

1885/86

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE CUP

FIRST ROUND (DRAW):

Sheffield Independent 9/9/85 P.4: "It will be noted that 128 clubs entered, and were drawn in eight divisions, six northern and two southern."

Bell's Life 9/9/85 P.4:

"At a meeting of the Football Association held at their offices, 28, Paternoster Row, last evening, the draw for the First Round of the above Challenge Cup took place, with the following result, the first-named club in each instance to have choice of ground, and all matches to be played on or before Oct 31st."

Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4:

"Weather of the most wretched description prevailed throughout the whole of the country on Saturday (31/10/85), the day fixed for the conclusion of the (First Round of the) chief competition of the year. The grounds in many instances were almost unplayable. It is rather singular how few important clubs were drawn together, and in nearly every instance the results have been in accordance with the popular opinion."

NORTH FIRST DIVISION:

Great Lever .v. Preston North End
Queen's Park (Glasgow) .v. Partick Thistle
Higher Walton .v. South Shore (Blackpool)
Bradshaw .v. Hurst
Glasgow Rangers .v. Rawtenstall
Halliwell .v. Fishwick Ramblers, Preston (Missing)
Southport .v. Astley Bridge
Bolton Wanderers .v. Eagley

RESULTS:

PRESTON NORTH END walked over GREAT LEVER who scratched (Played Ordinary Game on Mon Oct 26th)

PRESTON NORTH END 3 (J. Goodall, J. D. Ross, N. J. Ross) GREAT LEVER 2 (Shorrocks, Brittain) (H.T. 0-1)
York Herald 27/10/85 P.8:

Bolton Evening News 27/10/85 P.3:

BEN: "Yesterday afternoon these teams opposed each other at Deepdale, and there would be over 3,000 spectators present. This match should have decided the draw in the first round of the English Cup competition, but it transpired during the morning that the Great Lever club had scratched."

Nevertheless, they had determined to play the game, and were within an ace of beating the famous Preston club; in fact up to 12 minutes from the close North End had not scored, their opponents having two goals advantage, but during this time they put in three goals, the last only a minute before "Time", and thus snatched defeat out of the fire. Great Lever brought their best team, whilst North End played Ross jun., in place of Dewhurst. Great Lever kicked off up hill, with the wind in their favour, and the game at once became interesting, as both goals were threatened. Livesey, on the Great Lever left, out-dodged Haworth, and centring, Shorrocks, who was in front, shot past Rose, thus scoring first blood for the visitors six minutes from the start. Hay now had to use his hands to clear a shot from Ross jun., and Goodall muddled capitally and his confrères missed a chance. Hay had to save again just afterwards, and a corner fell to North End. At the other end Shorrocks bothered Ross and Russell, and Hay was again threatened by Ross jun. One or two other corners fell to the home team, but they were of no use, as Walkinshaw, Lucas, and McKernan, along with the custodian, were playing a grand defensive game. The Lever forwards also put in some good runs, and Rose had to concede a corner which came to nothing, and half-time arrived.

Immediately after the restart a corner fell to each team, and from that conceded to Great Lever, Brittain headed their second goal, amid applause. This thoroughly aroused the home team, who had defeat staring them in the face. Ross went forward, and Drummond took his place at back, and the game became swift though friendly. Great pressure was put on the Lever goal, and the ball was often kicked out, but the defence of Hay and the backs continued admirable. More corners fell to North End, but thirty-three minutes elapsed before a pass by Thomson to Goodall enabled the latter to defeat Hay for the first time, to the intense relief of the Prestonians, and amid enthusiastic applause. The Northenders now forced the pace tremendously, and six minutes from "Time" Graham enabled Ross jun., to equalise the score. Without loss of time the game continued, the home team being fairly on the war-path. Forcing back their opponents, another corner fell to them, which was capitally placed, and Ross headed the winning point, amidst the wildest applause, a minute from "Time". Great Lever were thus defeated, after a first-class game, by three goals to two. The visitors played a capital game all round, but the home team in the first half were over confident."

Preston: W.C. Rose (Goal); R. Howarth, N.J. Ross (Backs); A. Robertson, D. Russell, J. Graham (Half Backs); J. Gordon, J.D. Ross, S. Thomson, J. Goodall, G. Drummond (Forwards).

Great Lever: T. Hay (Goal); Lucas, McKernan (Backs); McWhirter, Walkinshaw, Shields (Half Backs); Livesey, Howarth, D. Hay, Brittain, Shorrocks (Forwards).

Referee: McIntyre (Manchester).

QUEEN'S PARK 5 (Somerville, 4 others) PARTICK THISTLE 1 (Not traced) (H.T. 1-1) (At Hampden Park) (Sat Oct 31st)

Glasgow Herald 2/11/85 P.10/Athletic News 3/11/85 P.3/Glasgow Evening Post 31/10/85 P.3 (No teams):

GH: "These teams met at Hampden Park on Saturday afternoon to play off their tie for the English Cup. There was a considerable number of spectators. * "Walters" kicked off for the Queen's who at once assumed the offensive, but a grand run by their forwards was spoiled by the excellent play of

the Thistle backs. The home team now had a fine run down the right, and their opponents had to concede a corner. The Thistle missed a splendid chance of scoring, as they had the ball in their own control. *Walters" now distinguished himself by showing grand defensive powers at back. The game became fast, and a good deal of horseplay was indulged in on both sides. Shortly afterwards the Thistle had a grand run along the left, but *Walters" relieved his side. A good deal of even play followed, both sides having frequent runs. Ultimately the left wing of the Queen's had a clear run down the field, but while nearing goal the attempt was frustrated by one of the opposing backs. A few minutes afterwards, by a fine piece of passing along the left, the Thistle gained the first goal amidst loud applause. The Queen's now pressed hard, and secured a point, thus equalising matters. At half time the game stood unaltered. About a minute after the start, the Queen's, by a fine combination on the part of their forwards, secured a second goal. One minute afterwards they registered a third goal. After severe pressure on the part of Queen's their efforts were rewarded by a fourth goal. About fifteen minutes afterwards they gained a fifth goal from the right. The last part of the game was entirely in favour of the Queen's, who won an excellent game by five goals to one."

*W. Arnott

QPHist: "Though previous to this match fault had been found with the Queen's Park players for lack of condition, a vast improvement was observable, and they came out of the contest with flying colours. Partick Thistle drew first blood, and this was their only goal. Scores were equal at half time - one each. Then the senior team showed its vast superiority, and scoring goal after goal, won finally by 5-1. There was not a laggard in the Queen's Park team. Arnott was in rare fettle; Watson was not so good. Campbell exhibited no signs of deterioration, and Gow reminded one of old times. "Woody" Gray filled Christie's place and he and Allan gave a grand display. Somerville (late Rangers) and Harrower worked with self reliance and go. Hamilton was in great form, and Lambie gave him every support. The Thistle kept Gillespie on thorns in the first half, but the prince of goalkeepers was equal to the occasion. The Thistle used their weight with effect, and expended all their energies at the commencement. "The Queen's Park went no further in these ties that season, as they scratched to South Shore (Blackpool) in the second round": see below

Queen's Park: G. Gillespie (Goal); W. Arnott ("Walters"), A. Watson (Backs); C. Campbell, J. J. Gow (Half Backs); A. Hamilton, J. A. Lambie, George Somerville, W. Harrower, W. Gray, D. S. Allan (Forwards). (Queen's Park History P.113 order)

Partick: Duff (Goal); T. Hendry, R. Brown (Backs); H. Eadie, R. Middleton (Half Backs); R. Marshall, J. Miller (Right), R. Robertson, John Marshall (Centres), J. Sutherland, And. Johnston (Left). (GH specified positions)

HIGHER WALTON 3 (Threlfall, Naylor, Harwood) (H.T. 1-1) (Sat Oct 17th)
SOUTH SHORE 4 (Sharples, Tattersall, Richard Elston 2) (At Higher Walton)

Blackpool Herald 23/10/85 P.3/Blackpool & Fleetwood Express KR Original Source

BH: "South Shore journeyed to Higher Walton last Saturday, to play off this tie in the English Cup Competition. Higher Walton play an immense game on their own ground, and with the assistance of Threlfall of Lostock Hall (who, by the way, played under protest) they fancied their chances of getting

into the second round of the English not a little rosy. Play in this game was very interesting, and the 600 spectators who turned out in the heavy fog to witness the game were much pleased. South Shore had very slightly the best of it all through, and at one period the result gave every promise of being a draw. The visitors, by really magnificent efforts, forged ahead, and Rd. Elston notched the winning point ten minutes off time."

"There was nothing to be gained by choice of ends, as the ground was as level as a billiard table, and wind there was none. It was not until 3-15 that a start was made. Higher Walton quickly tested the visitors' defence, and in about a minute after the kick off, Threlfall drew first blood for Higher Walton. The Walton backs kicked well and strongly, and for a little while kept the Brothers Elston, Ainsworth, Tattersall, and Thackwray at a safe distance. Coulston had at length to knock out by Tattersall, after which Thackwray sent one through, but it was a case of no goal, owing to an off-side infringement. Play was fast and interesting, Sharples now kicked a goal from half-back for South Shore. The Shoreites would have scored again with just a little luck. Westhead and Dakin defended very stoutly, though at times had a tendency to get up too much to be safe. Higher Walton compelled the Shore men to bestir themselves, and Wood had more than one good shot to stop. Play continued to be of the same description. First a visit was made to Wood, and then South Shore returned the compliment by having a shy at Coulston, and so on. The game at half-time was one goal each.

The South Shore team started off the second half in a most determined manner, and in something under a minute from the start banged one past Coulston. This was goal No. 2 for the visitors, and South Shore played if anything with further confidence. Thackwray was the next to get on the ball and passed across to Ainsworth, but Daly, with a magnificent effort, cleared the siege. The last success seemed to have a wonderful effect on the visitors, who now made it hot for Daly, Deston, and Coulston. Rd. Elston and his brother each had a shy, but the defence was fine in the extreme. Hereabouts Tattersall added another point for South Shore which made them now two goals ahead. The excited spectators now broke into the enclosure and play was stopped. It was only at the instance of the referee, who threatened to stop the proceedings for the day, that order was restored. Two goals ahead was apparently too much for the Waltonians to stand, hence the confusion. Not to be denied, the Waltonians, led on by Wilson and Mather, made a tremendous onslaught on Dakin and Wood. Naylor was left to put the ball through, which he did successfully. The back division baffled the Shore men more than a little. Ainsworth and "Tat" had a corner, and Rd. Elston fell with the ball at his feet; but for the slippery nature of the ground a goal would have been certain. Harwood soon after levelled the score, the game standing at three each. It remained at that for some little time, though in all fairness to South Shore they had the hardest of luck, and Coulston was a host in himself. The winning point was now notched by Rd. Elston. It was only ten minutes off time and Higher Walton made great efforts to again level matters, but without success. One of the best games ever witnessed thus ended in favour of South Shore by four goals to three."

Higher Walton: Coulston (Goal); Daly, J. + Osbaldeston (Backs); Baldwin, Lee, Ward (Half Backs); Naylor, Harwood (Right Wing), Threlfall ((Lostock Hall) Centre), Wilson, Mather (Left Wing).

+Listed as Deston in BH and in Report above

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

Referee:Duxbury(Darwen).

HURST 2 BRADSHAW 1(H.T. 2-0)(Sat Oct 31st)(At Hurst)

(Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4:No teams)(Nothing in Blackburn Standard 21/11/85 P.2/Athletic News 3/11/85 P.3(No teams)

BL:"Played at Hurst.In the first half Hurst played with the wind,and scored twice,the game at half time being two goals to none in favour of Hurst.In the second half Bradshaw played better together, and scored a point,the home team failing to score in this.Hurst won by two goals to one."

(Protest against Nussey playing for Hurst:F.A. Sub-Committee at Liverpool on 12/11/85 ordered a replay)

Bolton Evening News 2/11/85 P.3 : "...and Bradshaw went down before Hurst by two to one.Nussey,formerly of Astley Bridge,played with the latter,and has been protested against."

Referee:T.Duxbury(Darwen).

"REPLAY":Sat Nov 14th :

BRADSHAW 1 HURST 1

Bolton Evening News 16/11/85 P.3 : "Bradshaw and Hurst met again on Saturday in their English tie,the expiration of time finding each with a goal.The referee ordered the teams to play another half hour,and as Hurst refused,he awarded the tie to Bradshaw.Hurst came under the impression they would win handsomely,and were of course disappointed."

(Hurst refused to play extra time)(Referee,Downs of Bolton,awarded the tie to Bradshaw but the F.A. ordered a replay on a neutral ground)(Nothing in Blackburn Standard 21/11/85 P.6)

Field 21/11/85 P.738(No lineups): "This match,in the first round,which the Committee had ordered to be replayed,was decided on Saturday.Each side scored a goal during the ninety minutes;and as Hurst,against whom the protest had been lodged,refused to continue for half an hour,the tie was awarded to Bradshaw."(Not so as 3rd game played:see below)

"SECOND REPLAY":Sat Nov 28th (At Darwen)

HURST 3 BRADSHAW 2 (H.T.3-0)

(AN 3-0 at H.T.)(H.T. 2-0:Football Field:No teams)(Blackburn Standard 5/12/85 P.6:No teams)
(N.B. Burns of Hurst having missed his train and Haslam of Bradshaw failing to appear both sides were one man short in the first half.)(Blackburn Standard)

Bolton Evening News 30/11/85 P.3:"Bradshaw have at last disappeared from the English competition.They met Hurst for the third time on Saturday,the match being played on the Darwen

ground.Hurst scored three times in the first half,and Bradshaw twice in the second,all the goals being kicked with the wind.Hurst are a heavier team,and it was their weight that gave them the advantage.”

Bell’s Life 1/12/85 P.4:“Played at Darwen.This was the third time these teams met to decide their tie in the First Round,hence the contest took place on neutral ground.Hurst had the best of the play in the first half,and when ends were changed had scored two goals to nil.Bradshaw played better afterwards but were eventually beaten by three goals to two.”(No lineups)

Athletic News 1/12/85 P.3/Blackburn Standard 5/12/85 P.6:”This tie in the first round for the competition for the English Cup was played for the third time on Saturday on neutral ground at Darwen.Both sides were one man short in the first half,Burns having missed his train,and Haslam,of Bradshaw failing to appear.Playing with the wind for a start,Hurst ran the ball through three times before the interval,but after the change,reinforced by Wild,Bradshaw scored twice,and were beaten only by a goal at the finish.”

Referee:W.Fairhurst(Bolton)

(HAVE NOT TRACED THE LINE-UPS FOR ANY OF THESE ABOVE 3 GAMES)

RAWTENSTALL walked over GLASGOW RANGERS scratched: Bell’s Life 2/11/85 P.4

BDP 2/11/85 P.7 :”The Rangers were forced to abandon their English tie with the Rawtenstall,owing to the decision of the Scottish Association.”

HALLIWELL SUSPENDED THEN REINSTATED:

Manchester Courier 14/10/85 P.3:

“The new Rule prohibiting professional players from assisting other clubs without the permission of the Football Association has just lead to the suspension of the Halliwell Club.In their match against Aston Villa at Birmingham recently they were assisted by a player of the name of Scullthorpe,who it appears was registered by the Astley Bridge Club.The latter reported the case to the Association,and at a meeting of the Committee on Monday evening it was resolved to suspend both Halliwell and Scullthorpe for a month.This will be a serious loss to the club,who among other matches will be unable to play their English cup tie with the Fishwick Ramblers.”

Bell’s Life 27/10/85 P.4:

“The Halliwell club applied for reinstatement at the Association committee meeting held last evening in London.We understand that the request has been granted,and consequently the tie between Halliwell and Fishwick Ramblers will be played on Saturday next.”

HALLIWELL 2 (Hodson,Derham) FISHWICK RAMBLERS 1(not traced)(H.T. 1-0)(Sat Oct 31st)

Athletic News 3/11/85/P.3/Football Field 31/10/85 P.9/Blackburn Standard 7/11/85 P.2/Referee 1/11/85 P.5/Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4

AN:"This English tie was played on the ground of the Halliwell Club on Saturday.The majority of the home players were ineligible,and nearly the whole of the second team represented the club.The start was very late,owing to the tardy arrival of the Ramblers.Hodson scored for Halliwell in the first half,the visitors equalising in the second,but before time arrived,Derham again placed Halliwell in front,and when play ceased the Ramblers were knocked out by two goals to one."

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BL:"Played on the Halliwell ground.Many of the home players were unable to take part.Halliwell scored once in the first half and once in the second,winning by two goals to one." (No teams)

Halliwell:Pennington(Goal),Crankshaw,Meredith(Backs),Crossley,Derham,Berry(Half Backs), Kirk,Atherton,Hodson,Holt,Richardson(Forwards).

Fishwick Ramblers:Harrison(Goal),Baverstock,Whittle(Backs),Bolton,Kilner,Cornall(Half Backs), Saul,Robinson,Edwards,Booth,Jackson(Forwards).

Referee:E.Holden.

ASTLEY BRIDGE 3 SOUTHPORT 2 (H.T. 0-2)(At Astley Bridge?(Sat Oct 10th)
(Not checked against any other record)(No teams or scorers in Southport History)

(Only the result in Athletic News 13/10/85 P.3):

FIND REPORT:NOT IN BS

Astley Bridge:J.Thompson,Schofield,Buttery;Greenwood,W.Thompson,Brookes; Sleigh,Ainsley,Mellor,E.Ainsley,Mellor.(AFS)

Southport:*S.Platt;Griffiths,Baxter;Johnson,Briggs,Bailey;T.Morris,J.Melrose,Richardson, Mellor,C.Morris.(AFS)

N.B *Squire Platt(see P.18 Southport History)"In an English Cup tie the following week,although leading Astley 2-0 at half time,were beaten 3-2."

BOLTON WANDERERS 6 (Gregory,"scrimmage",L.Fallon 2,Hough,Bullough) EAGLEY 0
(H.T. 4-0)(At Pike's Lane, Bolton)(Sat Oct 17th)

Cricket & Football Field 17/10/85 P.8/Bolton Evening News 19/10/85 P. 3/Bell's Life 19/10/85 P.4/Athletic News 20/10/85 P.3/Blackburn Standard 24/10/85 P.2 no teams or scorers)/ Sporting Life 19/10/85 P.4:

C&FF:"This afternoon at Pike's Lane,the first local tie of the season in the English Cup competition took place,the clubs being the Wanderers(Swifts) and Eagley.

