satisfied rumours by withdrawing from the competition) defeated Great Marlow by 5-3."

F: "Though the weather was most unfavourable, and the sloppy state of the ground, owing to copious rains, rendered the play unreliable, this match, decided at Kennington Oval on Saturday, was by no means devoid of interest. The attendance of spectators was only moderate. Parry won the toss, and elected first to defend the goal nearest the Vauxhall side of the ground, by which means the advantage of a strong wind was secured to the Old Carthusians. Although severely tried, the defence

of Marlow proved successful in preventing any loss for five and twenty minutes. During this period corners were gained by the old Charterhouse boys, but nothing came of them. At the end of the time stated, however, the ball was sent through the Marlow goal by Smith. This was quickly followed by a second, the result practically, of a capital kick by A.M. Walters, who directed the ball so well, that the Charterhouse forwards had little difficulty in rushing it through. The game had not been long resumed when some good play on the part of the brothers Walker and Lunnon produced a corner kick, which, though well directed, was successfully disposed of; but the relief was only temporary, for Speller, with a capital shot, scored for Marlow. With two goals to one in favour of the Carthusians, ends were changed, and in a few minutes Pigg obtained a second goal for Marlow (RO: "the umpires rejecting what appeared to be a clear case of off-side just previous to the score"). The scores remained level for some time, but as the game advanced, the Old Carthusians distinctly asserted themselves, and two goals in quick succession from the foot of Cobbold caused their success to be almost certain, especially as the Marlow backs were not playing as well as before. A capital rush of the Marlow forwards, ending by a run on the part of Lunnon, resulted in that player scoring a goal; but just before the close of the match, the Carthusians again lowered the rival colours, the ball being finally kicked by Last. Thus the Old Carthusians won by five goals to three."

SM: "Parry, winning the toss, chose the western goal to commence from, and a few minutes after the appointed time, 2.30, Pigg started the ball with a strong wind against him. A corner kick by the Carthusians failed to prove effective, and a few claims of hands also came to nothing. After playing, however, for about twenty-five minutes, from a fine assault by the Carthusians Smith sent the ball between the posts, and shortly afterwards out of a bully in front of the Marlow goal Parry rushed the leather through. On resuming operations, Lunnon, backed up by the brothers Walker, went over, and Speller, taking advantage of an opportunity that presented itself, ran forward and scored for Marlow. Ends having been changed at half-time, the game continued to be carried on with unflinching spirit, and Marlow advancing to the attack, Bailey made a fine shot, which Norris cleverly stopped, but before he could get the ball away, Pigg, with a run, smartly sent it under the bar, and made the score level. Although the wind was now dead against the Carthusians it seemed to make but little difference to them, and Cobbold twice almost consecutively claimed a couple of goals. Great interest was now excited among the spectators, particularly when Lunnon kicked another item for Marlow, but very shortly before time was called Last claimed the final one, the match concluding as before mentioned."

Old Carthusians: W.H. Norris (Goal); P.M. Walters, A.M. Walters (Backs); A. Amos, J. Vintcent (Half Backs); +R.S. Oxley, W.E. Hansell (Right Wing), E.H. Parry (Capt.), A.J. Last (Centres), W.N. Cobbold, C.A. Smith. (Left Wing). +Played for Clapham Rovers Third Round 83/84 v Swifts

All checked but see below

Great Marlow: F. Plumridge (Goal); H.G. Endall, F. Speller (Backs); J.T. Flint, +W. Gill, T. Walker (Half Backs); R.A. Lunnon (Capt.), J. Bailey (Right Wing), C. Pigg (Centre), H. Walker, R. Shaw (Left Wing) .

+Only initial to be checked

+J.S. Oxley and H.R. Hewett. Referee: C.W. Alcock (Old Harrovians).

+Double check earlier games for right Oxley

EIGHTH DIVISION:

Chatham v Clapham Rovers or Hendon (At Chatham)

Hanover United v Old Foresters (At Barnes)

Romford v Dulwich (At Romford)

CHATHAM 1 (J.A.Collins) HENDON 0 (H.T.0-0)(Sat Dec 6th)(At Chatham)

Hendon & Finchley Times 13/12/84 P.5/Sportsman 8/12/84 P.4/Sporting Life 8/12/84 P.4/Bell's Life 10/12/84 P.1:

H&FT:"These clubs met on the "Lines" at Chatham,on Saturday,to contest their tie in the second round of this competition,and at the call of "Time!" victory rested with the home team by one goal to nil.The visitors won the choice of ends,and decided to commence,with a strong wind in their favour,but within a few minutes of starting the home team,by some neat play nearly succeeded in scoring,Redford just saving his charge.After this the home club was compelled to act pretty generally on the defensive,although at times the visitors had to repel some terrific onslaughts of their opponents,but up to half-time neither side had succeeded in scoring.On changing ends Hendon strived hard to get the ball through the Chatham posts,but to no purpose,Brown defending his goal in good form.The play was very even for some time,but at last the home players,after just missing a goal,the ball being well met by Radford,then by a grand piece of play,got the ball well in front of the Hendon posts,and Collins succeeded in putting it through,amid great cheering by the numerous spectators.In spite of strenuous efforts on the part of both sides,nothing more was registered up to the call of "Time!" and the match resulted in a win for Chatham."

SM:"The visitors won the toss,and commenced with the wind in their favour,and for the most part of the first half kept the ball in the home team's territory,although the latter by some really good play occasionally caused the former to exhibit their full defensive power,but up to half-time both sides had managed to keep their goal intact.It was expected that with the change of ends the home club would have the advantage,and this was fully realised,as,after repeated unsuccessful attacks on the visitors' goal Chatham,by combined and unselfish play,scored a goal from the foot of Collins.Under this reverse Hendon played up with increased energy,but to no purpose,and nothing further being scored, the game resulted as mentioned above.For Chatham it would be impossible to mention any individual player,but for Hendon the most prominent were Broadhurst,J.G. and A.B.Coutts,Despard, and Clarkson."

SL:As per the H&FT Report above but ends:"and the match resulted as stated above in a deserving win for Chatham,who,bye-the-bye,appear to have improved very much in their play this year."

BL:"Played at Chatham,resulting in a victory for the home eleven,after a good game,by a goal to nil.Hendon were very poorly represented,the whole of the Elstree contingent being absent."(No Lineups).

Chatham:J.Brown(Goal);E.Conquer,J.Albert(Backs),R.Conquer(Capt.),W.Lush(Half Backs),J.A.Collins, W.McLeod(Rights),H.Ekins,J.A.Timms(Centres),J.C.Soppitt,H.Hobart(Lefts).

All checked but find Chatham paper

Hendon:H.A.O.Redford(Goal),C.G.Broadhurst,J.G.Coutts(Capt.)(Backs),A.B.Coutts,A.V.Despard(Half Backs),H.C.Clarkson,J.S.Austen(Rights),H.O.Ince,A.Redford(Centres),E.B.Perry,H.F.A.Smith(Lefts).

All checked

Umpires:W.Lewis(Chatham) and C.H.Broadhurst(Hendon).Referee:Capt. Renny-Tailyour.

HANOVER UNITED 2 (F.Krauesslach,S.Dorrington) OLD FORESTERS 1 (R.V.G.Shaw)(H.T. 1-0)
(Sat Nov 29th)(At The Limes, Barnes)

+Sporting Life 2/12/84 P.3/Bell's Life 3/12/84 P.1/Referee 30/11/84 P.6/Field 6/12/84 P.792-795/
Sportsman 1/12/84 P.4: +Only report with teams:also short SL report 1/12/84 P.4(No teams)

SL:"This tie in the second round of this competition was played on Saturday at The Limes,Barnes,and after a splendidly-contested game,ended in favour of Hanover by two goals to one.Scoble won the toss for choice of ground,and elected to play with a slight wind behind him.The Old Foresters at once became the aggressors,and compelled the home team to kick off from their goal-line.A good run up by Totman and Krauesslach,on the left,transferred the play to the Foresters' half,where the game was carried on for some considerable time.The visitors again broke away,and a scrummage occurred in front of the Hanover goal,but Hunt very cleverly got the ball away.Krauesslach,receiving the ball from Adams,made a splendid run,and evading the visitors' backs,scored the first goal for Hanover amidst great cheering.Elated with this success,the home team played up well,and by some good passing,again attacked the Foresters' goal,but without success.A corner kick fell to each side,after which "Half-time!" was called.Stanning set the ball in motion,but Fairclough and Fox returned it, only,however,to be sent back by Rennie,who played grandly throughout.The home forwards playing well together,again attacked the Foresters' goal,but Denton saved his charge.From a good run and middle by Krauesslach,Dorrington was enabled to score a second goal for Hanover.After these reverses the visitors bistirred themselves,and a misunderstanding on the part of the Hanover back and goal-keeper enabled Shaw to score for Old Foresters.Shortly after this "Time!" was called.The whole of the Hanover team played well for the winners,whilst Fairclough,Matthews,and Johnstone did good service for the losers.The Old Foresters played one short."

BL:"Played at Barnes on Saturday,and resulted in an unexpected victory of the Hanover by two goals to one.The visitors by no means played so well together as usual,while the combination of the Barnes team was excellent.Krauslach and Dorrington scored for Hanover,and Shaw for the Forresters." (No teams)

SM:"Played on Saturday,at the Limes,Barnes,and resulted in favour of the Hanover United by two goals(Krausslach and Dorrington) to one (Shaw)."(No teams)

Hanover United:A.Hunt(Goal);G.Scoble(Capt.),W.Rennie(Backs);L.Harris,W.G.Adams(Half Backs),T.Totman,F.Krauesslach,C.Stanning, J.Crick,S.Dorrington,P.Dakin(Forwards).(SL)

All checked

Old Foresters:E.B.Denton(Goal);P.Fairclough(Capt.),C.J.Fox(Half Backs),L.Horner,F.A.Charrington (Backs),S.N.Sargeant+,J.T.Woollcombe,H.H.Johnson,J.H.Matthews,R.V.G.Shaw(10 men only)

+Only initials to be checked (SL has J.Y.Woolcombe but KR had J.T.)

Umpires:Scott and Apted.Referee:Captain Fulger.

ROMFORD 3 (W.Wright,R.Oliver 2) DULWICH 0 (H.T. 2-0)(Sat Dec 6th)(At Romford)

Essex Times 13/12/84 P.2/Chelmsford Chronicle 12/12/84 P.6/Essex Herald 8/12/84 P.7/ Field
13/12/84 P.828/Referee 7/12/84 P.6/Sportsman 8/12/84 P.4/Sporting Life 8/12/84 P.4:

ET/CC/EH:"Romford,having been drawn against Dulwich in the second round of the Association Cup these clubs met at Romford to decide the tie.Owing to the death of his father,Mr L.E.Clark,the captain of the Romford Club,was unable to play,and Mr B.J.Smith was brought into the eleven to fill up the vacancy.Mr P.M.Earle acted as captain.Play commenced at 2.40 when Romford kicked off.The play at the outset was fairly even,the ball travelling from end to end of the ground at a great rate,but after about 15 minutes' play,Goadby centred the ball,and Wright sent it between the Dulwich posts by a good shot with the left foot.Again the play was of an even character,each goalkeeper having more than once to save his charge,and then again Goadby centred finely,and Oliver headed the ball through.This was a very pretty piece of play and was loudly applauded.From this stage up to the call of half time,the Dulwich backs and goalkeeper were kept very busy.On the change of ends it became very evident that Romford were the stronger team,for,though they now had the wind against them, they kept the ball almost entirely in front of the visitors' goal.Occasionally,assisted by the wind,the Dulwich forwards broke away,but Cornell was always equal to the occasion.On the other hand,Oliver out of a scrimmage,kicked a third goal for Romford,and the home team therefore,won by three goals to love.For Romford Earle and Oliver played splendidly together,and Earle's dodging fairly nonplussed his opponents.Goadby's transference from the centre to the right wing has answered admirably.His fine turn of speed is an advantage from the outside,and on Saturday he ran round and away from his opponents almost at will and centred with good judgment.Wright and the brothers Macfarlane also played well,and Smith justified his selection.Of the Dulwich team Bradbury and Mayo amongst the forwards,and Denny at back were best,whilst Ingle did a lot of work in goal."

F:"Romford scored twice in the first half,and once in the second,and although Dulwich twice put the ball through,both were disallowed by the referee.P.M.Earle of London fame did wonders for Romford,as did Goadby and the Macfarlanes.Denny,F.D.Morris and John Morris shone for the visitors.The boisterous weather was much against scientific play."

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

All checked

Dulwich:A.D.Ingle(Goal);H.Denny,C.A.Stephenson(Backs),E.A.Whittle(Capt.),S.Tombleson,F.D.Morris (Half Backs);T.T.Bradbury,A.R.Kirkpatrick,E.M.Soulby,F.S.Mayo,John Morris(Forwards).

All checked with some initials changed

Umpires:E.Champness for Romford and Sir Jas.Kirkpatrick,Bart.,for Dulwich.
Referee:C.Stevens(Ivanhoe FC)

NINTH DIVISION:

Old Westminster v Henley (At Vincent Square(probably)

Swifts v South Reading or Casuals (At Slough)

Brentwood v Old Etonians (At Brentwood)

OLD WESTMINSTERS 7 (N.C.Bailey,A.R.Hurst 2,F.W.Janson,F.W.Bain 2,C.R.W.Heath) HENLEY 0
(H.T.2-0)(Sat Dec 6th)(At Vincent Square)

Henley Advertiser 13/12/84 P.4/Sporting Life 8/12/84 P.4/Bell's life 10/12/84 P.1/Sportsman
8/12/84 P.4/Referee 7/12/84 P.6:

HA/SL: "In mild, though dreary weather, accompanied by occasional showers, this match in the second round of the Association Challenge Cup competition took place at Vincent Square, Westminster, on Saturday, December 6th, which, after playing the allotted hour-and-a-half, resulted in favour of the home team by seven goals to none, after a particularly one-sided game. Bailey won the toss, and having betaken himself and followers to the Guards' Hospital side of the ground, Gibson kicked off with the wind dead against him at eighteen minutes to three o'clock. The Henlyites following up made a powerful attack on their opponents' quarters, but the Westminster backs, working well together, invariably averted every dangerous onslaught made on them, and many a bully took place near the centre of the ground. At length, Scoones, showing a rare specimen of dribbling, took the ball right over, but sending it behind in the wrong place, Cowper-Smith had a free kick. Scoones once again essayed a charge, and having passed the ball to Janson, the latter made his shot but missed. Many corners fell to Westminster, but nothing resulted from them. The game continued to be carried on with great vigour, the Westminster forwards being conspicuous for their prowess in every part of the field, while Lowndes, Prest, Shiffner, and Hutson did their duty manfully, principally in defence for Henley. The wind now blew with considerable power, which made it very difficult for Henley to hold their own at all, and a good straight kick by Janson was only saved from being mischievous by the vigilance of Cowper-Smith. At length, from a corner by Wetton, Bailey with his back to goal, sent the ball under the bar, and three or four minutes later on Hurst gained another. Having changed ends at half-time, Henley had the wind, but it did not assist them apparently, for Westminster still continued the aggressive tactics, and bore all before them, and a shot by Janson going direct for Cowper-Smith, the unfortunate custodian letting the ball slip through his hands, it rolled between the posts, and not long afterwards Bain(es) secured a fourth goal. It was now pretty evident that the game was not for Henley, as fortune and dashing play were on the side of Westminster. Heath scored a fifth, Hurst another, and close on the call of "time!" Bain figuratively chalked up the last event of the day, the match coming to an end in favour of the "Old Boys", as previously mentioned."

BL: "Played at Vincent-square on Saturday. The home team, who were very strongly represented, had a long way the best of the game, and eventually retired victorious by seven goals to nil. The points were scored by Bailey, Hurst (2), Janson, Bain (2), and Heath." (No lineups)

Old Westminster: W.F.G. Sandwith (Goal), A.L. Fevez, A.E. Bedford (Backs), N.C. Bailey (Capt.), C.W.R. Tepper, H. Wetton (Half Backs), C.R.W. Heath, O. Scoones (Right Wing), A.R. Hurst (Centre), F.W. Bain, F.W. Janson (Left Wing).

All checked

Henley:H.F.Cowper-Smith(Goal),C.E.Haines,H.W.Hutson (Backs),G.R.Lowndes (Capt.),E.Tatham,
W.Salter(Half Backs),E.H.Prest, J.Wormald(Right Wing),H.J.Gibson(Centre),G.B.Shiffner,E.H.Deer(Left
Wing)(HA)

All checked

Umpires:W.Wing(Hon Sec Oxfordshire Football Association) and F.A.Clark.

Referee:E.B.Denton(Old Foresters).

SWIFTS 3 (R.Playford,E.C.Bambridge 2)SOUTH READING 2(F.J.Cooper,E.Gregory)(H.T. 1-0(F.T. 2-
2)(After Extra Time)(Sat Dec 6th)

Reading Observer 13/12/84 P.3/Sporting Life 8/12/84 P.4/Sportsman 8/12/84 P.4/Referee 7/12/84
P.6:

RO/SL:"On Saturday the above teams met on the Dolphin Ground,Slough,to play off the second
round for the above cup.The home team won the toss,and for the first "half-time" elected to play
down hill with the wind slightly in their favour.After six minutes' play the Swifts rushed the ball
down,and Playford secured a goal.On the play being resumed,the game was evenly contested up to
"half-time" but nothing more was obtained.Change was then called,and the match continued to be
of an even character during the next quarter-of-an-hour,after which the Swifts managed to score
another goal,which was kicked by Bambridge.This seemed to rouse the visitors,who played well
together, and scored two goals in quick succession,kicked by Cooper and Gregory.From this stage of
the game Reading had slightly the best of the play up to time,but no further advantage being
obtained by either team,the match ended in a draw,and it was arranged to play an extra half-hour,
during which time Bambridge scored another goal for his side,thus winning a hard-fought and well-
contested game by three goals to Reading's two goals.The Swifts played a man short.Messrs.
Playford,Jessop, Cheesman,and Bambridge(the latter although very seedy) played well,while
Cooper,Gregory,Fry,and Johnson did good service for the visitors."

"The winners played one short,(F.W.Pawson(No 6 in First Round) being an absentee through
illness."(Sheffield Daily Telegraph 8/12/84 P.4)

York Herald 8/12/84 P.8:"...after playing the usual time,two goals had been scored by each side.The
game was continued for another half an hour,in order that it might be brought to a definite issue,
and thanks mainly to the efforts of E.C.Bambridge,the Swifts,who had been one man short
throughout,won by three goals to two."

Swifts:W.C.Rose(Goal);Andy Watson,Hubert Nicholls(Backs),L.W.North,+T.Jervis(Half Backs);
+E.Bryan,E.C.Bambridge,R.Playford,E.Jessop,H.H.Cheesman(Forwards)(10 men only)

+Only not double checked

South Reading:H.Lusty(Goal),E.Woodley,E.Steward(Backs),Rev J.E.Smith-Masters,R.E.A.Maynard,
F.(J.)Cooper(Half Backs),W.Hermon,F.Haydon,A.Johnson(Capt.),A.Fry,E.Gregory(Forwards).

All checked except Cooper

Umpires:A.Harvey-Wright and G.Barley.Referee:Referee:J.N.Crowhurst.

BRENTWOOD 2(E.C.Evelyn,C.W.Rose) OLD ETONIANS 2(H.C.Goodhart,H.Bury)(H.T. 0-2)
(Sat Dec 6th)(At Essex County Ground)(Too dark to play extra time:see Report below)

Essex Times 13/12/84 P.2/Chemsford Chronicle 12/12/84 P.6/Essex Herald 8/12/84 P.7/Sportsman
8/12/84 P.4/Sporting Life 8/12/84 P.4/Bell's Life 10/12/84 P.1:

ET/CC/EH :”These crack clubs met on the Essex County ground at Brentwood on Saturday afternoon to decide their tie in the second round of the Association Cup competition,and a splendidly contested game was witnessed.Having won the toss,the Old Etonians elected to defend the goal at the town end during the first half,and to play with the strong wind at their backs.Rose kicked off for Brentwood at a quarter to three,and the ball was worked down by Britten and Sprigge,who were, however,effectually stopped by French.For some time the play was chiefly in the centre of the ground,varied by incursions into the opposite quarters.At length a good centre by Whitfeld enabled Goodhart to register the first point for the visitors.A counter attack by Brentwood was unsuccessful, and then the ball travelled quickly from goal to goal,a fine shot from the left wing by Sprigge causing Rawlinson to use his hands.Bury then sent in a long shot well out of Kennedy's reach,and scored a second point for the Etonians.For some minutes after this the home goal was rather closely invested, but eventually the ball was worked down,and attacks in which Morice and Rose figured prominently placed the visitors' goal in danger.After this Rose,by a clever run in the centre,carried the ball down, and Rawlinson rushing out to intercept him,he put the ball on one side,and Britten, having no one to oppose him,a goal seemed a certainty,but strangely enough Britten missed the ridiculously easy chance by putting the ball just outside the posts.From this time up to the call of half time,the visitors had the advantage,but were unable to add to their score.On the change of ends Brentwood, with the wind in their favour,were soon on the aggressive.In the course of some fast play in front of the Etonian goal,which followed on a finely judged corner by Jobson,a claim of hands was answered in favour of Brentwood.Nickisson took the place kick and passed to Evelyn,who took a low shot through the players,and,glancing off French's leg,the ball passed through.On restarting the play was for a time in the centre,but,after attacks had been made on each goal,Rose,amid loud cheering, equalised matters by a long low shot.A determined rush by Britten,Evelyn,and Rose,was checked by French,but Brentwood came again,keeping up a strong and persistent attack,during which repeated shots were made by Britten,Rose,and Evelyn and long shots by Nickisson compelled Rawlinson twice to use his hands.No further point was scored,however,and the match was drawn.Rain fell briskly during the last quarter of an hour,and as darkness was setting in,it was not possible to play an extra half an hour to determine the tie,and the teams will have to meet again.Brentwood on the whole had much the the best of the game,for while they made a good show during the first half,they were acting on the aggressive during most of the second half.The forwards played with dash and resolution and with fair combination,Evelyn,despite the recent injury to his leg,showing perhaps even more than his usual cleverness.The backs and half backs played a sturdy defensive game,Nickisson working at his very hardest.”

SM:”This,one of the finest-contested matches ever witnessed in Essex,was played in a very strong wind.The Old Etonians took advantage of this element in the first half,and on the whole had decidedly the best of the play.Goodhart,from a centre by Whitfeld,and Bury,from a long shot,after Kennedy had returned the ball,each scored. The ball was several times taken into the Etonian

quarters, and Britten missed an easy chance of scoring. With the wind in their favour, Brentwood were on the offensive throughout nearly the whole of the second half. After some fast play a free kick fell to them near the Etonians' goal, and Evelyn, by a splendid low shot, scored. Fifteen minutes from the finish, Rose, by a clever shot, equalised the game. Brentwood made strenuous efforts now to add another goal, but were prevented by the Etonian backs and Rawlinson."

BL:".... after one of the finest games ever witnessed in Essex, resulted in a draw."

Brentwood: A.G.O. Kennedy (Goal); C.W. Tyler, H. Buckley (Backs); J.L. Nickisson (Capt.), W.S. Jobson (Half Backs); W.S. Morice, G.S. Sherrington (Right Wing), +C.W. Rose, T.J. Britten (Centres), S.S. Sprigge, E.C. Evelyn (Left Wing).

+Only initials to be checked

N.B. B.W. Spilsbury was predicted to play for Brentwood, but C.W. Rose played (see CC 5/12/84)

Old Etonians: J.F.P. Rawlinson (Goal); P.J. de Paravicini, T.H. French (Backs); G.E. Preston, C.W. Foley (Half Backs); +H. Baxter, F. Marchant (Rights), H.C. Goodhart, H. Bury (Centres), H. Whitfeld, H.W. Bainbridge (Lefts).

+Only initials to be checked

Umpires: J. Armstrong and Major Marindin, R.E., President of the Football Association.

Referee: M.P. Betts (Old Harrovians).

REPLAY: Tues Dec 23rd

OLD ETONIANS 6 (T.H. French, T.J. Britten (o.g.), A.T.B. Dunn, J.B.T. Chevalier, H.C. Goodhart 2)

BRENTWOOD 1 (T.J. Britten) (H.T. 1-1) (At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 24/12/84 P.4/Bell's Life 24/12/84 P.4/Field 27/12/84 P.882/Sporting Life 24/12/84 P.4:

SM:"The match in the second round, left drawn on Saturday, the 6th inst., was replayed on Tuesday (yesterday) at Kennington Oval, in very favourable weather, though the attendance of spectators fell far short of what might have been expected under what promised to be a most exciting contest. The Etonian team was by far a stronger one than when they had last met their gallant opponents, who not only had to deplore the absence of Spilsbury in the centre, but lost the services of Sprigge (who played on the left up to half time) through a severe sprain unexpectedly received in a loose scrimmage. Nickisson winning the toss, chose the Clayton-street side of the ground to start from, and at twenty-four minutes past two Dunn commenced the game by turning over the ball to Goodhart. Strangely enough, almost before two minutes had passed away, Nickisson sent it over to Morice, who in turn passed it to Britten, who sent it under the bar, to the great astonishment of everyone. When this little expected incident had partially died away, Paravicini, from an attack by Brentwood, palpably stopped the ball with his hand, and Britten had a free kick close in, but nothing came from it, and the Brentwood men advancing to the assault, the ball went behind, and Rawlinson made a fresh start. A good shot by Preston was well saved by Kennedy, and shortly afterwards one of the most uncommon bullies in the annals of the Association game we ever had to record took place. From a claim of hands close to the Brentwood goal, scarcely any of the opposing team were absent, and Dunn falling on the ball, seemed very inclined to keep there, and so they swayed backwards and forwards over

it,Dunn,getting rather the worst of the amusement,being underneath,till at length the ball,getting loose somehow or another,French,who,catlike,was looking after a chance,with his toe put it gently between the posts,amidst immense applause from the excited spectators,and thus the score became level.Nothing else was scored in the first half,but just before change of ends,Sprigge had to retire through a severe sprain received during a *mélée*.Having changed ends,the Etonians, now with the wind favourable,had the match well in hand,and soon after altering their positions,Britten headed the ball through his own goal,and a few minutes later on Whitfeld and Bainbridge-dribbling and passing between them-turned the ball over to Dunn,who gained a third goal for Eton.It was now pretty evident that Brentwood's chance of ultimate success as past preying for.Chevalier soon gained another goal.From a splendid run by Goodhart the Etonians scored a fifth,and from a brilliant middle from Dunn to Goodhart,the latter wound up a glorious account,the Etonians thus winning an interesting match by six goals to one."

ET:"After changing ends,Brentwood had to play with ten men only-Sprigge being compelled to retire through having sprained himself in a scrimmage.This numerical superiority,of course,gave the Etonians a decided advantage which they were not slow to avail themselves of,and not many minutes elapsed from restarting ere the Essex team were considerably pressed,and Britten,in his endeavour to head the ball away,sent it through his own posts,thus scoring the second goal for his opponents.This was quickly followed by one from the foot of Dunn,who,with French,Paravicini, Whitfeld,and Goodhart,showed conspicuously throughout.Brentwood,however,played very pluckily, though they were unable to make any headway against their adversaries,who continued to have matters much their own way,and Chevalier was instrumental in adding another goal to the Etonians' score,whilst a few minutes later Goodhart was responsible for the fifth,and before the call of "no side" the same player,who had the ball passed him by Dunn,obtained the last item of a match which promised to be an exciting affair,but which,chiefly owing to the accident referred to,resulted in a somewhat easy victory for the Old Etonians,as stated above."

BL:"The representatives of these powerful metropolitan clubs,who had played a drawn game in the second round of the competition at Brentwood,met again yesterday(Tuesday) afternoon at Kennington Oval.Though the weather was fine there were not more than 250 spectators present to witness the play.The Etonians were very strongly represented,but the visitors were handicapped, owing to the absence of Spilsbury,who was unable to play,whilst soon after ends were changed, Sprigge was disabled and took no further part in the contest.Winning the toss,Nickisson decided to play from the Clayton-street goal,thus having the brisk north-east wind behind him.The ball had no sooner been started,than the Essex captain ran it down the left,and French interposing he crossed to Morice,who after a short dribble centred well,and Britton rushing up scored the first goal to Brentwood within a minute of the start.For the next few minutes the Eton men were kept within their own lines and a hard shot by Britton would in all probability have scored but for Paravicini stopping the ball with his hands.After the free kick Dunn cleared his lines,and then Eton gained a similar concession close to the Brentwood goal,and no sooner had the ball been touched than the men closed around it and a genuine Eton bully followed.This lasted fully a couple of minutes,and the ball being "heeled out",French,who was waiting behind,cleverly shot it through the posts and equalised the score.During the remainder of the first half the play was very even,each goal being in turn assailed.Just before ends were changed Rawlinson received a nasty cut on the face in a charge from one of the Brentwood forwards,but in spite of this stuck pluckily to his post.After change Brentwood were considerably pressed,and it was not long before they sustained a serious loss in

Sprigge, who sprained his ankle and was compelled to retire. Out of some loose play in front of the Brentwood goal Britton, whilst endeavouring to clear the ball away, headed it between his own posts, whilst shortly after Whitfeld and Bainbridge had brought it down, Dunn sent in a clever shot from the right which gained a third point. Chevalier then scored again, whilst a few minutes before the close, after Dunn had made a really good run, he centred to Goodhart, who scored the sixth point. Dunn did by far the most work of any individual player on the field, whilst Goodhart, Bainbridge, and Whitfeld were also very prominent. Both Paravicini and French at back played very well. Nickisson, Evelyn, Britton, Morice, and Buckley were the pick of the Essex team."

F: "During the latter half Brentwood, suffering from the loss of Sprigge's services, were seen to much less advantage. Britten, by a luckless bit of heading, put the ball under the Brentwood crossbar, and the tide, thus turned in favour of the Etonians, continued to flow in the same direction. A capital piece of play between Whitfeld and Bainbridge enabled Dunn to score another goal, and, as the ball was passed between the Brentwood posts on three other occasions, the Old Etonians retired winners by six goals to one."