About 1,000 people assembled.The Wanderers kicked off,and within a minute Gregory,for the Wanderers,scored the first goal,the Swifts going down with a rush.Goal No 2 was scored a few minutes afterwards by Fallon,and then from a scrimmage a third goal was notched,the Eagley men being altogether overplayed,the fine play of the Wanderers,their passing tactics especially,being greatly admired.A minute before half time Hough("Snap") headed the fourth goal amidst applause. On resuming,Fallon scored about two minutes after the kick-off.Play kept in the Eagley quarters, Bateson's office being a cold sinecure.After considerable play,all in the Eagley end,Bullough scored the sixth goal."

BEN:"The Wanderers' Reserve,on Saturday,came off with flying colours,and won the day into the Second Round of the English Cup,defeating Eagley by six to none.From first to last,by excellent dashing play,they completely overpowered their opponents,who had scarcely a look in at any part of the game.The passing tactics of the forwards were superb,and,indeed,the play of the Swifts,or,as they prefer to be called,the Reserve,was a fine exhibition of football.Fallon(2),Gregory,Hough,and Bullough were credited with five of the goals,one being notched from a scrimmage.The Eagley team played pluckily,but were not able to score."(No teams)

BL:"Played at Bolton.The home team,who were represented by their second string,played a splendid game,and were a lot too good for their opponents all round.Soon after the commencement the home team scored a goal,and at half time were leading by four goals to none.The visitors played a little better in the latter portion;but the Wanderers adding two more finally won by six goals to nil."

SL:"This cup tie did not excite much interest,as the Wanderers deputed the second team to play the game,and they beat Eagley by six to nil."

Bolton Wanderers:Bateson(Goal);Holden,Gent(Backs);J.Parkinson,P.Bullough,Glaister(Half Backs); Gregory,L.Fallon,Ward,Hough,Bradley(Forwards).

Eagley:Rothwell(Goal);H.Morris,W.Hall(Backs);F.Jones,E.Jones,Whittle(Half Backs);H.Tyrer, Morris,Sharples,Greenhalgh,R.Hall(Forwards)

(Maybe J.Morris Back and H.Morris Forward)(SL has J.Morris as Back).

Referee:J.J.Howarth.

NORTH SECOND DIVISION:

Clitheroe .v. Blackburn Rovers

Blackburn Olympic .v. Church

Accrington .v. Witton

3rd Lanark R.V. .v. Blackburn Park-Road
Rossendale .v. Low Moor
Heart of Midlothian .v. Padiham
Burnley .v. Darwen Old Wanderers
Oswaldtwistle Rovers .v. Lower Darwen

CLITHEROE 0 BLACKBURN ROVERS 2 (T.Strachan,J.Douglas) (H.T. 0-1)(Sat Oct 24th)

Blackburn Standard 31/10/85 P.2/Field 31/10/85 P.633/Sportsman 26/10/85 P.4:

BS:"This cup tie was played at Clitheroe,on Saturday,before 1,500 spectators.The Rovers lost the toss,and kicked off at 3.30,a steady breeze blowing across the ground.Some nice play by Fecitt and Sowerbutts ended in the first corner given the Rovers.Fecitt took the corner,and some combined play by the home forwards placed the Rovers' goal in danger,but Arthur threw the ball away and a huge kick by Suter transferred the play to mid-field.Some nice play by Sowerbutts and Fecitt ended in the first goal being got after twelve minutes' play.Some great play ensued for the remainder of this half.After the teams had crossed over the home team were very nearly equalising the game.A free kick for a foul was given to the Rovers,and directly after a corner,but like its predecessors,was of little use.The game,as at the commencement,continued to be hotly played,McIntyre,Forrest,and Suter playing grandly for the Rovers,and McHolden,Swarbrick,Ireland,and Dalton were playing equally well for Clitheroe,and thirty minutes elapsed Douglas was enabled to register a second goal.The game after being swiftly and stubbornly played,ended in a win for the Rovers by two goals to none."

Clitheroe:Kendal(Goal);Ireland,Hargreaves(Backs);Dalton,M'Holden,Swarbrick(Half Backs);
Lawson,Sutcliffe(Right Wing),Roberts(Centre),Eastham,Burgess(Left Wing).

Blackburn Rovers:J.W.H.Arthur(Goal);R.G.Turner,F.Suter(Backs);J.Heyes,J.H.Forrest,H.McIntyre
(Half backs);J.Douglas, N.Walton(Right Wing),T.Strachan(Centre),J.Sowerbutts,H.L.Fecitt(Left Wing).

BLACKBURN OLYMPIC 4 (J.YatesJ.,Hunter,J.CostleyJ.,Beverley) CHURCH 2(Smith 2)(H.T 2-1)(At Hole-
l'th-wall ,Blackburn) (Sat Oct 31st)

Blackburn Standard 7/11/85 P.2/Athletic News 3/11/85 P.3/Football Field 31/10/85 P.9:

BS:"The Olympic played off their tie against Church in the English Cup competition at the Hole-l'th-Wall on Saturday.The ground was in a very slippery condition,and rain continued to fall throughout the game.The match was commenced at 3.35,and great determination was shown by both teams. Each goal was quickly endangered,and after three minutes' play Smith scored for Church,amidst cheers.Before another minute had elapsed,Yates equalised the score,the feat being hailed with loud applause.Costley made a fine run down the field,and a foul gave the Olympians another fine opportunity,which Hunter availed himself of,and obtained a second goal for the home team.Church now made a raid upon the Olympic goal,but Ward defeated their efforts,and subsequently Southworth had to throw out a fine shot.The left wing of the Olympic was next conspicuous,and the

visitors' goal was jeopardised, but the ball was sent behind. Another attack ended in Church conceding a corner, from which nothing resulted. The visitors now made a run up to the other end and obtained two corners, but Hunter, by a neat piece of dodging, got the ball away, and the Olympic were given a corner, but it ended without any tangible result. Church had hard lines in the home goal mouth, and shortly afterwards Southworth was called upon to defend his position. The Olympians now displayed some fine passing, by which they succeeded in taking the ball to the opposite end, and some exciting play occurred in the visitors' goal, but the sphere was sent to mid-field, and half-time was called with the game in favour of the Olympic by two goals to one.

Play was resumed after a brief interval, and the game progressed with renewed determination. After five minutes' brilliant play during which each goal was put in great danger, Costley added a third point for the Olympic. The ball was now confined to neutral ground for some time, but ultimately Holden made a nice run down the left, thus enabling Smith to score the second goal for the visitors. The game was now contested fiercely, and each team was put upon its merits. Some exciting play took place in the vicinity of the visitors' fortress, and Beverley lowered the Church colours again. Both teams fought with vigour up to the end of the game, but no other score being made the Olympians won a well-earned victory by four goals to two."

AN: "These teams competed in the first round of the English Cup competition, before 2,000 spectators. Consequent upon the recent rain the ground was in a very slippery condition, which rendered accurate kicking virtually impossible. Church started the ball at 3.35, and both teams commenced to play with great determination and energy, and each goal was quickly jeopardised. The game raged furiously, and after two minutes had elapsed Smith scored for Church amidst great enthusiasm. A minute later Yates equalised matters. Shortly afterwards a nice chance was presented to Hunter, who scored the second for the home team. The game was very exciting and the ball travelled in quick succession from one end to the other, and the merits of both teams were severely tested, half time being announced with the game in favour of the Olympic by two goals to one.

On resuming play, the game was contested with renewed energy. After five minutes' splendid play, Costley added the third point to the Olympians. Subsequently Holden made a neat run, and Smith scored the second goal for Church. Some exciting play followed this event, and Beverley notched the fourth goal for the light blues. No other score was made, and the Olympians won by four goals to two."

Blackburn Olympic: Jack Southworth (Goal); G. Little, J. T. Ward (Backs); J. Hunter, T. Gibson, J. Towers (Half Backs); T. Dewhurst, Bell, J. Beverley, J. Yates, J. Costley (Forwards).

Church: Bury (Goal); J. Wood, J. Taylor (Backs); W. Wood, Worthington, Aspden (Half Backs); Crawford, Smith, Beresford, Gregson, Holden (Forwards) .

Referee: Warmesley, Padiham.

(Ordered to be replayed: Olympic goalkeeper disqualified: see below)

Blackburn Standard 28/11/85 p.6: "....the report with regard to Southworth being prohibited in participating in the fortunes of the Olympic the whole of this season is incorrect, as the Association Committee, at a meeting on Monday, suspended him for a month only."

"REPLAY":Sat Nov 21st:

CHURCH 2 (Smith 2)BLACKBURN OLYMPIC 2(T.Dewhurst,J.Beverley)(H.T. 2-1)(Sat Nov 21st)(KR
Source:Blackburn Times:check scorers)

Blackburn Standard 28/11/85 P.6/Athletic News 24/11/85 P.3/Cricket & Football Field 21/11/85 P.8-9/Bell's Life 24/11/85 P.4:

BS:"These teams met in the competition three weeks ago at Blackburn,when Church were defeated;but the tie was ordered to be replayed.Church were weakened by the absence of Worthington.The Olympic won the toss,and played down hill.The game started very fast and even,and in ten minutes Church scored,the goal being got through smart play on the part of Crawford,Smith,and Gregson.Dewhurst,by a really good shot,equalised the game 15 minutes later.Smith again put his side ahead by scoring the second goal for Church.The Olympic had slightly the best of the game in the first half,the wind assisting them materially.On resuming the second half,Church,with one goal ahead and the wind in their favour,ought to have won easily,but hard lines and indifferent passing,combined with the good back play of the Olympians,frustrated all their efforts to add further to their score,whilst the Olympic team were successful in equalising the game from a corner kick.Church pressed their opponents severely,especially so towards the finish,but could not score,the game ending in a draw of two goals each."

AN:" This tie was replayed at Church,owing to the Olympic goalkeeper being disqualified.The Olympic won the toss and played downhill.The game started very fast and even,and in ten minutes, Gregson scored,for Church,with a beauty.The Olympic then had the best of it,Costley and Hunter playing well,and from a pass by Costley,Dewhurst equalised matters.The Olympic still pressed,but the Church defence was too good,and after Warmesley had fisted away,Smith again gave Church the lead.In the second half Beverley headed the second goal from a corner,the game thus ending in a draw."

C&FF:"After three weeks' "trial" Church succeeded in winning their case against the eligibility of Southworth,the late goalkeeper connected with the Olympic.The sub-committee ordered the match to be replayed today at Church,and this caused consternation at Blackburn,for the Olympians had arranged to play Aston Villa match,which had been postponed from Saturday last.The (Olympic) have been sadly hampered for the want of a goalkeeper,and had induced T.Hacking to play,but at the last moment the death of a near relative precluded him from doing so.Olympic were also without Astley and were represented by Walmsley."

Church;Bury(Goal);J.Wood,J.Taylor(Backs);Aspden,Connell,W.Wood(Half Backs);
Gregson,Holden,Crawford,Smith,Beresford(Forwards).

Blackburn Olympic:R.Warmesley(Goal);J.T.Ward,G.Little(Backs);J.Towers,T.Gibson,J.Hunter(Half Backs); T.Dewhurst,Bell,J.Costley,J.Yates,J.Beverley(Forwards).

Referee:J.J.Bentley(Bolton)

SECOND REPLAY:Sat Nov 28th:

CHURCH 3(Holden,and 2 untraced) BLACKBURN OLYMPIC 1 (Dewhurst)
(H.T.O-1)(At Church)

Blackburn Standard 5/12/85 P.6/Football Field 28/11/85 P.9(No teams)/Bell's Life n1/12/85 P.4/KR
Source:Blackburn Times?:

BS/FF:"These teams met in the English competition a month ago,when Church were defeated by four goals to two.They protested,and the match was ordered to be played again last Saturday week,at Church,when each team scored two goals.They again met on Saturday afternoon at the Hole-i'th-Wall,when,though they had rather the worst of the play the previous Saturday,the home team were confident of winning.Last Saturday Church kicked off against a strong wind,and were without the services of Connell,who was on the sick list.There were only a moderate number of spectators present,in consequence,no doubt,of it being the day fixed for the election in this district.Astley took the place of Towers in the Olympic (team).Church had two corners in quick succession, but both were fruitless,although well put in by Gregson.Even play continued now for some time,and then Beresford for Church,and Dewhurst for Olympic both sent shots over the bar. Dewhurst now had the ball passed to him,and,being close on Bury,scored the first goal.A smart struggle then took place in front of the Church goal,but danger was averted.Holden stopped the ball in front of the goal with his hands,but the whistle blew before the kick could be taken.After the interval Church pressed their opponents hard for a considerable time and had hard lines,but at last Crawford centred well,and Holden equalised.There was some nice passing by the Church forwards, and some ten minutes later there was a second goal,another rush,and then another goal for Church two minutes after the previous one.Church played brilliantly towards the finish,pressing the Olympians in their goal.Final result,Church three,Olympic,one."

CHECK BLACKBURN TIMES N.B. that BS order different within positions.

Church:Bury;(Goal)J.Wood,J.Taylor(Backs);Aspden,Maguire,W.Woods;
Gregson,Holden,Crawford,Smith,Beresford.

Blackburn Olympic:R.Warmsley(Goal),J.T.Ward,G.Little(Backs),W.Astley,T.Gibson,J.Hunter(Half Backs);T.Dewhurst,Bell,J.Costley,J.Yates,J.Beverley.

ACCRINGTON 5 (Fred Wood 2,Deakin,Hargreaves,Wade)WITTON 4(...,Ashworth...,...)
(H.T. 3-2)(Sat Oct 17th)

(F.A.Committee allowed Accrington to play their full Second Eleven to avoid their first team being disqualified for professionalism)

KR Source:Accrington Gazette FIND REPORT/Accrington Complete Record P.339/Football Field 17/10/85 P.8/Bell's Life 20/10/85 P.4:

FF:"The +first team of the Accrington club being engaged with the Olympic at Blackburn,the Committee determined that the tie in the English Cup competition should be contested by the second eleven.They accordingly met Witton at Accrington this afternoon.At half-time the game stood:Accrington 3,Witton 2,and at the close the Reds were victorious by five goals to four."

+Won 4-3 with:Cowell(Goal),Stephenson,McLellan(Backs),Howarth,Bryce,Chippendale(Half Backs),Mackereth,Mather(Right Wing),Conway(Centre),Douglas,McBeth(Left Wing)

BL:"Played at Accrington on Saturday.The home club were represented by their second team.Witton soon led by two goals to one,but Accrington equalised matters,and before half time scored a third goal.Witton had one disallowed.In the second half.Accrington played up well,and scored a fourth goal.Witton pulled up a bit towards the finish,but were defeated by five goals to four."(No lineups)

Accrington:J.K.Horne;A.Hargreaves,Robinson;F.Whittaker,Hindle,Harry Wood;
Deakin,Wade,Brown,Duckworth,Fred Wood.(AG/ACR)

Witton:Sharples;Smith,Hartley;Coupe,Alston,Pickering;
Duckworth,Haresnape,Grimshaw,Ashworth,Thompson.(AG)

3RD LANARK R.V. 4 (Tait 2,Thompson,Marshall) BLACKBURN PARK ROAD 2 (Almond,"scrimmage")
(H.T. 1-2)(At Cathkin Park,Glasgow)(Sat Oct 17th)(BDP has Foote scoring for Almond)

Glasgow Herald 19/10/85 P.10/Blackburn Standard 24/10/85 P.2/Athletic News 20/10/85 P.3/Bell's
Life 19/10/85 P.4:

GH:"On Saturday last the 3rd L.R.V met the Blackburn Park Road at Cathkin Park to play off their first tie for the English Cup.There was a large attendance of spectators.Earlier in the week some fears were entertained that the English club had professionals in their team.In reply,however,to a communication by the secretary of the 3rd,Mr Alcock,the secretary to the Association,stated that none of the Park Road Club were registered.On Saturday everything was favourable to a good display of football,the weather was excellent,and the ground in a good condition.Both clubs were well represented,the Volunteers playing the same eleven that distinguished itself the previous Saturday against the Vale of Leven.The strangers won the toss.The home team kicked off,and at once made a raid into the English territory.M'Intyre,on the right,had an excellent run,but was stopped before he had time to centre.The Volunteers kept at it,however,and Tait sent in one which went wide of the mark by a few inches.The representatives of the Park Road now began to warm to their work,and O'Hara,getting well away,sent the leather over the crossbar.They were not,however, to be denied,and Almond scored a fine goal for them from a long shot.Shortly afterwards the Englishmen succeeded in registering a second point out of a scrimmage in front of goal.The Volunteers all this time were playing a very determined game,and only on one occasion did they miss an opportunity of scoring.Shortly before the call of half time they managed to gain a point,Tait doing the needful.

Ends were accordingly changed with a goal in favour of the Englishmen.About a quarter of an hour after the kick off the 3rd managed to equalise matters,Thompson sending the leather through.This success was followed up by Tait scoring the third goal for his side.Up to this time the Volunteers forwards found it extremely difficult to get away,so excellent was the back play of their opponents. Before the call of time the 3rd added another goal,from the foot of Marshall,thus winning an interesting match by four goals to two.The Englishmen were conspicuous for their defence.The backs played a really splendid game,and at times completely spoiled the clever passing of the 3rd's forwards."

Birmingham Daily Post 19/10/85 P.7(No lineups):"Played at Cathkin Park,Glasgow.In fifteen minutes Foote scored for the Englishmen,and shortly after this they scored a second goal.Thomson of the Volunteers scored the first goal for his team,and a rapid succession of three goals fell to their lot,the Englishmen all the time playing a stubborn game,but up to the call of time they were completely hemmed in by their opponents."

3rd Lanark:Collie(goal);McLauchlan,Rae(Backs);Auld,Weir(Half Backs);Thompson,Marshall,Tait, Miller,Johnstone,M'Intyre.(Forwards).