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

All checked : Second Whitfeld initial in ET

Brentwood: A. G. O. Kennedy (Goal); C. W. Tyler, H. Buckley (Backs); J. L. Nickisson (Capt.), W. S. Jobson (Half Backs); G. S. Sherrington, W. S. Morice (Right Wing), T. J. Britten, E. C. Evelyn (Centres), S. S. Sprigge, + F. H. Stevens (Left Wing). (BL/F specified positions)

+ Only initials to be checked (SL has T. H. Stevens/ET has E. H. Stevens)

Umpires: J. Vincent (Old Carthusians) and F. Barnett (Upton Park).
Referee: C. W. Alcock (Hon Sec Football Association).

THIRD ROUND:

DRAW: Bell's Life 20/12/84 P.2:

"The Third Round in this competition was drawn on Monday night, with the following result:

Statement after THIRD ROUND DRAW: "the first -named club in each case has choice of ground, and the matches must be played off on or before Jan 3rd. The drawn matches in the Second Round - Old Etonians and Brentwood, Birmingham Excelsior and St George's, are to be played off on or before Dec 23rd. Druids and Newtown this day (Saturday)."

NORTH- FIRST DIVISION:

Aston Villa v West Bromwich Albion
Birmingham Excelsior or St George's v Walsall Swifts

ASTON VILLA 0 WEST BROMWICH ALBION 0 (Sat Jan 3rd) (At Perry Barr)

Birmingham Daily Post 5/1/85 P.7/Athletic News 6/1/85 P.6/Bell's Life 7/1/85 P.4/Sportsman 5/1/85 P.4/Sporting Life 5/1/85 P.4/Referee 4/1/85 P.5:

BDP:"Nearly eight thousand spectators assembled at Perry Barr to witness the contest between these two famous teams in the third round of the National Association Cup competition.Both teams were reported to be playing in good form,and the partisans of each were confident that the result would be a close one.As soon as the leather had been put in motion the Villa forwards took possession of it,and made a determined assault upon their opponents' goal,but were unable to realise their (advantages) in consequence of the admirable defence of the back division of the visitors,and the sturdy opposition of Roberts,the goalkeeper,who repulsed shot after shot that seemed for a time certain scores.After the first burst of energy had departed from the home team the Albion took the ball into their opponents' territory and kept the backs and goalkeeper fully employed in defending their charge.Up to half time a magnificent game had been played,and so vigilant had each side been that no score had been made.On changing ends the Albion had the advantage of the slope,and for a time this appeared to be a considerable factor towards their probable success.For nearly a quarter of an hour they kept the Villa strictly on the defensive,and the friends of the home team were quaking lest their favourites should be "played out" of the national trophy competition at the present early stage.The combination,however,of the Villa backs rendered the club good service,and prevented defeat. Towards the call of "time" the game was more evenly contested,but none the less energetically.At the conclusion neither side had scored,the game ending in a draw.It was suggested that an extra half hour should be given to decide the tie,but this was not acted upon as darkness was fast approaching."

BL:"The Perry Barr Grounds were visited by an enormous concourse of spectators,it being estimated that quite 10,000 passed through the turnstiles."

"During nearly the whole of the first half of the contest,when the home team had the incline in their favour,the Bromwich men were compelled to act chiefly on the defensive.Roberts,however,worked splendidly,and it is entirely due to him that on two occasions goals were not registered against his side."

SM:"The game had been started fifteen minutes after the time fixed,owing,it is said,to the non-appearance of the Villa team,and gathering darkness made it impossible to play any extra time."

Aston Villa:A.Harvey(Goal);T.Riddell,J.Simmonds(Backs);F.Dawson,+G.Price(Half Backs);
O.Whateley,Albert Brown,Arthur Brown,Archie Hunter(Capt.),O.H.(Howard)Vaughton,E.C.(Eli)
Davis(Forwards).

+SL confirms

West Bromwich Albion:R.Roberts(Goal);H.Bell,H.Green(Backs);E.Horton,F.Bunn,J.Stanton(Half Backs);G.Woodhall,H.Aston,J.M.Bayliss,A.Loach,G.Bell(Forwards).

Check initials (West Bromwich Complete Record)(AN specified defence order)(BDP has specified defence order except reverses 2/3).

Umpires/Referee:not traced.

REPLAY:Sat Jan 10th :

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 3 (A.Loach 2,J.M.Bayliss) ASTON VILLA 0 (H.T. 2-0)
(At Four Acres,West Bromwich)

Birmingham Daily Post 12/1/85 P.7/Athletic News 13/1/85 P.3/Bell's Life 14/1/85 P.4/Sporting Life
12/1/85 P.4/Sportsman 12/1/85 P.4:

BDP:"These teams met on Saturday afternoon on the Four Acres,West Bromwich,to play off their undecided tie in the third round of the English Cup ties.The weather was very unfavourable,both wind and rain proving very troublesome,but still the match was witnessed by about 4,000 spectators,amongst whom the greatest excitement prevailed throughout.During the first half the home team kicked uphill,and with the wind against them.A few minutes after the ball had been set in motion,the Albion carried it right into their opponents' quarters,and Loach secured the first goal for the home team as a result of a scrimmage.The Villa team worked hard for the next twenty minutes to equalise matters,and repeatedly carried the leather up to the Albion goal,and some well-directed shots were put in,but owing to the magnificent goalkeeping of Roberts,who was in splendid form,nothing resulted.A few minutes before the whistle blew for half time,Bayliss put in another point for the Albion.The rain was now descending in torrents,and it was now suggested that play should cease for a while and some of the home team left the field,but as the Villa refused to follow their example,the second half commenced without any break-the visitors now kicking up hill,with both the wind and the rain beating against them.For a time the game was of an even character,and the ball travelled up and down the ground in rapid succession,and both teams made some brilliant shots for goal,but owing to the admirable defence of both goalkeepers,who worked pluckily for their respective sides,no further point was gained until twenty minutes of the second half had expired,when Loach,from a fine run down the centre of the field,scored the third goal for the Albion,amidst enthusiastic applause.The game became very exciting,and the Villa men pressed their opponents very hotly,and some fine play was witnessed but a few yards from the Albion goal posts,but by the admirable defence of Roberts and the Albion backs the aggressive efforts of the visitors were repulsed and frustrated.Within about fourteen minutes to play the score stood -Albion 3,Villa 0.During the remainder of the game no further points were scored by either side,the Albion thus winning by 3 goals to nil."

West Bromwich Albion:R.Roberts(Goal);H.Green,H.Bell(Backs);E.Horton(Capt.),F.Bunn,J.Stanton(Half Backs);G.Woodhall,H.Aston(Right Wing),J.M.Bayliss(Centre),A.Loach,G.Bell(Left Wing).

Check Saturday Night

Aston Villa:A.Harvey(Goal);T(om.) Riddell,J.Simmonds(Backs);F.Dawson,G(eorge) Price(Half Backs); Albert Brown,O(llie) Whateley(Right Wing),Archie Hunter,Arthur Brown(Centres),O.H(oward) Vaughton,Eli.C.Davis(Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires:Bisseker (Albion) and McGregor(Villa).Referee:Fairhurst(Bolton).

BIRMINGHAM ST GEORGE'S 2 (Hodgetts 2) WALSALL SWIFTS 3(Harrison(o.g.),A.Aldridge,J.Morley)
(H.T. 2-0)(Sat Jan 10th)(At Fentham Road,Aston)

Walsall Observer 17/1/85 P.7/Birmingham Daily Post 12/1/85 P.7/Athletic News 13/1/85 P.3/Bell's Life 14/1/85 P.8/Sporting Life 12/1/85 P.4/Sportsman 12/1/85 P.4:

BDP:"This match in the third round of the above Cup took place at Fentham Road,Aston in the presence of about 2,000 spectators.A heavy downpour of rain commenced just before the game,and continued throughout the first half.The St George's won the toss,and elected to play down hill.The Swifts kicked off towards the entrance end,breasting a very strong wind.For a short time the game was evenly contested,but gradually St George's got the upper hand,and made an attack upon their opponents' goal,but retired without scoring.At this period of the game Barton got injured and was compelled to leave the field.With only ten men the St George's again took the leather down the field,and a splendid shot was just stopped by Tracey.After the ball had travelled to each goal the St George's ran the ball down,and shot it into goal.It was,however,stopped,and again it was sent in.A scrimmage in the mouth of the goal took place,in which the whole of the players,apart from the Swifts' goalkeeper took part.The scrimmage lasted about a half minute,when Hodgetts put the ball through the posts.The home team continued to press their adversaries,and the same player shortly afterwards added another goal to the St George's credit.The remainder of the half was of a give-and-take nature,and at half time the score stood:St George's 2 Swifts 0.On resuming the game assumed a different aspect.The Swifts,with the wind and ground in their favour,at once attacked the "Dragons' " citadel and were within an ace of scoring.They again repeated their attack and went into the front of goal,where Harrison(St George's) headed the ball through the St George's goal.Elated with their success,the visitors again took the ball down the field,and shot for goal.It was kicked out,only to be returned;but the home team were equal to the occasion,and again repulsed the visitors without scoring.A few minutes afterwards Aldridge equalised the score by a grand shot which Stansbie was unable to stop.The visitors still pressed the St George's,who were completely overpowered,and did not get out from their goal at all.After remaining in the home team's territory for some time,Morley sent in a shot which Stansbie managed to knock out.An appeal was made by the Swifts for the goal on the ground that the ball had gone through the posts before it was knocked out.The referee allowed the goal,but the St George's refused to accept the decision,and left the field and the Swifts claimed the match."

BL:"...both clubs put their strongest teams into the field.and until the close of play the issue was in the balance.The full time,however,was not played out,the home team being dissatisfied with a decision of the referee,leaving the field." "At length,*Harrison,while endeavouring to head the ball away,sent it through his own posts.Aldridge quickly credited the Swifts with another point,whilst about ten minutes later,a third goal was added by Higgins.This was objected to by the St George's men,but on being allowed by the referee,and the rain falling in torrents,the last-named club left the grounds."(*Walsall History P.61 and the BDP Report above both give Morley as the scorer)

SL:"The Swifts were now having decidedly the best of the game,and Higgins secured a third goal, which the home custodian complained against on the ground that it had not gone through.An altercation ensued,but the referee allowed the score and as the rain was descending in torrents,the St George's threw up the sponge twenty-five minutes before the call of "Time!"the vote being in favour of Walsall by three goals to two."

St George's:H.Stansbie(Goal);Hall,Eagles(Backs);Barton,F.Stevenson,Smith(Half Backs); J.Milton,Keen(Right),Green(Centre),D.Hodgetts,Harrison(Left).

No other initials traced

(WO/BDP/BL are missing Smith)(The BDP /AN/SM Reports correctly state that Barton went off early in the 1st half ,and as a result of that they played with 10 men)(BDP/WO wrongly give Stevens for Stevenson)

Walsall Swifts:J.Tracey(Goal);A.Aldridge,G.Morris(Backs);H.Allen,J.Morley,+R.Pearce(Half Backs); R.Davis,J.Farmer(Right),J.Garbett(Centre),++W..Jefferies,J.Higgins(Left).

+To be checked as could be H.Peace ++Corrected from R.Jefferies

Referee:Willison(Wednesbury Old Athletic).

SECOND DIVISION:

Sheffield Wednesday v Notts Forest

Notts County v Sheffield Club

N.B. Sheffield Independent Jan-April 1885 not available on line

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 1 (J.Sayer) NOTTS FOREST 2(T.Lindley,S.W.Widdowson)(H.T. 0-2)
(Sat Jan 3rd)(At Bramall Lane,Sheffield)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 5/1/85 P.4/Nottingham Journal 5/1/85 P.6/Athletic News 6/1/85 P.6/Bell's Life7/1/85 P.4/Sporting Life 5/1/85 P.4/Sportsman 5/1/85 P.4/Referee 4/1/85 P.5:

SDT :“Splendid football weather prevailed on Saturday.Considering that it was allowed to be the most interesting tie in the round,it was rather surprising there were no more than 3,000 spectators present.Those who did attend must have gone away with the satisfaction that they had witnessed a capital contest,and with the general opinion that the best team had won.The famous “Reds” had not,all through,by any means the best of the game,but they played the best game.Had the Wednesday men availed themselves of the opportunities presented to them the result might have been otherwise,but bad shooting at goal to a deplorable extent was much more apparent.Of course their opponents were at times at fault in this particular and much wished-for proficiency,but not as much as the local men.They were also their superiors in the passing game,and although they were inferior in many individual cases to the Wednesday players,unanimity was alone the secret of their success.Beardsley showed himself an adept at goalkeeping,while Hancock stuck to Mosforth like the proverbial barnacle to the ship’s bottom,the only chance of “Billy”getting the best of him was by “sailing away.”Hancock had an able assistant in Caborn and their three half back confreres made very few mistakes.The forwards were set a capital example by their captain,whose indefatigable exertions,when requisite,and neat short crossing,were well worthy of emulation.As Mr Widdowson must have been a football player nearly twenty years,his activity and powers of endurance are marvellous.Turning to the Wednesday men,Smith,as usual,occupied his responsible post with great credit,but the back division suffered very much from the absence of Hudson,not from any play derogatory to the reputation they have already attained,but from a lack of that dash which was so distinguishable a feature in their old captain.Sayer,Winterbotton,Cawley,and Mosforth worked and played well,but Hiller,who has plenty of pluck,and in time will be certain to come to the first rank, was scarcely calibre enough for a match of this sort.Wilson scarcely came up to expectation.The

Forest were slightly the favourites, this being attributable to their great victory of the redoubtable Notts County on Boxing Day, which victory seemed to obliterate entirely the stain on their escutcheon sustained at the hands of their present adversaries on their own ground a few weeks back. They appeared to be in the pink of condition; and in order to ensure an appearance on the field fresh, they cancelled an important fixture with the renowned Dumbarton Club, which should have been played on Friday. On the other hand, Wednesday had had a "gruelling" during the week, as they had a stiff fight on Thursday with Mexborough for the Charity Cup, and two or three of them were working hard at their favourite pastime on Tuesday.

Widdowson beat Brayshaw in the choice of ends, and elected to defend the Bramall Lane goal. Stratford commenced the fray at 2.15, but for a considerable time things were very tame, the only notable features being random shots at goal by Widdowson and Sayer. Fox and Danks on the Notts' right were the first to show to advantage, but Wilson returned the ball well. Sayer and Winterbottom next had a turn, the former's effort being opportunely headed away by Hancock. Unwin pounced upon the ball and effected a clever run until confronted by Wortley, who wrested it from him, but it was immediately brought back, and sent over the Wednesbury cross-bar by Norman.

Grand play by all the home forwards brought the battle within the precincts of the Forest, a magnificent shot by Winterbottom hitting Beardsley's body with great force and rebounding into play, when Caborn transferred the danger. Widdowson was again to the fore, and he was ably assisted by Fox, but the latter's final was erratic. Bentley and Stratford, by dint of hard struggling, forwarded the ball to Cawley, who piloted an invasion into the "Reds" territory. When confronted by Caborn he parted to his left wing, Mosforth and Hiller, and the short siege was terminated by Billyeald placing the ball in neutral ground. Then the Forest forwards reaped the fruits of their labours, a beautiful and collective manipulation enabling Lindley to score the first goal for his side. Fox, in conjunction with Danks, soon after essayed the second downfall of the home citadel, but Smith intervened and threw the ball to Sayer, who went off at a grand pace. He concluded with a grand centre, but Hiller directed it over the bar. Brayshaw was allowed a corner kick, but Caborn and Hancock, towering above the surging fray, had no difficulty in heading the ball out of danger. Widdowson obtained possession, and speedily got within range, when he made his effort, the issue of which was the second goal for Forest. The same famous player then got entirely through his men, and it was any odds on a third success, but he overran himself when his exertions were upon the point of fruition. After Mosforth had made an ineffectual attempt to capture the visitors' headquarters, a sharp scuffle in the portals of their goal placed it in great jeopardy a magnificent shot by Sayer being reckoned with by Beardsley in a masterly manner. Soon after this the half interval arrived, the game standing two goals to none in favour of the Forest. Upon hostilities being recommenced by Widdowson, Wednesday at once assumed an offensive attitude, a rare opportunity being allowed to lapse. When Sayer directed the ball on the wrong side, the other goal underwent a similar experience, the ball running across the mouth and out before Urwin could get up. Stratford, Brayshaw, and Bentley, by hard work propelled the ball to their front department, and after a short struggle, Sayer secured the first goal for Wednesday. The fight waxed fast and furious after this, the home players straining every nerve to at least make a tie of it, while their opponents endeavoured to increase the majority of goals. The Notts forwards were successful in forcing the ball through the Wednesday goal a third time, but on appeal it was disallowed, Widdowson himself having claimed a foul previous to its passage through. The free kick so contiguous to the home goal placed it in much peril, but the defenders were successful in repelling the terrific onslaught which followed. Wilson, at the other end, essayed the reduction of the opposing fortress, but his aim was a little elevated. Notts soon after had their first corner, which was

accurately dropped,Smith stopping a low shot splendidly.Nothing further of any note occurred up to the call of time,which left Notts victorious by two goals to one.The winners gave three cheers for Wednesday at the conclusion of the game.”

NJ:”From the goal kick Cawley obtained possession,and nicely running up the centre,turned the ball over to that dashing forward Mosforth,who essayed a shot at goal,but Caborn headed it over.Fox and Danks were now responsible for some pretty dribbling on the right wing,but Stratford frustrated their efforts.They,however,again obtained possession,and the latter turned the ball over to Widdowson,who passed to Lindley.That player,having a nice opening,succeeded in sending the ball between the posts by one of those fast shots for which he is (famous).Twenty-three minutes had then occurred.”

“...Mosforth,aided by Hiller,took the ball up close to the Forest goal line,and nicely centring,Sayer headed the ball,and it just passed over the bar.From the goal kick Lindley and Fox were responsible for some fine passing play,and the former centring well,Widdowson rushed in and scored the second goal for Forest,amid tremendous applause,about five minutes previous to half time.”

“Stratford was distinguishable for dribbling the ball past the Forest half backs.He turned it over to Sayer.That player crossed to Hiller,who dribbled it near the Forest goal when he centred it beautifully,and a slight scrimmage occurred,in front of the visitors’ goal,during which Sayer had little difficulty in placing the ball between the posts.This changed the aspect of the game completely,and the game was resumed with greater vigour,some excitement being caused.From the centre kick the Sheffielders returned to the attack,and were conceded a corner.Although this was well centred by Bentley,Caborn and Hancock averted danger,and the ball travelled to the opposite end of the ground.Fox received the ball from Lindley,and shot for goal,the ball just grazing the post and going outside.Shortly afterwards Lindley,receiving the ball,tuned it over to Widdowson who,evading the Wednesday half-backs,made tracks for the home goal,where he would have scored had he not been held by Wortley.Lindley,however,rushed in and shot the ball between the posts.Widdowson, however,had appealed for a foul just previously,and the goal was accordingly not allowed.The free kick,although close to the goal,was unproductive,and the Wednesday team caused some trouble to the Forest back division,conspicuous among whom was Billyeald.The goal was,however,kept intact, although a corner was conceded.This was fruitless,and the ball was again taken into the home territory,where the Foresters were conceded a corner.This was,however,kicked behind,and shortly afterwards time was called,leaving the visitors the winners by two goals to one.”

AN:”The teams were as advertised with the exception that W.Hiller filled the place of J.Heeson in the Wednesday team.”

Sheffield Wednesday:J.Smith(Goal);S.Wilson,G.Wortley(Backs);E.Brayshaw(Capt.),C.L.Stratford, W.Bentley(Half Backs);J.Sayer,H.Winterbottom(Right Wing),T.E.Cawley (Centre),W.H.Mosforth, W.Hiller(Left Wing).

All checked

Notts Forest:F.W.Beardsley(Goal);C.J.Caborn,W.T.Hancock(Backs);A.W.Ward,H.Billyeald,S.Norman (Half Backs);F.Fox,T.Danks(Right Wing),T.(Tinsley)Lindley(Centre),G.Unwin,S.W.Widdowson(Capt.) (Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires:H.Muscroft for Sheffield Wednesday and A.J.Bates for Notts Forest.

Referee:C.Crump(President of Birmingham Association)

NOTTS COUNTY 5 (A.T.Marshall,C.F.Dobson,H.A.Cursham,H.Jackson,W.Gunn)

SHEFFIELD CLUB 0 (H.T 2-0)(Sat Jan 3rd)(At Trent Bridge).

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 5/1/85 P.4/Nottingham Journal 5/1/85 P.6/Athletic News 6/1/85 P.6/Bell's Life 7/1/85 P.4/Sportsman 5/1/85 P.4/Sporting Life 5/1/85 P.4/Referee 4/1/85 P.5:

SDT:"Only less interest attached to this match,which was played on the Trent Bridge Ground Nottingham on Saturday,than to that which came off at Bramall lane.An interesting contest was looked forward to,as the visitors had shown good form so far,and as Notts,judging from the beating Notts Forest administered to them a short time ago,appeared to have lost something of their old dash.The result proved something of a surprise,for although the Notts men did not play a good combined game,the Sheffielders did not have a look in with them,and were very decisively beaten.The weather was very keen,and the slight wind favoured the team kicking from the new pavilion end.Upwards of five thousand spectators were present,many of them being excursionists from the cutlery town.Neither club was badly represented,although Snook took the place of A.T.Dobson at back.The visitors won the toss,and chose the pavilion end,towards which Jackson set the ball rolling at half past two.It was at once returned by the Sheffield left wing men,but Snook showed some careful heading,and was once more prominent when Aizlewood returned to the charge.Possession was taken by Dixon and Cursham,who were responsible for some neat passing,but "Harry" fell when he was about to try for goal,and Beardshaw took the opportunity to send the leather well away.Macrae,in the middle of the ground,received it and passed to Gunn,by whom the Yorkshiremen were forced to give the first corner kick.It was entrusted to him for negotiation,and the shot went off one of the visitors,a second corner following.The third was obtained almost immediately;and after an ineffectual attempt on the part of the "red and blacks" to get away,Dixon and Jackson each did their utmost to score,the former,however,only managing to kick over the line,and the latter compelling his opponent to do so.The corner was well taken by Cursham,and the ball was sharply returned to him by Moore.The result was a very narrow escape for the "Blades",as Burdekin had to handle.

After Notts had once more kicked over the Sheffield lines,the visitors got well away and Wilmott sent in a pretty shot,which the crossbar just stopped.The attempt was repeated directly afterwards, but then Gunn came to the rescue with a smart run,and a nice screw shot,which Robinson could only stop by the concession of another corner,the fifth.Gunn dealt with it,and dropped the leather just in front of goal,but the backs defended their positions well,and Aizlewood dashing down the field shot at the stronghold of the "chocolate and blues".Gunn was again to the fore,and after a few more rushes had been made by the northerners,he was responsible for a sixth corner kick.With this Cursham dealt,and a long scrimmage ensued,but ultimately Gunn kicked out on the wrong side of the posts.The Notts' men were soon swarming round the visitors' goal,and the ball from Cursham's foot hit the back of the head of one of the backs and nearly rolled between the posts,Burdekin just stopping it in time.Gunn enabled Cursham to make another shot soon afterwards,but it was headed over the bar.The Sheffield forwards failed to get into Notts' territory,and the back division were soon called upon to defend their position again from an attack by Cursham and Dixon.A seventh corner

had to be conceded, and Cursham was allowed the disposal of it. The siege was for a moment raised by Liddell and Davy, but Emmett made a valuable return to Gunn, who centred grandly, and some clever headed play was witnessed. Liddell, Davy, and Marsden then carried play into Notts' quarters, but a shot sent in by the last-named player went wide of the mark. Moore started the ball again, and Gunn, with the assistance of Marshall, worked it to the other end, where efforts were rewarded by the concession of the eighth and ninth corners. The Sheffield defence, however, could not be beaten, and a foul given against the home team, caused a determined attack on the part of the opposing forwards. Gunn at length obtained possession, and went at a tremendous pace along the right of the Notts' position. He centred beautifully, but Jackson sent the ball high over the bar. The Notts men were still the aggressors, but Gunn sent the tenth corner behind. Still the visitors could gain no advantage, and soon they had to act strictly on the defensive. Cursham and Dixon succeeded in evading those who attempted to stop them in their progress along the Notts left, and the former shot at goal. The ball was cleverly fisted back into play by Burdekin, but Marshall was on the look-out and he managed to breast the ball between the uprights 35 minutes after the commencement of play. After this there was some good all round kicking, and then a determined attack by the Notts forwards on the goal of the Sheffielders gave Burdekin as much work as he could ask for. He was equal to the occasion, and cleverly stopped three or four awkward shots in succession. The visitors were soon stopped in an attempt to break away, and from a pass by Gunn and Marshall, Jackson shot at goal, but Burdekin was once more able to stop it. Beardshaw kicked the ball away, but Dobson received it, and was successful in scoring the second goal for his side. The goal was again placed in danger through Beardshaw fouling close to goal, but the same thing was done by a Notts player immediately afterwards, and the Yorkshiremen were able to free their quarters. This was the state of things when half time was called. When ends were changed Notts at once went away with the lead, and Burdekin only saved his goal by the skin of his teeth from a shot by Gunn, to whom Dobson had passed. A foul was given against the visitors, but the free kick came to nothing. Then Jackson shot at goal, and though Burdekin got rid of the ball, Cursham received it some distance away, and sent in one which thoroughly overcame both backs and goalkeeper too. This the third goal was scored five minutes after a start had been made in the second half. Another corner kick was obtained by Gunn, and though Cursham sent it wide, the Sheffield Club could not get away at all, although a free kick was conceded them. Gunn sent in but the ball rebounded from one of the uprights. He kicked again, two or three times and though it was as often stopped, Jackson at last got it through. The point was appealed on the grounds of offside, but the referee gave it as a goal. A foul was also appealed for but disallowed. When the game was continued after a short delay, the running was again made by the home team, Dobson making a pretty shot. The ball went out on the Notts left; it was well thrown in, and Gunn, who was in wait, headed it smartly through, raising the record to five goals as against nothing. Another point was almost made by Emmett from a free kick, but Jackson headed badly and muffed it. A free kick enabled the visitors to change the scene for a time; and they took so good advantage of the chance as to force Sherwin to handle. This did not last long, and Burdekin was once more called on to stop a hot one put in by Jackson; but the Sheffield men once more broke away, and Wilmott sent the ball just outside the Notts posts. The thirteenth corner for Notts was obtained by Jackson, and taken by Cursham. Gunn headed the ball, and it came very close, but it was got away; and after some uninteresting play time was called with the score standing at five to nothing. On behalf of the victors some dashing individual play was shown, though a want of combination was noticeable. Gunn was particularly active, while Dobson, Cursham, and Jackson played well. Of the visitors' play little can be said, except as to the goalkeeping of Burdekin. But for his efforts the defeat

would have been more severe than it was. Beardshaw was active at back, but the team were overmatched."

NJ: "The attendance was good, reaching quite 5,000, and the utmost interest was taken in a game which at no time was very exciting."

"...the ball was again shot over the line by Beardshaw, a fourth corner being given. Nothing came, although the visitors were still pressed, their forwards never being able to get right away. At last, however, they started, and getting past Macrae and Moore, Wilmott made a shot which struck the bar and rebounded into play, the backs getting it well away."

"...Cursham headed over the bar, and the seventh corner was afterwards given, owing to some good work of that player and Dixon. Notts continued to have the best of the game the Sheffield players being quite unable to get the ball."

"Gunn got cleverly away and dodged grandly, the tenth corner being allowed on his effort... Sheffield were once more repulsed in a combined run, and then Cursham and Dixon again put in some good passing. The latter centred, and Jackson fired, the goalkeeper just sending the ball outside, Marshall, however, dashing in and scoring the first goal for Notts, thirty-five minutes from the start."

"Then, with a long shot, C.F. Dobson registered the second goal for Notts within three minutes of half-time."

"From the 'free' C.F. Dobson kicked the ball back well and Harry Cursham scored the third goal for Notts, with a long shot, about ten minutes after the change over."

"There was now a perfect onslaught on the Sheffield goal, Gunn, Cursham, and Marshall all shooting in rapid succession, Jackson at length scoring the fourth goal, standing close in. There was an appeal for off side, but it was disallowed after a great deal of argument, and subsequently an appeal on the ground that Notts had previously claimed a foul was made, but this was of no avail, and the game resumed after some delay. From a throw in at the top corner by Cursham the ball was dribbled to the front, and Gunn registered the fifth goal, and some time after this Sherwin had to keep the ball out of goal for the first time during the game. But Notts had all the best of matters, and won a game that they never at any time looked like losing, by five goals to none."

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

All checked

Sheffield Club: A. E. Burdekin (Goal); W. F. Beardshaw, W. Robinson (Backs); T. E. B. Wilson, J. W. Stabler (Half Backs); Rev. J. H. Twining, G. H. Aizlewood (Right Wing), F. H. Marsden, W. C. Wilmott (Centres), A. C. Liddell, D. Davy (Left Wing).

All checked

(No online Sheffield Independent)

Umpires: H. Jessop for Notts and W. Pierce Dix for Sheffield. Referee: A. H. Hutchinson (Grantham)

THIRD DIVISION:

Darwen Old Wanderers v Lower Darwen

Darwen, a bye

DARWEN OLD WANDERERS 2 (Aspden, Pearson) LOWER DARWEN 4 (Livesey, Tim Duckworth, Morris, Lonsdale) (H.T. :no record traced) (Sat Dec 20th)

Blackburn Standard 27/12/84 P.3:

TRY DARWEN PAPER

BS: "These teams met in the third round of the Association Cup competition on Saturday, on the ground of the latter before a large concourse of spectators. Aspden drew the first point; Livesey next rushed up and scored for the visitors. Tim Duckworth again scored amid cheers. Rawlinson forced a corner which was well placed, and +Norris with his cranium scored again. Lonsdale received the ball, and dribbled up the centre, and with a long shot gained the fourth point for the visitors. Pearson with his cranium lodged the Wanderers' second point. No further score being made Lower Darwen won by four goals to two." +Morris as in lineup.

Darwen Old Wanderers: Duckworth (Goal); G. Moorhouse, R. Kirkham (Backs); J. W. Almond, L. Woods (Half Backs); Broughton, J. Eccles, J. Aspden, T. Chadwick, J. Pearson, J. Bury (Forwards).

N.B. :No initials in BS Lineups. There are 2 Eccles J and R so do not know who played. (Uncertainty about initials of G/W Moorhouse: G more likely)

Lower Darwen: J. Neville (Goal); J. Aspin, W. Duprey (Backs); G. Brindle, P. Rawlinson, Hargreaves (Half Backs); Tim Duckworth, Livesey, Tom Duckworth, J. Morris, A. Lonsdale (Forwards).

N.B. Initials added from 4th Round Game

DARWEN, a bye

FOURTH DIVISION:

Leek v Queen's Park, Glasgow

Newtown or Druids v Chirk

LEEK (W.E. Allen 2) QUEEN'S PARK, GLASGOW 3 (J.M. Christie, "scrimmage", W. Anderson) (H.T. 1-2) (Sat Jan 3rd) (At Westwood Lane Ground, Leek) (Scorers Glasgow Herald 5/1/85 P.6: Leek Book gives Vickerstaff for 1st goal)

Glasgow Herald 5/1/85 P.6/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 5/1/85 P.4/Bell's Life 7/1/85 P.4/Sportsman 5/1/85 P.4/Sporting Life 5/1/85 P.4:

GH: "The ground was very hard. There were upwards of five thousand spectators present. Leek won the toss and at 2.45 Stonehewer kicked off. The first event took place when M'Callum saved his charge, the ball being within a few feet of the posts. This was followed by a neat run by Christie and Miller, from which the first goal was scored by the former. Soon after a corner fell to Glasgow, and the ball was put behind. M'Callum was then once more called upon to defend his charge by Allen and

Brentnall, but he proved equal to the occasion. The ball was sent back, and a hot scrimmage ensued in front of the home posts. The Queen's Park eventually scored for the second time. Leek now attacked in the most formidable manner, and a capital run by their right wing carried the leather well into the enemy's quarters. Allen put in a long shot which baffled the Queen's Park custodian. Glasgow replied by carrying the ball to the other end of the field and nearly scoring, but the leather was sent over the goal line. From the goal kick Allen once more got possession and passed over to Vickerstaff. The latter put in a well directed shot, but M'Callum returned the ball to his forwards. Some exceedingly smart play was now witnessed in midfield, during which several collisions took place, in which the calibre of the Leek team proved too much for some of their Scotch friends. Smethurst eventually secured the leather, and cleverly dodging Christie and Hamilton, who made persistent attempts to take the ball from him, carried it once more into dangerous proximity with the visitors' goal. The final shot by Vickerstaff, however, failed to score by a few inches. A series of long shots by the backs and half backs of the respective teams now gave the forwards a brief respite and enabled the spectators to judge of the respective merits of Brydon and O'Neill for the visitors, and Byrne and Wardle for the home team, in which the latter held their own fairly well. A pretty run by the Glasgow centre forwards was loudly applauded, the final shot being a beauty; but it was met by Hassell, who returned the ball to midfield, where Stonehewer took possession, and carried the leather to the Scotch citadel. Tudor, however, sent it over the bar. The play from this until half time was of a very even character, and no further scores were made, the game standing in favour of Queen's Park by two to one when the whistle blew. On the resumption of play the Queen's Park secured a corner, but nothing came of it. From a free kick in front of the posts the Leek citadel was endangered, but the ball was got away. Leek then forced the Scotchmen back, and Allen put in a shot which just scraped the upright. An attack by the Queen's Park followed, but the ball was sent over the goal line, and a similar fate befell an attempt made by the home right. The Park then secured a corner, but nothing came of it. Anderson then ran the ball up, and passed to his left. The visitors were within an ace of scoring, but the ball struck the post and went out. A corner then fell to the home team, but the ball was got away, run up by the Queen's and the ball kicked out. A swift low shot from the Park left wing looked like scoring, but went half a foot on the wrong side. O'Neill frustrated a brilliant attempt to get away on the part of the home forwards. Allen, however, managed to run the ball down, and put in a well judged centre, but Vickerstaff unfortunately headed the ball over the bar. After some even play in midfield Vickerstaff worked the ball down the left, but his shot was spoiled by O'Neill. An attack by the visitors' forwards having been frustrated, the home team compelled their opponents to act once more on the defensive. Some hot work in front of the Queen's citadel was witnessed, but the defence could not be broken. Christie then took the leather back into the home territory, and Anderson had a chance to score, but shot too high. A second essay by the same two players was more successful. Anderson succeeded in scoring the third goal from a pass by Christie. On the kick off Campbell with some smart headwork spoiled a run by the Leek forwards; but they were not to be denied, and worked the ball down gradually into the Queen's boundary. An exciting scrimmage in front of the Park posts ensued; but the ball was got away down to the corner mark where it was fouled by one of the Leek forwards. The Queen's left then attacked, and gained a corner. The ball was put in, but Hamilton sent it over the bar. Allen then made a brilliant run, and passed to his left. Vickerstaff was not up in time, and failed to secure the ball, which went over the goal line. Leek then managed to lower their opponents' colours for the second time. Wardle by a bit of fine play, frustrated a run by the Park forwards, and sent to Allen, who ran down and put in a fine shot, which the Queen's custodian failed to stop. Leek now played up with renewed vigour, and pressed their opponents hotly. A foul occurred within ten

yards of the Park citadel, but the ball was badly started, and taken back to the Leek ground by the visitors' left. Wardle spoiled the run, but could not get the ball away. Campbell secured it and put in a well directed shot, which forced Hassall to punt out. The game continued in favour of Leek for a short time, and the Queen's then attacked; but Hassall cleared nicely. Another run by the visitors' left was spoiled by Wardle, and the whistle blew soon after."

Leek Book PS 56-58: "On Saturday, January 3rd 1885, the great historical struggle between Queen's Park, Glasgow, and Leek, took place at Leek. From the moment it was known that Leek had been drawn against the famous Glasgow organization, the greatest interest was manifested in the match, and as time drew near for the contest the excitement became intense. Of course it scarcely entered the mind of anyone before the match that the comparatively unknown Moorland team would rest victory from their powerful antagonists, but all who knew the true form of the Leek men felt fairly confident that the match would not prove the walk-over it looked upon paper. Under all the circumstances it was naturally expected that a great crowd of spectators would be seen on the Westwood Lane ground when the event was ripe for decision, and the Saturday afternoon proved that these hopes were entirely realized, upwards of three thousand persons being present, including a number of ladies. The visiting team was composed of It will thus be seen that the visitors played two halves and six forwards. Scarcely had the cheers for the black and white stripes died away when the following appeared on the ground to do duty for Leek in the familiar amber and black... The home team won the toss, and at 2.50 the ball was kicked off by one of the visiting centre forwards. After a short period of pressure by the visitors, McCullum was called upon to save his charge. This roused the visitors effectually, and they gained several corners, but were unable to pierce the strong defence of Leek, until a slow shot travelled over the goal-line before Hassall, who was looking after the man, could get at it. Other corners fell to the visitors, but were unproductive, no score resulting from a corner during the game. Once about this period of the game a gleam of hope was seen for Leek when the ball got past the Glasgow backs, but the goal-keeper kicked down the field, and a pretty scrimmage in the Leek goal ended in the visitors scoring No 2, Anderson for the second time giving the final touch. Hassall saved finely from the kick-off, and then Rider was hurt, and was scarcely able to play his game afterwards. The play became more even, and Leek made a determined rush, and were rewarded with a fine goal off Vickerstaff, the feat being greeted with enthusiastic cheers. The visitors' custodian was again called upon to save from a shot by Allen, and until half-time was whistled the game was of a very keen and interesting character, the score being two goals to one in favour of Glasgow when the whistle blew. The second half of the game was even more keenly contested than the first. For a short time the ball was kept in the Glasgow territory, and encouraged by the frantic cheers of the home supporters, the Leek forwards missed a goal by a few inches only. Leek secured two corners, and then Anderson had hard lines at the other end, the ball hitting the post and going out. Soon afterwards, however, he had better luck, and with a swift shot he registered the third goal for the visitors. Queen's Park now reduced their forwards to four, and presented a magnificent defence, in which Campbell and McAra played an important part, and this was the more necessary as Bryden, having strained his ankle, was of very little use. Leek made many furious onslaughts, one of which was rewarded by Allen scoring just beneath the bar. The Glasgow umpire objected, stating that the ball had gone over, but Mr Jope decided for Leek amidst terrific cheers. Towards the close Vickerstaff had a great chance of equalising, but at the supreme moment, when within a few yards of the goal, he slipped on the frozen ground, and Queen's Park kicking out, and thus wasting valuable time, were left the winners of one of the finest and best contested games

ever seen on the Leek ground by three goals to two. Christie, McCullum, Campbell, Anderson, and Hamilton were the best of the visitors, on the day's play, whilst Byrne, Wardle, Hassall, Vickerstaff, Allen, and Smethurst did wonders for Leek, all the rest of the team playing up well. After the match the visitors were entertained at dinner by the Leek club, at the Swan Hotel, Mr R.S. Milner occupying the chair and Mr G.C. Wardle the vice-chair. Mr Campbell, in responding to the toast of the Glasgow team, complemented Leek upon their play, stating that the game was very even, and that they had nothing to boast of in their three goals to two victory. It was one of the best, pleasantest and hardest games the Queen's Park had ever fought, and they should return to Glasgow with the most pleasant recollections of Leek. There was nothing, in his opinion, to prevent Leek taking a leading position amongst the best of Association players, and he hoped at some future time to have the pleasure of playing against them again. The Manchester Guardian of the following Monday said, "Leek gave Queen's Park a surprisingly hard nut to crack, but notwithstanding this the famous Scotch organization seem bent on lifting the cup."

Leek: E. Hassall (Goal); F. Byrne, G. C. Wardle (Capt.) (Backs), G. Tudor, J. Smethurst, H. E. Whittles (Half Backs); W. Vickerstaff, M. Rider, H. Stonehewer, J. Brentnall, W. E. Allen (Forwards).

All checked

Queen's Park: +P. McCallum (Goal); G. O'Neill, T. Brydon (Backs); C. Campbell (Capt.), J. McAra (Half Backs); W. Anderson, A. Hamilton, W. Harrower, J. (A.) Lambie, H. Millar, R. M. Christie (Forwards).

+Peter McCallum :see 1883/84 game v Crewe . Leek Book has W. Hamilton.

Umpires: T. Armitt for Leek and R. Browne for Queen's Park. Referee: Jope (Wednesbury).

DRUIDS 4 (J. Doughty 2, Albert Powell, Albert Jones) CHIRK 1 (E. Povey) (H. T. 3-1) (Sat Jan 10th) (AN/REF have Powell 2, Doughty 2)

(At Wynnstay Park, Ruabon) (Postponed from the previous week)

Wrexham Advertiser 17/1/85 P.3/Athletic News 13/1/85 P.3/Bell's Life 14/1/85 P.4/Sportsman 12/1/85 P.4/Sporting Life 12/1/85 P.4:

WA: "On Saturday afternoon these teams met at Wynnstay Park, to play off their undecided tie in the third round of this competition. The match took place under very unfavourable auspices, the weather being wretched. There was but a small number of spectators. The Chirk centre set the ball in motion about three o'clock, but the Druids got in possession, and directly after with the aid of Doughty, the ball was sent through the visitors' uprights. Some all round play ensued, resulting in the charge of the globe being taken by the Chirk team, who invaded their opponents' stronghold, but they failed to score. However, the visitors were awarded a free kick, the Druids having fouled the ball, and Povey sending the ball past Jones, the game was equalised, much to the satisfaction of the partisans of the Chirk club. The Druids now played up with redoubled energy, and the custodian of the Chirk club had an abundance of work to do in defending his charge. The Druids were not to be denied, and after a gallant struggle they again lowered the Chirk colours, the point being secured by A. Powell. The visitors subsequently attacked their rivals' quarters, but the Druids got possession of the leather, and registered a third point in their favour, with a well directed shot by A. Jones. Ends having been

changed, the home team assumed the offensive, and Doughty with a grand shot secured the fourth goal. No other honours were gained by either side, a well contested game ending in favour of the home team by four goals to one."

SL: "Time having been granted to these teams to enable them to decide their tie in the third round of the competition, they met in Wynnstay Park, Ruabon, on Saturday to play it off. The weather was very stormy, and during the last half-hour players and spectators were treated to a heavy fall of sleet and hail. The Druids won the toss, and Povey kicked off against the wind. The ball being well returned, a visit was at once paid to the Chirk territory, and from a throw-in Doughty kicked the first goal for the Druids. This was barely a minute from the start, and Conde seemed on very bad terms with himself. When once more in motion the ball was taken into the home team's quarters, and one of the Druids fouling the ball dangerously near their uprights gave Chirk a good opportunity of equalising matters. This they succeeded in doing, the goal being secured by Povey. The Druids now took the ball across the field, and began peppering away at the Chirk citadel in real earnest. Several corners followed in quick succession, but nothing tangible resulted. At length twenty-five minutes from the start "Hands!" was given in favour of the Druids in front of and about twenty yards from the Chirk uprights. The free kick was entrusted to Bowen, and, the ball being weakly returned by Conde, a second goal was kicked by Powell. About ten minutes afterwards Albert Jones sent in a splendid shot, and as Conde again made a tardy return, Powell once more scored, thus making the score three to one in favour of the Druids. Nothing more of note occurred up to half-time. After changing ends Doughty once more improved the Druids' total, kicking the fourth goal five minutes after crossing over. From this time till the end of the game, notwithstanding that the home team made innumerable shots at the Chirk goal, they failed to increase their score, and when "Time!" was whistled, the game stood - Druids, four goals; Chirk, one goal. During the greater part of the second half the losers played only ten men, one of their forwards, H. Owens, being obliged to retire with a wrenched knee."

Druids: J. Jones (Goal); R. Jones, E. Bowen (Backs); R. Davies, J. Davies, W. Williams (Half Backs); Albert Powell, W. Jones (Right Wing), J. Doughty (Centre), Albert Jones, + J. Jones (Left Wing).

+To be checked

Chirk: J. Conde (Goal); A. Jones, C. Bolas (Backs); H. Owen, J. Jones, D. Jones (Half Backs); W. Owen, P. Griffiths (Right Wing), E. Povey (Centre), T. Williams, + J. Rogers (Left Wing).

+To be checked

Umpires: Powell (Ruabon) and Thomas (Chirk). Referee: Pugh (Pool Quay).

FIFTH DIVISION:

Grimsby Town v Lincoln City

Middlesbrough, a bye

GRIMSBY TOWN 1 (H.S. Mundahl) LINCOLN 0 (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Jan 3rd) (At Clee Park, Grimsby)

Lincolnshire Chronicle 6/1/85 P.3 and 9/1/85 P.8:

LC 9/1/85 P.8: "Teams representing these important clubs met on Saturday last, January 3rd, on the ground of the former-Clee Park to decide their tie in the third round of the National Cup

competitions. No match this season has created more interest in the "fishing metropolis", and, when it became known that the "City" would play a team equal, if not superior to the one which inflicted such a crushing defeat on the "Sheffield" Club at Lincoln on the previous Monday, increased interest, and not a little speculation, was evinced as to the result. The "City" players arrived at the town station shortly after two o'clock, accompanied by about 200 of their admirers, and, a conveyance being in readiness, the team was quickly driven to the rendezvous, and by 2.40 pm they were ready, and apparently eager, for the fray. At this time, though the cold was very nipping, over 3,000 spectators had assembled, and were, with the exercise of the greatest patience, awaiting the commencement of hostilities. White, winning the toss, set Grimsby to kick off against a slight breeze. The ball was soon travelling towards the home goal, and Simpson put in a good long shot, which only just missed its mark. In quick succession the home defence was twice tested by free-kicks awarded the visitors on account of "hands", both occurring in close proximity to the home goal, but this form of attack, as usual, had little effect, Mundahl springing forward at the right moment, and heading the sphere very cleverly out of danger. The visitors next obtained their first corner, and Hallam directed so well that Asling had to use his fist in order to save his charge, his brilliant defence evoking the applause it merited. An invasion of the "City" territory was next effected by the combined efforts of the home right and Hall, and from a throw-in by the latter, J. Taylor succeeded in placing the ball dangerously close to the visitors' goal, but Curtis-whose play at full back was one of the most useful and admirable character throughout the game-managed to return the ball into the neutral zone. After a little give-and-take play, in which Kimpson was most conspicuous, in his judicious, and, as the result proved, successful efforts to baffle the "City" centre forward (C.E. Chapman) whose prowess had such influence against the visitors on Boxing Day, at Horncastle, an incursion was made by the home forwards, in which Mundahl and Monument showed good form, but the latter failed in his aim. The visitors then, by some highly finished dribbling-which was, perhaps, rather selfish in its execution-got well through the home defence, and Sturges-Jones appeared to have their goal at his mercy, but he, rather unaccountably, shot high over the bar, to the manifest delight and relief to the home players and their supporters. Asling restarted the ball, and Chambers by a neat pass, enabled Monument to get well away with it, but his course was abruptly stopped by Curtis, who charged him off the ball very opportunely, and then dribbled a considerable distance on the Lincoln right, handing the leather over to Newsum, who in turn took it on where it was placed over the goal-line rebounding thither off Chambers; a second corner to the "City's" credit was the penalty, but Simpson kicked behind. Their attack was renewed by the skilful passing of the right wing, and Newsum got an opening of which he failed to take advantage, and thus the Grimsby goal, for the second time, escaped when it looked an impossibility. Twice in quick succession the Lincoln quarters were assailed but Read failed to utilise an opportunity presented by a shot across the goal of Mundahl's, and which also looked a "cheap thing" for him. H. Taylor next brought forth appreciative applause for the energetic manner in which he tackled his opponents, his unexpected "checks" considerably shaking the confidence as well as the "systems" of those subjected to his attentions. Not to be denied, the home forwards resumed offensive operations, and Mundahl again shot across the goal to Read, who just managed to stop it going beyond the post, and quickly passing to Raines, that player gave it once more to Mundahl, who, amidst acclamation, and after just half an hour's play, shot it beyond the reach of Cousans, thus scoring what proved the only valid point of the match. Shortly after restarting the "City" left wing invaded, and Hallam scored an "off-side" goal, the referee's services being, at this point, required. For some time the home team, who seemed inspired by their success, maintained a slight advantage, but a third corner fell to the visitors and Simpson placed the ball well into play,

where the defence proved superior to the attack. The Grimsby right wing carried the warfare into the "City" territory, and Cousans conceded a corner, which Noble failed to improve. Chapman next got away, and a rapid movement along the greater part of the ground, and skillfully executed, by the "City" centre and lefts threatened Asling's fortress, but the "City" captain gave his team time to rally by conceding a corner, which Hallam took charge of, without the desired result. Ends were now changed, and a brief rest from the resumption of hostilities. Grimsby, with the wind, assumed the aggressive, and Noble ought to have immediately scored from a pass of Mundahl's, but he missed his opportunity. Within a few minutes the last-named made a direct shot, which only just failed. Noble was, directly afterwards, ruled "off-side" at the time of the leather being shot across to him from the home left wing, consequently the goal he put through was disallowed. At length the visitors returned to the attack, and both wings endangered Asling's charge; the assault delivered from the right wing was particularly brilliant, and, but for the dash of Chambers, must have reduced that citadel. Some smart work followed on the part of C. Chapman, F. Chapman, Clarke, and Hallam, and their co-operation was within an ace of being successful, Hall again saving his goal by conceding a corner, which proved fruitless, although Simpson placed the ball nicely before the home goal. After Cousans had again fisted away a shot put in during a rather severe scrimmage in the vicinity of his goal, Mundahl should have added another notch for the home team from an easy chance afforded him by Noble, but he shot without his usual calculating coolness, the consequence was the ball went very wide of the posts. A "throw-in" from Hall gave the same player another chance of a shot, and, this time, he placed the ball from mid-field, just over the "City" cross-bar, amidst deserved applause. From the "kick-out", Newsum, Sturges-Jones, and C. Chapman, by another beautiful example of the art of passing, carried the struggle to the home quarters, and the former put in a magnificent low shot, which Asling just managed to divert at the expense of another unproductive corner taken by Simpson. The visitors next secured a "place-kick" for a foul charge, and, being within the range of the Grimsby citadel, matters looked hopeful for them, but still the Taylors were equal to the work set them, and returned the ball in the direction of the visitors' goal, where Monument secured it and ended a spirited run by securing an unfruitful corner, taken by Read. A last effort to save their honour was gamely made by the "City" representatives, but though they tried all they knew, Asling kept his charge intact. A fine run followed by Monument and Read, who broke through all opposition and looked like scoring, but their eagerness outweighed their judgment, and Cousans was thus enabled to avert the disaster that appeared imminent, by the concession of another corner kick, which Read undertook, but there his shot was erratic. Nothing further of note occurred up to the call of time, Grimsby thus working their way into the much-coveted "fourth round" by defeating just about the strongest combination that ever a Lincolnshire club has pitted against them by the bare majority of a single goal. It is scarcely necessary to add that from first to last the encounter was fast and brilliant, every advantage gained being most stubbornly contested, the only set-off being the failures of scoring previously enumerated."

Grimsby Town: W. Asling (Goal); J. H. Taylor, Harry Taylor (Backs); R. C. Hall (Capt.), G. Kimpson, H. Chambers (Half Backs); S. Noble, H. (S.) Mundahl (Right Wing), R. Raynes (Centre), A. H. Read, H. Monument (Left Wing).

All checked

Lincoln City: Eustace A.Cousans(Goal);Thomas Harry White(Capt.),+Harold Curtis(Backs);Herbert Simpson,+Edmond Blyton, Frank Chapman (Half Backs);Clement Newsum,+T.Oliver Sturges-Jones (Right Wing),Charles E.Chapman(Centre),George Hallam,+David Clark(e) (Left Wing).

+To be checked

Umpires:W.T.Lammin for Grimsby Town and J.H.Strawson for Lincoln City.

Referee:J.R.Harvey(Hon Sec,Sheffield Association)

MIDDLESBROUGH ,a bye.

SIXTH DIVISION:

Blackburn Rovers v Witton

Church v Southport

BLACKBURN ROVERS 5 (J.H.Forrest,J.Brown,H.L.Fecitt,J.M.Lofthouse,J.Douglas) WITTON 1 (J.Haresnape)(H.T. 4-0)(Mon Dec 22nd)(At Leamington Street Ground,Blackburn)

N.B. Sowerbutts scored a sixth goal,and the referee allowed it,but,with the referee's permission, Rovers conceded no score.

Blackburn Standard 27/12/84 P.3/Bell's Life 24/12/84 P.4/Manchester Courier 23/12/84 P.7 (Report misaligned but readable)/Athletic News 24/12/84 P.3/Sportsman 23/12/84 P.4/Sporting Life 23/12/84 P.4:

BS:"These teams met at the Leamington ground on Monday afternoon.About 700 persons viewed the contest.The Rovers won the toss,and the Wittonians set the ball in motion.The play was pretty even for the first five minutes,but finally the Rovers by some neat passing got the ball up towards their enemy's fortress,and Forrest by a long shot notched the first point for the Rovers eleven minutes from the start.Shortly afterwards McIntyre by a grand kick sent the ball into the goal mouth,and Brown headed the second goal.The visitors now broke away,but the ball was returned, and out of a scrimmage just in front of the Witton goal,Fecitt obtained a third point.The Wittonians now showed some good passing and got the ball to the other end,but Suter and Forrest were too many for them.The ball was again,however,carried from neutral ground into the Rovers' territory, but McIntyre interfered and the sphere was taken to the other end,where Lofthouse sent the ball flying through the posts.The play was very loose and poor after,and half-time was called,the game being four goals to none in favour of the home team.On the re-start the game continued to be of a loose nature,the Rovers apparently taking matters easy,and warding off their opponents' attacks very coolly.They were,however,overcome,and Haresnape for the visitors,scored the first and only goal for Witton.The Witton team were now pressed,but they played up well;Douglas lowered their colours for the fifth time.Brown made a grand dribble towards the Witton citadel,and passed to Sowerbutts,who notched the sixth point.The Wittonians claimed "off-side",but the goal was allowed. The Witton players were dissatisfied at this decision,and finally the Rovers,after having gained permission,overruled the referee's decision,which appeared to perfectly satisfy the visitors,who retired to their respective positions.The Rovers had the best of the game to the finish,but Sharples repelled the numerous shots which were sent in,and when time was called the Rovers left the field victorious by five goals to one."

BL: "This tie was played on the Rovers' ground at Blackburn on Monday afternoon last. The overnight frost rendered the ground very hard and slippery. Both clubs were strongly represented. The home team, who played with the slope in their favour, at once commenced to make matters warm for their opponents. For sixteen minutes, however, did the Witton backs successfully resist the attacks on their lines. A long shot by Forrest eventually sent the ball through. Witton, in no wise discouraged then looked like scoring; but Brown breaking away ran to the other end, where he sent in a low, fast shot, which Sharples kicked back. Brown again secured possession, and this time he met with more success. The Witton eleven were now severely pressed, and for the remainder of the first half were obliged to confine themselves to acting on the defensive. From a well placed centre, after the ball had been run into the Witton lines, by Douglas and Lofthouse, it was rushed through the Witton posts, and just before ends were changed a fourth goal was obtained by Lofthouse. After change the play became more even, and but for some splendid defence by Suter and M'Intyre, Witton must have scored. Haresnape next made himself conspicuous by a smart run, and centring well after the ball had been sent back by Arthur, it was eventually put through. This success stimulated Witton to greater exertions, and some very fair passing was shown by the forwards. A sharp attack by Duerden and Ashworth was cleverly neutralised by Suter at the expense of a corner. Nothing resulted, and up to the call of time the Rovers were again the aggressors. A point was then scored by Sowerbutts, and although before the close of the game the ball was again sent through the Witton posts, the score was disallowed on the ground of offside. The Rovers thus won by five goals to one." (Not "nil")

Blackburn Rovers: J.W.H. Arthur (Goal); H. McIntyre, F. Suter (Backs); G. Haworth, J.H. Forrest (Half Backs), J.M. Lofthouse, J. Douglas (Right Wing), J. Brown, J. Sowerbutts (Centres), N. Walton, H.L. Fecitt (Left Wing). (MC specified positions)

All checked

Witton: W.H. Sharples (Goal), J. Whittaker, Hacking (Backs); J. Monk, W. Thompson, E. Turner (Half Backs); J. Haresnape, Duerden (Right Wing), J. Snape (Centre), W. Ashworth, J.R. Ramsdale (Left Wing). (MC specified positions)

NOT CHECKED

N.B. Haresnape is the correct name (who played for some seasons after) as is Snape, but doubt about the initials. Have R.H. Snape for Haresnape and A. Snape for J. Snape in some sources this season..

"The Rovers were assisted by Haworth of Accrington, Turner being absent" (BDP 23/12/84 P.8): he also played in the Final: see below)

SM: "Ten minutes later, from a long shot by Haworth (the captain of the Accrington team, who will play with the Rovers in the remaining rounds of the competition), Brown headed a second goal..."

(N.B. G. Howarth stated to be Accrington captain, but playing rest of Cup games for Blackburn Rovers: Accrington were disqualified in First Round but he did not play for them in that game v Southport) (BS has "(Church)" after his name in their lineup).

Umpires: R. Birtwistle (Rovers) and J. Eccleston (Witton). Referee: J. Pickup (Park Road, Blackburn).

CHURCH 10 SOUTHPORT 0 (H.T. 8-0) (Sat Jan 3rd) (At Church)

N.B.Nothing in Southport History.

Athletic News 6/1/85 P.6:"At Church on Saturday.The visitors could make no stand against the home team,who scored eight goals in the first half and two in the second,Southport not being able to register a single point."(No teams)

Manchester Courier 5/1/85 P.7:"The home team completely vanquished their opponents,by scoring ten goals to the seashiders none."(No Lineups)

Blackburn Standard 10/1/85 P.3 does not give the Lineups for this game.

SOUTH-FIRST(SEVENTH)DIVISION:

Old Wykehamists v Upton Park

Old Carthusians,a bye

OLD WYKEHAMISTS 2(F.M.Ingram,A.Heygate)UPTON PARK 1 (C.Mitchell)(H.T. 1-0)(Sat Jan 3rd)(At the Oval)

Essex Times 10/1/85 P.2/Sporting Life 5/1/85 P.4/Field 10/1/85 P.51/Sportsman 5/1/85 P.4/Bell's Life 7/1/85 P.4/Athletic News 6/1/85 P.6:

ET:"The Uptonians were very unfortunate in getting their team up,as R.S.King,A.M.Inglis,E.B.Hill,and J.R.Bastard were not able to play,and T.Pellatt wired his inability to be present late on the previous night.