Blackburn Park Road:Bradley(Goal);Frankland,Redhead(Backs);Isherwood,Almond,Waite(Half Backs);McKinth, O'Hare,Tootil,Nuttall,Slater(Forwards).

ROSSENDALE 6 (Kenyon (o.g.),Saunders, Frank Heseltine,3 Others)

LOW MOOR(CLITHEROE) 2 (2 Others) (H.T. 3-0)(Sat Oct 24th) (At Rossendale)(Check spelling of Heseltine: Hazaldine??)

NO TEAMS TRACED

(No Scorers or Teams in Blackburn Standard(31/10/85),Burnley Express(31/10/85 P.3)nor in Lancaster Gazette)

Sporting Life 26/10/85 P.4:"This tie was played on Saturday afternoon at Rossendale.The home team won the toss,and played with the wind.The visitors were very much pressed for the first twenty minutes,when Kenyon missed his kick,and the ball rolled through.Saunders soon after scored a second goal for Rossendale.The home team gained five corners in succession,and Frank Heseltine scored the third goal,the game resulting in a win for the home team by six goals to two."

York Herald 26/10/85 P.7(No lineups):"At Rossendale.The game resulted in a win for Rossendale by six goals to two."

Sportsman 26/10/85 P.4:"This tie was played at Rossendale on Saturday,before a goodly number of spectators.The home team played a much superior game,and Low Moor had to retire defeated by six goals to two."

PADIHAM walked over HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN Scratched: Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4

Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4:"This tie was to have been played on Saturday at Edinburgh,but did not take place,owing to the professionalism question."

DARWEN OLD WANDERERS 11 BURNLEY 0 (At Darwen)(H.T. 5-0)(Sat Oct 17th)

Darwen News 24/10/85 : "Played at Darwen on Saturday. The Wanderers, who have taken a prominent part in the Lancashire Cup competitions in past seasons, were well prepared for the reception of the Burnley team, which was weakened by the inability of the recently-imported professionals to take part in it. The Wanderers scored five goals in the first half and six in the second, while the weak Burnley eleven were unable to score at all."

"Burnley team "miserably weak none of their first team being eligible" (Burnley Express 24/10/85 P.3) (No teams in Manchester Courier 19/10/85 nor in York Herald 19/10/85 nor in Blackburn Standard 24/10/85 P.2)

The Burnley Complete Record states "It proved impossible to find the team for the 1885 cup tie against Darwen Old Wanderers. Burnley had to field the Reserves, because the first team were all professionals, and the local newspapers decided to largely ignore the game."

BS: "weakened by the inability of the recently imported professionals to take part."

OSWALDTWISTLE 3 LOWER DARWEN 1 (No teams or scorers in Blackburn Standard 7/11/85 nor in Manchester Courier 2/11/85) (Not found in Darwen Papers) (CHECK LANCASHIRE DAILY/NORTHERN and NORTHERN DAILY/LANCASHIRE EVENING/ TELEGRAPH/

NORTH THIRD DIVISION:

Derby Midland v Birmingham Excelsior

Derby St Lukes v Wolverhampton Wanderers

Walsall Town v Aston Villa

West Bromwich Albion v Aston Unity

Matlock v Stafford Road

Derby County v St George's, Birmingham

Small Heath Alliance v Burton Wanderers

Wednesbury Old Athletic v Burton Swifts

Darwen v Junction Street School Derby (Missing) (Darwen if win to be transferred to Second Division: but see below)

Walsall Swifts, a bye

DERBY MIDLAND 2 (Coxon, Owen) BIRMINGHAM EXCELSIOR 1 (H. Meakin) (At Fentham Road, Birchfield Birmingham) (H.T. 1-1) (Sat Oct 31st)

(Birmingham Daily Post 2/11/85 P.7: "The match was in the first instance arranged to be played at Derby but the ground of the Derby Midland being flooded it was decided that the match should take place at Fentham Road")

(KR Original source: Saturday Night, Birmingham) CHECK

Derby Mercury 4/11/85 P.6/Birmingham Daily Post 2/11/85 P.7/Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4/
Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4/Referee 1/11/85 P.6:

BDP: "The weather was very wet, but notwithstanding this about 400 enthusiasts assembled to witness the contest. The play, considering the state of the ground, which was very heavy, was exceedingly good. Excelsior won the toss, and elected to play up hill. From the kick off the Derby Midland carried the ball into the Excelsior's rear quarters but the attack was well repulsed by the latter club's backs. The Excelsior forwards then had a brief visit to the Derby goal, but the backs sent the ball spinning far over the heads of the attacking forwards, and an onslaught on the Derby fortress was the result. The latter obtained two corners which were both fruitless ones. Play was then taken into the Midland's territory, but was again returned, and the visitors' forwards from a scrimmage scored after twenty minutes' play. From the new kick off Excelsior assumed the aggressive, and Meakin shortly put in a shot which beat the goalkeeper and equalised matters. The play from this point up to half time was pretty even, and no further score was made, so that when the whistle sounded matters stood one and one. In the first few minutes of the second half the Excelsior severely pressed their opponents, but the defensive game of the latter was admirable, and the home team could not score. The Derby then woke up, and their forwards came up the field in fine style, and after a few minutes' play Ward put the ball through. This point, however, to the indignation of the Derby and to that of a large number of spectators was disallowed. The result proved, however, that the score had only been put off, for immediately after the kick off, the visitors' forwards came with a rush and put through a genuine goal. The home team then made strenuous efforts to score, but the Derby Midland's defence was very fine, their goalkeeper in particular showing splendid form, saving his goal, when at times a score seemed inevitable. The visitors' forwards too came very near to scoring on several occasions; but when time was called no further point had been made, and the Midland thus won by 2 goals to 1, and enter the second round of the national competition."

DM : "Owing to their ground being flooded, the Midland were obliged to forgo the advantage of playing their English Cup tie with the Birmingham Excelsior on their own ground, so that the match took place at Birmingham on Saturday on the ground of the Excelsior in Fentham-road. The weather was wet and the ground heavy. Selvey started the ball down hill. The Excelsior attacked first, but Selvey and Coxon replied with a smart run, and Owen shot wide. The Midland continuing to press, Coxon shot over. Two corners to the Midland followed, but they produced nothing. Shortly after a hot scrimmage occurred in front of the Excelsior goal, and Coxon scored. Wright and Ayre repulsed a dangerous attack of the home team. Then the Midland carried the ball back into the Excelsior quarters but the ground was all against shooting. After another corner to the Midland the Excelsior forwards got very dangerous, and two fouls caused the visitors a lot of trouble. Shortly after Harry Meakin scored, although evidently offside. The point was, however, allowed. From this point up to the finish of the first half, the Midland had the best of the play, but could not make any decided impression on the home team's defence. In the second half the home team commenced the attack, but the defence was good, and no advantage could be gained. The Midland's forwards pressed the hill well, and a corner to them was only just cleared by Jenks. After some smart defensive play on the part of the Midland, their forwards made things warm for the home team, and Ward scored, but for some unaccountable reason it was disallowed, and the ball kicked off from the goal. The Midland however, had their revenge, as Owen scored beautifully immediately after. Each side played a strong

game to the finish, but no further scoring being done the Mids. won by two goals to one. All the team played well and had a bit the best of the game all round. The ground was in a fearful condition."

Derby Midland: Salt (Goal); Wright, Wildsmith (Backs); Wraith, Tarleton, Dan Ayre (Half Backs); Owen, Strutt (Right), Scott Selvey (Centre), Ward, Coxon (Left).

Birmingham Excelsior: Jenks (Goal); W. Dutton, Hunt (Backs); A. Bailey, Harry Devey, W. Farley (Half Backs); H. Meakin, Genever (Right), John Devey (Centre), J. Breeze, Barlow (Left).

N.B. There were two J. Breeze: John and Joseph.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 7 (H. Aston 2, T. Horton 2, H. Wood, J. Brodie, J. Aston)

DERBY ST LUKE'S 0 (At Dudley Road, Wolverhampton) (H.T. 3-0) (Sat Oct 31st)

Wolverhampton Express & Star 31/10/85 P.3/Birmingham Daily Post 2/11/85 P.7/Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4:

N.B. Both WW Histories wrongly have J. Brodie scoring one of T. Horton's goals.

WE&E: "In the first round of the competition for the national trophy the local cracks this (Saturday) afternoon met, on the Dudley-road Ground, Wolverhampton, their old opponents, Derby St. Luke's, by whom, in the same cup tie last season, they were defeated at Derby, after a drawn game. Both teams were capitally represented, and a close game was in consequence anticipated, but the miserably wet weather seriously militated against the attendance of visitors. Brodie started the leather downhill for the Wanderers, and after a bit of smart mid-field play the venue of the game was changed to the vicinity of the visitors' goal, where an exciting tussle resulted in H. Aston shooting through in three minutes from the start. The Derby representatives, notwithstanding, showed good form, their subsequent play proving their divisions to be strongly comprised, and capable of effective passing and dribbling. From the scoring of the first point the home team hardly pressed their opponents, and the ball several times crossed and re-crossed the Derby goal line amidst great excitement, a beautiful centre by Aston, in particular, passing outside within a few inches of home. Continuing their aggressive tactics, the Wanderers by fine combination kept the ball in the visitors' territory, and a beautiful mid-field run by Brodie was succeeded by a very close scrimmage, which terminated in the addition of a second point for the Wanderers through the instrumentality of Horton, who, before the whistle sounded half-time, again eluded the vigilance of Parsons, and increased the score by three goals to nil.

On resuming the game was again confined to the Derby half, and matters were kept lively for the visitors, who, though now having the advantage of the ground, made very occasional breaks-away, and the passing of the home backs seemed almost to be an impossibility. For some twenty minutes a continuous siege was laid against the Saints, and a well-directed shot by the Wanderers' captain struck the crossbar and bounded over. This reverse was atoned for by a fourth goal from the foot of H. Wood, and a corner-kick by Evans shortly after gave Brodie an opportunity of putting a successful finishing touch to a fifth point. To the Derby men's credit, be it said they struggled pluckily, but the splendid play of their opponents' back and forward divisions rendered their whole efforts futile, and Parsons failed to stop a centre shot by H. Aston, making the Wanderers six points to the good.

Another five minutes had not elapsed before J.Aston had further increased the score,and at the call of time the Wanderers had turned the tables on their last year's victors to the tune of seven goals to nil."

Wolverhampton;I.Griffiths(Goal);C.Mason,G.Hawkins(Backs);A.Pearson,J.Aston,J.Evans(Half Backs); H.Aston,T.Horton(Right),J.Brodie(Centre),H.Wood,G.Wood(Left).(WE&E)

Derby St Lukes:W.E.Parsons(Goal);F.Harvey(Capt.),W.Shipley(Backs);W.Dolman,W.Twigg,J.Wild(Half Backs),R.Wibberley ,J.Walker(Right),J.Renshaw(Centre),S.Wragg,J.Smith(Left).(WE&E)

WALSALL TOWN 0 ASTON VILLA 5 (Archie Hunter,Albert Brown,Arthur Brown,R.Davis,O.H.Vaughton) (H.T. 0-4) (Sat Oct 17th)(At the Chuckery,Walsall)

Birmingham Daily Post 19/10/85 P.7/Walsall Observer 24/10/85 P.7/Wolverhampton Express & Star 17/10/85 P.3/Athletic News 20/10/85 P.3/Sportsman 19/10/85 P.4/Sporting Life 19/10/85 P.4/Referee 18/10/85 P.6:

BDP/WO:"These crack teams met on the ground of the former,the Chuckery,Walsall,in the presence of probably from 6,000 to 7,000 spectators.The visitors having won the toss,and chosen to play up the field,Bradbury kicked off for the home team,and the ball was at once taken to the lower end and kept in the vicinity of the visitors' goal for a brief space but after a corner kick there,which proved fruitless,it was taken into the home quarters,where another corner kick was had,but without result;run down with again,brought back,and put just over the bar;transferred again to the lower end,and got past Jones,who missed his kick;run up again and sent in compelling Beech to use his hands;and after a desperate scrimmage in front of goal,sent between the posts,with a good swift shot by Hunter,making first point for the visitors in five minutes.Play went on vigorously for another five minutes,when Albert Brown scored a second goal.Directly afterwards R.Davis made a good try,but only succeeded in putting the ball over the bar,Brettle speedily repeating the operation at the other end,and C.Hobson being compelled to use his hands.Then the visitors obtained a corner kick,which was taken by Whateley,and from it Arthur Brown got a third goal twenty-two minutes from the kick off.The play continued very fast with some good tries on both sides(two of which Beech foiled by punching out,and another by running out and heading the ball away,whilst at the other end the ball on one occasion just skimmed the crossbar),until shortly before half time,as Heyes was taking the ball away from the home quarters,Burton and R.Davis took it from him,and the latter put it through,making fourth for the visitors.At half time the score stood:Villa, 4:Town,0.

Not long after the restart Vaughton headed the ball through from a centre by Davis,making 5 to nothing. Subsequently attack after attack on the home goal was repulsed,Beech once saving his charge very creditably.Then Hobson was called upon,and,as it seemed,received a nasty blow from Cox as they met just in front of goal.After that the ball travelled quickly from end to end,being first put over the home bar,then over the visitors' bar,then over the home bar again,and then being landed twice in rapid succession in Hobson's hands.At this point Cope retired with a damaged face or mouth,and another spell of fast play ensued,the most noticeable incidents being a throw out by Hobson done with tantalising coolness,and a successful defence of the home goal by Beech,and another throw out by Hobson.The play had meanwhile been growing rougher and rougher and the

display of feeling on the part of the partisans of the respective clubs more and more marked. About four minutes from time the crowd invaded the ground and play was put an end to, the score then standing—Villa, 5; the Town, 0. The Villa team had to be protected by the police and the lovers of good order on both sides as they left the ground, hostile demonstrations being made, particularly against Jones and R. Davis, presumably because of their having left the Walsall Swifts recently and joined the Villa, and when, after a long stay in the dressing-tent, the team reached a brake which was in waiting for them, which they reached through another field, they were followed and pelted with stones, brickbats, and turf. Mr Richardson (Secretary of the Villa) and Mr Ramsey (one of the vice-presidents) were both hurt."

SM: "We understand that the Walsall team protested against the Villa team claiming the match on the grounds that Jones, their new back, did not reside within six miles of the Villa ground."

Walsall Town: R. Beech (Goal); G. Cox, T. Reynolds (Backs); G. Collington, J. Brettell, R. Heys (Half Backs); G. Hunter, C. Shaw (Right), B. Bradbury (Centre), T. Wilson, B. Cope (Left).

(BDP has Heyes) (SM/SL/REF have Hayes)

Aston Villa: C. Hobson (Goal); A. Jones, T. Riddell (Backs); J. Burton, G. Price (Half Backs); Albert Brown, R. Davis (Right), Archie Hunter, Arthur Brown (Centres), O. Whateley, O. H. Vaughton (Left).

Umpires: W. McGregor (Aston Villa) and A. Beech (Walsall Town). Referee: W. Moon (Wednesbury Old Athletic).

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 4 (T. Green 2, G. Woodhall 2) ASTON UNITY 1 (Morley) (Sat Oct 31st)
(H.T. 4-1) (Different scorers in BDP)

Wolverhampton Express & Star 31/10/85 P.3/Birmingham Daily Post 2/11/85 P.7/Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4:

WE&S: "This fixture came off at West Bromwich. The number of spectators was very limited, a heavy downpour of rain prevailing when the game started. The Albion lost the toss, and had to kick (up) hill during the first half, Tom Green starting the ball against a side wind. After a brief sortie by the Unity the Albion dashed up the hill, and were in close proximity to the uprights, when the backs came to the rescue, and one of the forwards gaining possession the ball quickly travelled to the other end, but without effect. Some give and take play ensued after which Albion gained the first point.

Subsequently a foul near the visitors' citadel occurred, but the Albion failed to take advantage of it, the sphere being ultimately shot over the cross-bar. The Astonians now had another innings, and some pretty play on the Albion goal followed, culminating in one of the left wing players equalising the score. On the re-start the Albion goal was again charged, but Green and Bell saved their colours. The home team, however, continued to be somewhat closely pressed, but the left wings effected a run and cleared all danger. Soon after Albion registered a second goal. Immediately before half-time G. Bell put up a beautiful corner and Woodhall shot it through; Bell directly after repeating the feat, T. Green put it through, making the score 4 to 1 in favour of Albion.

For the first half hour of the last half the game was pretty even, the ball journeying alternately from end to end, but without effect. Loach made some very bad misses, and Bayliss also, when in the act of shooting in the mouth of goal, missed the kick, and lost a certain point. The visitors made several fine sorties, but all were frustrated, and the Albion ultimately won by four to one."

BDP: "This match was played on the ground of the Albion in most miserable weather, and in the presence of a limited number of spectators. The visitors, winning the toss, elected to kick down hill and against the wind. The game was very exciting, but at no time could the play be called good, the slippery ground preventing passing with accuracy. About ten minutes from the kick off the ball was sent through the Unity goal by Green. The ball was again set rolling, and the visitors, in excellent style, succeeded in running it down in the Albion fortress and equalising matters, without Roberts attempting to stop it. Up to this time the Unity had decidedly the best of the play; but after a second point was obtained by Bell, from a corner kick by *Spry, they appeared to lose heart, and played in a careless manner. The leather was put through the visitors' citadel twice more before the call of half time, the goals being kicked by *Spry and Bayliss respectively. The game in the second half was altogether in favour of Albion, and ended in a win for that club by four goals to one."

*N.B. "Spry" was the nickname of George Woodhall: see A-Z of Albion Stars P.291 of "Albion!" a Complete Record.

BL(No lineups): "Played at West Bromwich, and resulted in a victory for the Albion by four goals to one. The goals were kicked for the Albion by T.Green and Woodhall (2 each) and one by Morley for the Unity. The Albion had all the best of the game, and the Unity were lucky in escaping so easily. T.Green and Woodhall played best for the Albion."

West Bromwich: R.Roberts(Goal); H.Green, H.Bell(Backs); E.Horton, A.F.Bunn, G.Timmins(Half Backs); J.M.Bayliss, G.Woodhall, Tom Green, +A.A.Loach, G.Bell.