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SL:"There was a fairly good attendance at the Oval on Saturday last to witness the match between these two clubs in the third round of the competition for the above cup.The ground was in capital condition,and as there was little wind,everything was in favour of a fast game.The Uptonians were generally the most fancied,but the Old Wykehamists played very well together throughout,and though they only managed to get the winning point just as time was up,they had certainly rather the best of the play.The Uptonians winning the toss chose the western goal,and at twenty minutes to four Ingram set the ball in motion on behalf of the Old Boys.The game was stoutly contested,and without result,until about twenty minutes had elapsed,when a misskick by Moore gave the Wykehamists a chance,and Ingram sent the ball between the Upton posts amid great cheering.The remainder of the first half was unproductive,and the expiry of forty-five minutes found Winchester a goal to the good.After change the Upton forwards showed to better advantage,and after a run on the left,Mitchell passing to Ellis,the latter put the ball between the Wykehamists' posts.A claim for off-side against the player who had taken the ball along the left wing was,however,allowed by the officials,and no score consequently resulted.Not long afterwards,however,Woolley,after a short run,middling to Mitchell,the latter,with a smart shot secured a good goal for Upton,this success eliciting a great demonstration from their supporters,who mustered in considerable force.The remainder of the game was stoutly fought,and the play continued fast till the close.Hughes allowed an easy chance at the Upton goal to escape,and once a vigorous rush by the Essex forwards just failed,Barnard sending the ball against the bar of the Winchester goal,whence it rebounded into play.A drawn game seemed inevitable,but just as time was up,Hughes ran the ball well down,

middled into the front of the Upton posts, and (+Hey) put it securely through. The Wykehamists thus won on the post, as the referee's whistle blew immediately the goal was got, and Upton were thus beaten by two goals to one." (+wrongly states Haggate)

F: "The game in the third round between these clubs proved vastly interesting to the admirers of Association football assembled at Kennington Oval on Saturday afternoon last, and this notwithstanding that neither club was represented by its strongest team. Upton Park were perhaps the greatest sufferers in this respect, as they were from various causes deprived of the services of R.S. King, T. Pellatt, E.B. Hill, A.M. Inglis, and S.R. Bastard. One goal, scored by the Old Winchester boys, was the only goal obtained until the second half of the game was well advanced; then the holders of the London Cup made matters level, and so they remained until almost the last minute of time, when that most useful forward, T.B. Hughes, with a capital run and middle, was mainly instrumental in causing victory to rest with the Old Wykehamists, who worked exceedingly well together all through the match. The ground proved in capital order, and the fine weather enabled the game to be watched in comfort. Mitchell won the toss and elected to first defend the western goal. A strong attack was almost directly made upon the Upton quarters, but the capital work of the attacking forwards culminated in Chitty sending the ball over the line. Then a visit to the Wykehamists' territory had a much similar ending, though Woolley shortly afterwards looked like meeting with success, and in all probability would have done so but for the smart work of Jones at back. Each side in turn had the better of the situation, but nothing of a decisive character occurred until the contest had lasted fully twenty minutes. At this period Ingram, after a good bit of work by the Wykehamist forwards, gained the first goal. A determined rush of the Uptonians, in which Mitchell was most conspicuous, threatened danger to the Wykehamists, but the rival captain's shot was cleverly stopped by Jones. The game progressed with varying fortunes, but no goal, other than the one mentioned, had been scored up to half time. Quickly following change of ends Upton Park made several good attempts to obtain the much-desired point. Lafone evaded the opposing backs, but his efforts only served to show Parr's excellence in goal. Returning to the attack the Upton forwards made the play very fast just in front of the Winchester goal; but, though Mitchell and Woolley did some capital work, they found Jones once more a reliable back. Good runs on both sides marked the continuation of the game. A throw in by Moore preceded a good bit of passing between Savill, Mitchell, and Ellis, and the last-named directed the ball underneath the tape; but it was ruled that an infringement of the offside law had occurred. This disappointment was soon compensated for, as Mitchell, after a good pass by Woolley, made matters level. So they remained until just before time, when Hughes added to the excitement prevailing by running in fine style down the right side. His final kick was to transfer the ball to Hey, whose shot proving successful, the Wykehamists retired winners by two goals to one."

SM: "...After playing for about twenty minutes, however, from a well-supported attack by the Wykehamists, Ingram sent the ball under the bar, and thus scored the first goal in honour of the Wykehamists. On resuming the contest, Mitchell, running down the centre, made his shot, but the ball rebounding from James's chest, got into play again. A fine specimen of dribbling and passing between the Wykehamists' forwards now took place; in fact they displayed a greater amount of smartness and disinterestedness throughout the game than their opponents did, and Ingram only just missed an opportunity of again scoring by a bare foot. At half time ends were reversed, and the Upton forwards made many powerful efforts to equalise matters, and a good straight shot by C was capitally warded off by Parr. A heavy scrimmage now occurred in front of the Wykehamists' goal, and Mitchell, assisted

by Wooley, worked hard, and with probable success to get through, but Jones was again in the way and made all safe. From a throw-in by Moore Savill passed the ball to Mitchell, who in turn sent it to Ellis, when the latter drove it between the posts, but being off-side, the goal was disallowed. At last, from an assault by the former residents of Old Winchester, Wooley turned the ball whence it came, and Mitchell sent it under the bar, and thus made the score level amidst great enthusiasm. As darkness was rapidly coming on, it was thought that the match would end in a draw, but just before "time" was announced, or rather whistled, Hughes, after a dashing run, centred the ball to Hey, who won the match for the Wykehamists by two goals to one."

Old Wykehamists: P.C. Parr (Capt.) (Goal); J.F. Bowen, F.A. Jones (Backs); H.H. Coles, R.S. Milford (Half Backs); H. Chitty, T.B. Hughes (Capt.) (Right Wing), A. Heygate, F.M. Igram (Centres), J.A. Fort, H.W. Pike (Left Wing).

All checked

Upton Park: W. Francis (Goal); W.J. Mangles, T. Houghton (Backs); E.D. Ellis, H.P. Ward, C.J.S. Moore (Half Backs); H.C. Woolley (Capt.), H. Savill (Right Wing), C. Mitchell (Capt.) (Centre), J. Barnard, H. Lafone (Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires: C.W. Alcock (Old Harrovians) and F.A. Clarke (Pilgrims). Referee: C.H.R. Wollaston (Wanderers).

OLD CARTHUSIANS, a bye.

SOUTH SECOND (EIGHTH) DIVISION:

Hanover United v Chatham
Romford, a bye

HANOVER UNITED 0 CHATHAM 2 (J.C. Soppitt, C. Hibbard) (H.T. 0-0) (Sat Jan 3rd) (At the Hanover Ground at the Limes, Barnes)

Sporting Life 5/1/85 P.4/Bell's Life 7/1/85 P.4/ Sportsman 5/1/85 P.4/Referee 4/1/85 P.5-6 (P.6 missing on line)/:

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SL: "This match was played on Saturday, at Barnes, and resulted in favour of Chatham by two goals to none. The play during the first half was very even, each goal being in turn visited, but nothing definite was obtained up to half time. On change of ends Chatham played up with renewed vigour, and severely pressed the home team, but owing to the grand defence shown by the goalkeeper (Hunt) were kept from scoring. About ten minutes from time Soppitt, with a swift low shot, scored the first goal for the visitors, and shortly afterwards Hibbard scored goal number two for Chatham. The Hanover tried their utmost to retrieve their fortunes, but the excellent back play of the Chatham team kept them at bay, and time found the result as above. For the winners it would be useless to individualise any particular member when all played so well, while for the losers Hunt (goal), Scoble (back), Krauesslach, Ravani, and Harris, were best."

BL: "This tie was decided on the Hanover ground at Barnes. The visitors were strongly represented, but for the first part of the game the play was very even. After change the superiority of Chatham became manifest, but the home team manfully stood their ground, and up to a few minutes before the close, maintained their line intact. Two goals were then obtained by Soppitt and Hibbard respectively in quick succession after some excellent combined play. Chatham thus won an excellent contest by two goals to nil."

Hanover: A. Hunt (Goal); G. Scoble, W. Rennie (Backs); L. Harris, W. G. Adams, P. Dakin (Half Backs); E. C. Ravani, S. Dorrington (Right Wing), C. Stanning (Centre), F. Krauesslach, T. Totman (Left Wing) (CO has only 10 men) (BL has the missing CO man Stanning at centre)

All checked

Chatham: J. Brown (Goal); J. Albert, E. Conquer (Backs); +J. (H.) Timms, W. Lush, R. Conquer (Capt.) (Half Backs); J. A. Collins, C. Hibbard (Right Wing), W. McLeod (Centre), J. C. Soppitt, H. Hobart (Left Wing). (CO)

+Check in brackets SL has J. A. Timms

Umpires: W. Cordell and J. Apstead. Referee: Capt. Fulger.

ROMFORD, a bye

SOUTH THIRD (NINTH) DIVISION:

Swifts v Old Westminster

Old Etonians or Brentwood, a bye

SWIFTS 1 (F. W. Pawson) OLD WESTMINSTERS 1 (A. R. Hurst) (H. T. 1-0) (Sat Jan 3rd) (At Slough)

Bell's Life 7/1/85 P.4/Sportsman 5/1/85 P.4/Sporting Life 5/1/85 P.4/Referee 4/1/85 P.6? (Pages 6/7 missing on line)/Athletic News 6/1/85 P.6/:

BL: "This tie was played on the ground of the (Swifts) at Slough. Both teams were very strongly represented and the contest was throughout most keen and exciting. The visitors having won the toss, Pawson kicked off. The Westminster centres having secured the ball, a raid was made into home lines, and after Rose had thrown the ball away, a corner fell to the "pinks" which proved useless. Cheesman then broke away, and after a capital run down the left, centred to Pawson, who kicked the first goal for the Swifts five minutes after the start. Several fine runs were made by Jenner, from one of which Bain sent in a sharp shot which narrowly missed its mark. Though the Westminster had a trifle the best of it, up to half time, they were unable to break through, the back play of Watson being very fine. Half time showed the total unchanged, but a few minutes later an attack was made on the home lines. Twice did Rose save his charge, but at length from a well placed corner kick Hurst equalised matters. A little later, the Swifts in their turn became the aggressors, and had very hard luck in failing to score, whilst on the other hand a piece of splendid passing, shown by Scoones and Bailey nearly obtained the winning point. The match was thus left drawn. On the whole the Westminsters had the best of the contest, and the Swifts have only Watson, and their goalkeeper to thank that they did not meet with a reverse."

Swifts:W.C.Rose(Goal);A.Watson,J.Jeeves(Backs);T.W.Gellibrand,F.E.Saunders,L.W.North(Half Backs);M.M.Barker,R.Playford(Right Wing),F.W.Pawson(Centre), E.C.Bambridge(Capt.), H.H.Cheesman(Left Wing).

All checked

Old Westminsters:W.F.G.Sandwith(Goal);C.W.R.Tepper,R.T.Squire(Backs);N.C.Bailey(Capt.), H.Wetton(Half Backs);O.Scoones,C.R.W.Heath(Right Wing),A.R.Hurst A.C.W.Jenner(Centres), F.W.Bain,F.W.Janson(Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires:Armstrong and F.Bickley.Referee:N.L.Jackson.

REPLAY:Wed Jan 14th:

OLD WESTMINSTERS 2(A.R.Hurst,C.R.W.Heath) SWIFTS 2 (F.W.Pawson,Tepper(o.g.))
(H.T. 1-1)(At Kennington Oval) (Too dark to play extra time)

Field 17/1/85 P.83/Sporting Life 15/1/85 P.4/Sportsman 15/1/85 P.4/Bell's Life 17/1/85 P.8/Athletic News 20/1/85 P.3:

F:"The second match was played at Kennington Oval on Wednesday afternoon,and,though the weather was intensely cold,a large number of spectators assembled to watch what proved an exceedingly good game.Thinly covered in snow,the ground was not in the best condition,but it was vastly better than could have been anticipated,and the play was not seriously interfered with.On the whole,the Old Westminsters had slightly the better of the game,and it was by a bit of bad luck that their colours were a second time lowered.It must,however,be mentioned that the Swifts received comparatively little assistance from E.C.Bambridge,who has not yet recovered from a recent sprain. The Swifts won the toss,and of course took advantage of a pretty stiff breeze for the first half,but they were soon forced to act on the defensive,owing to the capital kicking of Squire and Pepper and the good play of Scoones,Bain,and Page.Indeed,there seemed a chance of scoring on the part of Westminster at a very early period,but Watson succeeded in preventing the point being gained. Brann,Pawson,and Barker did very good work for the Swifts,and some vigorous play by the Westminster backs was necessary to repel the attack.With a good run Scoones again changed the position of the ball and a capital pass by him threatened danger to the Swifts,but a foul charge close to goal spoilt the chance.The free kick incurred,however,was so admirably placed by Wetton that Hurst was able to at once direct the ball through the Swifts' goal(SL:"13 minutes from the start").The advantage was only short-lived.A run by Barker and Brann gave the Swifts the better situation and,after a short scrimmage close to the Westminster goal,Pawson,favoured by a mistake on the part of Squire,made matters level,and the score remained unaltered for the rest of the first half, while the play was fairly even. After change of ends the Swifts were,to begin with,very closely pressed,but their assaults were successfully dealt with,and Westminster in turn had to act on the defensive.Two corner kicks were got away,but a scrimmage formed directly afterwards in front of the Westminster goal,resulted in the ball going through off Pepper.Following this reverse the Old Westminsters played up hard,but they could not do more than hold their own for some time,Watson doing most useful service for their opponents.At last a piece of smart play between Hurst,Bain,and Heath ended in the last-named kicking a second goal for Westminster(SL:"Hurst,who was apparently

off-side, passing to Heath, the latter gave the Westminsters another score, the Swifts making no claim against the score.”), who then strove hard to gain another point. Page on the one side, and Scoones and Heath on the other, worked admirably, but Hurst several times proved too slow to make any use of his opportunities, and Bain had, on one occasion, the goal at his mercy, but did not attempt to kick until too late. Heath headed the ball splendidly, but Rose just as cleverly saved his charge. Towards the end of the game, so closely was the Westminster goal now and then besieged, it seemed highly probable that the Swifts would after all prove victorious, but the end of time arrived with the scores unaltered. The match for the second time was therefore left drawn, as it was the opinion of the officials concerned that the light would not hold out long enough to permit of an extra half hour being played.”

Old Westminsters: W.F.G. Sandwith (Goal); C.W.R. Tepper, R.T. Squire (Backs); N.C. Bailey, H. Wetton (Half Backs); C.R.W. Heath, O. Scoones (Right), A.R. Hurst, A.C.W. Jenner (Centres), C.M. Page, F.W. Bain (Left).

All checked

Swifts: W.C. Rose (Goal); A. Watson, J. Jeeves (Backs); F.E. Saunders, A.W. Haigh, T.W. Gellibrand (Half Backs); M.M. Barker, G. Brann (Right Wing), F.W. Pawson (Centre), E.C. Bambridge, H.H. Cheeseman (Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires: C.W. Alcock (Old Harrovians) and N.L. Jackson (Finchley). Referee: M.P. Betts (Old Harrovians).

SECOND REPLAY: Wed Jan 21st:

SWIFTS 2 (+A. Watson, G. Brann) OLD WESTMINSTERS 1 (C.R.W. Heath) (At the Oval) (H.T. 2-1)

+Find scorer

Sportsman 22/1/85 P.4/Bell's Life 24/1/85 P.7/Sporting Life 22/1/85 P.4/Field 24/1/85 P.108/
Athletic News 27/1/85 P.2:

SM: "At the committee meeting held on Monday it was resolved to grant a further extension until yesterday, and in order to arrive at a definite issue it was resolved to commence operations as early as two o'clock. Several alterations were made from the teams that did battle on the previous occasion, and neither eleven could be said to have been improved by the changes. E.C. Bambridge, who last week was of little use to his side, being still hors de combat, wisely yielded up his place to Playford, while of the old boys Tepper and Hurst were absentees, Page being also unable to assist his old school mates, he not having recovered from the effect of the injuries received at Blackburn on Saturday last. Bedford, Fevez, and Burridge took their places, but were scarcely equal to the original trio."

BL: "These teams, who have previously played a couple of drawn games in the third round of the Association Challenge Cup competition, met again on Wednesday afternoon last, at Kennington Oval. The weather was very cold, and the doubt which existed as to whether, owing to the frost, the contest would take place doubtless had an effect on the attendance. As it was there were about 200 spectators present. The ground was very hard, and the play consequently moderate. Neither side was well represented, Tepper, Page and Hurst being absent from the Westminster ranks, whilst Bambridge

and Barker could not assist the Swifts. Dr Smith, of the Queen's Park eleven, whose name was included in the advertised team of the last-named, did not take part. (AN: "It may be mentioned that players from Wiltshire, Sheffield, Glasgow, Sussex, and Cambridge University were assisting the Swifts.") The play was not nearly as good as was the case when the teams met a week previously. The Swifts, who won the toss, elected to play from the Clayton-street goal, thereby gaining some little advantage. Heath kicked off, and for the first few minutes the game was carried on near midfield without advantage to either team. The first noticeable item was a corner kick to the Swifts, and the corner kick being well placed, the visitors narrowly missed scoring, the ball being headed just outside the posts. An attack was then made on the home posts, and a good shot by Bain was stopped by Watson, whose back play was excellent throughout. A combined run by Bain and Jenner resulted in the gain of a corner, and directly after "hands" were given in favour of the "Old Pinks" near their opponents' goal line. Nothing resulted, and some good play by Brann, Pawson, and Jessop cleared their lines. The ball was speedily worked back, and out of a bully the ball was passed to Heath, who scored the first goal, after about twenty-five minutes' play. After this the Swifts played up vigorously, and an attack by Pawson, Brann, and Jessop was neutralised by Fevez at the expense of a corner. "Hands" were given in favour of Swifts in their opponents' half, not far from the centre line. Watson, to whom the free kick was entrusted, sent the ball in front of their opponents' goal, round which the Westminster players were gathered, and the ball after bounding and rebounding from the heads of several players, eventually went through the posts. This success was speedily followed by another, likewise the result of a free kick. The ball was well dropped by Gellibrand in front of goal, but Sandwith fisted out. Jones, however, headed back and only just missed scoring. A bully followed out of which Brann, seeing his opportunity, sent the ball through out of Sandwith's reach. A few minutes later Rose saved splendidly, but, rushing up, the Westminster forwards prevented the ball from getting away, and, forcing the goalkeeper back, claimed that it had been taken over the line. This, however, was disallowed, and Pawson getting away, ran to the other end, eventually finishing up with a shot which sent the ball hard against the Westminster crossbar, and it bounded over. There was very little to choose between the teams during the second half of the game, each goal in turn being menaced. Towards the finish the Westminsters seemed to fall away in their play, and more than one easy chance of scoring was lost by the Swifts. Heath on one occasion slipped and fell when he seemed to have his rivals' goal at his mercy. No further point had been gained when the whistle sounded, the Swifts thus winning by two goals to one."

Swifts: W. C. Rose (Goal); A. Watson, J. Jeeves (Backs); T. W. Gellibrand, Humphrey Jones, F. E. Saunders (Half Backs); E. Jessop, G. Brann (Rights), F. W. Pawson (Centre), R. Playford, H. H. Cheeseman (Lefts).

All checked

Old Westminster: W. F. G. Sandwith (Goal) R. T. Squire, A. L. Fevez (Backs); N. C. Bailey, A. E. Bedford, H. Wetton (Half Backs); O. Scoones, C. R. W. Heath (Right), W. A. Burr ridge (Centre), F. W. Bain, A. C. W. Jenner (Left).

All checked

OLD ETONIANS, a bye.

FOURTH ROUND:

"On Monday evening the Committee of the Football Association met at the office No 28 Paternoster Row E.C. when the 18 clubs left in after the third round were all drawn together for the Fourth Round. The first-named club has choice of ground and the ties must be played off on or before Saturday January 24th." (Derbyshire Times 7/1/85 P3)

Old Carthusians v Grimsby Town, at London

Swifts or Old Westminster v Notts Forest, at Slough or at London

Aston Villa or West Bromwich Albion v Druids or Chirk, at Perry Barr, Birmingham or West Bromwich

Queen's Park Glasgow v Old Wykehamists at Glasgow

Church v Darwen, at Church

Chatham v Lower Darwen, at Chatham

St George's, Birmingham or Walsall Swifts v Notts Club, at Birmingham or Walsall

Blackburn Rovers v Romford, at Blackburn

Old Etonians v Middlesbrough, at London

OLD CARTHUSIANS 3 (W.N. Cobbold, F.J. Barmby, E.H. Parry) GRIMSBY TOWN 0 (H.T. 2-0)
(Sat Jan 24th) (Casuals Ground at Wandsworth Common "as Oval engaged")

Bell's Life 28/1/85 P.4/Field 31/1/85 P.135/Sportsman 26/1/85 P.4/Sporting Life 26/1/85 P.4:

BL: "The Grimsby players had to undertake the long journey to town to bring off their tie with the old Charterhouse boys. Owing to the Oval being engaged it was decided to play the match on the Casuals' ground at Wandsworth Common. The attendance, however, fell far short of anticipations. The turf was very greasy, and before it commenced to freeze it was as much as the players could do to keep their footing. The game, however, proved very one-sided, far more than the verdict, three goals to nil in favour of the Carthusians would seem to imply; indeed very little play took place in the home quarters. A word of praise, however, is due to the Grimsby backs and goalkeeper, who worked very hard throughout. The home captain winning the toss, selected the goal nearest the tavern, and at 2.45 Raynes started the ball. A rush of the Charterhouse lefts at once made matters unpleasant for Grimsby, but only a corner kick resulted. The Carthusians kept their opponents penned a long time before they could score. At length, from a corner kick by Amos, Cobbold placed the first goal to the credit of the home team. The play continued to be carried on in favour of the old boys, and although the Grimsby forwards would occasionally break away they failed to become dangerous. The combined runs and dribbles of Cobbold, Hansell, and Smith were very good. At length from a bully near the Grimsby goal Barmby made a shot which sent the ball against one of the visitors, off whom it cannoned through the posts. Numerous corners fell to the Carthusians, and though the ball was invariably well placed, it was cleared away by the backs. Ends having been changed the play was carried on in the same fashion as had been the case previously, the visitors confining themselves in staving off the attacks which in quick succession were made on the goal. For a long time these tactics proved successful, but at length Parry made a capital single-handed run down the centre, and finished up with a hot shot which beat the Grimsby goalkeeper. This, however, proved to be the only point gained in the second half, as though they kept up their aggressive tactics to the finish the Carthusians failed to add to their score, and thus retired victorious as above stated."

F: "This match in the fourth round of the Association Cup, was played at Wandsworth, on Saturday last, in the presence of a rather small number of spectators. The weather was bright and cold, but a slight thaw made the ground treacherous, preventing a very fast game. Parry had the choice of

goals, and the ball was started by Grimsby at a quarter to three. It was, however, well returned, and after one unproductive corner kick, a second, taken by Amos, enabled Cobbold to put the ball through. The Carthusians still kept the ball well in their opponents' end, chiefly by some good passing among the forwards, and several corners were obtained. Nothing further of a definite character occurred, however, until Barmby scored a second point, the ball touching one of the Grimsby team before passing through. After half time the Charterhouse team continued to press their rivals, though several times the latter took the ball well up to their goal, compelling Erskine to use his hands more than once. A neat pass by Cobbold gave Smith a chance of scoring, but his shot came rather tamely into the hands of Asling, who promptly threw the ball away. Combined play among the Grimsby forwards then gave them a corner, but without effect, and soon after Hansell brought the ball well down, and passed to Cobbold, who sent it to Smith, by whom, however, it was headed over the bar. The latter made amends soon after by middling the ball, when close on the goal line, to Parry, who had no difficulty in scoring a third goal. The fine play of the Carthusian backs neutralised several good rushes of the Grimsby forwards, besides keeping the ball well inside hostile territory, where several shots were made by Cobbold and Parry, the latter of whom missed several chances, seeming slow and out of form. Towards the close a smart peppering was kept up at the Grimsby fortress, until the ball bounded on to the crossbar, and then over. Thus, at the call of time, the Carthusians retired winners by three goals to none."

Umpires: L.M. Richards (Old Carthusians) and W.T. Lammin (Grimsby). Referee: M.P. Betts (Old Harrovians)

Old Carthusians: J.F. Erskine (Goal); P.M. Walters, A.M. Walters (Backs); T.W. Blenkiron, F.J. Barmby, A. Amos (Half Backs); J.A. Perkin, W.E. Hansell (Right Wing), E.H. Parry (Capt.) (Centre), W.N. Cobbold, C.A. Smith (Left Wing).

All checked

Grimsby Town: W. Asling (Goal); H. Taylor, J.H. Taylor (Backs); R.C. Hall (Capt.), G. Kimpson, H. Chambers (Half Backs); S. Noble, T. Garnham (Right Wing), R. Raynes (Centre), A.H. Read, H. Monument (Left Wing).

All checked

SWIFTS 0 NOTTS FOREST 1 (S.W. Widdowson) (H.T. 0-1) (At Slough) (Sat Jan 24th)

Nottingham Journal 26/1/85 P.7/Derby Daily Telegraph 26/1/85 P.3/Bell's Life 28/1/85 P.4/Sportsman 26/1/85 P.4/Field 31/1/85 P.135/Referee 25/1/85 P.6/Sporting Life 26/1/85 P.4:

NJ: "On Saturday the Swifts met the Notts Forest on the Dolphin Ground, Slough, to play off their tie in the fourth round of the above cup. The afternoon was dull but fine, and there were a goodly number of spectators to witness the match. The Swifts won the toss and elected to play for the first half down hill. At 2.20 the ball was set in motion by T. Lindley, and the visitors rushed it up to the visitors' quarters, where some severe scrimmages took place in front of the home team's goal, giving Rose and Watson plenty of work. The ground was very slippery, and this no doubt stopped the Notts men from getting a goal. Brann got well on the ball and ran it down the side, but was stopped by the visitors' backs. The Swifts by hard work managed to get the ball to the Notts quarters, Cheesman showing some good play, but was not well backed up. "Hands" was given in front of the visitors' goal, the ball being kicked behind. The game was very even for the next five minutes, the ball being

kept in the centre of play. Soon afterwards "hands" was given to the Swifts. The Forest men were beginning to press their opponents, and a (fierce shot) out of a loose "bully" by Widdowson secured the first point for Notts Forest (causing) great cheering five minutes before half time. The ball was kicked off and the Swifts got well on it, and tried all they could to equalise matters, but the visitors were too good for them. "Half-time" was called, and as soon as the ball was started the Foresters rushed it down the play very fast to the Swifts' territory, where several shots were made. Rose, who was well up to his work, defended the goal in splendid style. The ball was kicked behind, and as soon as the goal-keeper had kicked off it was neatly passed from one to the other of the Forest forwards, and Lindley made a fine shot, Rose again stopping him from scoring. The visitors played better together than the Swifts, their passing being excellent. Notts ran the ball down into the Swifts' quarters, where "hands" were given in favour of the visitors twice, the Swifts each time having their goal in very great danger, and the visitors were within an ace of scoring had not Rose jumped up at the nick of time and hit the ball over the bar. The Swifts gradually worked the ball up to the Forest end, but it was kicked behind."

"From this stage of the game the Foresters had it almost all their own way, and Rose had all his work cut out to prevent them from scoring."

"For the winners, Widdowson, Lindley, and Unwin played in fine style, while Pawson, Watson, Rose, Cheesman, and Brann worked hard for their side."

DDT: "Played at Dolphin Ground, Slough, today (Saturday). Widdowson, of the Forest, won the toss, and chose to play uphill for the first half of the game. Precisely at twenty-two minutes past two Pawson kicked off on behalf of the Swifts. For the first few minutes the home team were severely pressed. Then Brann made a neat run and centred well, but Pawson was not close enough to assist the leather. Then the Notts forwards dashed down the ground in style until a fine kick by Saunders stopped them. A corner kick to Notts was taken out by Unwin, and Watson had to head the ball out. Twice in succession Widdowson shot for goal, and Rose missed, but Playford was close handy, and saved. Danks had a fine chance of scoring, but his final kick went behind. The same player had a second opportunity, but Jeeves headed away. The Swifts now made a determined attack, and Brann, Jessop, and Pawson all played in capital style. The home eleven then had a free kick in front of the Foresters' goal, but nothing resulted, although Beardsley had all his work cut out to stop a hot shot. The Forest retaliated, and just two minutes before half time, Widdowson scored amid cheers. After the change Rose had to use his hands, and then Beardsley followed his example at the opposite end. Saunders proved particularly active in neutralising several attacks of the Foresters' forwards. Widdowson early floored Rose, and then the Swifts had Watson to thank for his excellent back play. A fine run by Unwin caused Rose to use his hands once more, and that clever custodian was kept constantly employed. Watson handled right in front of the goal, but nothing resulted from the free kick. Rose fell in trying to save his charge, but succeeded in getting the ball away. Victory remained with the Forest by one goal to nothing."

BL: "The Swifts had to play without E.C. Bambridge and Barker, but, although they were beaten, they deserve credit for their show against the formidable Notts Forest club, though the forwards might have played up better. Pawson and Brann, however, did valuable work for the Swifts. One goal only was scored."

SM: "Played at the Dolphin Ground, Slough, on Saturday, the visiting captain won the toss, and precisely at twenty-two minutes past two Pawson kicked off for the "birds". The visitors dashed up the ground in very fast fashion, and for a first few minutes the Swifts were severely pressed. Then Brann got away on the right wing, and centred judiciously, but Pawson was not close enough up to take advantage of an exceedingly favourable opportunity. These two forwards again got the ball played in front of the Forest goal, but were stopped by Billyeald. A corner-kick fell to the reds, but nothing resulted therefrom. The visitors still acted on the aggressive, and Widdowson shot for goal, but Playford was fortunately at hand, and sent the missile away. Danks after a short run looked like scoring, but his final shot went behind. The Swifts then made a determined onslaught on the Forest stronghold, and Brann, Jessop, and Pawson worked particularly hard to bring about the desired end. Their repeated efforts culminated in a corner kick only a few yards in front of the visitors' posts. Jones touched the leather, and Pawson promptly shot for goal, but Beardsley stopped and returned his shot in capital style, and in less time than it takes to write, the Notts men were busily engaged at the other end. After some really fine passing between Unwin, Lindley, and Widdowson, the latter put in a simply irresistible shot, which Rose could not possibly stop, and amid cheers credited the Foresters with the first goal just two minutes before half-time. A minute after ends had been reversed Rose had to throw away, and then the Swifts made a determined attack on the Forest goal, but Beardsley rendered all safe. The "lamb" replied very spiritidly, while Saunders was particularly active in successfully repelling three distinct attacks. The remainder of the play was decidedly in favour of the visitors, but they failed to break through the admirable defence opposed to them, and when time was called had to rest content with a well earned victory by one goal to none."

Swifts: W. C. Rose (Goal); Andy Watson, J. Jeeves (Backs); T. W. Gellibrand, F. E. Saunders, Humphrey Jones, (Half Backs), E. Jessop, G. Brann (Right Wing), F. W. Pawson (Centre), R. Playford, H. H. Cheesman (Left Wing).

All checked

Notts Forest: F. W. Beardsley (Goal); C. J. Caborn, W. T. Hancock (Backs); A. W. Ward, H. Billyeald, S. Norman (Half Backs); F. Fox, T. Danks (Right Wing), T. Lindley (Centre), G. Unwin, S. W. Widdowson (Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires: N. L. Jackson (Hon Sec, London Football Association) and P. C. Bates (Upton Park).
Referee: Major Marindin (President, Football Association).

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 1 (A. Loach) DRUIDS 0 (H. T. 1-0) (Sat Jan 24th) (At the Four Acres, West Bromwich)

Birmingham Daily Post 26/1/85 P.7/Bell's Life 28/1/85 P.4/Field 31/1/85 P.135/Referee 25/1/85 P.6/Sportsman 26/1/85 P.4/Sporting Life 26/1/85 P.4/Referee 25/1/85 P.6:

BDP: "These teams met on Saturday afternoon, on the Four Acres, to play off the fourth round for the English Cup. About 4,000 spectators were present. The Druids having won the toss, they elected to play down hill. A few minutes from the start a good run was made by the Albion, which ended in a corner. For some considerable time the ball was kept in close proximity to the Druids' goal, and a very good chance was lost by the leather being sent over the bar. From a foul kick taken by Green the ball

was again taken into the vicinity of the visitors' goal, but was got away by the backs, and the play was for a time confined to the centre of the field. From a run made by the Druids' centre, Roberts was forced to use his hands, but he gave the Druids a splendid chance by being a little too slow. The chance, however, was not taken advantage of, the ball being kicked outside. Repeatedly shots were made by the Albion at the Druids' goal, and it was only through the excellent defence of their goalkeeper that no results accrued. For the first half hour the home team certainly had the best of the play, and they experienced very hard lines in not being able to score. It must be mentioned, however, that the Welshmen had, up till this time, played one man short, A. Powell not having arrived. The reinforcement seemed to have made it much better for the strangers, who made repeated attacks, but without success. From a good run up the first goal was kicked by Loach for the Albion. At half time the score stood-Albion 2 Druids 0, one goal having been kicked by the Albion before their opponents came upon the field, in consequence of their late arrival. After restarting the Albion sent the ball down to their opponents' quarters, and there it was kept for a considerable time, Jones having plenty of work. Several times the ball was sent over the bar by the forwards of the home team. From a run made by Powell the Druids obtained the best chance of scoring they had had during the second half, but the forwards not being up it was missed. The home team continued to have the best of the play, the Druids finding Roberts little or nothing to do. Bell and Green played exceedingly well, successfully repelling the attacks of the Druids, and Jones, one of the Druids' backs, defended his goal admirably. His face was literally covered with mud, caused by his repeatedly meeting the ball full in his face, rather than allow the Albions another chance of scoring. The game remained unaltered, the Albion ultimately winning by 1 goal to nil, it being unnecessary that the first goal kicked before the arrival of the visitors in the field should be claimed."

BL: "This tie attracted a company numbering upwards of 4,000 spectators to the ground of the first-named club at West Bromwich on Saturday. Though the weather was bitterly cold, the turf was in good condition. The Bromwich men entered the ring some time before the Druids made their appearance, and their patience having apparently become exhausted, they appealed to the referee to allow them to start the game and claim a goal which was accordingly done. The Druids, who had been waiting for one of their men, then appeared on the scene, and though only ten strong decided to commence. Winning the toss the visitors commenced with the hill in their favour, but in spite of this they failed to maintain their position, and the home forwards were soon busy round their goal. Luck seemed dead against the home team, as time after time did shots only just miss scoring. The missing Welshman now made his appearance and the play became more even. After about half an hour's play the Albion left wing broke away, and after a brilliant run, Woodhall centred to Loach, who scored the first point amid loud cheering. Another attack followed, and after a sharp bully the Druids' goal was again forced. An appeal that the ball had been fouled, however, was maintained, and the point disallowed. Half time was then called, and with the hill in their favour it looked as if the Albion would have matters their own way. Though they kept the ball for nearly the whole of the second half of the game in the Druids' lines, so good was the defence of the Welshmen that no further goals could be scored against them. The Albion thus pass into the fifth round by the narrow majority of one goal to nil."

West Bromwich Albion: R. Roberts (Goal); H. Bell, H. Green (Backs); E. Horton, F. Bunn, J. Stanton (Half Backs); G. Woodhall, H. Aston (Right Wing), J. M. Bayliss (Centre), A. Loach, G. Bell (Left Wing).
(West Bromwich Complete Record)(BDP specified positions).

CHECK INITIALS

Druids:J.Jones(Goal);E.Bowen,R.Jones(Backs);J.Davies,R.Davies,W.Williams(Half Backs);
Albert Powell,W.Jones(Right Wing),J.Doughty(Centre),Albert Jones,J.Jones(Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires:Bissiker and Powell.Referee:Hindle(Darwen F.C.).

QUEEN'S PARK 7(W.Anderson 2,D.S.Allan,W.W.Watt 2,R.M.Christie 2) OLD WYKEHAMISTS 0
(H.T. 6-0)(Sat Jan 17th)(At Hampden Park,Mount Florida,Glasgow)

Glasgow Herald 19/1/85 P.10/Referee 18/1/85 P.6/Sporting Life 19/1/85 P.4/Athletic News 20/1/85
P.3/Liverpool Mercury 19/1/85 P.7/ Field 24/1/85 P.108/Sportsman 19/1/85 P.4/Bell's Life 21/1/85
P.4:

GH:"The Queen's Park played off their engagement with the Wykehamists in the English Cup competition on Hampden Park on Saturday,the result being in favour of the Scotchmen by seven goals to nothing.The strangers,who were in good condition,came to Glasgow with the reputation of having defeated some strong English clubs this season,and as the tie was the only game of importance in Glasgow district,about 3,000 persons turned out to witness the meeting.The Queen's Park won the toss,and with the assistance of a stiff breeze at their backs made matters hot for the visiting team.At the outset,however,the Wykehamists,by clever passing and dodging,made their way into Queen's Park ground,when Arnott with a long kick,returned the ball to the front of the English goal.Here some good play was shown by both sides,but it was only through the admirable defence of the visiting backs,particularly Jones,that the home team were prevented from scoring at an early stage of the game.The half backs too tackled well,and judiciously placing the ball in front,the forwards on more than one occasion made themselves felt in Queen's Park territory.Open play followed,the home forwards showing to advantage;but the back defence of the visitors was not broken until about 15 minutes after the start,when Parr,the goalkeeper succeeded in stopping a hard shy.Shortly afterwards Arnott lifted the ball well down the field,and Anderson made off with it,hotly pursued by the English backs,and finished by scoring a pretty goal.Almost immediately the goal was again captured,but the score was disallowed.A couple of minutes later Allan added the second point for the Queen's Park.The strangers were now kept rather busy on their defence,and after Harrower had made a fast shot,which was punted out by the keeper Anderson headed the ball over the bar.The Wykehamists continued to play well,but although they occasionally got clear away,their runs were invariably checked by Campbell and Gow.In rapid succession Watt scored a third point,Anderson the fourth,Christie the fifth,and Watt the sixth.The second portion of the game was more evenly contested.The Wykehamists followed up the kick off,and were soon in front of the local uprights.The pressure was relieved by a smart run,in which Hamilton took a prominent part,and the ball was stopped by an opposing back as it was almost between the posts.Having got in front,the Queen's Park continued to act on the offensive for some time.Anderson put in a smart shot,which Parr only managed to throw out when he was charged by Watt,and Christie and Allan came up,and between them the ball just grazed the post.Good play on the part of the Wykehamists transferred the game to midfield,and a run by Allan and Christie was neutralised by a like piece of play on the part of Fort and Pike>About five minutes from the call of time the Queen's Park scored a *seventh goal.Though severely defeated the strangers played pluckily,and showed a good

knowledge of the game. The backs and half backs time after time repelled the attacks of the home forwards. Individually the forwards passed very well. Ingram in the centre played with judgment, but the weakness of having only one man in that position was demonstrated on several occasions. The only fault that could be found against the wing men was that when nearing goal they invariably placed the ball by wide passing at the feet of the opposing backs. The home eleven played a strong game throughout, and worked well together." *Christie

*BL: "About fifteen minutes from the close Christie scored another goal" (Other BL scorers as above)

REF: "Universal interest was taken in this tie by Glasgow football players on account of the recent successes of the Old Wykehamists, who it was thought would trouble the Queen's Park much when they met. The game was played on Hampden Park, Glasgow this afternoon before 5,000 spectators. The local men were fortunate in winning the toss, though, with a good breeze in their favour, they were unable to score until the game was fifteen minutes old; then Anderson did the needful. Scarcely five minutes had elapsed when Allan obtained a second point for the home team. The Englishmen now had a look in. Chitty and Hughes ran up, the latter passed right across, but Ingram was not up in time to put the ball under, or a goal was a certainty. Ten minutes from time Wyatt got a third point for Queen's Park. Not two minutes had passed, when Anderson added on a fourth. Christie obtained a fifth point for the local club, the three goals having been taken in less than five minutes. The Wykehamists, with the kick-off, invaded the Queen's Park citadel, and on one or two occasions were really dangerous. The pressure was relieved, however. Just as half-time arrived the Queen's Park obtained a sixth point, Watt putting the ball through. The score at half-time stood six to none in favour of the Queen's Park. During the second portion of the match the visitors showed excellent form. They never managed to score, but their play was excellent all round, both forwards and backs working with a will till the whistle sounded time. About five minutes from the finish Christie managed to put on the seventh point for the Queen's Park, and the match thus finished in favour of the Queen's Park by seven goals to none. After the game the clubs dined together (SM: "in the Alexandra Hotel"), the Londoners leaving Glasgow by the nine o'clock train for home."

SL: "These clubs met at Hampden Park, Mount Florida, Glasgow, on Saturday, to decide their tie in the fourth round of the English Cup. The afternoon was bitterly cold, a keen wind blowing along the field. A severe frost prevailing during the week, it was at one time thought the ground would be too hard for playing on, but early on Saturday morning a gentle thaw set in, which softened the surface of the ground a little, but it was in a very slippery condition, as was apparent from the frequent falls which took place amongst the players during the progress of the game. About 3,000 spectators were present, and a good deal of interest was manifested, owing to the recent deeds of the Old Wykehamists in their encounters with Upton Park and the Old Etonians. The home players winning the toss, elected to defend the west goal, which gave them the benefit of the wind, which was blowing slightly along the field. On the ball being set rolling the visitors made a run into the opposite territory, and Arnott was called upon to return it. Christie, after a run to near the visitors' goal, made an effort to score, but sent the ball wide. The Wykehamists again got into Queen's Park territory, but the backs quickly transferred the play to the other end. For the first fifteen minutes the play was pretty equal. Anderson scored first goal for Queen's Park sixteen minutes from the start. The Queen's Park now settled down to work properly and in three minutes following Anderson scored a second point. Although pressed pretty hard, the visitors showed an excellent defence, their backs kicking with great judgment. Watt raised the Queen's Park score to three goals, and immediately thereafter

Anderson registered a fourth, Christie in a minute gaining a fifth, and Watt putting on the sixth point just before half-time. Notwithstanding that the visitors lost six goals, their play was pretty good, more especially the back division, which showed up well. In the first half Gillespie only once had to defend his charge. On resuming in the second portion the Englishmen had the breeze with them, and a more equal game ensued. Some nice runs being made to each end. The dodgy play of the Queen's Park right wing gave the Wykehamists considerable bother, and again and again assaults were made at the visitors' goal, but without effect, although it had several narrow escapes. Gillespie was called upon on three occasions during this half to defend his trust, which he did in fine style. A seventh goal for the Queen's Park was obtained by Christie about fifteen minutes from the end. Good play on each side was exhibited from this to the finish, but no further scoring taking place, the result was a turn for the Queen's Park by seven goals to nil."

Queen's Park: G. Gillespie (Goal); W. Arnott, J. Harvie (Backs); C. Campbell, J. J. Gow (Half Backs); R. M. Christie, D. S. Allan, W. Harrower, W. W. Watt, W. Anderson, A. Hamilton (Forwards).

All checked

N.B. BL: "Dr Smith being the only absentee of note" (see his name in reference to the Swifts team in the last round and in 85/86).

Old Wykehamists: P. C. Parr (Goal); F. A. Jones, J. F. Bowen (Backs); H. H. Coles, + W. A. Edgar, R. S. Milford (Half Backs); H. Chitty, T. B. Hughes (Right Wing), F. M. Ingram (Centre), J. A. Fort, H. W. Pike (Left Wing).

+ To be checked W. H. Edgar?

N.B. F/AN/SM have pseudonyms W. O. Wykeham for Milford and T. Servant for Pike.

Umpires: T. Brock (Queen's Park) and E. Humphrey. Referee: Tom Hindle (Darwen).

CHURCH 3 (Crawford, Holden 2) DARWEN 0 (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Jan 17th) (At Church) (*AN)

Blackburn Standard 24/1/85 P.3/Bell's Life 21/1/85 P.7/Liverpool Mercury 19/1/85 P.7/Athletic News 20/1/85 P.3/Sporting Life 19/1/85 P.4/Sportsman 19/1/85 P.4/Referee 18/1/875 P.6:

BS: "Next to the match with Accrington, this encounter, which took place at Church on Saturday afternoon, was the most interesting and exciting that has been fought on the Church ground this season. There were about 3,500 spectators, and the grand stand was packed. Church played the first half with the wind and ground in their favour, and during the whole of the half the ball was kept continually in the Darwen quarters. The visitors soon began to feel the prowess of their opponents, Crawford scoring the first goal in ten minutes from the start from a scrimmage in front of the goal. After a nice display between Marshall and George, Gregson aimed a good shot at the Darwen citadel, but Warburton was equal to the emergency. Crawford missed a good chance about a minute from half-time, and at the signal for changing ends Church was leading by one goal to nil. Darwen showed some very spirited play at the re-start, but their attack was well met. Marshall carried the ball well down the field, and made a good shot but it was well stopped by the Darwen custodian, but Holden did the needful for Church. From this stage the home team had it nearly all their own way, and pressed Darwen in a most determined manner. Holden scored the third goal for Church and the game ended in a victory for Church by three goals to nil."

BL: "A large amount of interest was aroused in the Lancashire district by this tie, which was played at Church, on Saturday last. Special trains were run from Darwen, and in all quite 4,000 spectators patronised the enclosure. Church won the toss, and played with the slope in their favour during the first half. The ball was at once run into the Darwen lines, and a sharp attack was made on the visitors' goal. Warburton was at length obliged to kick out, and from the corner kick a fierce bully ensued, out of which Church scored their first point about ten minutes after the kick off. Though the play during the remainder of the first half was fairly even, that of the home team was of a better class than that of Darwen, whose forwards, with the exception of Shorrock, worked without their usual dash. In front of goal they were very weak. Matters, however, were lively during the second half, and for 20 minutes nothing definite was scored. Darwen, however, on one occasion were decidedly unlucky in failing to register a point. Church then assumed a decided lead, and until the close kept their rivals penned. A second goal was gained for Church by Holden after a fine piece of play, and five minutes afterwards Beresford made another shot at the Darwen goal, which, however, was stopped by Richmond. Holden rushed up, and before the goalkeeper could clear the ball away kicked a third goal. This seemed to demoralise Darwen, who until the close of the game played without any life or spirit, Church thus scoring three goals to nil. This is the third time these clubs have met in the chief competition of the year. Last year Darwen proved the winners, whilst 12 months previous fortune favoured Church. In each instance, however, a drawn game was previously played." (LM only has a short report)

SM: "Darwen had the assistance of one of their old club men Macholder" (M' Holden)

Church+: Cowell (Goal); Jackson Taylor, Isaac George (Backs); J. Wood, W. Wood, J. Worthington (Half Backs); J. Crawford, J. Connell (Right Wing), + Beresford (Centre), J. H. Gregson, J. Holden (Left Wing).

+ Find initials

Darwen: J. Richmond (Goal); Baron, S. A. Warburton (Backs); H. Hamilton, R. Ashton, M' Holden (Half Backs); T. Marshall, Dimmock (Right Wing), Hugh Richmond (Centre), J. Shorrock, Norris (Left Wing).

Initials from other games

Umpires: F. Crabtree and J. Wolstenholme (Darwen) Referee: Jope (Wednesbury).

CHATHAM 1 (W. McLeod) LOWER DARWEN 0 (H.T. 0-0) ((Sat Jan 24th)) (At the Lines, Chatham)

Bell's Life 28/1/85 P.4/Manchester Courier 26/1/85 P.3/Referee 25/1/85 P.6/Field 31/1/85 P.135/Sportsman 26/1/85 P.4/Sporting Life 26/1/85 P.4:

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BL: "This tie, which was played on the Lines at Chatham, attracted a company numbering close to 5,000. Neither team in their respective districts is considered to be up to first class form, but it was the general opinion that the visitors, despite their long journey, would come off victorious. Such, however, did not turn out to be the case, as the home team played up well, and at the call of time, had secured a well-earned victory by a goal to nil. During the first half Chatham had considerably the best of it, and the Darwen backs had no easy job to keep their goal intact. On one occasion the ball went through, but it having been fouled just before, the point was disallowed. Ends having been changed, the play was more even, and nothing noteworthy occurred until near the

finish,when McLeod dribbled half the length of the ground,and finished up by a fast shot which sent the ball through the Darwen posts out of the reach of the goalkeeper.Time being signalled soon afterwards,Chatham retired victorious by a goal to nil.We understand,however,that Lower Darwen have lodged a protest on two grounds.They accuse Chatham of undue rough play,and also state that the referee sounded his whistle four minutes too soon.Captain Fulger officiated as referee."

Chatham:J.Brown(Goal);J.Albert,E.Conquer(Backs);R.Conquer(Capt.),W.Lush,J.F.Timms(Half Backs); J.A.Collins,C.Hibbard(Right Wing),W.McLeod(Centre),H.Hobart,J.C.Soppitt(Left Wing).

(All papers have Lusk but Lush is correct:see previous Round) +J.F.Timms F Probably right A or H?

Lower Darwen:J.Neville(Goal);J.(T.)Aspin(all),W.Duprey(Backs);G.Brindle,P.Rawlinson,Hargreaves (Capt.)(Half Backs);Tom Duckworth,J.Morris,Tim Duckworth,Livesey,A.Lonsdale(forwards).

Umpires:G.Blyther and J.H.S.Eccles.Referee:Captain Foulger.

WALSALL SWIFTS 1 (R.Davis) NOTTS COUNTY 4 (H.Jackson 2,J.A.Brown,W.Gunn)(H.T. 0-2)
(Sat Jan 24th)(At the Chuckery,Walsall)

Walsall Observer 31/1/85 P.3/Nottingham Journal 26/1/85 P.7/ Sheffield Daily Telegraph 26/1/85 P.4/ Bell's Life 28/1/85 P.4/Birmingham Daily Post 26/1/85 P.7/Field 31/1/85 P.135/Sportsman 26/1/85 P.4/Sporting Life 26/1/85 P.4/Referee 25/1/P.6:

"The Swifts Captain Jones was absent through illness,and his loss was severely felt"(SDT)

NJ:

WO:

BL:"A very large company visited the Chuckery Grounds,Walsall,on Saturday,when these powerful teams met to decide their tie.With A.T.Dobson,Cursham,and Macrae absent from the Notts ranks it was thought that the home team would give the visitors a lot of trouble.The County,however,played an excellent game,the forwards showing good combination,whilst the backs were very safe.Notts, who won the toss,elected to play up hill for the first half.In spite of this disadvantage,they at once commenced to press their opponents;indeed,during the opening portion of the game the latter were principally compelled to act on the defensive.It was,however,some time before anything definite could be scored,but shortly before ends were changed goals for the County were gained by Jackson and Brown respectively.After change the visitors still pursued their aggressive tactics,and time after time were shots sent in.About a quarter of an hour after play had been resumed Gunn obtained another point for the visitors,which was supplemented by a fourth point from the foot of Jackson.In the meantime,the Swifts secured a point,Davies,after a pretty piece of play,sending the ball through.The visitors thus secured a victory by four goals to one"(Not nil).

Umpires:F.Smith for Walsall Swifts and Jessop for Notts County.Referee: Smith(Derby County).

Walsall Swifts:J.Tracey(Goal);A.Aldridge,G.Morris(Backs);J.Morley,H.Allen,+R.Pearce(Half Backs); R.Davis,T.Farmer(Right Wing),J.Garbett(Centre),J.Higgins,J.Farmer(Left Wing).

(Walsall History/BL/SM/SL/SDT/BDP/REF except spelling error:Peace?) +Could be H.Pearce or J.Pearce!

Notts County:M.Sherwin(Goal);F.Johnson,H.T.Moore(Backs);H.W.Emmett,C.F.Dobson,H.Chapman (Half Backs);W.Gunn,Albert E.Moore(Right Wing),H.Jackson(Centre),J.A.Dixon,J.A.Brown(Left Wing).

Umpires:Smith and Jessop.Referee:Piggott.

BLACKBURN ROVERS 8 (T.Rostron,H.L.Fecitt 2,J.Douglas 2,J.Sowerbutts 2,J.M.Lofthouse)
ROMFORD 0 (H.T. 3-0)(At Leamington Ground,Blackburn)(Mon Jan 19th)

Essex Newsman 24/1/85 P.4/Blackburn Standard 24/1/85 P.3/Manchester Courier 20/1/85
P.7/Bell's Life 21/1/85 P.4/Sportsman 20/1/85 P.4/Sporting Life 20/1/85 P.4:

EN:TYPE REPORT(Not traced in Essex Times)

BS:"These teams met on the Leamington ground,on Monday,in the presence of over 1,000 spectators.The visitors were cordially received when they entered the enclosure.Rostron,of Great Lever,appeared in the centre along with Brown.The Rovers played uphill at the start,which was made by Cousens at 2.45 pm.A useless corner immediately fell to the Rovers,and McFarlane started up the left,but was tackled by Suter,who kicked behind when danger was threatened.Clark took the corner.Sourbutts sent in a grand shot,which Champness just saved.Brown was near the goal and looked dangerous,but the ball went wide.The captain afterwards passed to Fecitt,who had a fine opportunity,but he also shot wide.Douglas sent nicely in to Fecitt,who headed to Sourbutts,and that player shot through,but the goal was disallowed for off-side.Immediately afterwards the ball was again sent in,and,to all appearances,went through before Champness sent out,but nothing was allowed.Returning to the home quarters,Oliver sent in a grand shot,but Suter saved at the expense of a corner,which Mansfield took.Another corner by Brown followed,which went behind.Smart play ensued in front of the visitors' goal,and Rostron succeeded in gaining the first goal 22 minutes from the start,which was put through just in the nick of time.Sourbutts then endangered the goal by a splendid shot,which rolled along the front,and shortly afterwards Fecitt lost a good chance by shooting wide.The visitors next invaded the home quarters,but the ball was quickly returned,and Champness was just in time to save.Arthur was again called upon,and threw out,after which Lofthouse ran nicely down the wing,but failed to score.Hands were given against the visitors close to goal and afterwards out of a scrimmage Fecitt scored the second goal 37 minutes from the start,and two minutes later put on another.A free kick for hands was given against the visitors,and just before half-time a fierce struggle took place,but without result.After the restart a corner fell to the home team in the first minute,and two others followed in quick time,one of which Lofthouse nearly headed through.The struggle continued in the visitors' quarters,and Douglas scored the fourth goal ten minutes from the re-start.Both ends were visited in turn,Sourbutts notching the fifth point.The Rovers continued to press their opponents,Douglas and Brown just failing to score.Arthur almost made a mistake by not attempting to stop a ball which Earle sent against the bar.The Rovers again invaded the Romford quarters.Douglas took a corner,which was put nicely in,and bounding off Champness the sixth goal was gained.Lofthouse kicked well,and the ball striking Webster,that player put it through.The eighth goal was gained by Sourbutts after Lofthouse had made a splendid run and centred to him.Another corner and free kick were taken by the Rovers,but nothing resulted,and the game ended in their favour by eight goals to none."

MC:"“These teams met in the fourth round of the above competition at Blackburn,yesterday,before 1,000 spectators.The ground was very heavy and slippery. Romford had the slope of the ground and a slight breeze in their favour in the first half,and showing good speed and determined play were,for the earliest quarter of the game,able to maintain an equality with their more famous opponents. Then from a scrummage Rostron of Great Lever(who is included in the Rovers’ Cup Team)secured the first goal,and before the interval Fecitt (twice)scored.After changing ends the Romford goal was closely besieged,and only twice was the home goal endangered.The visitors’ backs defended well in close quarters,and until 10 minutes from the close only two goals had been added to the score,by Douglas and Sowerbutts;then in the space of five minutes,three more goals were scored and the Rovers won by eight goals to none.”

BL:"During the earlier stages of the game Romford made a very fair fight against their powerful opponents.Twice,however,during the first half were points registered in favour of the Rovers by Rostron and Fecitt respectively;after change,however,the visitors were closely penned in their own quarters.Only twice during the second half was the ball carried into the Blackburn line.Six additional points were made by the Rovers,kicked by Douglas(two),Sourbutts (two),and Lofthouse.The ball was likewise once put through by one of the Romford backs out of a bully.The Rovers thus won by eight goals to none.”

Blackburn Rovers:J.W.H.Arthur(Goal);F.Suter,H.McIntyre(Backs);J.H.Forrest,R.Blenkhorn(Half Backs); J.Sowerbutts,H.L.Fecitt(Right Wing),J.Brown,T.Rostron(Great Lever)(Centres),J.Douglas, J.M.Lofthouse (Left Wing).

All checked

N.B.Rostron was a member of Cup Team even though playing for Great Lever(see above)but this was his only game recorded in Blackburn Complete Record.

Romford:E.Champness(Goal);J.E.Macfarlane,F.Webster(Backs);H.Mansfield,C.Couzens, +M.H.Walker (Half Backs); P.M.Earle,W.Wright,(Right Wing),A.D.Cornell(Centre),R.Oliver, L.E.Clark(Capt.)(Left Wing).

+Find Initials:probably not F.M.H.Walker:only game in History but M.H.Walker(3 games in History)

N.B. Although A.D.Cornell played in goal in other matches,he was a goal scorer and also played in the forward line(he started in goal in 83/84 1st round replay v Mosquitoes when he went up as a forward and scored 2 goals!) (BL/MC correctly have him as a forward)

Umpires:R.Bertwistle and Matthews.Referee:Daft(Nottingham Swifts)

OLD ETONIANS 5 (H.C.Goodhart 3,J.B.T.Chevalier,A.Marchant) MIDDLESBROUGH 2 (A.R.Pringle,A.Borrie)(H.T. 1-0)(F.T. 1-1)(After Extra Time) (Sat Jan 24th)(At the Oval)

N.B. BL has the 5th goal being a 2nd goal from Goodhart,but F/SM has Whitfeld(see below)

Daily Gazette for Middlesbrough 26/1/85 P.4/Field 31/1/85 P.135/Sporting Life 26/1/85 P.4/ Bell’s life 28/1/85 P.4/Sportsman 26/1/85 P.4/Referee 25/1/85 P.6/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 26/1/85 P.4/Bell’s Life 28/1/85 P.4:

DGFM: "The crack players of Middlesbrough made a bold bid for victory in their match with the famous old Eton boys on Saturday at Kennington Oval. The game, which was splendidly contested, kept the spectators in a fever of excitement from beginning to finish, the game at the expiration of the ordinary time arranged for play standing equal, one goal having been obtained by each Club. An extra half hour was played, but during this the Middlesbrough team felt severely the effects of their long journey, two of their best players, Thompson and Pringle, being seized with cramp, while Miller was also disabled. For Middlesbrough, Cochrane (capt.), Borrie, Fox, and Ewbank showed best form, while Archie and Pringle played a dashing game. The goals obtained by Middlesbrough were kicked by A.R. Pringle and A. Borrie."

F: "A commencement was made at half past two by Goodhart kicking off from the eastern goal, in the presence of a goodly number of spectators. The noonday thaw had affected the surface of the turf at Kennington Oval, but the ground was still hard underneath, from which it may be gleaned that football was not of the most certain character; nevertheless the play ruled rather fast. For the first few minutes matters progressed in favour of the home players, but there was soon evidence of quality on the part of the visitors. At the end of ten minutes an excellent middle by Darbyshire enabled Goodhart to force the ball through the Middlesbrough goal, and do what they would the Etonians were not able to repeat the performance in the first half. Indeed, frequent attacks on their goal were made, and the way in which they were met by Paravicini, French, and Rawlinson were exceedingly smart. After ends were changed the play for a time became rather slow, but at length Middlesbrough made a determined onslaught. Out of the scrummage the ball was sent smartly to Rawlinson, who punched the ball away from the goal, only to see it rebound through off Pringle's head. With scores level the play again became interesting, and narrow escapes were experienced on both sides. So warmly, however, were the Etonians' quarters subsequently besieged, that an addition to the visitors' score seemed likely. It was at this stage of the game that Paravicini and French did such good work. Indeed, but for these two their goal would in all probability have more than once been captured. As no other point was scored during the remainder of the ninety minutes, it was agreed to continue for half an hour. To all appearances this arrangement seemed greatly to the advantage of Middlesbrough, who apparently were in the better condition to go on. A great surprise was in store, however, Middlesbrough certainly were the first to score with a goal from the foot of Borrie, but from a splendid centre by Marchant, a second goal for Eton was made by Chevalier, and following this the old boys of Eton played with greater energy than before, besides working well together, and first Marchant, then Goodhart, and finally Whitfeld, scored on their behalf. The fourth goal was the outcome of one of the finest corner kicks we ever saw, the ball, kicked by Foley, dropping within a few inches of the centre of the crossbar. Thus they proved victorious by five goals to two."

NJ also states 2-2 at FT !! Compare reports

SM/REF(SDT as per SM?)

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

All checked except not double checked Darbyshire

Middlesbrough:J.Dawkins(Goal);George Miller,T.H.Wynn(Backs);S.Kemp,E.Pauls(Half Backs);W.Fox,J.Ewbank(Right Wing),A.Borrie,O.H.Cochrane(Capt.)(Centres),A.R.Pringle, J.Thompson(Left Wing).