(WE&S has J.Loach)(WBACR Career Records' Initials give full initials of Bayliss as A.E.J.M and A.A.Loach).

Aston Unity: Webb(Goal); Benson, Rogers(Backs); Waldron, Pallett, Allsopp(Half Backs); Dutton, Barton, Smith, Morley, Manton.(WE&S)

(BDP have Baker as a 12th player !)

STAFFORD ROAD 8 (+Garner 3 , B.Jones, 4 others) MATLOCK 0 (H.T. 1-0)(Sat Oct 17th)(On the Molineux Grounds, Wolverhampton) +Locate source

N.B The score was 8-0, and not 7-0 as reported in some sources.

Wolverhampton Express & Star 17/10/85 P.3/Midland Evening News 17/10/85 P.3/ Birmingham Daily Post 19/10/85 P.7/Athletic News 20/10/85 P.3(No teams):

WE&S: "This match in the first round of the English Cup was played on the Molineux Grounds this afternoon. Stafford-road won the toss, and W.Jones made an excellent kick-off. His efforts were ably supported, and the ball was quickly in the close quarters of the opponents' goal. A lively scrimmage

followed, and Jones placed a corner, which was headed by the Matlock back. B. Griffiths followed up with a second corner, and with a like result. The visitors fouled a ball in their own territory, and the next kick secured a goal for the home team. Some excellent play followed, the "Roaders" having the game all their own way. The leather was well passed and perpetually in close proximity to the enemy's quarters. At half-time the game stood at one goal to nil.

Change of ends brought no better luck to the visitors. They offered a strenuous resistance to the onslaughts of the home team, but their weaknesses were strongly apparent. B. Jones and B. Griffiths of the Stafford-road, maintained their reputation by the excellency of their play, the latter especially making himself conspicuous by his clever "dodging". A second goal was soon secured for the home team, followed with remarkable rapidity by a third, and a fourth from a corner kick from Jones. The game was pursued with increased vigour, the leather being still kept within kicking distance of the Matlock goal, and several corners secured. In the course of a few minutes Jones, amidst the hearty cheers of the spectators, scored a fifth goal. This grand success was rapidly followed by a sixth for the home team. No sooner had hostilities commenced than a seventh and an eighth were put in to the good of the Stafford-road club. Time was called shortly afterwards, and the contest was brought to a close. The result was-Stafford-road, eight goals; Matlock nil."

MEN: "The Stafford-road Club met the Matlock Club on the Molineux Grounds, Wolverhampton, in the first round of the English Cup. The home team kicked off, and they at once sent the ball in close proximity to the visitors' goal, where they obtained a corner. The ball was well placed by B. Jones, but the visitors headed it out. Another corner was obtained by the home team, and the ball was well played by B. Griffiths, but it was again headed out. The visitors next fouled the ball near their own goal, and the Stafford-road succeeded in registering their first goal. The home team continued to have the best of the play, and several times narrowly escaped scoring, but nothing further was done up to half time. After play had been resumed Garner scored a second goal for the home team, and they soon afterwards scored their third goal. The home team next obtained a corner, and the ball being well-placed by B. Jones they again put the leather through the posts, and made four goals in their favour. A fifth goal was soon added by the Stafford-road men. Another foul was given against the visitors in their own territory, and the home team again scored. A seventh goal was then obtained by the Stafford-road, and this was quickly followed by an eighth. The Stafford-road thus won by eight goals to nil."

Stafford Road: Llowarch (Goal); Bough, Fullwood (Backs); Cheers, Turton, Riley (Half Backs); B. Jones (Capt.), Foster (Right), W. Jones (Centre), Garner, B. Griffiths (Left) .

Matlock: Hickton (Goal); Wildgoose, W. Smith (Backs); Brookhouse, S. Platts, Monck (Half Backs); Brookshaw, C. Platts (Right), Nightingale (Centre), Needham, S. Turner (Left).

Umpires: V. Daines and J. Smith. Referee: Alden (Wednesbury).

DERBY COUNTY 3 (A. Smith, B. W. Spilsbury, G. Evans) ST GEORGE'S BIRMINGHAM 0 (H.T. 2-0) (Sat Oct 31st) (At Derbyshire Cricket Ground) (DCCR Scorers)

Derby Mercury 4/11/85 P.6/Nottingham Daily Express 2/11/85 P.7/Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4/Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4/Referee 1/11/85 P.5:

CHECK SATURDAY NIGHT

DM: "These teams played their Cup game on the County ground on Saturday. The weather was of the most wretched description. Great pools of water lay about the ground, through which the players splashed and fell repeatedly. It was, however, determined to play the game, though rain was falling heavily when the teams took the field at ten minutes past three. A stiff breeze was blowing from the rifle range, of which the Dragons, winning the toss, took advantage, Evans kicking off at 3.15. The game was during the first part mostly in the home quarters, but a splendid defence was presented, under difficult circumstances, by Morley and Williamson. Smith and Warmby were also frequently applauded, and Spilsbury made a good run, but was foiled by Lamsdale when about to shoot. Three "corners" were conceded by the County, but nothing came of them, and the Derby forwards repeatedly carried the game against the wind towards the visitors' goal. *Jammer especially worked hard, and Spilsbury and Bakewell also showed some good play. In fact the whole team worked well against the wind, and after the first quarter of an hour were for some time decidedly having the best of the play; the visitors' backs were, however, defending splendidly. At length, from a fine kick by Morley, Spilsbury ran down and passed to Evans. The latter passed on to Smith, who shot the ball through, thus scoring the first point half an hour after the commencement of the game. Just after the kick off, Spilsbury got possession on the right, and after a clever bit of dribbling, added a second goal with a fast shot amid great cheering. Soon afterwards Derby gave another corner, which enabled Stevenson to make a nice shot at goal, which went wide of the mark. Rain continued to fall heavily, and the players were now wet and splashed all over, and in the most lamentable-looking condition. Just before half time Stansbie had to handle twice from a warm attack by Nash and Smith and a corner was conceded, but no further goals were obtained, and when the whistle blew the County were two goals to none.

On the recommencement the home forwards began at once to attack, and after some smart play, Spilsbury ran through his men and finished with a grand low kick, the goalkeeper catching the ball between his knees and giving a corner. *Jammer next made a fine screw kick and forced another corner. Play continued of an exciting and interesting character, but almost entirely in the visitors' quarter, and Evans gaining possession in the centre, kicked past the backs and between the posts, the game standing three to none to the County with 25 minutes to play. After a corner, forced by Smith, Bakewell centred well, and Nash made a good shot just wide of the posts. As the ball struck one of the backs in transit, a corner was given, but nothing came of it. After some give and take play each side appeared to be tired, and the Cambridge crack was applauded for a splendid screw kick from the corner to front of goal, but Hill cleared, and Morley next foiled a strong attack from the left wing by giving a corner which, like the rest, was fruitless. The game ended without further incident, Derby County being victorious by three goals to none. The match was won by sheer good play. All the Derby men performed well. Spilsbury, Williamson, and Smith were in specially fine form. The visitors were good at all points of the game, and played up pluckily to the last, but were somewhat outclassed, and the result seems to fairly represent the merits of the teams."

* "Jammer" is an alias for A. Smith: he later played for Long Eaton.

Birmingham Daily Post 2/11/85 P.7: "The elevens thoroughly representative of the above clubs met on the County Ground, Derby, on Saturday, in wretched weather. The home team were fortunate in having the services of Spilsbury, who was capitally supported by the Derby forwards. At half time the

score stood at 2 to 0 in favour of the home side, and the result proved a victory for Derby by 3 goals to 0."

Derby County: W. Luntley (Goal); A. Williamson, H. A. Morley (Capt.) (Backs); H. Nicholls, G. F. Cooper, W. H. Wharmby (Half Backs); G. Bakewell, B. W. Spilsbury (Right Wing), G. Evans (Centre), A. Smith, R. W. Nash (Left Wing).

St George's: H. Stansbie (Goal); L. Lamsdale, G. P. Hall (Backs); F. Stevenson (Capt.), F. Coulton, E. Barton (Half Backs); J. Milton, H. Wilson (Right Wing), J. Rogers (Centre), J. Wassall, D. Hodgetts (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Shaw (Derby County) and Cheetham (St George's). Referee: Duxbury (Darwen).

SMALL HEATH ALLIANCE 9 (A. E. Stanley 4, T. Davenport 2, R. Evetts, A. James, H. Morris)
BURTON WANDERERS 2 (.....) (H. T. 3-1) (At Coventry Road, Birmingham)
(Sat Oct 31st) (Scorers from Birmingham Complete Record P.352)

Birmingham Daily Post 2/11/85 P.7/Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4:

BDP: "These teams met at the ground of the former at Coventry Road, Small Heath, to play off their tie in the first round of the above cup. A heavy downpour of rain continued throughout the game, and the consequence was the ground was very slippery, and prevented anything like a fast game being played. There were about 600 spectators present. The Wanderers kicked off with a strong wind blowing across the field, and after seven minutes' play they scored from a scrimmage. A few minutes later the home team equalised the score from a corner kick. The Small Heath had the best of the play, and at the call of half time had added two more goals to their score. On restarting the home team at once obtained a corner, and being well placed, added another point. The Alliance continued to have their own way, completely overmatching their opponents, and finally won by nine goals to two."

Small Heath: T. Hedges (Goal); W. Jones, R. Evetts (Backs); F. James, W. Felton (Half Backs); A. James, T. Davenport (Right), A. E. Stanley, C. Simms (Centres), W. Figures, H. Morris (Left).

Burton Wanderers: Sheffield (Goal); J. Bancroft, Chandler (Backs); W. Fellows, Tunnicliffe, R. Scattergood (Half Backs); W. Smith, Eaglefield (Right), W. Murphy (Centre), T. Bancroft, C. Floyde (Left).

Umpires: G. Cheshire and Hart. Referee: C. Crump.

WEDNESBURY OLD ATHLETIC 5 (Pope 2, Holden, Woodcock, Roberts) BURTON SWIFTS 1
(H. Sambrook) (H. T. 3-0) (Sat Oct 31st) (At Oval, Wednesbury)

(KR Source: Birmingham Saturday Night 31/10/85):

Birmingham Daily Post 2/11/85 P.7 (No lineups)/Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4 (No lineups)

CHECK SATURDAY NIGHT /WEDNESBURY PAPER

Birmingham Daily Post 2/11/85 P.11(No lineups):"These teams met at the Oval,Wednesbury,on Saturday,under very adverse conditions,the ground being like a well-filled sponge,and rain falling heavily throughout the match.The visitors won the toss and chose to play down the field,which gave them the advantage of the wind.In three minutes from the kick off Pope neatly secured first goal,the visitors' goalkeeper being evidently caught napping,and a few minutes later Holden passed the ball between the posts,but was declared offside.Later he had his revenge,securing a run up,and getting the ball past the goalkeeper who had run out to meet it,but had missed his kick.The visitors meanwhile played in plucky and good style,and caused Kent to exert himself more than once.Near the close of the half Woodcock obtained a third goal very creditably,and the visitors' goalkeeper well saved another,whilst on a third attempt the ball dropped on the bar,and fell behind.At the outset of the second half the visitors made two or three good attempts,two of which at least were foiled by Kent.Then the bottom goal was assailed,and well cleared,the ball,after some give-and-take play, being taken to the other end and sent into Kent's hands again.A little later,however,Sambrook got it past him and secured first,and as it proved only,goal for the Burton team.Afterwards Roberts and Pope each scored one,and the match ended in favour of the home team by 5 to 1."

Wednesbury Old Athletic:Kent;R.Whitehouse,T.Whitehouse;Shenton,Styche,Taylor;
Holden,Pope,Woodcock,Roberts,Danks.

Burton Swifts:Price;(Full Backs Missing Probably : Roberts,Clay:see below);W.West,Upton,Geary;
W.Murfin,H.Sambrook,G.Murfin,T.Robinson,W.Dunnicliff.

Have changed spellings of forwards and their order from BSN to comply with report in Derby Mercury 14/10/85 P.8 of Burton Swifts v Derby County Match:10/10/85 P.8:goalie and half backs different apart from West):Roberts,Clay in that match and Clay,Roberts v Aston Unity on 17/10/85:Lichfield Mercury 23/10/85 P.7)(BSN has 2 Murphy for Murfin)

DARWEN 2 (D.Owen,T.Rostron) JUNCTION STREET,DERBY 2(Not traced,"rush")(H.T. 1-2)(At Barley Bank Ground)(Sat Oct 31st)

Darwen News 7/11/85/Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4:

DN:"This cup tie was played on Saturday last,on the Barley Bank ground,in wet weather,a drizzling rain falling all through the day.This,no doubt,added as a drawback to the attendance.There would be about 500 spectators present.The ground was in a wretched condition.It was 3.15 before the game started,Darwen defending the Clough goal.Marshall and Rostron went along the right,and Potts gave a corner,which was badly managed,another similar advantage being dealt with in the same way. Radford in the visitors' centre was prominent,and passing nicely to Bradbury and Renshaw the latter was worked into the Darwen end where Renshaw collided with the goal keeper and got slightly hurt. The game was stopped for a minute or so,but resumed on Renshaw coming round.Owen at half back played nicely and gave to Rostron and Marshall but Raynor got in the way,and then Hamilton kicked wide.A sensational dribble by Shorrocks was the next point,that player finishing up with a wretched shot.Radcliffe in the centre was then on the ball,and dodging Owen,passed to Henson who,however ,was offside.A shot by Raynor from half back was kept out by Holden tipping it over the bar.The

corner was unproductive. Leach at half back stopped Bradley and Renshaw, and Marshall had a chance, but put the sphere wide of the mark. The Derby right was next troublesome, and passing judiciously and well, got behind Hamilton and Baron, the final effort, however, going over the top. An attempt to gain ground by Renshaw was effectually nullified by Leach, and Shorrocks and Kenyon, from a pass by Campbell, got well in, and an attempt by Marshall was a few inches wide. Again the visiting right went off, and by a nice passing run got behind the backs, and sending in a good shot Holden knocked it back, but the visitors claimed and obtained a goal. Immediately on the kick off Kenyon was noticeable, and Shorrocks earned a corner, which was put behind. A rush by the Derby forwards ended in their scoring the second goal. The Darwen forwards began to put a little more energy in the game, and a shot by Campbell nearly scored. Rostron was hereabouts conspicuous, and Shorrocks had a chance, but failed to take advantage of it. Darwen were now pressing, but Potts and Latham, with Bromage in goal, played stubbornly, and then Owen, and afterwards Hamilton, shot high over the bar. A minute or so before the interval Owen obtained possession, and by a well judged shot scored the first goal for Darwen, Bromage being rushed through at the same time. After the usual interval the game was recommenced, and Warburton went half back, Leach falling behind. Darwen at once went in front of the opponents' goal, shot after shot was sent in, and either was negotiated by Bromage, who played a magnificent game, or was outside the posts or over the bar. Latham and Potts were conspicuous by good back play, and resorted in addition to kicking out at every available opportunity, ultimately Rostron made the game two all by a nice shot. Skirmishing kind of play was indulged in for some time in midfield, but eventually the visitors were forced into their goal, and a prolonged but unsuccessful siege was made at Bromage's charge. The Darwen men threw away several chances, and time began to draw near. A breakaway by Malpas and Bromage nearly resulted in a score, Holden only just managing to keep the leather from going through, and this he had to do at the expense of a corner, which was, however, not improved upon. After this the home team took up the attack again, but it was no use, and when the whistle went the game stood at two each."

CHECK BLACKBURN PAPERS

Birmingham Daily Post 2/11/85 P.7 (No lineups): "This tie between these two teams, which was decided at Darwen, produced a capital struggle, and excited considerable interest. At the end of the first half the Derby team were a goal in front; but afterwards Darwen pressed their opponents closely the result ultimately being a draw-two goals each."

Darwen: W. Holden (Goal); J. Baron, S. A. Warburton (Backs); H. Hamilton, D. Owen, N. Leach (Half Backs); T. Marshall, T. Rostron (Right Wing), W. Campbell (Centre), J. Shorrocks, J. Kenyon (Left Wing).

Derby Junction: E. Bromage (Goal); A. Latham, G. Potts (Backs); I. Siddons, W. Raynor, G. Henson (Half Backs); W. Malpass, J. Bromage (Right Wing), J. Radford (Centre), S. Bradley, J. Renshaw (Left Wing)

(DN but spellings corrected and initials added: some from SL)

CHECK TEAM NAMES ANOTHER SOURCE

REPLAY:

JUNCTION STREET DERBY 0 DARWEN 4 (W. Campbell, J. Kenyon, J. Shorrocks 2) (H.T. 0-3) (Sat Nov 7th) (At Siddals)

Derby Mercury 11/11/85 P.6/Derby Daily Telegraph 9/11/85 P.3/Nottingham Daily Express 9/11/85 P.7/Blackburn Standard 14/11/85 P.2/Field 14/7/85 P.702/Sportsman 9/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 9/11/85 P.4:

DM: "This undecided tie in the first round of the National Cup competition was played off at the Siddals on Saturday in beautifully mild weather for the season of the year, and before a good attendance of spectators. Radford kicked off prompt on time, and the "School" at once led on an attack which Entwistle repelled. Raynor, however, sent in a shot shortly after, which Warburton cleared. For some time the home team kept the play in the visitors' quarters, Warburton being repeatedly cheered for some fine kicking. The Darwen left made several breaks away, but were unable to pass Latham, who was kicking and tackling in his best form. The "School" right got it in again, but Malpass weakly put it over the line. Darwen then had a turn, and tried the "School" defence severely. Kenyon just shaved the post, and then Marshall, from a good pass from the centre half, shot hard at E. Bromage, which the latter stopped well; but Campbell rushing up put it through, making the first goal after eight minutes' play. Roused by this reverse, the home team forwards went for the bottom goal in a most determined manner, and a lively "bully" took place on the goal line, but the ball was put over just the other side of the post. Darwen then had a free kick in the home team's quarters, but nothing came of it. The "School" right wing altered matters, and the play was extremely dangerous for the visitors, a scrimmage of some duration on their goal occurring. Eventually Owen cleared, and Kenyon, getting hold of the ball, put it through the School posts, making the second point for Darwen. The first corner of the match fell to the visitors, but it was poorly placed. Shorrocks doing the needful, and a third goal was scored. Bromage tried to beat Holden just after shaving the post and the "School" were pressing, when the whistle blew for half time, with the score standing three to (n)one to the visitors. In the second half Junction-street showed more combination, and got into position more than once, but their opportunities were missed. In reply Darwen made it warm for them, and Rostron succeeded in getting one through, but it was disallowed as he was offside. Bromage raised the hopes of the spectators by a good run up the right, and he finished with a fine centre which ought to have been utilised, but the opportunity was missed. Soon after this Shorrocks added a fourth goal for Darwen, and Radford, who had been kicked, was now sent back, and Latham took his place in the centre. From this point to the close the game was of a fast and even nature, the home team playing up resolutely to the finish, but they could not score, consequently the visitors won the match by four goals to nil. Kenyon, Shorrocks, and Warburton played well for Darwen, and Latham and Bromage were the pick of the home team."