All checked

N.B SM/SDT/REF reports state that the next two goals were obtained in the 2nd half of normal time so gives 2-2 for the F.T. score:this is at odds with the DGFM/F/SL/BL Reports.

Umpires:Hon.A.F.Kinnaird for Old Etonians and Mr Fred Hardisty for Middlesbrough.

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

FIFTH AND SIXTH ROUNDS:

Bell's Life 4/2/85 P.1:

"Five(Nine!)clubs having been left in,the Committee of the Association on Monday decided to draw but two for the next round.This will obviate the necessity of further byes.The old names of the Carthusians and Chatham first came out,and it was decided that this match should take place at Chatham on Saturday next.The draw for the Sixth Round was then proceeded with,and resulted as under.The first-named club in each instance has the choice of ground,and the ties must be played off on or before February 21st:

FIFTH(EXTRA)ROUND):

Chatham v Old Carthusians

SIXTH ROUND:

Old Etonians v Notts Forest

Notts Club v Queen's Park,Glasgow

West Bromwich Albion v Blackburn Rovers

Church v Chatham or Old Carthusians

FIFTH ROUND:

CHATHAM 0 OLD CARTHUSIANS 3 (F.J.Barmby 2,W.E.Hansell)(H.T. 0-2)

(Sat Feb 7th)(At the Lines,Chatham)

Sportsman 9/2/85 P.4/Bell's Life 11/2/85 P.1/(Referee 8/2/85 P.6:no teams)/East Kent Gazette 14/2/85 P.8(No teams):

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SM:"This tie was decided on the Lines,at Chatham,on Saturday,in the presence of 5,000 spectators. The visitors lost the toss,and at three o'clock Parry kicked off for them.The game was quickly carried into the Chatham quarters,but Albert continually relieved his side by good play. Smith now made a nice run,and passed the ball to Barmby,who in turn handed it over to Hansell,but the latter sent it behind the home club's goal.A fine run by Owen quickly took the ball in front of the Chatham citadel,and Barmby getting possession scored the first goal for the visitors.The ball now made several journeys to each end of the ground,and for a time "corners" were the order of the day, Timms and Collins for Chatham,and the brothers Walters for the visitors,being hereabouts

conspicuous. The visitors, however, were not to be denied, and after a combined onslaught, Barmby again had an opportunity of lowering the Chatham goal, and by a good shot succeeded in effecting the desired object, making the second point in the visitors' favour. The game now became very even, and nothing further occurred up to half-time. On resuming Chatham assumed the aggressive; Soppitt and M'Leod passing well took the ball into the visitors' quarters, and had Ekins availed himself of a good chance, it might have caused Erskine some trouble, but the brothers Walters playing splendidly successfully repelled the attack. Through the instrumentality of Richards and Hansell the ball was carried into the vicinity of the Chatham goal, and a good piece of passing resulted in the latter scoring the third goal for the "old boys". Shortly afterwards Parry had a very easy chance of adding another point to the credit of his side, but when he had nothing to do but put the ball through (the custodian being away) he made a most erratic shot, the ball going over the posts. From now till the call of time Chatham had the best of the game, but although several opportunities fell to Ekins he did not second the hard work of his confrères, otherwise the home club on several occasions would probably have scored. Eventually the match resulted in a victory for the Old Carthusians by three goals to nil. For the winners the brothers Walters played brilliantly, and Barmby, Hansell, and Owen were conspicuous, whilst Albert, Collins, Timms, M'Leod, and Soppitt worked hard for the losers."

BL: "This, the only tie in the fifth round, was played on the Lines, at Chatham on Saturday last. About 5,000 spectators were present. The visitors were by no means strongly represented, but they proved equal to the occasion, and qualified for the sixth round by three goals to nil. The play during the first half was fairly even. After a quarter of an hour's play Barmby kicked a goal for the Carthusians. The splendid defence of the brothers Walters neutralised every effort of the home forwards to break through. Shortly before half time a long shot by Barmby sent the ball through the Chatham goal for the second time. After change Chatham gave their opponents some trouble, but they were speedily repulsed, and after some fine passing between Richards and Hansell the latter scored a third point for the visitors. Shortly afterwards Parry missed a very easy chance by kicking over. During the last twenty minutes the home team had, if anything, the best of the game, and had their combined play been better, in all probability they would have scored. The match resulted as above stated. Mr M.P. Betts, Old Harrovians officiated as referee."

Chatham: J. Brown (Goal); E. Conquer, J. Albert (Backs); R. Conquer, W. Lush, + J. F. Timms (Half Backs); J. A. Collins, W. McLeod (Right Wing), + H. Ekins (Centre), H. Hobart, J. C. Soppitt (Left Wing).

+ Check initials

Old Carthusians: J. F. Erskine (Goal); A. M. Walters, P. M. Walters (Backs); T. W. Blenkiron, F. J. Barmby, G. F. A. England (Half Backs); L. M. Richards, W. E. Hansell (Right), E. H. Parry (Centre), L. Owen, C. A. Smith (Left).

All checked

Umpires: W. A. Evelyn and F. Attwood. Referee: M. P. Betts, Old Harrovians.

SIXTH ROUND:

OLD ETONIANS 0 NOTTS FOREST 2 (T. Lindley, T. Danks) (H. T. 0-1) (Sat Feb 21st) (At the Oval)

Field 28/2/85 P.275/Sportsman 23/2/85 P.4/Bell's Life 25/2/85 P.4/Nottingham Journal 23/2/85 P.7/Nottingham Evening Post 21/2/85 P.3/Liverpool Mercury 23/2/85 P.7/Sporting Life 23/2/85 P.4/Referee 22/2/85 P.6:

F:"The weather proved most favourable, though it was perhaps too cold for the perfect comfort of the several thousands of lookers-on. (NEP: "about 3,500 ") It would have been better for all the players had the ground been drier; but it was evident that the rather heavy or greasy condition of the turf discomforted the Etonians to a greater extent than it did their rivals. The rougher kind of play of the visitors certainly proved profitable on Saturday. There was a good tendency on the part of more than one of the Notts forwards to reach an illegally forward position, and frequently the offside rule was distinctly infringed. Apart from this fault, however, the Notts men showed superiority. This was especially so in the case of their forwards, who were much better together and quicker on the ball, while their passing was now and then judiciously executed. On behalf of the Etonians it must, in fairness, be advanced that they began the game with only ten men, and that it was before French, the absentee, arrived that Notts scored their first goal. Again the second goal of Notts was obtained somewhat luckily, for Rawlinson, who appeared confident that Danks was offside, made little or no effort to stop the ball. The appeal for offside on this occasion was disallowed by the referee. Two or three good chances of scoring were lost by the Old Etonians, but neglected opportunities cannot be pleaded in justification of defeat, though had the old boys of Eton played with that energy which has so often pulled them through a match successfully, the result might have been different. Widdowson won the toss, and chose the goal on the western side of the ground. Promptly meeting the kick off, Notts Forest at once set up a strong attack, and, though repulsed by Marchant (doing duty as back in place of French) and Paravicini, they were soon again in home quarters. A free kick enabled them to send the ball close to Eton's goal, and, after a tough bully, Lindley kicked between the posts. The game had lasted scarce five minutes when this occurred, but it was the only point scored till just before the end. Dunn, Whitfeld, and Bainbridge put in some occasional good runs, but the play was for the most part in favour of the visitors, who had several times to thank Rawlinson for their non-success, the Old Etonian goalkeeper stopping one shot in particular from Caborn in very fine style. With French to assist them the home team were seen to better advantage. Whitfeld made a capital attempt to score, and, though +Bearsdsley temporarily saved his charge, Dunn had a splendid chance of getting a goal, but his kick was erratic. Just before half time a good bit of play between Whitfeld and Dunn gave an excellent opportunity to Goodhart, who, however, made a very feeble effort. Following change of ends the Old Etonians seemed altogether demoralised, and, but for Paravicini (who played remarkably well throughout the game), French, and Foley, they would have fared badly indeed. As it was, narrow escapes were not infrequent. All the Notts forwards played well, and the occasional attempts of the Etonians to break through the backs proved almost futile. At length the home players roused themselves, and, after a corner had taken place by them, a run by Marchant offered Whitfeld an excellent chance, but, kicking wildly, the latter sent the ball spinning over the bar. Continuing the attack, the Old Etonians had a couple of corner kicks without deriving any further benefit, though the first had to be punched away by +Beardsley. Widdowson directly afterwards looked dangerous, but Foley at this stage proved eminently useful, and a run by Dunn was the last hope held out to the partizans of Eton. But few minutes remained, and the time was pretty well occupied by a piece of play on the part of Fox, Lindley, and Danks, which resulted in the last-named kicking through. It was claimed that Danks was offside, but the referee decided against the claim, and Notts, therefore, retired winners by two goals to none." +Not Beardshaw

SM: "These teams met at the Oval on Saturday last to play their match in the sixth round, and as had been anticipated, a fairly even game ensued, although to be candid we must confess that neither side displayed such form as to warrant pretensions to holding the trophy. The weather was fine, but bitterly cold, and when the sun's rays had lost their power, the spectators, who mustered some 3,000, had all their work cut out to keep their blood in circulation, and in this respect the players were much to be envied. Before passing on to the constitution of the teams it may be mentioned that after the rains of the early portion of the week, it was only to be expected that the ground was on the heavy side, a state of affairs that apparently greatly handicapped the southerners. Both clubs may be said to have played their full strength, with the exception that Ward was absent (as had been anticipated) from the visitors' ranks, Pike taking his place at half-back. The Midlanders left Nottingham by the 10.15 train, and were on the ground in good time, but the old boys had to deplore the absence of French, who had missed his train. This caused a delay, and even when the Etonians made an appearance on the field on the stroke of three, it was seen that the missing player had not arrived. Notts, who wore their distinctive red jerseys, won the toss, and naturally elected to play from the Vauxhall goal, for the first half, the old boys taking up their position in front of the gasometer goal, Marchant doing duty at back with Paravicini until French should put in an appearance. After Goodhart had set the ball in motion a few minutes after three o'clock, the Etonians followed the ball into the visitors' quarters, but Hancock promptly returned it by a long kick. It was not long ere the visitors had a free kick, Marchant palpably touching the ball with his hands. Dunn, Foley, and Goodhart then in turn led onslaughts on the visitors' lines, though the Midland forwards were not long in returning it. From a further free kick the ball was sent right into the mouth of the home goal, where after a bully, in the course of which Rawlinson scarcely sent the ball far enough away, Lindley got possession, and with a "natty" kick (after several headers and breastings) put in one that went past the goal-keeper, and scored the opening point some five minutes after the game had started. Upon resuming Dunn and Goodhart took the ball down to the opposite end, but Fox and Danks were equal to the emergency, and Lindley made a shot which just went wide of its mark. Dunn then figured prominently with a dribble, in the course of which he was apparently tripped. Marchant and Paravicini were next called upon to meet an attack on the part of Unwin and Norman, but badly returned the ball, play for the next few minutes being of a very mediocre description. After a claim of hands allowed the Foresters, the ball was returned to Hancock, who put in too heavy a shot, and sent it flying behind. Some pretty crossing on the part of the visitors then came in for due recognition, Foley and Chevalier replying with dribbles, Dunn evoking loud applause for a grand run right down the ground, though he was well looked after in the end by Hancock. Fox shortly after took the ball into the Eton half, Pike and Billyeald supporting him, but the leather going over the goal-line, Rawlinson returned it into the field of play. Unwin and Widdowson then distinguished themselves by good form on the visitors' left, the ball continuing almost entirely in the home half. A rare shot into goal by Caborn was met by Rawlinson, who kicked away, and then the Etonians invaded the opposite end, where Whitfeld made a shot close to goal, which Beardsley turned away. Dunn, however, got possession, and had a clear opportunity of scoring, but sent the leather wide of the post, thus losing a grand chance of equalising matters. French now arrived on the scene to assist his comrades, who for a while were sorely pressed, until Goodhart and Dunn made a determined attack, in which Goodhart, Bainbridge, and Billyeald joined on behalf of their respective sides. Unwin next charged down, and passed to Danks, but Paravicini sent the ball away. Fresh attacks by the visitors, however, resulted in a corner from French, which Pike took without result. A palpably off-side run by Widdowson was well met, and then Marchant and Bainbridge made a counter effort. The Notts forwards continued to give

their opponents plenty of work to do, the rights being especially effective, while Billyeald and Hancock were very safe behind. A second corner by Pike was unproductive, the ball still keeping in the vicinity of the light blues' goal, over which Danks presently sent the leather. A further attack by the Foresters was staved off by French, Marchant sending the ball away until stopped by Hancock. After a dribble by Widdowson, a run and pass by Whitfeld to Dunn had to be chronicled, the latter passing to Goodhart, who terribly muddled the opportunity. Bainbridge kicked over, and then half-time was called with the score-Foresters, one goal, Etonians, nil.

Lindley re-started the game from the gasometer goal, after the usual breathing interval. Dunn quickly charged down, but was well met by Caborn. Notts Forest thrice made attacks which ended in the ball going behind, and then a very determined onslaught all but lowered the home fortress, but fortunately the leather was sent over instead of under the cross-bar. Whitfeld and Bainbridge next dribbled down, but the ball was quickly back in the home half, their play hereabouts being specially disultory, though Fox, Lindley, French, and Billyeald, in turn, evoked applause. A couple of bullies near the Eton goal did not result in any harm, but it was evident that the old boys were fast letting the game slip away. Chevalier was the first to wake up, and after Unwin had put in a close shot, led Dunn and Foley down to the other end, a corner resulting, which the last-named took, the ball going behind. Again he returned to the attack, but this time ended with a bad shot, Widdowson replying in like manner. Marchant, Billyeald, and Danks put in good runs, and then the visitors had a free kick for hands. A further effort on the part of Marchant has to be chronicled, and then Whitfeld finished up with an awful shot, which lost their last chance of equalising matters. A scrimmage near the Forest goal, the ball being sent just outside the posts, was followed by a couple of unsuccessful corner kicks to Foley, the old boys being thoroughly on their mettle. Widdowson dribbled away down the Nottingham left wing, but lost a chance of scoring out of a bully which followed, Foley saving in marvellous style. A run by Dunn was met by Billyeald, and then, but a few minutes before the expiration of the usual ninety minutes, Fox and Danks got the ball, and after a short run down the right wing, the latter put in a shot, which Rawlinson did not stop, and a second score resulted, though the general opinion appeared to be that the player had infringed the rule relating to off-side. The referee, however, allowed the claim, and nothing further resulting, the Foresters retired victorious by two goals to none, and thus are entitled to enter the semi-final round."

NJ:TYPE EXTRACTS

SL:"French had, unfortunately, missed a train, and the southerners were only able to muster ten men for the first twenty minutes, during which period they were unlucky enough to lose a goal."

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

All checked

Notts Forest: F.W. Beardsley (Goal); C.J. Caborn, W.T. Hancock (Backs); A. Pike, H. Billyeald, S. Norman (Half backs); F. Fox, T. Danks (Right Wing), T. Lindley (Centre), G. Unwin, S.W. Widdowson (Capt.) (Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires:Major Maridin(President Football Association) for Old Etonians and H.J.Bates for Notts Forest.Referee:Mr M.P.Betts(Old Harrovians)

NOTTS COUNTY 2 (W.Gunn,H.A.Cursham) QUEEN'S PARK 2 (R.M.Christie,W.Sellar)
(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Feb 21st)(At Trent Bridge)

Glasgow Herald 23/2/85 P.10/Nottingham Evening Post 21/2/85 P.3/Nottingham Journal 23/2/85 P.7/Bell's Life 25/2/85 P.4/Sportsman 23/2/85 P.4/Sporting Life 23/2/85 P.4/Referee 22/2/85 P.6:

GH:"This match was played at Trent Bridge before 20,000 specators,the Notts committee making excellent arrangements for the expected large gathering of spectators by having extra stands erected,but unfortunately at half time the crowd broke into the field of play.The Queen's Park were the first to appear on the ground,and they were soon afterwards followed by Notts.The visitors won the toss,and decided to play with the wind and sun at their backs.The ground was very slippery. Jackson started at 2.45,and soon after starting Moore gave Queen's Park their first corner.The ball was put outside,and from the kick off Cursham and Dixon made good attempts to score,but A.Moore put the ball over the bar.Harrower made a good attempt,and Sellar was very near,but Macrae managed to get the ball away.Notts had a free kick for hands off Allan,and Dixon getting possession, made a good run,and passing to Cursham,the latter missed an easy chance of scoring as he overan the ball just in front of the visitors' goal.Anderson and Hamilton were soon busy on the right wing, and Coulby saved a splendid shot by the latter player.Emmett here gave a corner,and Hamilton placed the ball well in front of the goal,but C.Dobson got away splendidly.Directly after A.Dobson gave a corner,but it went outside.After some give and take play the visitors had a free kick for hands in the centre of field,and Arnott put the ball through the Notts' posts,no one having played it.Coulby saved his charge well three or four times,and just before half time Christie scored for the visitors. The Notts team appealed for offside,but the referee gave against them.Half time score:Queen's Park one,Notts nil.After 20 minutes' interval,owing to spectators getting in the field of play,the game was resumed(the visitors had in the meantime claimed the game as for reason before stated and played under protest),and the Notts now had the advantage of the wind,and after ten minutes Gunn equalised the score amidst great excitement.From the kick off Cursham made a good attempt,and Gillespie hit away,and Cursham returned the ball,just grazing the post.At this stage the game was again stopped for five minutes,as the visitors refused to play.*(On starting again Notts made a good onslaught on the visitors' goal,but Arnott saved in splendid style.Anderson and Hamilton made a good run,and Christie finished with a shot which just went over the bar.From the kick off the Queen's Park bore down the field in a body,and out of a scrimmage Sellar equalised the score.) From now until the call of time both teams tried hard to score.Moore put in a good shot which MacLeod just manged to stop in time.There was no further score,and at the call of time the score was two goals each.The visitors refused to play an extra half hour at the referee's bidding,on account of the spectators being on and over line of the field of play.They left the field,and Notts ran the ball through and scored again,thus claiming the match."(GH)(BL says they were ordered by the referee to play extra time but refused :had repeatedly complained about crowd encroachment)

*(This is muddled and does not record the 2nd Notts goal)>BL:"Resuming,Cursham sent in a high shot which just went under the bar.This was protested against on the ground that it had gone over,but the score was allowed.A foul against Notts near their posts gave the Scotchmen a

chance, and out of a bully the ball was forced through the posts. Nothing further had been done when time was called."

NEP: "This afternoon the tie in the sixth round of the National Cup competition between Notts Club and Queen's Park was played at Trent Bridge in beautiful weather, and, indeed, with every favourable surrounding circumstance to a good game and an overwhelming gate. The Queen's Park men left Glasgow yesterday, and having passed the night in Derby, arrived in Nottingham this morning well and fit for the encounter. The morning opened with a bright and piercing sun, and although there had been a sharp frost overnight, the genial warmth diffused soon began to tell upon the bony surface of the Trent Bridge ground. The effect was that the turf became rather greasy, but a drying wind was blowing between the goals. At nine o'clock this morning the energetic secretary of the Notts Club, Mr Edwin Browne, was on the ground superintending the final arrangements. The chocolate and blue flag of the club was run to the top of the standard, and even at that early hour, drays and carriages began to arrive and take up positions around the enclosure. By eleven o'clock the best standpoints were occupied. Additional staging has been erected, and considering the awkward nature of the ground for sightseers, the executive had obviously done their best to provide for the unusual crush expected. The gates were opened at one o'clock, and spectators immediately began to arrive. The turnstiles were kept constantly on the move, and by the time that the ball was sent rolling there were fully seventeen thousand spectators present. For quite an hour before the kick-off every inch of space from which the game could be seen was occupied, and the utmost enthusiasm and good temper prevailed. At twenty-two minutes to three o'clock Queen's Park made their appearance, and were but faintly cheered. The Notts Club entered the enclosure shortly afterwards, but there was not even for them the applause that one would have expected. Queen's Park won the toss, and took the pavilion goal, which gave them the advantage of the wind, with the sun at their backs. Jackson kicked off at fourteen minutes to three o'clock, and Dixon passing to Gunn, he sent over the cross-bar with a good shot. Play was very even, the returns of McLeod being rather certain. The leather was ultimately taken over the Notts' line, and operations being continued, the Queen's Park took their first corner in four minutes, but it was unproductive. Play was confined for some time to the Notts quarters, until Cursham and Dixon by sheer hard work and clever dribbling, relieved the pressure, and by judicious passing between the left and right wings, an exciting attack was made upon the Scotch goal, and Gillespie was called upon to handle. Queen's Park worked up to the other end, and both Harrower and Sellar sent in shots which were a little wide of the mark. The home team were compelled to act on the defensive for a little while, until one of the Scots handled. Dixon rushed along, and gave Cursham an opportunity, but Arnott by some brilliant tackling and kicking got the ball away, and a moment afterwards Coulby kicked out a shot from the foot of Anderson. Emmett was harassed by Sellar until the ball bounced off his breast, and Queen's Park took their second corner. Anderson put the ball well in goal, and there was an exciting scrimmage immediately after, but still Coulby and A.T. Dobson managed to keep the goal intact. Play was still confined to the Notts quarters. A corner to the visitors on the left ensued, but Allan sent the ball behind. Notts fouled near their goal, and Arnott, taking the kick, sent the ball between the posts, but as it touched no one in its passage no goal was registered. Up to this time the Notts forwards had not shone at all, but the defence had been fairly strong. Queen's Park had had by far the best of the encounter, and they now very nearly scored, and a fourth corner ensued. It was well placed, but Dixon giving to Cursham he sped away, and Arnott returning, the attack was sustained, but the shooting at goal was not strong. The visitors continued to have the best of play, but did not make full use of their opportunities, while on the other hand

H.T.Moore was playing a splendid game at back.The spectators at this point broke down some of the boundaries,and it required all the police force present to prevent their encroaching on the field of play.Excitement ruled high when Dixon,unaided,rushed down the field,but his efforts proved useless as he was not properly supported.Still Notts diverted the attack,and for a time made their presence felt in the Scottish territory,but the play of Arnott and Campbell was very strong.Cursham took the first corner for Notts at twenty minutes past three,although nothing accrued from it.The game was now fast and furious,both teams playing much better,but still there was no scoring.There was again some pressure on the Notts goal,when Anderson sent in a very weak shot,which Coulby had no difficulty in kicking away.The next most noticeable feature was a splendid shot by Sellar,which just went over the bar.The Scots were not to be denied,and just before the referee blew his whistle for half-time,Christie kicked the first goal with a swift low shot,which Coulby just failed to negotiate.The goal was appealed against on the ground of off-side,but Mr Pierce-Dix disallowed the appeal,as the ball passed off one of the home backs.There was some delay in commencing the second half in consequence of the conduct of the spectators at the Gamston-road end of the ground,where a free fight occurred,and the visitors naturally declined to go on until order was restored.The crowd became quiet,but they had encroached on the ground to such an extent that the players and the police were occupied in forcing the people back rather than in antagonising one another.The stakes were driven in,but at least a quarter of an hour was wasted under these circumstances,and indeed it looked as if the game would have to be played in Glasgow next week.At last a start was effected again at eleven minutes to four o'clock,when Harrower set the ball in motion.The wind was quite as strong,although the sun had well nigh gone in,and a bleak breeze was blowing.Sellar was the first to distinguish himself by a brilliant run,and he was only frustrated when near the Notts goal by A.T.Dobson and Emmett.Play was more even,the ball being taken into each side's quarters in turn, and it would be difficult to say who had the best of the encounter.Gunn dashed away,and it took Mcleod and M'Ara all their time to kick out.There was a raid in the opposite direction,and now every inch of ground was well contested,the ball being taken backwards and forwards very quickly.At last Cursham and Dixon,principally the latter,worked down the left wing,and both Arnold and McLeod being nonplussed the ball travelled right in front of the goal to Gunn,who at one minute past four o'clock equalised.The home team,cheered to the echo this success,and were stimulated to fresh exertions,when another splendid shot came in from the left wing,and Gillespie jumping into the air fisted it out,while before another minute had passed Gunn sent in a shot which passed a few inches wide of the posts.The spectators again encroached upon the field to such an extent that it was said upon authority that the match would be abandoned.Anyway,our representative was informed that the match would be claimed by Queen's Park even if Notts won.After six minutes and a half of delay the ball was kicked off again,and in about three minutes Cursham sent the ball between the posts again,and although the point was appealed against,the referee gave a goal.Queen's Park now assumed the aggressive,and pressed the home team,to whose territory operations were now restricted,but more than once the game was interfered with by the onlookers.Notts played much better together,and the game was very even.One of the half-backs was compelled,by reason of a splendid middle by Gunn,to concede a corner,and here again Cursham experienced considerable difficulty in taking it on account of the crowd.He,however,planted the leather well in front of goal, but it was got away,and the foul was given against Notts to the left of their goal.Cursham tried to baulk Arnott in his kick,but he planted the ball well in goal,and a severe scrimmage ensued,in which several shots were sent in.Coulby and the backs saved two or three times,but finally one was sent past Coulby,and the score was thus equalised.There was great excitement as both goals were in turn

assailed. The visitors had slightly the best of the game, and the Queen's Park claimed a goal, but the referee disallowed the point. Notts assumed the aggressive, and Gunn took their second corner, but the Scots got the ball away, although H.T. Moore, from the left, put in a return, which nearly proved fatal. A free kick for a foul by Sellar against Dixon was given by the referee, but nothing resulted from it, although the ball was well placed. The game was continued until the call of time, Notts having the best of the remainder of the play. The Queen's Park backs were called up to defend, and then kicked out several times, and when the whistle blew, two goals had been scored by each side. The visitors refused to play an extra half hour, in consequence of which Notts claimed the match, but both teams maintain that they have a right to pass into the semi-final. The dispute, and all the surrounding circumstances will, no doubt, come before the Football Association at its meeting on Monday evening next, when the draws for the semi-final take place."

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Notts County: +G.A. Coulby (Goal); A.T.C. Dobson (Capt.), H.T. Moore (Backs); C.F. Dobson, S. Macrae, H.W. Emmett (Half Backs); W. Gunn, A.E. Moore (Right Wing), H. Jackson (Centre), H.A. Cursham, J.A. Dixon (Left Wing).

All checked

Queen's Park: G. Gillespie (Goal); W. Arnott, W. MacLeod (Backs); C. Campbell (Capt.), J. McAra (Half Backs); W. Anderson, A. Hamilton (Right), W. Sellar, W. Harrower (Centres), R.M. Christie, D.S. Allan (Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires: H. Jessop (Notts County) and T. Lawrie. (Queen's Park and Scottish Association).
Referee: W. Pierce-Dix (Sheffield).

REPLAY: Sat Feb 28th: In spite of the protests the FA Committee decided to have the contest replayed on a neutral ground: Derby Cricket Ground:

QUEEN'S PARK 2 (W. Sellar, W. Arnott) NOTTS COUNTY 1 (H. Jackson) (H.T. 1-1)

Glasgow Herald 2/3/85 P.10/Nottingham Evening Post 28/2/85 P.3/Nottingham Journal 2/3/85 P.7/
Bell's Life 4/3/85 P.1/Sportsman 2/3/85 P.4/Sporting Life 3/3/85 P.4/Referee 1/3/85 P.6:

GH:CONSULT

NEP: "This afternoon the undecided tie in the sixth round of the Football Association Cup competition between Notts and Queen's Park was played on the County Ground, Derby in the presence of about 10,000 people. The meeting of these crack clubs had been anticipated with the greatest interest up to last Saturday when the match came off at the Trent Bridge Ground, and attracted about 17,000 spectators. It is now a matter of sporting history that the encounter ended in a draw of two goals each, and that as the spectators broke over the touchlines the Scotchmen refused, although ordered by the referee, to play the extra half hour. The Association took the matter into consideration last Monday evening, A.T. Dobson, the Notts captain, and A.J. Dixon were heard, and a resolution was proposed to disqualify Queen's Park in accordance with the provisions of Rule 15 of those governing the competition. It was, however, thought that the same degree of blame attached to both clubs, and as the teams had been in the field over two hours, it was decided to play the match

over again on a neutral ground. As the Association have a high opinion of the Derby County Ground, it was decided that that should be the venue for the renewal of hostilities. The executive of the County Club, with the hon sec., Mr S. Richardson, and Mr E. Browne, of Nottingham, have been busy making all the necessary arrangements, not only for the convenience of those taking part in the struggle, but to prevent the recurrence of those incidents which spoilt the encounter of last Saturday. On looking round the ground this afternoon it was evident that no efforts had been spared to do this as the strongest protections had been raised, and they looked at any rate as though they would resist any amount of pressure, while the stands and seats had been so arranged, rising tier upon tier, that many thousands were able to see. The turf on which the contest took place was in fine condition, and, taking all circumstances into consideration, everything seemed favourable for a capital exhibition of football. The morning was mild and the weather very promising, for although a few clouds dotted the horizon, and the light was at times rather grey, long before the match began it was evident that it would have been difficult to select a better day. By one o'clock there was a constant stream of people in the direction of the County Ground, and by two there were at least 8,000 spectators—a crowd which was considerably swelled by the commencement of operations. Queen's Park arrived in Derby overnight and passed a very comfortable night at the Bell Hotel. Contrary to expectations, *Gillespie was with them for the purpose of keeping goal. Notts left Nottingham at twenty minutes past one o'clock. There was a strong wind blowing between the goals. As Queen's Park and Notts wended their way to the Pavilion, they were both heartily cheered, more especially the former. The Queen's Park men, led by Campbell and Hamilton, were the first to make their appearance on the ground, and they were heartily cheered. Notts came exactly at a quarter to three, and they were met by both cheers and hooting. Notts won the toss, and selected the Rifle Butts goal, which gave them the advantage of the wind, although they had the sun partially in their eyes. Campbell kicked off at ten minutes to three o'clock, and the Scots had decidedly the best of the opening move. H. Moore made a good return, and Cursham at once sped along the left wing and passed to the other forwards, Gow attempted to relieve, but by a hard kick the ball bounced off Albert Moore's breast over the line. Notts continued to press their opponents and Gunn, getting the ball, made a splendid shot, which was only just wide of the mark. There was some splendid play on both sides, the defence of Arnott and Gow being exceedingly strong. Dixon handled to the right of the Queen's Park goal, but Arnott could not do much with it, and Notts maintained the aggressive, the Queen's Park men being unable to break away until, by some splendid passing by Anderson, Hamilton, and Watt, they removed the scene of operations. It was not for long, however, as Campbell by an ill-judged kick, passed right to Gunn, who dashed down. He was tackled by Gow, and it ended in a corner to Notts. Gunn took the kick and planted the ball beautifully in front of goal. There was a brief but exciting scimmage in which Jackson kicked the ball beyond Gillespie, and registered the first goal for Notts, after ten minutes' play. Notts kept up the attack and had a free kick in front of goal, but Sellar headed away, and by some good combination Sellar and Allan worked up the left, but to no purpose. The game was now very warm, but the Scots had the best of it, and made a very determined run upon the Notts goal, but still they were unable to score. Nothing daunted by this Queen's Park played up magnificently against the wind, and Anderson and Hamilton, by their dodging, were able to shoot ahead, when Sellar sprinted like a deer, and beating H.T. Moore, he had the goal at his mercy, and Sellar easily equalised. The Scots now had the best of it, and *Coulby splendidly repelled a shot by Anderson, and he was called upon to handle again immediately after. Still the Queen's Park acted on the aggressive, although Notts broke away, and one of the Scotch backs nearly headed through his own goal. Play was very even again, H.T. Moore's returns being exceptionally brilliant. Cursham did some dexterous

dribbling, and compelled Gillespie to kick away. The Notts men played up very well, and now the game was both pretty and effective. Watt was at last able to give to Sellar, who dashed down with Emmett in hot pursuit. A corner ensued, and Sellar landing the leather right in front of goal, Coulby saved at the expense of another corner. Anderson put in well, and Coulby immediately after, with goalkeeping that was never excelled, repelled three or four shots, although once it appeared that he could not possibly have prevented his antagonists scoring. Again did the Queen's Park swarm round the Notts goal, but still further disaster was averted. Notts again manifested that they were not far from being equal to Queen's Park for they played up with exceptional dash and skill, but still the defence of the Scots was grand. Notts next experienced some hard lines, as, by some capital passing amongst the forwards, Cursham, who, although well watched, was doing some clever things, sent in a shot which just struck the crossbar, and Gunn almost immediately after nearly credited his side with another point, as at a distance the ball appeared to go through. As no more points were scored a very evenly-contested first half ended in each side having scored one goal. Jackson kicked off on resuming, and at the outset the leather was worked over the Scotchmen's line. The Queen's Park men were pressing their opponents, when Campbell handled. Notts assumed the aggressive once more, and Cursham transferring to Jackson, he sent in a hot shot, when Gillespie jumped up and hit out, but a corner was given. Gunn took it and placed the ball well, but the leather was got away, and some grand play ensued. Notts had unmistakably the best of it, and Jackson sent in a stinging shot, which Gillespie stopped, although the ball dropped at his feet. He speedily picked it up and threw away, when an incursion was made into the Notts' territory, Sellar eventually kicking over the bar, while immediately after Coulby caught a shot, and threw away in fine style. The game was now fiercely contested on both sides, there being some splendid work and a very fast game. Watt dribbled past H. Emmett and H. Moore, but his final essay was wide of the mark. Notts were obliged to play on the defensive for some time until Macrae ran down the centre. Queen's Park made a dashing onslaught on the Notts' position, and nearly scored. Play was confined to the Notts quarters for a long time, and on several occasions the Scots had hard lines. At last the ball went out to the left of the Notts' goal. The leather was thrown in, and Macrae kicking to Arnott, the latter aimed at goal so accurately that the ball passed inside the bar, Coulby apparently touching it with the tips of his fingers. Notts endeavoured to equalise, but Arnott, with an almost unprecedentedly fine kick, robbed Cursham. A corner was taken by Gunn, but it proved unproductive. The Scots made another attack, but Dixon got the leather, and transferring it to Cursham, he, with a most brilliant dribble, gave to Gunn, and the latter turned the leather over to Jackson. The latter had again hard lines, and Gillespie once more saved. Both strongholds were in turn assailed and both teams experienced ill luck, but Arnott and MacLeod were very sure, and appeared very determined not to lose the advantage gained. A shot by Campbell struck the crossbar. The game was fairly evenly contested, but no more goals were scored, and the Scots won a wonderfully well fought game by two goals to one."

NJ:CONSULT

+ Queen's Park History P.110: "In this lively way the game proceeded, until a long kick by Moore (Notts) up the field gave Arnott a nice clean shot, which he judged to a nicety, and the great back, with a strong drive, obtained unexpectedly what proved to be the winning point of a hard game."

BL: "Notts were represented by precisely the same team that did battle for them a week previously. Queen's Park, however, were stronger, J. Gow took the place of McAra at half back, while Christie, who it will be remembered, was very lame, gave way to (J) Watt."

"Sellars went on the left with Allan, as Christie was still too lame to play in centre.": SOURCE??

CHECK *N.B. The NEP lineups wrongly put Gillespie in goal for Notts County when he was in goal for Queen's Park, and M'Cullum in goal for Queen's Park: though correct in NEP report

Queen's Park: G. Gillespie (Goal), W. Arnott (Capt.), W. McLeod (Backs), C. Campbell (Capt.), J. J. Gow (Half Backs), W. Anderson, A. Hamilton, (Right Wing), W. Harrower, W. W. Watt (Centres), W. Sellar, D. S. Allan (Left Wing).

All checked

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

All checked

Umpires: H. Jessop (Notts) and R. Brown (Queen's Park).
Referee: W. Pierce-Dix (vice president, Football Association).

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 0 BLACKBURN ROVERS 2 (J. M. Lofthouse, J. Douglas) (H. T. 0-1) (Sat Feb 21st)
(At Four Acres, West Bromwich)

Blackburn Standard 28/2/85 P.3/Birmingham Daily Post 23/2/85 P.7/Nottingham Evening Post 21/2/85 P.3/Nottingham Journal 23/2/85 P.7/Bell's Life 25/2/85 P.4/Field 28/2/85 P.275/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 23/2/85 P.4/Sportsman 23/2/85 P.4/Sporting Life 23/2/85 P.4/Referee 22/2/85 P.6:

CHECK BLACKBURN TIMES for teams and scorers

BS: "This match was played at West Bromwich on Saturday in the presence of 10,000 spectators. The Rovers won the toss and chose to play down the incline with the wind in their favour. Bayliss started the ball at three o'clock, which was quickly run down the left by the wing players, but it was returned to the opposite end of the ground when Turner shot back. Brown then got possession and took it well in front of the goal, passed to Fecitt who all but scored. A corner falling to the Rovers, Brown took it and placed beautifully, when two or three attempts were made to put it through, but it was got away to be returned again the following minute, when Lofthouse gained a corner. He touched the ball, intending to pass to Sourbutts, but the player failed to take advantage. The Rovers were playing exceedingly well, and so too were the home team, Horton and Bunn especially so. Stanton made a good run and sent in a capital shot, but Arthur was ready and fisted out. The Rovers invaded their opponents' quarters again and again, but Bell and Green stuck to Matthews and saved many a dangerous shot. Brown missed several kicks owing to the nature of the ground which completely puzzled him and the other players of his team. A hot scrimmage followed in the Rovers' goal mouth, but Turner cleared splendidly. Following quickly the Bromwich men got a free kick for a foul in midfield without result, and a corner was put behind. The Albionites put forward everything they knew, and became dangerous when Suter darted forward and saved at the expense of a corner, but

nothing came of it. Fecitt again experienced hard luck with a rattling shot. Neither side showed any breaking away, although it was very evident that the Rovers were far superior to their adversaries, but were handicapped by the break in front of the goal, which lost them more goals than Matthews could have saved. A spin was made in the Rovers' ground, and a shot for goal made, but Arthur saved in the easiest possible manner. Hands were given against the home team, but from the free kick nothing resulted although the affair was dangerous. A capital shot was made towards the Rovers' goal, but Douglas saved in grand style. Sourbutts had a corner which McIntyre all but sent through. The home team again looked about the Rovers, but Suter stopped their progress by a magnificent long kick, and Douglas a moment later sent in a rattling shot, which took Matthews all his time to get out, while immediately afterwards Lofthouse returned the ball with lightening quickness, but it went outside the upright. The hard luck was even worse directly afterwards when Fecitt all but sent the ball through. Hands were given against the dark blues, when Suter was distinguishable for a good save. Brown then made a capital run the length of the field, but was robbed when close to goal. An appeal for a foul close in the Bromwich goal was allowed by the referee, but some delay was experienced owing to the Midland men not obeying Mr Beardshaw's orders. Brown insisted on the players going back the required distance, and when they did so, smartly touched the ball, which Lofthouse sent through and scored the first goal for the visitors. Half-time was immediately called, and at the restart the Bromwich men played with great skill and determination. Hands were repeatedly given, and the game looked as if it was to be played with no regard by the home team for the referee's whistle. Timmins executed a capital run down the left, and after being knocked about the ball was put through, Arthur making no attempt to stop it, having heard the whistle previously. Gaining a corner the aspirants for the English Cup put it behind, after which the Rovers made a raid into their opponents' quarters, when Forrest deserved to score. Play was transferred to the opposite end of the field, but McIntyre and Suter sent it bounding back. They rushed madly down again when a corner was conceded, but after a short struggle was got away, and the Rovers none the worse went at a good pace the length of the field, when Douglas very neatly headed the ball between the posts and notched the second point for the cup holders, to the great surprise of some half dozen of his opponents who were in front of him. The home team worked with a will to reverse matters, but Arthur was equal to the occasion, and stopped one shot in a wonderful manner, whilst Suter was applauded for a neat run and some capital dodging. Corners fell in rapid succession, but neither side scored from them, the Rovers taking things very easy whilst their "sure victors" were fagged out. About five minutes before time was up the Albionites had a free kick close to the Rovers' goal. The excitement was intense while a wrangle progressed between the referee and one of the Albion men, who wanted to place the ball where he thought proper, whilst Mr Beardshaw was equally determined to have what was right. Brown was arranging his men round their charge when the ball was shot through but disallowed on appeal. Another attempt was made but the Rovers were not taken by surprise and the leather was returned up the field where it was kept until time was called. From beginning to end the Rovers had the best of the game, and ought certainly to have won by more goals than they did. However, they did win, and passed into the next round, which will be played on Saturday next at Nottingham against the Old Carthusians. Mr Beardshaw was a model referee; his decisions were final, and the time lost through the home team interfering was deducted from the last half." (No teams)

+Stanton mentioned:he was the usual half-back,but it appears Timmins took his place as per BDP and WBACR Lineups.Some lineups do have Stanton in place of Timmins:SDT/NJ/NEP.All the London papers have Timmins.BS has no lineups but mentions Stanton in its report(see above)

BS:"The Rovers,however,consider that the crisis is past;they have already scored a victory In spite of the shabby withdrawal of Rostron and Haworth at the eleventh hour."N.B Some lineups still have Rostron at No 9

BDP:"This match was played on the Four Acres,West Bromwich on Saturday in the presence of about 10,000 spectators.The weather was fine but a cold and troublesome wind blew across the ground.A few minutes after the kick off was taken by the Albion and for some time,the play was confined around the home team goal. A splendid run up was made by Bayliss,which almost ended in the downfall of the Rovers' goal,but was just saved by the excellent playing of Arthur.The strong wind greatly hindered sure kicking and made it very hard work for the team kicking against it.A fine bit of play was witnessed round the Rovers' goal,the ball being continually thrust in dangerous proximity to the visitors' fortress,and it was only through the excellent heading of the visitors that it was kept out.After half an hour's play the visitors obtained a foul within a few yards of the Albion goal,but the home team were equal to the emergency,and the leather was again taken into midfield.Shortly afterwards Lofthouse made a most magnificent shot for goal from the right,but unfortunately for the Rovers it just missed the post on the outside.Both teams were now playing in earnest and straining every nerve to obtain first honours.From a kick taken by the Rovers the ball was placed through the Albion's goal for the first time amid loud cheering.Until half time nothing further was done in the way of scoring.After the resumption of play the Albion forwards exhibited some fine passing,and sent the leather through,but the goal was not allowed in consequence of a foul having taken place in the centre of the field.Shortly after,from a run up the ball was headed through by the Rovers for a second time.After this the game seemed to be more confined to the Rovers' goal,the home team in the second half having the double advantage of the wind in their favour,and kicking down hill. Repeated shots were made for the visitors' citadel,but without the desired effect,the sphere either going over or outside.The playing of Arthur in goal was splendid,an extremely difficult shot being prevented from going through by his interference.The play began to get very fast,and the repeated attacks of the Albions' gave prominence to the performance of Suter,who repelled them with remarkable skill.A quarter of an hour was now wanting to time,and still nothing had been added to the score.Shortly before the call of time a foul took place in front of the visitors' goal.The ball was sent through from the kick but it was disallowed.Eventually the Rovers won a finely-contested game by 2 goals to nil."

SDT:"The home team were without Roberts,their goalkeeper,and played a second team man in his place."(Very short report and in WBA lineup still has Roberts in goal and also has Stanton as a half back in place of Timmins)

SM:"Their popular goalkeeper,Roberts,was debarred from officiating between the sticks by a severe attack of rheumatism,with which he is confined to his bed.The vacancy was filled by Matthews,the custodian of the second team,but although he played with redoubtable pluck,a vast inferiority was perceptible.There was also one change in the original team selected to do battle for the holders of the Cup,Barton taking the position of Rostron in the centre."

West Bromwich Albion:J.Matthews(Goal);H.Bell,H.Green(Backs);G.Timmins,A.F.Bunn,E.Horton(Half Backs);G.Woodhall,J.Aston(Right Wing),J.M.Bayliss(Centre),A.Loach,G.Bell(Left Wing).

CHECK INITIALS AND FIND ARIS GAZETTE REPORT AND TEAMS

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

All checked

Umpires: Referee:F.W.Beardshaw(Sheffield).

NEP:"Both elevens had every confidence in being able to win the match,and when the Albion men stepped onto the field it was seen that the training they had undergone for the encounter had put them in splendid condition.The Rovers,who were at the last moment,disappointed in not having the services of Howarth,of Accrington,and Rostron of Great Lever,played two very promising forwards instead,namely Barton and Sourbutts,and both showed excellent play."

N.B.History of Blackburn Rovers P.107:"Some misgiving,however,was entertained with regard to the visit to West Bromwich,as the Rovers had hoped to strengthen their forces by the inclusion of Geo. Hayworth of Accrington,and Tot Rostron,who went from Darwen to Great Lever,but were prevented (by an) uncharitable decree of the Football Association"

CHURCH 0 OLD CARTHUSIANS 1 (E.H.Parry)(H.T. 0-0)(Sat Feb 14th)(At Church)

Bell's Life 18/2/85 P.1/Field 21/2/85 P.238/Referee 15/2/85 P.6/Sportsman 16/2/85 P.4/Sporting Life 16/2/85 P.4/Referee 15/2/85 P.6:

F/Carthusian Vol 67-129 P.369-370 (Taken from F but corrects errors in Old Carthusian lineup):

"As winners of the only match in the fifth round,the Old Carthusians had to meet Church to decide which club should form one of the four to enter the seventh stage.The game was played on the Lancashire club's ground,a condition of things which,it was thought,would prove prejudicial to the old boys of Charterhouse,who were used to more level ground to that at Church;add to this the superior condition of the home players,and it may be readily guessed that they started as favourites. Some four thousand specators had the pleasure of witnessing a fast and exciting game.To commence with,Church played downhill,and the rushes of their forwards were at first pretty frequent and of good character,but the backs of Charterhouse met them in admirable form,the two Walters especially playing with consummate skill.The play became very even as the game advanced, though perhaps the Carthusians may be said to have had slightly the better of the situation during the first half,and Richards,who made several fine runs,narrowly missed scoring for them.Ends were changed without either side being able to claim a definite advantage,but not long after crossing over,Church set up so vigorous an attack that it seemed almost impossible for the visitors' goal to escape.Relief came at last,however,and what was even better,a goal.This was obtained by Parry directly after an accurate kick by Richards had been successfully dealt with by Horrocks.The point thus gained proved to be the only one made throughout the game,which, interesting from beginning to end,consequently resulted in favour of the Old Carthusians."

BL: "Though somewhat handicapped by their long journey and the absence of W.N. Cobbold, the Carthusians played a splendid defensive game, and eventually, after a hard-fought struggle, secured the verdict by the narrow margin of a goal to nothing. About 4,000 spectators witnessed the play, which was of a most exciting character throughout. During the first half, when playing with the hill in their favour the locals kept the ball mostly in their opponents' half. Better back play than that of the Brothers Walters has seldom been seen, and it is almost entirely due to their efforts that victory remained with their team. On the other hand, Church were very unlucky, many of their shots only just missing their mark. Several good runs, however, were made by the visitors' forwards, and Richards on one occasion sent the ball against the Church goal. During the second half the play on both sides was excellent. Both goals were endangered in turn, and for a long time nothing could be scored. A dashing run, in which nearly the whole of the visitors' forwards joined, took the ball up to the other end, and after the goalkeeper had thrown back a shot by Richards, Parry put in another, which scored the only point gained during the match. Both teams played their hardest up to the close, and though each at times looked like scoring, nothing further, however, had been gained when the whistle sounded."

Church: +R. Horrocks (Goal); J. Taylor, +T. George (Backs); W. Wood (Capt.), J. Worthington (Capt.), J. Wood (Half Backs); J. Crawford, J. Connell (Right Wing), J. Beresford (Centre), J. H. Gregson, J. Holden (Left Wing).

+Isaac George +Check initials

Old Carthusians: T. W. Strother (Goal); A. M. Walters, P. M. Walters (Backs); F. J. Barmby, T. W. Blenkiron, A. Amos (Half Backs); C. A. Smith, E. H. Parry (Capt.) (Right Wing), L. M. Richards (Centre), J. A. Perkin, L. Owen (Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires: Evelyn and Wilson. Referee: C. Crump (President, Birmingham Association)

SEMI-FINALS:

BLACKBURN ROVERS 5 (J. Brown 2, J. Sowerbutts 2, J. M. Lofthouse) OLD CARTHUSIANS 1 (F. J. Barmby) (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Mar 7th) (At Castle Club Ground, Nottingham)

Blackburn Standard 14/3/85 P.3/Field 14/3/85 P.343/Bell's life 11/3/85 P.4/Carthusian Vol 67-129 P.381/Sportsman 9/3/85 P.4/Sporting Life 9/3/85 P.4/Referee 8/3/85 P.6:

N.B Not traced scorer of 2nd goal :BS states rushed through by Lofthouse and Fecitt.

N.B (2) Also BS states Barmby scored to make it 4-1 before the last Blackburn goal, but F/BL give Barmby as scoring near the end after the 5th goal. CHECK OTHER PAPERS

BS: "This tie, which caused so much excitement in football circles, was played on the Castle Ground, Nottingham, on Saturday, in delightful weather. Owing to the high prices of admission there were not two thousand spectators present to witness the encounter. The Carthusians won the toss, and chose to play with the wind and sun in their favour. Brown started the leather, and the cup holders dashed off in fine style, that gave their opponents a taste of what they would have to do throughout the remainder of the game. Joe Lofthouse was the first to make Norris feel uncomfortable by sending in a rattling shot, and three others caused him a great amount of trouble before the game was five minutes old. A corner fell to the Rovers, but without result, and a visit was then paid to their territory,

but sent the ball out. Cobbold was first favourite amongst the spectators, and he was called upon to play up. This he did in splendid style, and became dangerous, but colliding with Turner his knee was hurt and the famous player became of little use during the remainder of the game. Encouraged by the cheers of the spectators, "Charterhouse" played with all their might, and for a time had the best of the game, but in their eagerness to score several easy chances were missed, Barmby kicking wretchedly, whilst Parry was not much better, and the ball had a tendency to travel in the adjoining field. Suter was noticeable for his splendid defence at back, and after Turner recovered from apparent nervousness he too proved a stumbling block in the way of the Carthusians. The Rovers assumed the aggressive, and a lively time followed in their opponents' territory, but hard lines were experienced in front of goal, particularly a splendid shot by McIntyre almost from midfield. Walton and Brown failed to score, the former through kicking over the bar, and the latter through Norris being on the alert. Playing with remarkable dash, the Carthusians got near the Rovers' goal, where they were allowed a free kick for hands, but the ball was got away, and was conveyed to the other end, and Norris running out to save a well-directed shot from Brown, missed it, and the first goal was scored for the Rovers amidst cheers from a portion of the spectators. Until half-time the Carthusians still pressed the Rovers, but without scoring, and at half-time the score stood one goal in favour of the cup holders. After the restart the Carthusians showed signs of distress, whilst the Blackburn men were conspicuous for their freshness. Immediately the leather was started the Rovers got into close proximity to Norris, but on that occasion nothing resulted. Try, however, as they could, the Carthusians could not get the ball away, and for some time the Rovers continued in their opponents' quarters. A corner fell to the Rovers, but the "old boys" broke away and raced down the field, only to have their career cut short by Suter sending the ball well back, and Lofthouse and Sourbutts both became troublesome. The hopes of the Blackburnians ran high when, seven minutes from the start, the second goal was scored by the Rovers, Sourbutts and Fecitt rushing the ball through. The game then became very uninteresting until the close, and the Rovers had the easiest possible work to bottle the old boys up. Sourbutts notched number three, and Brown, after some unselfish play by Lofthouse and Sourbutts, effected a neat dribble, and placed number four to the credit of his team. At every point the Carthusians were overmatched, although they played up remarkably well. The Rovers, however, became careless, and although they managed to avert danger from a corner and free kick, Barmby scored a goal, the ball passing close under the bar, which Arthur, who had little or nothing to do before, was unable to stop. The Rovers were within an ace of scoring, but danger was averted. Six minutes before time, however, a scrimmage occurred in the Carthusian territory, and Lofthouse placed the fifth point to the credit of the Rovers. During the remaining time play was of a very one-sided character, the old boys being, to use a common place term, "not to it" and the Rovers won their place into the final round by five goals to one."

F: "There were not more than three thousand spectators on the Notts Castle Club ground on Saturday afternoon to witness the semi-final tie between the Blackburn Rovers and the Old Carthusians. There is no doubt, a considerably larger number of the supporters of the game would have assembled had the price of admission been fixed at sixpence—the popular fee in Nottingham—instead of a shilling. Brilliant weather prevailed, and it is only just to the committee of the Notts Castle Club to state that the arrangements were of the most complete and ample character. The winners of last year's most coveted trophy were established strong favourites, and that the confidence reposed in their prowess was fully justified was proved by the result. The ball was started at twenty minutes to three o'clock, when the Rovers, who were opposed by a slight breeze, kicked off

amid the cheers of their partisans. They quickly assumed an aggressive attitude, and a swift shot at goal by Lofthouse was only just stopped by Norris, the Carthusian goalkeeper. A corner kick resulted, and Norris's exertions were again severely taxed. On being relieved, Cobbold showed in advance, and an effort at the Rovers' goal by Owen on the left wing saw the ball pass behind. Richards here stepped in to the aid of Cobbold, and for some short time subsequently the Carthusians asserted themselves. Owen again tried unsuccessfully for goal, and two onslaughts by Cobbold very nearly beat Arthur. The Southerners then secured a corner, and, after a couple of fouls to either side, Barmby shot over the Blackburn barrier. Here, unfortunately Cobbold injured his leg, and retired for a few minutes. Twenty minutes' very hot work having been witnessed, Norris, during a pressure from the Blackburn Rovers, injudiciously left his post, and Brown had not much difficulty in placing the first score to the credit of the northern visitors. The continuation saw an invasion of the latter's quarters, and a well-directed kick on the part of Richards compelled Arthur to use his hands to avert disaster. The play generally was remarkably fast, each in turn being the aggressors, and Cobbold, who had now returned to the attack, was applauded for a brilliant run through the Rovers' backs. The latter retaliated with a second corner (Brown), and Norris having twice fisted out, the whistle sounded the interval. In the second half Blackburn were favoured with the wind, and their superior pace and condition gradually wore down the southern team. Fecitt was not long in registering a second goal, and at 3.45 a third was kicked by Sowerbutts. Ten minutes later Brown scored a fourth, and at 4.10 Lofthouse obtained a fifth. Shortly before the close Barmby kicked one for the Carthusians who, in the end, were beaten decisively by five goals to one."

BL: "This, the first of the semi-final ties in the chief competition of the year, took place on the Castle Grounds, Nottingham, on Saturday afternoon. The weather was fine, but the attendance was far smaller than anticipated, not more than 2,500 spectators being present. This may in some measure be accounted for by the increased charge of admission. The play of the Old Carthusians hardly came up to the standard expected. It must, however, be admitted that they were somewhat disheartened by an accident to their captain, which disabled him after the contest had been in progress a few minutes. The holders, however, played a fine game; their passing was excellent, whilst the defence was very sure. Losing the toss, the Rovers kicked off soon after three o'clock, (F: "at twenty minutes to three o'clock") with a light wind against them. Lofthouse at once secured possession, and made his way into his opponents' territory. A shot at goal was well saved by Norris. Cobbold and Owen retaliated, but the ball was sent behind, whilst another run by Richards, Owen, and Cobbold also failed. A corner then fell to the Southerners, which proved useless, whilst a little later, from a free kick for a foul, the Southerners nearly scored. Cobbold was now disabled in a charge and for the remainder of the game was of little further use to his side. After about 20 minutes' play, Brown rushed down the centre, and eluding the opposing backs, gained the first point. Re-starting, a good shot by Richards forced Arthur to handle. An attack by Brown and Walton then forced Norris to adopt the same tactics. A corner fell to Brown which was not improved upon, and at half time the score stood at one goal to nil in favour of the Lancashire team. With the wind in their favour the Rovers pressed their opponents severely. The fine defence of the brothers Walters for a long time kept them at bay. At length, after about 15 minutes after change, a fine shot by Fecitt, who rescued the ball from the right, gave the Blackburn men their second point. Soon after a foul in the favour of Blackburn nearly resulted in the gain of another point. Nine minutes later another goal was scored by Sourbutts, whilst goals in quick succession followed from the feet of Brown and Lofthouse. The Carthusians, though fairly outmastered, struggled on manfully, and just before the end of time, out of

a fierce bully in the Blackburn lines,Barmby kicked a goal.The Rovers thus qualified for the final tie by five goals to one.”

BS:(Cobbold)“colliding with Turner his knee was hurt and the famous player became of little use during the remainder of the game.”

Carth:”Cobbold was injured early in the game,and was practically useless afterwards,which greatly militated against the Carthusians’ chance of success”:not clear from other reports as to how bad his injury was:but BS admits he was of little use:see above

Blackburn Rovers:J.W.H.Arthur(Goal);F.Suter,R.G.Turner(Backs);H.McIntyre,J.H.Forrest(Half Backs); J.M.Lofthouse,J.Douglas(Right Wing),J.Brown(Capt.),J.Sowerbutts(Centres),N.Walton,H.L.Fecitt(Left Wing). (Blackburn Complete Record order)

All checked

Old Carthusians:W.H.Norris(Goal);P.M.Walters,A.M.Walters(Backs);G.F.A.England,F.J.Barmby, A.Amos (Half Backs);C.A.Smith,E.H.Parry(Right Wing),L.M.Richards(Centre),W.N.Cobbold, L.Owen(Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires:Pierce-Dix(Sheffield,vice president,Football Association) and +F.W.Beardshaw(Sheffield). Referee:C.W.Alcock(hon. sec.,Football Association) +Check initials

QUEEN’S PARK 1 (W.Anderson) NOTTS FOREST 1(T.Danks) (H.T. 0-1)(Sat Mar 14th)
(At Derby Cricket Ground)

“Both the teams left the field as the Association had made no arrangements for playing the extra half hour.”

BL:”The Scottish captain declined to play the extra half hour.”