DDT: "For the first few minutes play was confined to the Darwen goal. Campbell missed a splendid chance of scoring, the ball being centred beautifully. Still not to be denied, Campbell scored the first goal for Darwen soon afterwards. Starting again Junction-street got a run down and for some seconds it looked like the School getting a goal, but the Darwen goalkeeper managed to kick away. Darwen had a free kick, the ball going through the posts without being handled. Darwen claimed the goal, but the referee disallowed it. Junction-street then made a good run, but Malpass missed a grand chance, nothing appearing to be in the way, but he sent the ball just outside. Play was now of a pretty even character, the ball being kept in midfield. Latham at full back was playing splendidly. The School forwards came down again, but seemed to be very unlucky, for after another scrimmage in the Darwen goal, Kenyon went away, and by some splendid play, scored a second goal for the visitors. The ball was set rolling again, and for some time play was of a give and take kind, and Bromage in fisting

out, was forced to concede a corner. The ball was well put in, and after a short scrimmage, Shorrocks again put through (Three to Darwen). Bromage in kicking out was again obliged to give the visitors a corner, of which, however, nothing came. At half time Darwen had three goals to their credit to Junction-street none. On resuming the leather was kept in the School goal for a time. Junction-street had some good runs, but owing to some wild shooting, missed every chance. Bromage had a good run, and getting through the backs, made a good attempt to score, but was defeated. After this Darwen had it all their own way, the School being completely overmatched. About 20 minutes before time Latham went forward, and had several good runs, but all the School efforts proved futile. Bromage in goal saved nicely several times, but Shorrocks scored the fourth goal easily. The visitors, continuing to have it all their own way, the match ultimately resulted in a victory for Darwen by four goals to none. For Junction-street Latham played in grand style, whilst all the forwards played well for the visitors."

Derby Junction: E. Bromage (Goal); A. Latham, G. Potts (Backs); I. Siddons, W. Raynor, James Mathers (Half Backs); W. Malpass, J. Bromage (Right Wing), J. Radford (Centre), S. Bradley, Henson (Left Wing).

Darwen: W. Holden (Goal); S. A. Warburton, Entwistle (Backs); H. Hamilton, D. Owen, N. Leach (Half Backs); T. Marshall, T. Rostron (Right Wing), W. Campbell (Centre), J. Kenyon, J. Shorrocks (Left Wing).

N.B. Darwen were not in fact transferred to North Second Division (see above) as at the time of the draw for the Second Round their tie against Derby Junction had been drawn and was undecided.

WALSALL SWIFTS, a bye

NORTH FOURTH DIVISION :

Newark .v. Sheffield

Notts Wanderers .v. Notts Olympic

Notts Forest .v. Mellors Limited

Lockwood Brothers .v. Notts Rangers

Sheffield Heeley .v. Eckington Works

Mexborough .v. Staveley

Long Eaton Rangers .v. Sheffield Wednesday

Rotherham .v. Notts County

NEWARK 0 SHEFFIELD 3 (Davey 2, Barber) (Sat Oct 31st) (H.T. 0-2) (At Kelham road Ground, Newark)

Grantham Journal 7/11/85 P.8/Lincolnshire Chronicle 6/11/85 P.8/Nottingham Daily Express 2/11/85 P.7/Sheffield Independent 3/11/85 P.8 (No scorers in either paper: in Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4)/Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4/Referee 1/11/85 P.6:

GJ: "It rained all the time, Sheffield won the toss and played with the wind, scoring two goals by Davey and Barber, before half-time. After half time Newark played up, but the visitors scored again (Davey). Newark failed to score, although very close once. Pickin, Morley, and Stennett played excellently, and

Ridge and Heppenstall also. The visitors played well together, but the ground was bad through recent rain."

SI: "Played on the Kelham Road Ground, Newark. The ground was in very bad condition consequent upon the recent heavy rains. During the first half Sheffield played with the wind in their favour, and after some energetic and clever passing, secured two goals in quick succession before half time was called. The visitors soon proved their superiority, and after half time the contest was a very indifferent exhibition. One more goal was added to the score of Sheffield, who won by three to none. There were not more than 100 spectators."

Newark: Jefferies (Goal); Stennett, Morley (Backs); Pickin, Redgate, (H.I.) Smith (Half Backs); Rev. G.A. Saunders, Williams (Right Wing), Heppenstall (Centre), Ridge, Flowers (Left Wing).

Sheffield: A.(E.) Burdekin (Goal); W.F. Beardshaw, W. Robinson (Backs); H. Willey, J. Wilson (Half Backs); E. Barber, F. Baines (Right Wing), G.H. Aizlewood, F.H. Marsden (Centres), A.C. Liddell, D. Davy (Left Wing). (SI specified positions)

Umpires: Nicholson (Newark) and W.W. Liddell (Sheffield)

Referee: A. Hutchinson (Grantham).

NOTTS WANDERERS 2 (...., Adcock) NOTTS OLYMPIC 2 (...., ...) (Sat Oct 31st) (H.T. 1-2) (No scorers given) (At Meadows Ground)

Nottingham Evening Post 31/10/85 P.3/Nottingham Journal 2/11/85 P.7/Athletic News 3/11/85 P.3/Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4:

NEP: "This match was played on the Meadows Ground today, in wretched weather, both sides being strongly represented. The Olympic winning the toss, elected to kick to the Kirke White street goal, thus getting the benefit and the rain in the first half. Play commenced at a quarter past three, and the Olympic, forcing the pace, scored two goals within the first five minutes. After this the play was very much more even, and at half time the game stood at two goals to one in favour of the Olympic. During the second 45 minutes the Wanderers had, on the whole, the best of the play, but did not equalise until seven minutes of time being called. Warburton placing a corner kick very cleverly, Adcock scored a goal off one of the Olympic backs. Notwithstanding the wet weather fully 400 people were present, and the finish was very exciting. Darkness coming on, it was impossible to play the extra half hour enjoined by the rules."

NJ: "Played on the Meadows on Saturday. The Olympic won the choice of ends on the spin of the penny, and kicked towards Kirkewhite-street. The Olympic forced matters, and scored two goals within five minutes of the commencement. Play was then even up to half-time, and the Wanderers gained a point. In the second half the Wanderers played rather better than their opponents, and added another point from a corner kick well placed by Warburton. The extra half hour could not be played owing to the fast gathering darkness, and the game therefore ended in a tie of two goals each."

SL: "These clubs having been drawn together, played off their tie on the Meadows Ground, at Nottingham, on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of something like 400 spectators. Rain fell heavily, and the turf was thoroughly soddened. Olympic won the toss, and kicked with the wind and rain in their favour. Scarcely had the game begun than their forwards broke through the Wanderers' lines, and registered a couple of goals. The latter, however, were not dismayed, and succeeded in registering a point ere the whistle sounded. In the concluding half the Wanderers had the best of the play, but failed to score until within seven or eight minutes of the expiration of play. Then Warburton took a "corner" and placing it cleverly in the centre, Adcock equalised matters off one of the Olympic backs. Owing to darkness setting in, it was found impossible to play an extra half hour, so that the clubs will have to meet a second time."

Notts Wanderers: G. Wootton (Goal); B. F. Warburton, J. Fletcher (Backs); A. Stevenson, T. Shelton, J. Dick (Half Backs); J. Wilson, Fred Weightman (Right Wing), H. Turner (Centre), R. Danks, Frank Weightman (Left Wing).

Notts Olympic: W. A. Appleton (Goal); H. Hayes, V. Stevenson (Backs); H. Adcock, T. Watkiss, H. James (Half Backs); J. Walker, R. Hammond (Right Wing), A. Hodgkinson (Centre), W. Heath, J. R. Smith (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Procter (Wanderers) and A. G. Hines (Olympic). Referee: P. J. Cropper.

REPLAY: Sat Nov 7th:

NOTTS OLYMPIC 4 (J. R. Smith, R. Hammond, 2, H. Heath) NOTTS WANDERERS 1 ("scrimmage") (H. T. 2-1) (At Churchville Ground)

Nottingham Evening Post 7/11/85 P.3/Nottingham Journal 9/11/85 P.7/Field 14/11/85 P.702/Sporting Life 9/11/85 P.4/Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4/Referee 1/11/85 P.6:

NEP: "The undecided tie in the English Association Cup competition was played on the ground of the former at Churchville today, when there was a good number of spectators. The Olympic winning the toss, kicked towards the lower goal, and after some spirited play, J. R. Smith put in a splendid shot which scored for them after ten minutes' play. Hammond followed this by another capital goal for the Olympic and on resuming the Wanderers' fortress again had a narrow escape from capture, the ball actually being put between the posts, but the point was disallowed on an appeal for a foul which had just previously taken place. Chiefly through a dashing run by Danks, the Wanderers registered their first point out of a scrimmage in front of goal, and at half time the game was two goals to one in favour of the Olympic. During the second half of the game the Olympic showed to the best advantage, and clever passing between Heath and Hammond enabled the latter to score again, while after a scrimmage in the goal mouth, Heath put in a fourth point. The Olympic thus won by four goals to one."

NJ: "This undecided match, in the first round of the English Association Cup competition, was played on Saturday on the Churchville Ground. Soon after the commencement of play the Olympic secured two goals, and had the best of the game for the first half hour. The Wanderers, however, by a combined effort, brought the ball towards the Olympic goal, and out of a scrimmage, obtained the first goal. After half time the play was in favour of the Olympic, who eventually won by four goals to one. Hammond got two goals and Smith one."

Notts Olympic:W.A.Appleton(Goal);V.Stevenson,H.Hayes(Backs);H.Adcock,H.James,J.Dunncliffe;
(Half Backs),A.Hodgkinson,R.Hammond(Right Wing),J.Walker(Centre),W.Heath,J.R.Smith(Left Wing).

Notts Wanderers:G.Wootton(Goal);J.Fletcher,B.F.Warburton(Backs);J.Dick,T.Shelton,A.Stevenson
(Half Backs);Fred Weightman,J.Wilson(Right Wing),H.Shaw(Centre),Frank Weightman,R.Danks(Left
Wing).

NJ has A.E.Scott at Left Back for B.F.Warburton who is at Left Half for A.Stevenson.

Referee:R.E.Daft

NOTTS FOREST 6 (G.Tutin 4,F.Fox,T.Danks) MELLORS LIMITED 2 (G.Rouse,R.Machin) (At Gregory
Ground,Lenton)(Sat Oct 31st)(H.T. 2-0)

Nottingham Evening Post 31/10/85 P.3/Nottingham Journal 2/11/85 P.7/Athletic News 3/11/85
P.3/Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4/Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4/Referee 1/11/85 P.6:

NEP:"The tie in the Association Challenge Cup between the Forest and Mellors Limited was played on the Gregory Ground,Lenton,this afternoon,in very unfavourable weather,a drenching rain falling nearly the whole of the time that the game was in progress.Even in such surroundings there were about 300 spectators.Mellors won the toss,and Tutin kicked off at a quarter to three and the Reds at once took two corners without result,as Rouse and Onions broke away,and the ball was carried up to the other end by capital combination.Hands were given against Arthur Ward,but the ball passed wide of the posts.Attacks were made on both goals,Hill saving gallantly,after which play was chiefly in midfield for some time;but then the Foresters moved operations to the other end and after Waldie had once defeated Tutin,the centre forward of the Forest shot the first goal nine minutes from the start.Both sides played remarkably well,the Mellors making a much firmer resistance than anticipated.After the Forest had caused Hill to handle again,Mellors pressed the home team,and a capital shot by Machin resulted in Luntley giving a corner,which did not prove costly.Then the Forest made a diversion,and Billyeald,with a long pass to the right,gave to Fox,who, with a clever screw shot,registered the second goal,after half an hour's play.The visitors played a hard and fast game, and half time arrived with no alteration in the score.

On crossing over no time was wasted in consequence of the weather,and Forest at once assumed the aggressive,Tutin obtaining the third goal,while they almost scored immediately after.A run by Fox and Danks ended in the latter securing the fourth point,both having been registered within five minutes.By some splendid passing between Fox and Tutin,the Reds got within shooting distance,and Tutin,with a splendid effort,scored the fifth goal.Mellors having been penned in their own quarters for a long time,broke away,and by very judicious passing carried play up into the mouth of the Forest goal,where,after Luntley had once fisted out,Rouse popped the ball past him.Forest then had the best of the game again without interruption,and took several corner kicks,but failed to score for a long time,until Tutin,with a very swift shot on the ground,notched the sixth point.Mellors took a free kick for hands,and Waldie put the ball well into the Reds' fortress,Luntley kicked it,and the ball rebounding off one of the +Mellors' men,passed between the posts,and thus the tie ended,after a well fought match,in a victory for the Foresters by six goals to two."

+NJ:"Mellors got a foul from the "reds" in the upper half,and from a short scrimmage Luntley kicked away,but the ball was caught by Machin's leg and went through."

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

Mellors Limited :A.Hill(Goal);A.T.Marshall,A.J.Waldie(Backs);S.Herod,S.Machin,J.Toone(Half Backs); A.Maltby,R.Machin(Right Wing),F.Guttridge(Centre),G.Rouse,H.Onions(Left Wing).

NJ has A.S."Waldie" (BL /SL/SM /REF have J.Lowe for A. Maltby at right wing).

Referee:A.T.Ashwell(Notts F.C.).

LOCKWOOD BROTHERS 2 (J.Beard,J.Sellars) NOTTS RANGERS 2 (A.Elliott,"scrimmage")(H.T. 2-1)(At Eccleshall Road,Sheffield)(Sat Oct 31st)

Sheffield Independent 3/11/85 P.8/Nottingham Journal 2/11/85 P.7/(Not in Nottingham Evening Post)(Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4/Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4/Referee 1/11/85 P.5:

NDE:"Played on Lockwoods' Ground,situated on Ecclesall-road.Rain fell heavily and there were but few spectators present.The grounds were in a very wet state,and the players had great difficulty in keeping on their feet;spills were quite numerous,as many as three or four players being down at once.The Rangers won the toss,and very foolishly elected to play up hill,against half a gale of wind; worse judgment has seldom been exercised,as had they played with the advantage of the hill and wind they could hardly have failed to win.After ten minutes' play J.Beard scored for Lockwoods,and Sellars afterwards added a second goal.Elliott scored for the Rangers,and at half-time the scores were two to one in favour of Lockwoods.

On changing ends the ball was for the greater portion of the time in the vicinity of the Lockwood goal,and the Rangers equalised scores from a scrimmage.In the latter portion of the game Harris and Buttery did yeoman service for Lockwoods,and at the call of time,the game was a tie-two goals each. It was almost five o'clock when play was suspended;there was not time to play the extra quarter of an hour each way,and as it was the last day for playing the first round,the clubs will have to apply to the Association for another date."

Sl:"This match,in the first round of the above competition,was played on Saturday at Eccleshall Road in miserable weather.The attendance of spectators was in consequence only limited.The ground,as might have been anticipated,was in the most wretched condition;the foothold for the players was of the worst possible description,and consequently spills were numerous,and play was not of such a scientific character as it otherwise would have been.The Rangers won the toss and decided to kick up hill,and Housley kicked off for Lockwoods at 3.25.The leather was at once taken into the visitors' quarters,and a foul given to the home team,but without any result.A raid then took place on the factory fortress,and several beautiful shots were fired at it,and the siege was ultimately raised by the ball being kicked over the crossbar.The first corner kick was taken by the Rangers,but the ball was kicked outside.A rapid run down the field by J.Beard,who nursed the ball well,gave him a fine chance of scoring,which he availed himself of and amidst the cheers of the spectators,drew first blood for

Lockwoods. After this reverse the Rangers played well up, and for a time confined the home players to their quarters, but the defence was stubborn, and could not be broken through. The factory players now had a short spell of the play, and Housley was entrusted with a corner, but nothing came of it. The rain was now coming down mercilessly, and all on the field were completely drenched, and without doubt it was the worst day to play on in our memory. The visitors were now having considerably the best of the game, but though shot after shot was sent in to the home citadel, they were always beaten out. A stampede down field now took place, and the ball being left in the charge of Sellars, he again lowered the Notts colours. Quickly the ball was kicked off again, and after a little passing to and fro, a beautiful little shot from the side by Elliott placed a goal to the credit of the Rangers. Fresh spirit was after this infused in the game, and both sides worked with a will, but when the whistle blew for a cessation nothing further had been scored, and the game stood two to one in favour of Lockwoods.

After ends were reversed the Rangers at once bore down on their opponents' goal, but Betts, Buttery, and M'Loughlin were not to be caught napping, and defended manfully. A corner to the Rangers was well got away, but they again returned to the charge, and after a desperate struggle, in front of the goal, the Rangers succeeded in equalising the score. The players now began to indulge in much charging, and as a consequence the play was not so good as it previously had been. Towards the finish of the game the Notts men were completely the masters, and though Lockwoods had a corner, the Rangers had five, but without result to any. When time was called the game had resulted in a tie—two goals each."

BL: "In the latter half the Lockwood players were penned, and Notts scored a second goal from a bully. The game ended in a tie, two goals each, and application will now have to be made to the Association for another date."

Lockwood Brothers: T. Beard (Goal); T. Buttery (Capt.), W. Betts (Backs); J. Housley, L. M'Loughlin, G. Harris (Half Backs); H. Winterbottom, J. Beard (Right Wing), J. Sellars (Centre), C. Cutts, J. Brears (Left Wing).

Notts Rangers: J. Cheetham (Goal); G. Hickling, C. Shelton (Capt.) (Backs); T. Sadler, J. Dexter, A. Shelton (Half Backs); W. Archer, W. Stokes (Left Wing), W. Hodder (Centre), W. May, A. Elliott (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Beard and A. D. Gilbert. Referee: J. R. Harvey (Secretary Sheffield Association)

REPLAY: Sat Nov 7th:

LOCKWOOD BROTHERS 0 NOTTS RANGERS 4 (W. Hodder, W. Archer 2, A. Elliott) (H.T. 0-2)
(At Mellors Ground, Arkwright Street)

Nottingham Evening Post 7/11/85 P.3 / Sheffield Independent 9/11/85 P.4 / Nottingham Journal 9/11/85 P.7 / Field 14/11/85 P.702 / Sportsman 9/11/85 P.4 / Sporting Life 9/11/85 P.4:

Bell's Life 10/11/85 P.4: "Shortly after the start, Brears, one of the Sheffield forwards, slipped and broke his leg. He was taken to hospital, and Lockwood were allowed a substitute. The visitors were quite overmatched from start to finish. The Rangers, showing good combination, registered two goals in the first half hour, and, having all the best of the latter portion of the game, won by four goals to none."

NEP/SI: "The match was contested on Mellor's Ground, Arkwright Street, in the presence of about 300 spectators, but proved a very one-sided affair, the Rangers having much the best of the play throughout, and winning by four goals to none. An unfortunate accident, which occurred five minutes after play commenced, marred the game. J. Brears, one of the Sheffield forwards, while in pursuit of the ball, fell with his leg under him and fractured it, the sound of the leg breaking being heard all over the ground. The game was immediately stopped, and a rough splint having been placed upon the injured leg, the unlucky player, who has only recently been married, was taken to the General Hospital. J. West, who had accompanied the team as reserve man, took Brears' place and the game proceeded after ten minutes' interruption. The Rangers soon showed up their superiority, and after two excellent shots had failed to take effect, Hodder scored the first point for them, scarcely five minutes having elapsed since the beginning of the match. A quarter of an hour later the same player put in a grand shot, which was finely repelled, but Archer was lying in wait, and returned the ball past the Sheffield goalkeeper. At half time the Rangers had scored two goals, and had taken nine corner kicks to their opponents' one corner, and in the second half they had much the best of the game, and the visitors only three times being at all dangerous. Directly after changing ends Archer kicked a clever goal, and Elliott rapidly followed with another, both points being scored within five minutes. Repeated shots at goal subsequently, failed to take effect, and the Rangers won a one-sided game by four goals to none."

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

N.B. *J. West was a substitute for J. Brears (!) after 5 minutes, after the latter had broken his leg.

Notts Rangers: J. Cheetham (Goal); H. Knight, C. Shelton (Backs); J. Dexter, A. Shelton, T. Sadler (Half Backs); W. Archer, W. Stokes (Right Wing), W. Hodder (Centre), W. May, A. Elliott (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Beard for Lockwood Brothers and C. Gilbert for Notts Rangers.
Referee: J. Sands (Notts Forest).

SHEFFIELD HEELEY 2 (H. Stokes 2) ECKINGTON WORKS 1 (J. Kay) (H.T. 1-1) (Mon Oct 19th) (At Bramall Lane Grounds, Sheffield)

KR Source: Sheffield Daily Telegraph 20/10/85: at Colindale –not available on line) (Sheffield Independent 20/10/85 P.8 somewhat unreadable)/Sportsman 20/10/85 P.4 /Sporting Life 21/10/85 P.1 :

SI: "This important contest in the first round of the English Challenge Cup competition was played yesterday at Bramall Lane in dull and cold weather. Great excitement prevailed, and when the commencement was made at 3.10, a goodly number of spectators were present. Eckington won the toss, and Jones kicked off for Heeley in the direction of Bramall Lane against a slight breeze. The first item was a foul to Heeley, but nothing came of it, though the ball was taken right into the portals of the Eckington goal. The play soon became very exciting, and the ball travelled rapidly all over the field. Raids were made upon each stronghold, and the backs and custodians had a busy time of it. A lot of time was now put to waste on an examination of the players' boots. After a recommencement a

splendid run by the Heeley forwards carried right in front of the Eckington stronghold, and the ball was put between the posts by Jackson, but it was ruled offside, and the score did not count. Two corner kicks to Heeley were with the greatest difficulty repulsed, and Wagstaff had several times to beat out with the greatest haste. Several shots were sent into the Eckington goal by Hiller, Stokes, Jackson, Sykes, and Shaw, but Wagstaff was always there, and saved in fine style. The Eckington men now made attack on the Heeley fortress, and Knowlson at the time was hurt, and from a misskick on the part of Tomlinson, a goal was secured by them. Almost in less time than it takes to write it, the Heeley men set to work, and a beautiful combined run by Hiller, Stokes, Shaw, and Sykes resulted in Stokes making the score equal. Great excitement now prevailed, and as the ball was first at one end and then the other, the cheers were loud and hearty. A corner to Eckington was well beaten out by Kelvey, and then Heeley also had one, but Wagstaff was on them and saved well. The Eckington men now were playing very rough, and several fouls were given to Heeley, but they were resultless. From this to half time the play was very fast, but no further score had taken place, and the game at that time stood one goal each.

After change of ends the play ruled fast and furious, and each goal was quickly visited by the forwards, but the backs offered a stern resistance. Half an hour was taken up by ding dong play, and then a beautiful cross by Hiller enabled Stokes to add a second goal for Heeley. From this time to the finish the play was most extraordinary, and when time was called Heeley had won by two goals to one." (Report difficult to read and some lineups initials unreadable)

SL: "The first English Cup tie of the present season in the Sheffield district was played on Monday afternoon at Bramall-lane Grounds between these two clubs. The weather was extremely favourable for football, and in anticipation of witnessing a good game, fully 2,000 persons attended. Both clubs played their full strength, and the game was a fast one throughout, although at times Eckington played rather roughly, which met with expressions of disapproval from the spectators. Eckington won the toss, and elected to kick towards Bramall-lane with a slight breeze of wind in their favour. Jones set the ball in motion for Heeley, who for some time had all the best of the play, Wagstaffe, the Eckington goalkeeper, defending his charge in really marvellous style. Heeley were the first to score, Shaw crossing to Hiller, but the former was ruled off-side and the goal disallowed. Eckington then got a goal, a good shot of Kay's from the left wing getting past Kelvey. Within two minutes Hiller crossed to Stokes on the right, who equalised scores, and at half time each were credited with one goal. The latter half was more equally contested, but Wagstaffe, for Eckington, was given plenty of work. The second goal scored by Heeley was identical with the first, Hiller crossing to Stokes, who headed the ball through the Eckington posts. Just before the call of "Time!" C. Levick directed a splendid corner, the ball going through without touching anyone. Consequently, it was not allowed, Heeley finally winning by two goals to Eckington's one."

SM: "After about twenty minutes' play the visitors objected to the the size of the bars on Moss's shoes and he was forced to change them, and for a few minutes Heeley played with only ten men."

Sheffield Heeley: C. Kelvey (Goal); T. A. Tomlinson, T. Moss (Backs); C. E. Knowlson, M. P. Jones, G. A. Lawson (Half Backs); H. Stokes, G. Sykes (Right Wing), C. Hiller (Centre), G. A. Shaw, A. Jackson (Left Wing).

Eckington Works: F. Wagstaff (Goal); H. Levick, L. Smith (Backs); A. Booth, E. Fairley, T. Milner (Half Backs); C. Levick, G. T. Levick, (Right Wing), John Smith (Centre), G. Wortley, J. Kay (Left Wing).

Umpires:J.Tomlinson and G.Booth.Referee:J.R.Harvey(sec Sheffield Association).

STAVELEY 1(A.James) MEXBOROUGH 1(J.Heeson) (At Kilnshurst Ground (neutral ground)
Staveley)(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Oct 31st)

Mexborough & Swinton Times(South Yorkshire Times later) 6/11/85 P.8/+Sheffield Independent
3/11/85 P.8/Referee 1/11/85 P.6/Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4: +Incorrect 0-0 Report!

SYT:"This important match in the first round of the competition for the English Association cup took place on the Kilnshurst football ground on Saturday.Mexboro' won the toss,and the Staveley men set the ball in motion in the face of a light wind,a heavy downfall of rain falling at the time.Immediately after the commencement of the match an easy chance at scoring was missed by Bennett,who soon warmed to his work again,however,and forced a corner from his opponents.The leather was well directed,and the play became fast and furious in front of the Staveley fortress.Some even play was then witnessed,the Staveley men heading with great judgment.Kemp had the opportunity of showing that he had lost none of the prowess which usually distinguishes him.An appeal for off-side on the part of Mexboro' was sustained,and the leather was skillfully piloted into the Staveley territory, where a corner kick was gained.The Staveley forwards next got possession,and,by a pretty exhibition of crossing,brought the ball up to the Mexboro' quarters,but Taylor was "all there" and relieved his lines by a well judged kick."Hands" was given to both sides in the centre of the field,and,after some fine attacking play on the part of the Derbyshire men,they gained a corner kick.Marsland kicked the leather out of danger,and the indefatigable little Bennett again made tracks for the Staveley fortress,passing all obstructions,and ending with a swift shot,which Marshall saved in a wonderfully clever manner.A bombardment of the Staveley goal now took place,the custodian having hard work to prevent his opponents from scoring.Hill and Marsland during this time were playing and tackling in a style which they have never excelled,and kept the forwards well supplied with the leather. Bennet ,after some brilliant play on the part of the whole of the Mexboro' forwards,brought the ball up almost to the goal line and centred beautifully,and Heeson rushed up and scored for Mexboro' amid loud cheers from the spectators.No sooner had the ball been kicked off again than it was taken smartly into the Staveley territory,and one of the backs was forced to kick out.Birkenshaw nearly succeeded in scoring shortly afterwards,heading the ball from near to the ground right into the goalkeeper's hands.Again and again an assault was made on the Staveley goal,and at length a corner fell to the assailants.Another corner immediately afterwards was directed by Bennett,and another fine chance of scoring was lost by the leather having been headed outside.A scrimmage having occurred in the mouth of the Staveley goal,the leather was again kicked out of play by one of the Derbyshire men,and yet another corner fell to Mexboro'.The Mexbroites again compelled the Staveley custodian to handle,and Birkenshaw made a pretty shot over his head,which Marshall again saved.The Staveley backs were forced to concede another corner to their opponents,and the leather was headed into their goal,but Marshall seemed invincible.Half time was then called.Some idea of the strong play of the Mexboro' men may be gained when it is stated that Nicholson,the Mexboro' goalkeeper,had no occasion to handle the leather during the first half of the match.

No sooner had the ball again been set in motion than Heeson was busily occupied on the left wing, and made a shot which the Staveley golkeeper had some difficulty in stopping.The player was declared off-side by the referee,and some excitement was shown by the spectators at the

decision. Bennett, who seemed to hold his opponents very cheaply, aided by W. Sayer, was soon on the ball, and the Staveley men again had some hard work. A foul near the Mexboro' goal occurred, and the Mexboro' backs had some difficulty in getting the ball away, and the Staveleyites rushing down the field in a body, Marsland, Hill, and Coe, the Mexboro' half-backs, by their strong play forced the Staveley men into their own quarters, and Bennett made a shot which just went over the crossbar. The Mexbroites were again exceedingly busy in their opponents' goal, and two corners were obtained by them in rapid succession, a pretty shot which struck the crossbar being subsequently made by Marsland. Marples had a fine chance of scoring shortly afterwards, but Taylor forced him to kick out. Marsland having made a swift run up the centre of the field crossed to Heeson, who finished with a splendid shot from the extreme left wing. No advantage was gained from it, however, and the leather was sent whizzing into the Mexboro' territory by one of the Staveley backs, and, after Nicholson had showed that he was scarcely, if at all, inferior to the Staveley custodian, he beating out shots in a masterly manner, the leather was sent out of danger by Kemp. It was again returned into the Staveley quarters, where one of the Derbyshire men fouled it. The Staveley umpire gave a foul, but the Mexboro' umpire apparently did not notice it, and the Mexbroites having temporarily stopped play, the leather was directed into the Mexboro' quarters, and Coe, missing his kick, had the effect of letting in A. James, who sent in a shot which equalised matters. Encouraged by this success, the Staveleyites pressed their opponents very hard, and gained two corner kicks. Cooke and Heeson were conspicuous shortly afterwards for some combined play, and an attempt by the latter to score was fruitless. The Mexboro' men made several brilliant runs into the Staveley lines, and several times seemed to be on the point of scoring, but their shots went wide. A shot by Marsland just hit the goal post, and had the leather been two or three inches inside it would have been impossible for the Staveley custodian to have stopped a goal. The game ended with the ball on the ground, one of the Staveley men having fouled it, and the referee's whistle having sounded before it could be kicked off. Both teams worked with a will, and it would be unfair to name any individual player on account of excellent play where all excelled."

Derby Mercury 4/11/85 P.6: "These teams met at Kilnhurst (neutral ground) Staveley. The game at half time stood—Mexborough 1 to 0, but on changing ends the visitors played up, and scored a goal. The game ended in a tie, one goal each. The weather was very wet, rain falling all the time."

Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4: "These teams have met on two occasions this season, Staveley proving successful in both engagements. This match was played on the Kilnhurst Ground before a large assemblage. Staveley played a substitute for +Cropper, the Debyshire cricketer, and Young was also unable to take part in the match, which, after a rattling game, ended in a tie.

Staveley: Joe Marshall (Goal); D. James, R. H. Peel (Backs); S. Hay, J. Wheatley (Half backs); W. Madin, A. James (Right Wing), John Hay (Capt.), H. P. Marples (Centres), +H. F. S. Hole, S. Wilshaw (Left Wing).

+ (SI specified positions except --Cropper for H. F. S. Hole) + N. B. SL teams for replay below state Cropper played in the first match, but from the SL report above he didn't play.

Mexborough: W. Nicholson (Goal); C. Taylor, C. Kemp (Backs); J. Hill, W. Marsland, W. Coe (Half Backs); W. Bennett, W. Sayer (Right Wing), J. Birkenshaw (Centre), J. Cooke, J. Heeson (Left Wing).

Umpires: G. Hay for Staveley and J. Brunt for Mexborough.

Referee:Machin,Chesterfield.

MEXBOROUGH scratched STAVELEY walk over:

Sporting Life 7/11/85 P.4 :”This undecided tie will be played at Staveley,today,(Saturday) when the following are the announced teams,Mr Hole taking the place of Cropper on the Staveley side.Umpire Mr C.Mason.Mexborough-W.Nicholson(goal),C.Kemp and W.Coe(backs),C.Taylor,W.Marsland and J.Hill(half backs),J.Heeson and J.Cook(right wing),J.Birkenshaw and W.Bennett(left wing) W.Sayer(centre).Staveley-Joe Marshall(goal),D.James and H.Peel(backs),S.Hay and J.Wheatley(half backs),W.Maden and A.James(right wing),+E.F.H.S.Hole and S.Wilshaw(left wing),J.Hay(centre) and H.P.Marples.”+Hole’s initials vary in records

Bell’s Life 10/11/85 P.4:”Mexborough having by post this (Saturday) morning scratched in the First Round of the Association Challenge Cup tie put Staveley in a corner for a fixture,after arranging with the Derbyshire Association an extension to play Clay Cross until the 4th prox.Staveley were very much disappointed in Mexborough scratching.However a match was hastily arranged with Lowgates”(a local team)

Derbyshire Times 14/11/85 P.6:”...owing to the latter having to play their tie with Owlerton ,for the Sheffield Association Cup.””...the Sheffield Association Committee would not grant an extension of time for their (Mexborough) match with Owlerton.”

LONG EATON RANGERS 2(W.Hexter,G.Winfield) SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 0 (Sat Oct 31st)(H.T. 1-0) (At New Recreation Ground ,Long Eaton)

Sheffield Independent 3/11/85 P.8/Nottingham Daily Express 2/11/85 P.7/Bell’s Life 2/11/85 P.4/Derby Mercury 4/11/85 P.6/Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4/Referee 1/11/85 P.5:

SI:”For the second year in succession these teams have met in the first round of the English Challenge Cup,both matches being played at Long Eaton,and last year’s contest resulting in a win for Wednesday by one goal to none.The match took place on the New Recreation Ground,Long Eaton in miserably wet weather.A large number of spectators assembled.The Rangers started with the wind in their favour,but the capital play of the Sheffield forwards and half backs kept the ball near the Long Eaton goal for the first ten minutes but without any score being made.The Rangers team then broke away,and the game became more even.Towards the close of the first half the Rangers pressed their opponents pretty heavily,and Hexter kicked a capital goal just on the call of half time.(DM”an admirable though rather lucky shot”)The Rangers had eight corners to Sheffield two in the first half.

On kicking off Wednesday conceded the ninth corner,the Rangers afterwards giving several corners, but all without any score resulting.Smith saved a splendid shot from Winfield,and but for his capital goalkeeping the Sheffield men would have fared worse than they did.Mosforth was too well looked after by Orchard to do much,but on two or three occasions he put in a good run and shot at goal. Towards the finish the visitors played up pluckily,but Mosforth,who had shown signs of injury earlier in the game,left the field,and they had to play the remainder of the game with 10 men.The Rangers’ forwards made another rush up,and Smith ran out to meet the ball,Winfield got past him,and easily scored a second goal for the Rangers.The game was stoutly contested to the finish but ended in a

win for the Long Eaton Rangers by two goals to none. This is the first time the Long Eaton men have got in the second round of the English Cup."

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

Sheffield Wednesday: J. Smith (Goal); J. Hudson, W. Moss (Backs); J.W. Dungworth, G. Bown, E. Brayshaw (Half Backs); B.L. Shaw, J. Watson (Right Wing), T.E. Cawley (Centre), G.H. Nicholson, W.H. Mosforth (Left Wing).

Umpires: B. Bestwick (Long Eaton Rangers) and H. Ellis (Sheffield Wednesday).

Referee: A.C. Goodyer (Notts Forest F.C.)

NOTTS COUNTY 15 (A.E. Moore 2, H.A. Curshan 4, H. Jackson 3, H.W. Emmett, H.B. Daft 2, W. Gunn, C.F. Dobson, R.J. Brown (o.g.)) ROTHERHAM 0 (Sat 24th Oct) (H.T. 7-0)

N.B. NJ has H. Jackson and not A.E. Moore scoring the 15th goal.

Rotherham History P.5: "The following season Rotherham were drawn at home again with the famous Notts County and home advantage was sold again-for £30-before the team were on the wrong end of a 15-0 thrashing."

Nottingham Evening Post 24/10/85 P.3/Nottingham Daily Express 26/10/85 P.7/Field 31/10/85 P.633/Sportsman 26/10/85 P.4/Sporting Life 26/10/85 P.4:

York Herald 26/10/85 P.&: "At Trent Bridge Nottingham by arrangement. The match resolved itself into nothing more than a practice game for Notts. Twelve minutes from the start Albert Moore scored, and then Curshan (twice), Jackson (twice), Emmett, and Daft, did the trick, making seven goals in the first half. On crossing over Rotherham made no headway, even with the wind, and Curshan, Gunn, Daft, and Jackson piled on goals until Notts won by fifteen goals to none."

NEP: "The tie against Rotherham was played by arrangement on Trent Bridge Ground this afternoon, in the presence of about 1,500 people, the small attendance being in all probability occasioned by the inclemency of the weather, and the foregone conclusion that Notts would win. The home team won the toss, and taking the Gamston-road goal, had the wind. Ward for Rotherham kicked off at ten minutes past three, when Jackson dashed off at once, and a corner was secured. Notts pressed their opponents, and took two corners, but were weak in front of goal. A splendid screw by Gunn was smartly headed out by Bennett, but directly after Albert Moore obtained the first goal with a low shot, twelve minutes from the start. The wearers of the chocolate and blue jerseys kept their opponents penned in their own quarters, and after a couple of unproductive corners, Curshan got up into the left-hand corner, and notwithstanding that he was nearly on the line, screwed the ball into goal, and notched the second point, about six minutes after the other. Jackson had no difficulty in scoring the third goal, and then the Rotherham men broke away, but their efforts were wild and useless, while Notts made another raid, and after the goalkeeper had negotiated shots from Curshan and Albert Moore, Emmett secured the fourth point in the half hour. The game was uninteresting

because so one-sided, but Gunn screwed in magnificently from the right wing, and Cursham with a header converted the shot into the fifth goal. Notts showed much better combination than they have recently done, and Daft was enabled to score for Notts, for the sixth time. Then Daft received the leather, and shot hard, and although the goalkeeper handled, Jackson, with a last touch, got the seventh goal when half time occurred

Immediately on resuming Gunn sped along the right, and centred beautifully, when Cursham, with a high shot out of reach, did the trick for the eighth time. The visitors failed to make the slightest headway, and the match was almost reduced to a farce. Gunn and Moore by some capital work together carried operations up to the Rotherham goal. A corner was conceded, and Daft placing well Gunn kicked the ninth point. Daft obtained the tenth and Dobson the 11th, while the visitors' goalkeeper put the ball between the posts for the 12th time. Then Jackson, Cursham, and A. Moore scored, and Notts won by fifteen goals to none."

SL: "This match, which had been drawn to be played at Rotherham, came off on the old Trent Bridge Ground, at Nottingham, on Saturday afternoon in miserable weather, and before a not over numerous company of spectators. Notts won the toss, and had matters entirely their own way. The visitors lacked combination, and at half-time had lost seven goals, these being kicked by A. Moore, Cursham (two), Jackson (two), Emmett, and Daft. In the second half eight goals were added, by Cursham (two), Gunn, Daft, Dobson, Jackson, A. Moore, the other resulting from a scrummage. Rotherham did not score at all, and were consequently beaten by fifteen goals to nil."

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

(NEP) (London papers have S. Macrae for Chapman)

Rotherham: R. J. Brown (Goal), B. Bennett, C. W. Musson (Backs); A. T. Rogers, W. Bone, A. L. F. Andrews (Half Backs); F. W. Thomas, W. J. Gummer (Right Wing), E. Ward (Centre), W. W. Harris, J. T. Damms (Left Wing).

(NEP) (London papers have errors)

Umpires: A. T. Dobson for Notts County and J. J. Thirlwell for Rotherham.

Referee: J. C. Clegg (Sheffield Association).

NORTH FIFTH DIVISION:

Chirk .v. Burslem Port Vale

Bollington .v. Oswestry

Macclesfield .v. Northwich Victoria

Stoke .v. Crewe Alexandra

Leek .v. Wrexham Olympic

Davenham .v. Goldenhill

Hartford St John's .v. Newtown

Stafford Rangers .v. Druids

BURSLEM PORT VALE 3(Scorers not traced) CHIRK 0 (Sat Oct 24th)(H.T. 1-0)(At Burslem)

Field 31/10/85 P.633/Wrexham Advertiser 31/10/85 P.3/Port Vale Record P.23/Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4:

WA:"At Burslem,on Saturday,one of our neighbouring clubs,Chirk succumbed to Port Vale in the English competition,the result being three goals to none.In the first portion of the game,with the wind in their favour,the Welshmen strove hard to score,but the defence of the home team was impregnable,the play being very exciting till just before half time,when a combined rush of the Port Vale forwards scored a goal.On reversing their positions the Burslemites became the aggressors-the visitors being sadly deficient in stamina-and increased the score to three goals before the call of time.The Chirk team,however,may be congratulated on the resistance they offered to such a combination as that of their opponents,who,I may just mention,defeated Burnley a few weeks ago."(No lineups

F:"Played at Burslem on Saturday.Port Vale won by three goals to (n)one."

Bell's Life 26/10/85 P.4:"Played at Burslem in unfavourable weather.Chirk played with the wind in their favour,but,though they strove hard,they could not break through the Port Vale defence.The Vale men played up well,and scored their first goal 40 minutes from the start.Just after change of ends Port Vale scored their second goal.The game was now evenly contested,each side playing very well.Port Vale,towards the conclusion,overplayed their opponents,and finally won by three goals to none."(No lineups)

Burslem Port Vale:W.Rowley(Goal);G.Bateman,W.E.Powell(Backs);W.Poulson,R.Dain,H.Hodgkisson (Half Backs);C.Simpson,J.A.Smith(Right Wing),W.Reynolds(Centre),B.Davies,J.Owen(Left Wing).

Chirk:E.Povey(Goal);C.Bolas,D.Jones(Backs);H.Owen,J.Owen,A.Jones(Half Backs); T.Wynne,P.Griffiths,J.Jones,G.Owen,J.Rogers(Forwards).

Umpires:Oliver and Thomas.Referee:R.E.Lythgow(Liverpool).

BOLLINGTON 0 OSWESTRY 5 (Sat Oct 24th)(H.T. 0-4)(At Bollington)

Field 31/10/85 P.633/Sporting Life 26/10/85 P.4/Bell's Life 26/10/85 P.4(No lineups)

SL:"This match was played on Saturday afternoon at Bollington.The visitors won the toss and played with the wind,scoring four goals in the first half.After changing ends Bollington had the best of the play,but weak shooting rendered every run useless,showing the great contrast to Oswestry,who seldom missed a good chance,and the visitors won by five goals to none."

F:"Played at Bollington on Saturday.Oswestry won by five goals to none."

WA:"....Oswestry v Bollington,on the ground of the latter,when the Salopians defeated the home team by five goals to none."

Bollington:W.Goodwin(Goal);Cooke,Unwin(Backs);Mason,Clay,J.Plant(Half Backs);
H.Ardern,J.Grattan,J.Walton,J.Bettney,P.Oliver(Forwards).

Oswestry:Davies(Goal);Roberts,S.Powell(Backs);Jones,Holmes,T.Ellis(Half Backs);
J.E.Davies,T.Davies,J.Evans,J.Roach,T.Bryan(Forwards).

MACCLESFIELD 4 (P.Wright,C.Cartwright,A.Bailey,T.Millington) NORTHWICH VICTORIA 1(Rhodes)
(H.T. 3-0)(Sat Oct 31st)

N.B.Macclesfield scorers from Macclesfield History

Northwich Guardian 4/11/85 P.4/Macclesfield Courier 7/11/85 P.2/Alderley & Wilmslow Advertiser
6/11/85 P.2:

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NG/A&WA:"This match was played at Macclesfield on Saturday.The ground was in a most wretched state, owing to the heavy rain which has fallen during the last week.In numerous places the water was six inches deep,and the remainder was like a puddle.This placed scientific play at a discount and the long and strong kicking of the home team was more effective.Macclesfield were fully represented, while Northwich were without Malam,and Rhodes was far from well.Playing down hill with the wind,and with a vigorous style,the home team bore down on the visitors' goal,and in a short time scored their first goal.Soon after they scored a second,and then a third goal.These successes surprised everyone and frantic cheering was heard on all sides.

Half time now arrived.The visitors worked hard to win,but the kicking out tactics of the home backs and the good goal-keeping of Morton,foiled each attempt,until Rhodes scored the first and only goal.Macclesfield replied with a good long shot which scored.The ball scarcely left the vicinity of the home goal,but for the reasons given no further scoring was made and the result was as above,the general opinion being that the best team had lost."

Athletic News 3/11/85 P.5:"Both teams played a usual man short,Malam being absent from Northwich,and Goodfellow,their best half-back,from the home team."

Crewe Chronicle 7/11/85 P.5:"Macclesfield were fully represented,while Northwich were minus Malam,and Rhodes was far from well."(No lineups)

Macclesfield:J.Morton;J.Hall,T.Mason;T.Millington,+G.Downie,Banner; J.Hindley,
J.Bates,A.Bailey,P.Wright,C.Cartwright.(Wings different sides to Second Round)(MC)

+Check not C.Downie in second round

Northwich Victoria:E.Harper(Goal);Molineaux,J.Maddock(Backs);W.H.Hughes,J.Rose,Whitehead
(Half Backs);T.Lever,E.Turnbull,Rhodes,T.Hankey,Ashley(Forwards).

Referee:S.Ormerod(Accrington)

STOKE CITY 2 (J.H.Copestake,"scrimmage") CREWE ALEXANDRA 2 (T.Snelson,A.N.Other)
(Sat Oct 31ST)(H.T. 1-1)

Scorers for Stoke as per The Encyclopedia of Stoke City P.83 were J.Sayer,G.Shutt but see reports below

Crewe Guardian 4/11/85 P.5/Nantwich Guardian 4/11/85 P.5/(Scorers Copestake,"scrimmage" for Stoke):

CG/NG:"On Saturday the Crewe team betook themselves to Stoke to play off their tie for the English Cup.They were accompanied by a large number of friends,notwithstanding the very unfavourable state of the elements.When Crewe and Stoke were drawn together for the English Cup,it was generally expected by lovers of the game that a good match would be the result of the meet,nor were these expectations disappointed.The Crewe team have come to the front wonderfully this year,having quite recently gained several decisive victories over excellent tems,such as Oswestry, Leek,&c.They suffered a reverse on Monday last,it is true,when Port Vale defeated them by six goals to none,but this is not held by savants to be at all significant.The team which played Port Vale was not constituted like that which played Stoke on Saturday,and,moreover,the Burslem ground is credited with a large share of the responsibility for the Crewe defeat.The game on Saturday was played in wretched weather.The elements were threatening,and rain fell consistently during the course of play.The ground was extremely sloppy and heavy,and play consequently very difficult."

"Notwithstanding the inclement state of the weather there was a large number of spectators.It has been said there were 6,000 persons present,but 3,000 would be nearer the mark.Stoke played from the Glebe-street goal,and thus secured the advantage of the wind,which was,however,light at the start.Crewe kicked off,and the Stoke forwards at once took the ball into the vicinity of the visitors' goal.The Crewe backs,however,made a gallant defence,and succeeded in disappointing their assailants.But Stoke again came up to the attack,and this time a very dangerous scrimmage took place in front of the Crewe posts,and Stoke were within an ace of scoring,which provoked considerable applause from their friends.The Crewe men again got the leather away,when the Stoke right wing got possession,and a good piece of play by Lawton and Edge got the ball again in front of the Crewe goal,and for a third time the Stoke team narrowly missed opening their account.But although Crewe were able to repulse these attacks,Stoke were not to be denied,and the visitors were immediately on their defence again.Stoke,however,could not make a successful shot,and when a moment later,Edge having the ball to himself in front of goal,sent it over,the Stoke partisans could not be disappointed.Crewe,notwithstanding,could not get the ball away,and a fine piece of play by Sayer again placed their goal in jeopardy.The visitors,however,made a strenuous defence,and once more the Stoke attack was unsuccessful,while the Crewe forwards,gaining possession almost for the first time,sent the ball into the Stoke lines.It was immediately returned,and as a result of some fast play on the left wing,the home team got a foul in front of goal.But in spite of all their efforts to score,a corner was all they could obtain.This was,as usual,taken by Edge,who centred beautifully, and escaping by the narrowest of chances,Crewe were compelled to concede the advantage of a corner to the home team.This,like the previous one,was unproductive.However,the ball was soon again in front of the visitors' uprights by dint of some good passing,and the Crewe goal-keeper was compelled to handle more than once.But in spite of his good defence Copestake succeeded in rushing the ball through after a little fast play,and thus gained the first goal for Stoke amid loud

applause. There is no doubt that the Stoke men were much favoured by the wind, which had by this time considerably increased in force. The success of the Stoke team had the effect of rousing the visitors, who now tackled their opponents with renewed vigour. They soon got the ball into home territory, running it up from the right wing, but a shot by Birch cleared the way again, and sent the play into neutral ground. Crewe returned to the charge, however, and making a very fine attack on the home citadel, succeeded in beating down all opposition, and the ball was put through by Snelson amid the enthusiastic applause of the Crewe followers present. Stoke had then another turn, a good piece of play by Brown and Shutt giving them an opportunity to score. Copestake, however, slightly misjudged the shot, as it is to be feared, the Stoke men often do in front of goal, and the advantage of the goal kick held the Crewe goal safe for a while. Play, however, was still within the visitors' lines, and it was not long before the warfare was again being fiercely waged in the near vicinity of their goal. There was a misunderstanding, however, among the home team, and when Copestake with a good shot managed to put the ball through, the appeal for goal was, we think, properly disallowed, to the manifest disappointment of the friends of Stoke. When the ball was sent out, the play was still very fast, but the score was still one each at the call of half-time.

On the game being renewed the play was much faster, and both teams made energetic endeavours to score. Little advantage could, however, be gained by either side for some minutes, the ball being kicked all over the field. The Crewe men now gradually assumed the offensive, and during this period of the game T. Cross was seen to great advantage. From a throw in by this player, the ball was quickly passed to the right wing, and a good shot was put in. But Clare was equal to the occasion, and with a capital header he returned the ball to his own men, who took it with a run into the Crewe lines, where the visitors' backs were forced to grant a corner kick. The ball was well placed, but after a little fast play the visitors were fortunate enough to get it away, and the play was once more in neutral ground. The Stoke right wing were, however, in fine form, and once more the ball was in dangerous proximity to the Crewe goal, and Stoke again secured the benefit of a corner kick. The ball was centred very finely, and a well contested scrimmage took place in front of the Crewe goal, finally resulting in the ball going through. There were shouts of triumph at this success of Stoke, and the sanguine were disposed to look on the game as already won. Crewe, however, were not yet beaten, and when the ball was once more set in motion they made a determined attack on the Stoke citadel. The play now became very fast and exciting, and many good runs were made; but for some time no further score was made. The Crewe men at length, with a fine piece of play on the right wing, secured a corner. This came to nothing, however, and the Stoke left wing got the ball, Copestake and Shutt showing some excellent play. Smith put in a few shots, but they were lost on the goal, Downes, with a well-judged kick, averting the danger. Some very fine play followed, and by dint of hard work the Crewe men succeeded in working up into the enemy's lines, and ultimately gaining a second point, to the great delight of their friends. The score was now equal, and up to the end of the play no further point was secured by either side, though both teams worked hard for victory. The game thus ended in a draw and will have to be played over again at a place and date to be fixed. The Crewe men are to be congratulated on their success in withstanding so good a team as Stoke. This undoubtedly places them in the first rank among good teams, and we wish success in their next meeting with Stoke."

Athletic News 3/11/85 P.5: "On paper Stoke are the best club, and at the onset they completely penned Crewe, sending in shot after shot, but the visitors' backs and goalkeeper played a very fine

game,keeping the home men at bay for quite twenty minutes,until Copestake,with a rush,scored first for Stoke.After this the game became very rough,and a Stoke correspondent says:"This seemed to fire the Crewe men up,as from now through both halves of the game,they played disgracefully,kicking,hacking,and charging anyone and anywhere,the referee,Mr Jope,having many times to stop the game,but as both Stoke and Crewe scored,the game ended in a draw of two goals each.Stoke claim the match on the ground that the visitors were 13 minutes' late in kicking off,thus making it impossible to play extra time." "

Stoke City:P.Birch(Goal);T.Clare,E.Montford(Backs);E.M.Smith,H.R.Brown,F.Bettany(Half Backs);G.Lawton,A.Edge,J.Sayer,J.H.Copestake,G.Shutt(Left Wing)(Forwards).

Crewe Alexandra: C.Cross(Goal);W.Downes,C.Conde(Backs);E.Wycherley,F.Halfpenny,W.S.Bell(Capt.) (Half Back);T.Cross,F.J.Marsh(Right Wing),E.Payne(Centre),F.Hardman,T.Snelson(Left Wing).

Referee:Jope

REPLAY:Sat Nov 7th:

CREWE ALEXANDRA 1("scrimmage") STOKE CITY 0 (After Extra Time)

Crewe Guardian 11/11/85 P.8/Nantwich Guardian 11/11/85 P.5:

CG/NG:"The drawn game between these two well-known teams was played off at Crewe on Saturday,in the presence of about 4,000 spectators.The visitors were accompanied by a host of friends,a special train having run from the Potteries for their convenience.The weather was fair and suitable for the occasion,though the ground was heavy owing to the recent rain.As each team entered the arena they were heartily cheered by their friends.The visitors were attired in the county colours,owing to the jerseys of both clubs being nearly alike.The sides were exactly the same as played at Stoke.After an inspection of boots by Mr Jope,positions were taken up by each team,and all being ready Halfpenny started the game at the Cattle Market end at 2.35,and the Crewe forwards brought down the leather,and from a good screw from Crewe's wing a very easy chance was missed.Again the home forwards made an onslaught,but Clare cleared,and the match for about a quarter of an hour was very evenly contested,the ball going rapidly from end to end.The next point of importance was a corner for the Alexandrians,but nothing came of it,and the visitors returned,Sayer,Copestake,and Shutt being responsible for the ball's progress.The defence of Wycherley and Downes proved a stumbling block to their efforts for a while,but Copestake sent in a stinger,which Cross returned beautifully,but only to be sent in again by Sayer,the ball going over the bar.Bell now got an innings,and by a neat piece of dribbling very judiciously gave possession to Payne,and the home forwards tried hard to break through,but to no purpose,and when half time was called neither side had scored.

Immediately upon changing ends the Crewe forwards again got to business,and from a series of throws in a good chance was secured by Payne and Cross,but the latter shot outside,and the sphere being returned,Sayer put in a long shot which Cross parried,and again the visitors' centre gave Copestake an opportunity,which he did not accept.Each side endeavoured vainly to score,and the excitement of the multitude was intense,every shot being intently watched by the respective partisans.Time went on,and at the expiration of the hour and a half,neither side had scored,and the referee ordered the teams to play the extra half hour,and strange to say,at the end of the first

quarter no score was registered, though the visitors had two easy chances, the shots being sent over. Everyone present had almost come to the conclusion that another drawn game was about to be registered when Cross sent in a shot right across the mouth of the goal. Payne just failed to get up, but it was immediately returned by Hardman, and from a scrimmage a goal was registered for the Crewe team. This of course brought forth a burst of applause that rent the air, hats being freely thrown about. Tactics were now changed by both sides, two of the Crewe forwards joining the back division, whilst two of the visitors' backs joined their forward division, but all to no avail, as no other point being scored the game ended in favour of the Alexandrians by one goal to nil, after one of the most stubbornly and evenly contested games ever played. It would be invidious to praise any individual player, as each man did his best to score on either side. The result places the Alexandra in the second round, and they are drawn against Oswestry, the match being played there on or about the 21st of November. The partisans of the Alexandra look upon the victory as a red letter event in the history of the club, and before closing the account of the match we cannot refrain from giving a word of praise to Mr J.G. Hall, the persevering hon. sec. for the admirable ground arrangements, and he may rest assured his efforts have been rewarded by the meritorious performance of the team. Mr Ashley, of the Swan Hotel, the club caterer, serviced the wants of the inner man."

Crewe Alexandra: C. Cross (Goal); W. Downes, C. Conde (Backs); E. Wycherley, F. Halfpenny, W. S. Bell (Capt.); T. Cross, F. J. Marsh (Right Wing), E. Payne (Centre), F. Hardman, T. Snelson (Left Wing).

Stoke City: P. Birch (Goal); T. Clare, E. Montford (Backs); E. M. Smith, H. R. Brown, F. Bettany (Half Backs); G. Lawton, A. Edge, J. Sayer, J. H. Copestake, G. Shutt (Forwards).

Umpires: E. Johnson and T. M. Abraham. Referee: Jope, Wednesbury.

LEEK 6 (W. E. Allen 2, J. Brentnall, G. Brentnall, H. Stonehewer, W. Vickerstaff) WREXHAM OLYMPIC 3 (R. Davies, T. Roberts, W. Roberts) (H. T. 3-1) (Sat Oct 31st)

Leek Times : CHECK MICROFILM OR WAIT UNTIL ON LINE

Wrexham & Denbighshire Advertiser 7/10/85 P.8: "This tie was played on Saturday. The Wrexham team arrived in Leek about 12.15, having been journeying from eight o'clock. Leek won the toss, and Wrexham kicked off at 3.14, and immediately took the ball up to the Leek quarters, and after about two minutes' play in the goal mouth Lea scored, but to the surprise of the visitors the goal was disallowed. Afterwards the Leek forwards broke away, and from a pass from the left wing, Allen scored with a long shot. The game up to half time then became evenly contested, Brentnall and Brentnall scoring for Leek and R. Davies for Wrexham.

Upon changing ends Wrexham had to face the hill. Immediately upon the kick-off Sisson and Lea took the ball up to the Leek goal, and after about five minutes' play T. Roberts scored, and Allen then scored for Leek. Stonehewer and Vickerstaffe each scored for Leek, which were objected to as "offside", but allowed, after which W. Roberts, by a splendid run, scored a third goal for Wrexham. The visitors' forwards at this time were playing splendidly, and for the last half hour were continually bombarding the Leek goal." (No teams)

W&DA :Football Notes:"The Olympic team was a very indifferent one,the principal absentee being Edwards,who has not recovered from the mishap to his leg,which he met with a week or two ago. J.Davies,also,was complaining of being unwell;however,after being prevailed upon,he consented to play;an unworthy substitute also being found for Edwards."

"Amongst the Olympic forwards ,W.Roberts and R.Davies were the shining lights,whilst Burke and R.Roberts were conspicuous amongst the backs."

Leek Book P.62-63:"From the time it became known that the local team had been drawn against Wrexham Olympic in the first round of the English Cup,the greatest excitement had prevailed ,and although rain had been falling all day there was a very large attendance of spectators to witness the match on the Westwood ground,on October 31st.Byrne played between the sticks for Leek,and F.G.Heaton took his place at back.The only other change from the ordinary team was that G.Brentnall partnered Vickerstaff on the left wing in place of Rider.At half-time Leek had scored three goals to one,and the home team ultimately won a splendid game,a fast forward game,as the matches with Welsh teams generally prove,by six goals to three.This was decidedly heavy scoring for an English Cup tie."

Leek:F.Byrne(Goal);G.C.Wardle,F.G.Heaton(Backs);G.Tudor,J.Smethurst,H.E.Whittles(Half Backs); W.Vickerstaff,G.Brentnall(Left Wing),H.Stonehewer,J.Brentnall,W.E.Allen(Forwards).(LT)

Wrexham Olympic:E.Phennah(Goal);R.Roberts,C.Vaughan(Backs);T.Burke,E.Carty,J.Davies(Half Backs);H.Sisson,A.Lea,T.Roberts,W.Roberts,R.Davies(Forwards).(LT)

DAVENHAM 3 (1 disputed) GOLDENHILL 1(At Davenham)(Sat Oct 31st)(No scorers traced)(Abandoned before half-time Goldenhill disputing a Davenham 3rd goal and leaving the field)

Crewe Guardian 4/11/85 P.5/Northwich Guardian 4/11/85 P.4/Crewe Chronicle 7/11/85 P.5(No lineups):

CG:"At Davenham in bad weather.Davenham immediately assumed the aggressive and scored in two minutes.This was quickly followed by another point Goldenhill being the next to score.Just before half time the visitors left the ground,disagreeing as to a goal awarded the home team."

NG/CC:"This game was played at Davenham on Saturday in miserable weather.The visitors won the toss,and the home team kicking off,commenced an attack which they vigorously maintained,scoring two goals in the first five minutes,and many other good shots being well saved.After about twenty minutes' play Goldenhill scored their only goal.Just before half time,Davenham,who had had much the best of the play,obtained a third goal.At this point the visitors were dissatisfied with a throw in,and left the ground.The referee thus awarded Davenham the match by three goals to one."

Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4:"Played at Davenham in bad weather.Davenham immediately assumed the aggressive,and scored their first goal in two minutes.This was quickly followed by another.Goldenhill were the next to score,and just before half time the visitors left the ground owing to a dispute regarding a goal scored by the home team."

Manchester Courier 2/11/85 P.3:Same report as Bell's Life,omitting the words"in bad weather"

Davenham:F.Leather(Goal);H.Goulding,R(ichard)Riley(Backs);D.Dalton(Capt.),W.H.Dalton,G.Vernon(Half Backs);H.Holland,J.Brooks,J.Haddock,Robinson,L.Stringer(Forwards)..

Goldenhill:Heath(Goal);Jas Farrrell,Rob.Whittingham(Backs);John Farrell,Shuttlebotham,Trickett(Half Backs);Scragg,Turner,Clave,Cooper,Clarke(Forwards).

NG has:Nixon,Roden,Cooper,Caton,Clarke(Forwards)

HARTFORD ST JOHN'S 0 NEWTOWN 0 (NEW GAME)(Sat 17/10/85)

Northwich Guardian 21/10/85 P.5:

NG:"This tie in the first round of the English Cup competition was played on the Hartford ground on Saturday.Owing to a counter attraction at Davenham the attendance of spectators was small.The home team won the toss,and one of the pleasantest games of football ever witnessed in Hartford ended in a draw.The visitors were fully represented,but the home team,who to a man played well throughout,were without the services of Barton in goal and Hilditch at back."

Wrexham Advertiser 24/10/85 P.3:"Among the ties,which were played on Saturday in the First Round of the English Competition,I noticed that of Newtown v Hartford St John's,which was played at Hartford.The game was most stubbornly contested from start to finish,and when the whistle blew,neither side had scored a point."

Hartford:Hickson(Goal);Saunders,Moss(Back);Upton,Clarke,Colley(Half Backs);Malam,Bowyer , Hayward,Harper,Pye(Forwards).

Newtown:Townsend(Goal);Owen,Owen(Backs);Jones,Ingram,Gentle((Half Backs); Stephens, Andrew,Hibbott,Owen,Jones(Forwards).

Umpires:Richardson for Hartford and Smith for Newtown.Referee:Gough(Oswestry)

REPLAY:Sat Oct 24th :

NEWTOWN 3(Lloyd,Hibbott,Andrew) HARTFORD ST JOHN'S 1 ("scrimmage")(H.T.1-1)(At Newtown)(No teams found)(Newtown scorers taken from Bell's Life 26/10/85 P.4)

Wellington Journal 31/10/85 P.2:"Played on the ground of the former on Saturday last after making a drawn game at Hartford on 17th inst.Newton for the first time this season put on the ground a good team.The visitors won the toss,and the visitors kicked off against the wind,and for some time the game was somewhat slow,owing to the heavy state of the ground.The home team was the first to take up the offensive and Hibbot nearly scored.The visitors shortly afterwards had a kick in,and made it rather hot for Townsend.The game became fast,and from a good passing run Lloyd scored by an oblique kick.After the kick off the visitors put in a beautiful shot which Townsend failed to stop,thus equalising matters.In the second half the home team pressed the visitors,shot after shot being made at their goal,but about a quarter of an hour from time Hibbott sent in No 2 goal for Newtown.Just before the call of time the visitors fouled the ball in front of their own goal,and from a splendid bit of play between Richard Jones and David Andrew,the latter headed the ball through,

thus scoring the third point for Newtown. Time was now called, which left the home team victorious by three goals to one." (No teams)

Montgomeryshire Express 27/10/85 P.5: "The above teams met at Newtown on Saturday last when the first round of the Cup competition was played, Newtown winning by three goals to one. We are obliged to hold over our report until next week." (No report in the following week's paper)

BL: "These clubs met a second time at Newtown, when the home team won by three goals to one. The ground was wet, but the play good. The Newtown goals were scored by Lloyd, Hibbot, and Andrew."

Wrexham Advertiser 31/10/85 P.3: "The two following matches were also decided in the same competition on Saturday. The first being Newtown, who defeated Hartford St John's at Newtown after playing a drawn game the previous Saturday. The play of the Welshmen on this occasion was a considerable improvement as the score denotes – three goals to one." (See above for the other match)

York Herald 26/10/85 P.7: "These clubs met a second time at Newtown, the latter scoring three goals to Hartford's one. The ground was wet but the play good. Newtown goals were scored by Lloyd, Hibbott, and Andrew; St John's out of a scrimmage."

STAFFORD RANGERS 1 DRUIDS 4 (Sat Oct 31st) (No scorers or teams traced) (Wrexham Advertiser 7/11/85 P.8) (Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4) (Lichfield Mercury 6/11/85 P.7) (Morning Post 2/11/85 P.2) (Nottingham Evening Post 2/11/85 P.3)

WA: "In the English Competition, the Druids were victors over Stafford Rangers by four goals to one."

Manchester Courier 2/11/85 P. : "Played on the Rangers ground at +Sheffield, and resulted in a win for the Druids by four goals to one." +Stafford

NORTH SIXTH DIVISION:

Middlesbrough .v. Horncastle

Lincoln City .v. Grimsby

Redcar .v. Sunderland

Lincoln Lindum .v. Grimsby and District

Gainsborough Trinity .v. Grantham

Darlington, a bye

MIDDLESBROUGH w/o HORNCASTLE scratched :BL 2/11/85 P.4/Derby Mercury: "Middlesbrough (a bye Horncastle (scratched))"

LINCOLN CITY 0 GRIMSBY 2 (R. Sharman, H. Monument) (Sat Oct 31st) (H.T. 0-0) (At John O'Gaunts, Lincoln)

N.B. Scorers from Grimsby Complete Record

Grantham Journal 7/11/85 P.8/Lincolnshire Chronicle 3/11/85 P.3/Nottingham Daily Express 2/11/85 P.7/Stamford Mercury 6/11/85 P.5/ Athletic News 3/11/85 P.3 / Referee 1/11/85 P.6/Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4(No teams):

GJ/SM:"Despite the inclement state of the weather, upwards of 3,000 citizens and visitors assembled on John O'Gaunts Ground, Lincoln, last Saturday, to witness the playing off of this tie in connection with the National Cup competition. In consequence of the recent rains the ground was very heavy and slippery, and told on the light team played by the City. The game was most evenly contested during the first half, neither side being able to score, and on crossing over the same equal play was maintained until about ten minutes to the call of time, when the visitors' forwards rushed the ball through their opponents' posts amid cheers and groans. This success was shortly afterwards followed by another goal kicked by a player of the same team, and the match ended in favour of Grimsby by two goals to nil."

LC:"Nearly 3,000 spectators assembled to witness this match at John O'Gaunts, Lincoln on Saturday. The game was most evenly contested during the first half, neither side scoring, but during the second half Grimsby obtained two goals, and won by two goals to none."

BL:"Played at Lincoln when Grimsby won by two goals to none. For the first half neither side scored, but wet heavy ground told on the home team, and Grimsby scored two goals within a few minutes of time."

Lincoln City: K. Bayne (Goal); R. Mason (Capt.), S. Simpson (Backs); J. Duckworth, A. Mettam, W. Fox (Half Backs); T. Silvester, W. Gregson (Right Wing), E. Teesdale (Centre), T. Baggaley, G. Hallam (Left Wing).

Grimsby: G. Atkinson (Goal); J. H. Taylor, H. Taylor (Backs); R. C. Hall, G. Kimpson, W. Hopewell (Half Backs); H. Atkinson, T. Garnham (Right Wing), J. Seal (Centre), H. Monument, R. Sharman (Left Wing). (Grimsby Complete Record scorers)

REDCAR 3 (G. Hikeley, Bulman, Tofts) SUNDERLAND 0 (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Oct 24th) (Sunderland Daily Echo 22/10/85 P.3 only gives Sunderland Team for the match)

FIND REDCAR PAPER

York Herald 26/10/85 P.7/Sporting Life 26/10/85 P.4:

YH:"At Redcar in stormy weather. Sunderland played with a strong wind. After some give and take play T. Simpson got hold of the ball, and passed to Bulman, who evaded the Sunderland backs in fine style, and Hikeley headed through from a superb centre screw off Bulman. Sunderland then commenced to play up determinedly, and Howcroft for Redcar, with a strong wind against him, was called upon to defend his fortress, which he did with finished tact and judgment. Redcar again pressed their opponents' goal, but though Agar at half back again and again sent the globe down in artistic fashion, and Hikeley and Simpson made repeated shots, Kirkley, the Sunderland goalkeeper, was equal to the attack, and cleared his goal in a way which invoked the enthusiasm of the spectators. McDonald and Allan passing well together, again got into Redcar's quarters, but McDonald, essaying to score, when pressed shot weakly at the Redcar goal, thus losing a capital

chance of scoring with a slight pass.Redcar forwards,then combining prettily,took the ball to the other end,but were again unable to score,so well planned was the defence.

In the next half, Sunderland against the wind,played up surprisingly well,the forwards working capitally together.Alvey and Bradbury,however,the Redcar backs,stuck tenaciously to their men,and the former relieved with one of his huge kicks.Redcar then made a vigourous onslaught on their opponents' citadel,Hikeley and Simpson playing splendidly together;and Bulman getting the ball, sent a red hot screw just within the corner of the posts.Redcar subsequently had all the advantage to the finish.C.Pauls, on the right wing outside,made some brilliant runs and combined well with Hikeley and Simpson.Tofts eventually secured the globe on the left,and sent a scamperer past the goalkeeper,making the third goal for Redcar.Sunderland,who played a plucky game throughout,were overmatched."

SL:"Played at Redcar on Saturday,when the home team won by three goals to none.Goals kicked by Tofts,Hickley,and Bulman.Pauls,on the left,played a brilliant game,and Howcroft,in goal,showed to great advantage."(No teams)

Redcar:J.T.Howcroft(Goal);T.Alvey,T.Bradbury(Backs);J.Simpson,R.Agar,E.Pauls(Half Backs); J.Bulman,A.C.Tofts,G.Hikeley,T.Simpson,C.Pauls(Forwards).

(YH specified defence positions)

Sunderland: W.Kirtley(Goal),Inglis,J.Hunter(Backs);J.McMillan,F.Dales,Marshall(Half Backs); W.Erskine,D.B.Murdock,J.McDonald,J.R.Allan,Logan(Forwards).

LINCOLN LINDUM 4 (F.Byron,"scrimmages" 3) GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT 0 (H.T. 1-0)(Sat Oct 17th)

Lincolnshire Chronicle 20/10/85 P.3 and 23/10/85 P.7/Grantham Journal 24/10/85 P.7/Boston Guardian 24/10/85 P.8/ Sporting Life 19/10/85 P.4/Referee 18/10/85 P.6/Sheffield Independent 19/10/85 P.4/