Nottingham Evening Post 14/3/85 P.3/Nottingham Journal 16/3/85 P.7/Glasgow Herald 16/3/85 P.10/Bell’s Life 18/3/85 P.1/Field 21/3/85 P.379/Sportsman 16/3/85 P.4/Sporting Life 16/3/85 P.4/Referee 15/3/85 P.6:

NEP:”Unfortunately both teams have been weakened by accidents,which everyone has greatly regretted.The “Reds”have lost the services of Unwin,who fractured his collar bone a fortnight ago when playing against the Blackburn Rovers at Park Side,whilst the famous Scotch club has Harrower and Christie disabled.As neither Gow nor Watt could manage to get away from Glasgow,this has altered the composition of the Hampden Park eleven,although it is open to question as to whether it has been seriously weakened.On the other hand,the substitute for Urwin,E.J.Leighton,although a clever player,is very light.The Queen’s Park left St Enoch’s Station,Glasgow at about five o’clock last night,and arrived in Derby at an early hour this morning,making the Bell Hotel their headquarters, the same as on the occasion of their last visit.The Forest eleven travelled from Nottingham by the 1.20 train,and upon making their way into the pavilion,were,like the “Spiders”,recognised and applauded.The ground was in good condition and the arrangements were admirable.Another vast crowd had assembled,as excursions had not only been run from Nottingham,but from other parts of

the Midlands. At the time of commencement of the proceedings there were about 10,000 present." "Campbell kicked off at eleven minutes to three o'clock, the "Reds" having won the toss. At the commencement the game was very fast, both teams working very fast." "The match was well contested, but neither side could gain any point for some time, as both teams were playing a hard game, neither having any material advantage." "Ward and Billyeald were most useful, and the former frequently outwitted Sellar, while the latter outwitted the "doctor". A combination run between Danks, Fox, and Widdowson was irresistible, and one of the finest exhibitions of football ever seen, but Danks' final effort was a little wide of the mark. However, the Forest had no reason to be discouraged, and playing up magnificently, the left wing made a long pass to the other side, and Danks, after a neat little dribble in which he was backed and assisted by Lindley, kicked the first goal for the Forest 28 minutes from the start. The Reds after this had all the best of the game, and the spectators became very enthusiastic and waved red flags, Lindley and others put in capital shots, but they were headed and breasted away by the backs. Anderson and Hamilton broke away, and running up to the other end of the field, Anderson centred and the ball passed right along the front of the goal, Dr Smith being unable to reach it in time. The Reds were soon at the other end where they had a free kick for hands, but it availed them little, although for a long time the "Spiders" were obliged to act on the defensive. The Reds took an unproductive corner, and really had all the best of the play, but their shooting at goal was not as accurate as it might have been. Once the "Spiders" got away and Dr Smith and Sellar had an opportunity, but they missed easily, and at the end of the first half the ball was in the Reds' territory, but ended in favour of the Forest by one goal to none. On crossing over the Reds held their own, although the ball was at the outset forced over their line, and directly after Beardsley again got nicely away, Danks and Lindley came down the centre, when Fox had a rare chance, but his attempt was very weak. The Foresters when attacked were very strong and able to protect their ground. The Reds were again acting on the defensive, and the ball was kicked out six times in almost as many minutes, and all within a space of twenty yards to the left of the Scotchmen's goal. The Reds continued to act on the aggressive but did not add to their score. Once Dr Smith sped away, and passing Billyeald, Hancock, and Caborn in rapid flight it looked as if nothing would prevent him from scoring, but Beardsley without hesitation rushed out and robbed him just in the nick of time. Leighton and Widdowson dashed down the left and passed to Lindley, who transferred to Fox, and he sent in a hot shot, and MacLeod, in order to prevent its taking effect, gave a corner. Fox took the flag kick but sent behind. Billyeald next frustrated a good attack, but nothing elapsed ere Widdowson sped along all alone, and had the goal at his mercy, but the ball struck Gillespie's legs. Gillespie was compelled to handle again immediately after, and Arnott stopped another shot—indeed Arnott was the finest player on the field, and but for him the Foresters would have had matters much more their own way. The Reds had the best of the game still, and were given a free kick for a foul near the goal, but nothing resulted from it. Allan was injured, but went on playing. Sellar worked down the left, and from a throw in wrongly given to Queen's Park the ball was kicked over to the right wing just in front of goal, where Anderson rushed in, and, shooting the ball past Beardsley, equalised. Queen's Park now began to have the advantage, and Beardsley immediately afterwards marvellously saved his position, while the "Spiders" took another corner which, however, was unproductive. The Reds again penned the Scots to their own territory. Fox sent in a splendid shot, and Widdowson charging the goalkeeper at the same time, it was wonderful that no score ensued. The Park men were undoubtedly having the worst of it, and Campbell nearly headed through his own goal. Play was transferred to the other end but only for a moment, for Widdowson, backed by Lindley, dribbled down the left wing with quite his old dash. He ran round Arnott, and it was an

extraordinary bit of ill luck that prevented his scoring.Both teams exerted themselves to the uttermost,but no other point was scored,and the match ended in a draw.There was a short consultation,but no extra play was ordered,and the captain of the Queen's Park team informed our representative that there would be no extra half hour,as they had never been asked to continue the game for that additional period.The matter will be taken into consideration at the meeting of the Association on Monday evening next."

BL:"The contest ruled wonderfully even throughout.....Opinions differ considerably as to which was the better team."

SM:"In addition to a very long railway journey,Gow and Watt were prevented by business from going south,and their forces were still more seriously weakened by the absence of Harrower and Christie on account of injuries received in a trial match in the city of St Mungo a week since,though one or two ergans were bold enough to announce on good authority (?) that they would be able to play.On the other hand,the Foresters had their full team;the exception that the place of Unwin,on the left wing,was filled by a junior,Leighton,the former having had the misfortune to injure his collar-bone a fortnight since,while the northerners also were compelled to introduce a junior of promise,+W.Lambie,whose partner in the centre was Dr Smith,the J.S."Miller" of metropolitan football."
+In fact J.A.Lambie

F:"The Scotch team was a strong one,although Gow,Watt,and Hamilton were not included in their ranks,the places of these players being filled by McDonald,Dr Smith,and Lambie;but the Forest eleven was the cup tie team played all the season with one exception,Leighton replacing Unwin on the left wing,a change caused by the latter suffering from a broken collar-bone."

"Many good shots were sent in at either end,but without success,until at last Danks and Lindley made a combined dribble,and the former secured the first goal for the lace men about half an hour from the start.Incited by this decided advantage,the Foresters played with a will,but neither side altered the score up to half time.In the second half the Notts men had decidedly the best of it,their attack being strong,and at times brilliant,and the substitute for Unwin-Leighton-in particular distinguishing himself,completely nonplussing Campbell,the Scottish leader.From a throw in,however,claimed by Forest,but given to the Queen's Park by the umpire,the Scotchmen made matters equal through the instrumentality of Anderson...."

Queen's Park:G.Gillespie(Goal);W.Arnott,W.MacLeod(Backs);C.Campbell(Capt.),J.MacDonald(Half Backs); A.Hamilton,W.Anderson(Right Wing),J.A.Lambie,Dr Smith(Centres),D.S.Allan,W.Sellar(Left Wing).

All checked (Queen's Park History P.111 order)

Notts Forest:F.W.Beardsley(Goal);C.J.Caborn,W.T.Hancock(Backs);S.Norman,H.Billyeald,A.W.Ward (Half Backs);F.Fox,T.Danks(Right Wing),T.Lindley(Centre),S.W.Widdowson(Capt.),E.J.Leighton(Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires:C.W.Alcock(hon sec,Football Association) and C.Crump(President,Birmingham Association).
Referee:W.Pierce-Dix(Sheffield)(Vice president,Football Association).

REPLAY:Sat March 28th(At Merchiston Castle,Myreside,Edinburgh):

QUEEN'S PARK 3 (S.W.Widdowson (o.g),W.Sellar 2) NOTTS FOREST 0 (H.T.2-0)

Glasgow Herald 30/3/85 P.8/Nottingham Journal 30/3/85 P.7/Nottingham Evening Post 28/3/85 P.3/Bell's Life 30/3/85 P.4/Sportsman 30/3/85 P.4/Sporting Life 30/3/85 P.4/Referee 29/3/85 P.6:

N.B.The only suitable ground was Powderhall but 7 yards too narrow so Merchiston School Ground was used(although normally for Rugby).A new Stand was constructed and the attendance was 12-15,000.

GH:"The second of the penultimate ties for the English Association Cup.....was decided on Saturday afternoon on the ground of the Merchiston Club at Edinburgh..."Although English Cup ties are not unknown in Glasgow,where the Queen's Park have on several occasions entertained their southern opponents,yet this is the first time a semi-final contest has been fixed by the Association to be decided in Scotland.Powderhall is the only available association ground in the city,and when it was ascertained that this field was seven yards narrower than the English limit,the general belief was entertained that the association would be required to look elsewhere for sufficient accomodation. Through the kindness of Mr Rogerson,the headmaster of Merchiston,this difficulty was,however, satisfactorily overcome,and the splendid ground of the school at Myreside,usually devoted to the rugby game,was obtained.The encounter was witnessed by between 12,000 and 15,000 people,a large proportion of whom arrived in the city from Nottingham and Glasgow by special trains.A Grandstand,which had been specially constructed,and contained a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen,including Lord Provost Sir George Harrison,Edinburgh;the Lord Mayor of Nottingham,the Dean of Faculty,Mr Rogerson,and others.The "Reds",who are a light set of men,were the same as played at Derby,but several changes had taken place in the Queen's Park eleven, (M'Donnell, M'Whannel,Harrower,and Watt taking the places of Gow,Lambie,and Dr Smith: *inaccurate see below).The ground was in splendid order,and the weather was dull and cold,with a strong breeze from the south.Winning the toss,the Notts' men elected to play with the wind,and at seventeen minutes to four o'clock the Queen's Park set the ball in motion from the north goal.Sellar and Allan on the left wing at once showed to advantage by getting dangerously near the Notts' goal,but the run was spoiled by a foul off one of the Englishmen.A long run by Widdowson and Leighton,which Campbell endeavoured in vain to stop,brought the ball to the northern extremity of the field,where Arnott was on the alert,and baffled Leighton's attempt to centre by causing him to kick behind.On the kick out Harrower threatened the Notts goal,but the disaster was averted by Caborn.Hamilton and M'Whannel then put in some good work,which was neutralised by the clever passing of the Notts left wing.Leighton (ended) a grand run by sending in a dangerous shot,which Gillespie smartly stopped,and a minute later Lindley sent the ball over the bar.The game was getting rather warm for the Glasgow men until M'Donald by capital kicking passed to Sellar,who,in conjunction with Watt and Allan,carried the ball up the left wing and centred. M'Whannel could not get up in time and the leather was sent behind.The Notts forwards,especially the left wing,still maintained the pressure and the Queen's Park backs had considerable difficulty in clearing their goal line.Widdowson was twice brought smartly to a halt by Arnott but on the third occasion the Queen's Park back was compelled to give a corner.Leighton took the kick,when Sellar and Watt carried the ball by clever passing away to the other end,where a corner was obtained.From the kick the ball was well placed,and out of the scrimmage Widdowson headed it through his own goal,thus registering the first goal for the Queen's

Park,amid tremendous cheering 23 minutes from the start.This success seemed to encourage the Queen's Park forwards to greater exertions,and notwithstanding the strong wind,they kept the ball in Notts' territory for some time.Watt shortly afterwards passed from the centre to Hamilton who,after some clever tackling with Widdowson, centred and Sellar dribbled the ball right in front of the Notts goal post,where Caborn kicked behind in order to save his lines.The corner kick was unproductive.A foul off Widdowson was taken by Arnott,and M'Leod getting on the ball sent in a hot shot,which Beardsley just managed to save.In turn the Scotch goal was threatened,but Lindley sent the ball over.On the kick out the Queen's Park centres took possession,and were rewarded with a corner,from which Hamilton put the ball over the line.Danks subsequently distinguished himself by a splendid run down the centre,and had it not been for the capital goalkeeping of Gillespie,the Queen's Park goal must have fallen.This success, however,was only temporary,for M'Donald was quick on the ball and passed to Watt,who,after some dodging,neatly passed to Hamilton.Hamilton finished a smart run by centring to Sellar,who rushed in and registered the second goal for the Queen's Park.During the remainder of the half the Queen's Park were compelled to act mostly on the defensive.Two corners were given against them,but on both occasions Arnott cleared his lines.An exciting scrimmage occurred in front of the Glasgow club's goal,which ended in the ball being sent behind.The only other point of interest was a good shot at goal by Sellar,the Queen's Park forwards having again worked their way into their opponents' ground,but Beardsley fisted out.At half time the score stood two goals to nothing in favour of the Queen's Park.On change of ends it became at once evident that the Queen's Park had the game in hand,and there was a constant repetition of attacks on the Notts goal by the Glasgow forwards.M'Donnell secured the ball from the kick off,and passed to Sellar,who along with Allan,caused the Notts to give a corner.The kick out resulted in M'Leod getting on the ball and sending in a well directed shot,which struck the top bar and went over.The Scotch forwards now hemmed the Englishmen into their goal,and corner followed corner without success.A good run of the Notts left wing relieved the monotony,and allowed Leighton to display his shooting powers,the shot being easily dealt with by Gillespie.A foul against Notts in the centre of the field was taken by Arnott,who failed to allow for the wind,and sent the ball behind.Then Allan sent in a long shot,which Beardsley ran out and stopped.A fine run by Hamilton,who centred to Sellar,caused the Notts to give a corner.Sellar took the kick,but the ball went through untouched.Notts were again hard pressed, and but for the reliable play of Beardsley,who was well supported by the backs,and the strong kicking of the Queen's Park forwards,the English goal must have fallen.Sellar on one occasion was loudly cheered for a magnificent run which ended in his heading the ball over the bar.Aided by Watt,the same player maintained a determined and exciting scrimmage in front of the Notts goal,and seemed certain to score until Caborn fouled the ball.The Notts team succeeded in relieving the pressure,but only for a short time,as the Scotch forwards were again and again down on the Notts goal,and several times seemed almost certain to score.Sellar had several shots at goal,and then Allan headed the ball in,Beardsley being just in time in throwing out before he was charged by Harrower.This was followed by a neat bit of passing on the part of Watt to M'Whannel,who rushed in and put the ball through.M'Whannel,however,was declared to have been offside.Another attack on the Notts goal followed,and although Beardsley succeeded in partially relieving his goal,Sellar was again down on the ball and sent it spinning through.Hamilton,M'Whannel,and Allan each in turn assailed their opponents' goal,but Beardsley succeeded in keeping his charge intact until time was called,leaving the Queen's Park the victors by three goals to nothing."

*Queen's Park History P.111:"Notts Forest had the same eleven which ran the Queen's Park to a dead heat two weeks before.The Queen's Park team was considerably altered.Dr Smith and J.A.Lambie were replaced by Harrower and W.W.Watt,and Ninnian McWhannel took Anderson's place,R.M.Christie still being an unwilling absentee."

NJ:TYPE REPORT

Queen's Park:G.Gillespie(Goal);W.Arnett,W.MacLeod(Backs);C.Campbell(Capt.),J.McDonald(Half Backs);N.McWhannel,A.Hamilton(Right Wing),W.Harrower,W.W.Watt(Centres),W.Sellar,D.S.Allan (Left Wing).

All checked

Notts Forest:F.W.Beardsley(Goal);C.J.Caborn,W.T.Hancock(Backs);S.Norman,H.Billyeald,A.W.Ward (Half Backs),F.Fox,T.Danks(Right Wing),T.Lindley(Centre),S.W.Widdowson(Capt.),E.J.Leighton(Left Wing).

All checked

Umpires:C.W.Alcock(Wanderers)(Hon Sec,Fotball Association) and J.Armstrong(Union).
Referee:W.Pierce-Dox(Vice President,Football Association).

FINAL:Sat April 4th at Kennington Oval:

BLACKBURN ROVERS 2 (J.H.Forrest,J.Brown) QUEEN'S PARK 0 (H.T. 1-0)

Blackburn Standard 11/4/85 P.3/Glasgow Herald 6/4/85 P.8/Bell's Life 6/4/85 P.1/Sportsman 6/4/85 P.4/Sporting Life 6/4/85 P.4/Field 11/4/85 P.477/Referee 5/4/85 P.6:

SM:"The result of Saturday's match proves the Rovers to be by far the strongest club team of the day.They certainly had the best of the play,their men keeping well together,and proving thoroughly used to each other's tactics.On the other hand,the Scotchmen lacked their usual combination;those grand wing passes were rarely attempted,and their play altogether below that at Merchiston a week previously."

BS:"The largest crowd-15,000-ever seen at a football match in London assembled on the Surrey Cricket Ground,Kennington Oval,on Saturday,to witness the final tie for the most important challenge cup that is put up for competition.The Scotchmen,although they had Harrower and Christie on the disabled list,were still enabled to put a strong team on the field,the eleven they put out to do battle for them including Arnett and W.Gray,of the Pollokshields Athletic;Sellar of Battlefield;and M'Leod of Cowlares;all these players being duly qualified,of course.The Rovers,almost at the last moment,induced Howarth,the Accrington captain,to assist them,and it was probably on this account that the Blackburn lads were so much fancied on Saturday.Both teams entered the enclosure before half-past three,and Brown,having won the toss for the Rovers,decided to defend the Gasometer goal,and punctually at the half hour,Campbell got ready to put the ball in motion. A couple of false starts were registered,as the Queen's Park forwards seemed anxious to get off before motion was put to the ball.A fair start was effected at the third time of asking,and Campbell's kick being well returned,there was some give-and-take play at the centre.The Queen's right wing, however,became troublesome,but on the ball being centred,McIntyre drove it out of danger,and

then the Rovers rushing it to the Scotch goal, Lofthouse applied his toe, but sent the ball skimming on the wrong side of the cross-bar. In reply to this Anderson made a shy at the Rovers' goal, and Sellar had a couple of long range shots, but not one of the three attempts were anything near their mark. Some very pretty play was shown on both sides, and, after a capital run by Lofthouse, Sourbutts got hold and made a very fine attempt to reduce the Q.P. goal. The ball hit the bar, and dropped into Gillespie's hands, who threw out. The Rovers claimed that the Scotch goalkeeper was through the posts at the time, but the goal was not allowed. A long kick by Arnott, who was well followed up by Hamilton and McWhannel, and a foul by the Rovers, rather placed the Lancastrian goal in danger. McIntyre, however, came to the rescue, and, kicking across, the Rovers' right wing pair paid a visit to the Q.P. goal, where McLeod was all there. Shortly afterwards a tall kick by Arnott dropped behind that player instead of in front of him, and a corner accrued to the Rovers. The ball was well put in, but Campbell's head was in the way, and then some pretty tall kicking between McIntyre, Howarth, and Arnott was loudly cheered. Here Anderson got away down the centre, and after eluding most of his opponents, dallied about too long, and Howarth coming up spoiled the chance, giving the ball to Sourbutts, who made off at top speed. Brown took up the running, and dodging Arnott, sent in a good shot, which was momentarily repelled. Forrest instantly sent in a terrific shot with his left foot, the ball passing through the Q.P. goal. The Rovers drew first blood 15 minutes from the start, loud cheering greeting the score of the first goal. Upon restarting from the centre Hamilton showed up with a famous dribble, and passed to Allan, who failed to turn a fair chance to account. Campbell sent in a good one a little while afterwards, and the pressure on the Rovers' goal was relieved by Suter and McIntyre. A visit was now paid to the Q.P. goal, but Sourbutts only made a poor attempt to score, and then the whole fleet of the Scotch forwards rushed the ball to the other end, where Howarth proved a stumbling block to the cannie ones. Hereabouts the spectators were roused to enthusiasm by some grand combined play between Lofthouse, Brown, and Douglas, who got well within shooting distance, when McLeod tackled his opponents in fine fashion. Neither a free kick by Haworth nor a corner to the Rovers were made use of by the Lancastrians, but Gillespie had to use his hands to clear his goal when Forrest put in a well directed long shot. A brilliant run down the ground by Brown was responded to by Anderson and Allan, but the final shy by the last named player went very wide of its mark. After Arnott had put in some splendid kicks, and Howarth had been cheered for some capital dodging, the Q.P. bore down upon the English goal, and relief only came when Allan fouled the ball accidentally. Sellar then shot wide, and a little later on the Battlefield representative put in a strong run. Turner missed his kick, and just as matters were looking bad for the Rovers Suter cleared the goal in fine style. The next item was a fine shot by Fecitt, and the course of the ball through the Q.P. goal was only diverted by Gillespie, who jumped up and touched the leather over the bar, giving a corner, which was not utilised. A Scotchman then fouled the ball in front of his goal, but M'Intyre's kick was got away, and Allan making a wide shot at the other goal, half-time was called, the Rovers being one goal to the good. Little time was cut to waste before the players were at it again, and as soon as M'Intyre had re-started the ball, the Rovers crowded round the Scotch goal, Arnott eventually clearing cleverly. Sellar got off, but Howarth was too much for him, and a good bit of work by the Rovers' right wing pair ended in Brown getting a beautiful chance to score, which was not taken advantage of. M'Intyre then nearly scored from a good straight shot, Gillespie saving his goal beautifully, and then the Rovers claimed a goal from a kick by Sowerbutts. This claim was, however, overruled, and in an instant the ball was taken down the field by Sellar and M'Whannel, a good shot by Gray being stopped by Turner. The Pollokshields Athletic forward made a good centre a little later on, and this time Forrest cleared the goal, Sellar in return making a wild lunge over the cross-bar.

Kicking off again,Howarth exhibited a grand piece of play,getting the ball clear away,although hampered by several opponents.Lofthouse now had a shy at the Q.P. goal,but it was a very poor attempt.Amid great excitement Brown took the ball down the centre at a good rate,and the Rovers' captain was only just checked in time by McDonald.Here Hamilton put in a good run,and Sellar sent in a shot,causing Arthur to use his hands for the first time in the match.The Rovers' custodian soon after had to throw out again,when M'Whannel made a long shy.Give-and-take play followed,and then Fecitt ran the ball down the left side,and,passing quite square,Brown came up in the nick of time,and scored for the Rovers their second goal.There was still twenty minutes to play,and the Scotchmen made desperate efforts to score at least a point,but for the most part their efforts were poor,Sellar,Allan,and McWhannel all trying to score from long shots.The Rovers also tried hard to augment their total,and three or four times Gillespie had to be smart to get the ball away.A minute or two from the finish Allan sent in a splendid low shot,which the Rovers' goalkeeper kept out in splendid style,and when the whistle blew the Rovers for the second time had won the English Cup, the score being two goals to nil."

GH:"A considerable proportion of the attendance came from the North,special trains having carried many thousands of the friends and admirers of the two teams to London."

The Oval is a capital place for a game of cricket.....but it is indifferently suited for a football match.There is only one permanent stand,and it is small and restricted to members.On Saturday better accomodation was provided than has been the case hitherto,rough and ready little stands having been run up here and there,and the ground being surrounded by a sort of step-and-stair platform.This poor accomodation was no doubt the reason why so few ladies were present...""The weather,from a spectator's point of view,was all that could be desired.There was a strong cold wind,but football is a winter game,and one should not object to a slight chill.There was a bright sun,however,and in sheltered positions the sun was even warm.To the players the weather was scarcely so satisfactory,and the Queen's Park have reason to blame it for much of their ill success.The formal toss up for ends had really a good deal to do with the result of the game for,from the time that the Rovers elected to begin proceedings from the Clayton end,they had always the sun and the wind in their favour.For the first half the Queen's Park fought in the teeth of a stiff breeze which sent many of their drop kicks astray;and when ends were changed bad fortune followed them as the wind fell off appreciably in force and veered off in a more favourable direction for the Rovers.The declining sun too,shone right in the eyes of the Queen's Park,being directly above the Rovers' goal,and the men could be seen shading their eyes from its beams,in trying to follow the course of the ball as it span through the air."

GH(Cont):"The final tie in the English Cup competition was played on Saturday afternoon at Kennington Oval before 20,000 spectators." "The Rovers had the assistance of Howarth of Accrington,and the Scotchmen had Woodville Gray of Pollockshields Athletic,and Sellar of Battlefield,but the falling out of Harrower caused the alterations to the forwards' positions,and M'Whannel,who was in the team last Saturday against the Forest,played with Hamilton on the right wing."

BL:"Sharp to time Brown led his men into the field,and having won the toss,he ranged his men in front of the gasometer goal,thereby gaining the advantage of a brisk easterly wind.After dodging about a little,Campell kicked off at 3.30 exactly,passing to Sellar,who was promptly stopped by McIntyre.A clever pass sent the ball to Lofthouse,who easily eluded McLeod,but was well checked by

Arnott, who, with a long kick, returned the ball into midfield. A smart piece of play was then shown by M'Whannel, and Campbell then checked a run by Fecitt. Lofthouse got the ball directly afterwards, and after an abortive attempt by M'Leod to stop him, shot over the Queen's Park goal. A long dribble by Hamilton resulted in the ball being sent behind. Sellar then showed prominently, but he was checked before he became dangerous, and Lofthouse had no sooner gained possession than he found Arnott in his way. After a run by Hamilton, Sellar shot wide. The ball was then rushed down the centre, and a sharp attack commenced on the Queen's Park posts. A hot shot by Sowerbutts was grandly saved by Gillespie, who threw out another from the foot of Fecitt directly after. From this a goal was claimed, it being alleged that Gillespie was behind the posts when he stopped the ball. Sowerbutts then got the best of M'Leod, who was forced to give a corner which, although well placed by Lofthouse, came to nothing. The Rovers now pressed their opponents severely, and a shot by Lofthouse narrowly missed scoring. A few minutes later Brown got the ball on the left from a long kick by Suter, close to the touchline, and dodging Arnott, who tried to stop him, dropped it in the mouth of the Scottish goal. A sharp bully ensued, and Sowerbutts sent in a shot, which struck the crossbar, and bounded back into play. Another followed from the foot of Brown, which Gillespie threw away, but Forrest returned with a long kick, and the ball went through out of Gillespie's reach, amidst tremendous cheering from the partisans of the Blackburn men, fifteen minutes after the start. No sooner had the ball been restarted, than a corner fell to the Rovers, and although well placed by Brown, it was sent behind. A clever passing run by Hamilton and Sellar relieved their lines, and an attack was made on the Blackburn goal. A couple of chances were then lost by wide shooting- Sowerbutts and Fecitt then broke away on the left but they did not get dangerous. The play for the next few minutes was very even, Sowerbutts, Brown, Sellar, and Allan showing prominently for their respective sides. Hands were next claimed by the Rovers in the Scottish half, which forced M'Leod to give a corner. A smart kick by Forrest narrowly missed scoring, Gillespie just throwing away in time. Runs were then made by Brown and Fecitt whilst Campbell came in for some applause by grandly stopping the Rovers' captain. An onslaught on the Scottish lines followed, and after some loose play Arnott cleared the ball away finely. Towards the end of the first half the Scotchmen seemed to get better together and made several raids on the Blackburn lines. Some really splendid work was now shown by Howarth, who seemed rather nervous at starting. M'Intyre's long kick from time after time cleared his goal. Turner too, put in some excellent work. An excellent piece of play by Allan and Gray was neutralised by a wild shot. This was followed by a rush from Brown and Fecitt, which resulted in the gain of a corner. A clever piece of play by Howarth placed the Scotch goal in jeopardy, but Arnott dropped the ball in front of Sellar, who, after some passing with Anderson, got into the Blackburn half, when they were finally stopped by M'Intyre. The Rovers forwards rushed up, and Fecitt sent in a shot, which Gillespie by jumping up just managed to put over the bar. The corner kick by Brown was unproductive, but "hands" were given in favour of the Rovers about a dozen yards in front of the Queen's Park posts. A bully ensued out of which Allan gave another corner. Nothing resulted, and a rush was made for the Rovers' goal. Suter kicked back, but McLeod returned well, and had anybody been up to receive the ball, in all probability the score would have been equalised. The chance, however, was lost, and then the whistle signalled half time.

With only one goal against them, the friends of the Scotchmen were sanguine now they had the wind in their favour that they would soon equalise the score. The play, however, still continued to be carried on in the Rovers' favour, but was somewhat marred by the repeated claims for hands. The same friendly spirit still pervaded the game as before. After an exchange of kicks by Campbell and Howarth the last-named stopped a run by Allan and Gray. "Hands" were given twice in favour of the

Rovers, and from one of the free kicks Gillespie fisted back, Lofthouse rushing up and charging the goalkeeper the ball seemed to go through. The umpires, however, were of the opinion that it had gone outside. From the kick off Sellar and Gray ran into the Rovers' half, and a bully ensued near the post. Allan, however, lost a chance by heading behind. "Hands" in favour of the Lancashire men relieved their lines, and then a free kick was given to the Scotchmen for a foul by Sowerbutts (the only one that was made during the match). After a long single-handed run by Sellar, who just now was very prominent, shot over. Lofthouse retaliated, but Douglas, to whom the ball was passed, shot over. An attack by Sellar and Allan failed for want of support, and another attack by the right wing resulted in the ball going wide. Sellar then sent in a shot which forced Arthur to throw behind, thus giving the Scotchmen their first corner. Allan, however, sent the ball behind. A long kick by M'Whannel then went wide. Brown then put in a long single-handed run down the centre, but just when he had the goal at his mercy, slipped. McLeod returned. The Rovers' captain was soon on the ball again, and after passing and repassing with Lofthouse, got within a dozen yards of the goal before he shot, and then scored the second goal for his side. After this the Rovers confined themselves chiefly to acting on the defensive, consequently the Scotchmen now showed up more prominently. A smart piece of play by Allan then forced Howarth to kick out, and from the subsequent bully Sellar sent the ball high over the bar. A run by the Blackburn's right wing then caused Gillespie to fist away, and then Campbell and Brown had a hard tussle, in which the Queen's Park man got the best. The Scotchmen were now very busy round the Rovers' goal, and after Anderson had sent the ball over Gray put in a long side shot which narrowly missed its mark. Another corner fell to the Scotchmen, which was unproductive. The holders then assumed the offensive again, and Gillespie in quick succession neutralised a couple of splendid long shots by M'Intyre. The play during the last few minutes became very tame, the Rovers simply confining themselves to keeping their goal intact, being apparently content with the advantage they had already gained. Just at the last moment Allan sent in a swift low shot, which Arthur with difficulty turned aside. Nothing resulted for the corner kick, and then the whistle sounded, and the Rovers were for the second year in succession declared the holders of the cup by two goals to none."

Blackburn Rovers: J.W.H. Arthur (Goal); R.G. Turner, F. Suter (Backs); G. Haworth, H. McIntyre, J.H. Forrest (Half Backs); J.M. Lofthouse, J. Douglas (Right Wing), J. Brown (Capt.) (Centre), H.L. Fecitt, J. Sowerbutts (Left Wing).

All checked

"The Rovers for the first time called upon G. Haworth, a player who usually plays for Accrington, but who for a long time has been registered as one of them. The whole of the others have played regularly for them throughout the season. We understand that Haworth would not have been asked to take part but for an accident to one of the regular eleven whilst playing against Notts Forest a few weeks since." In fact wrong as he played another (his only other) game against Witton in Third Round (His actual name was Haworth as in BL Lineup but the report itself wrongly gives Howarth)

Queen's Park: G. Gillespie (Goal); W. Arnott, W. MacLeod (Backs); C. Campbell (Capt.), J. MacDonald (Half Backs); A. Hamilton, N. McWhannel (Right Wing), W. Anderson, W. Sellar (Centres), D.S. Allan, W. Gray (Left Wing). (GH order of forwards)

All checked

Queen's Park History P.112:"Harrower and Christie were both laid aside through injury,and W.Gray and N.McWhannel(a Second Eleven man),were called on,necessitating a rearrangement of the forwards."

Umpires:C.H.Wollaston(Wanderers) and W.Pierce-Dix(Vice President,Sheffield Association.

Referee: Major Marindin(President,Football Association)

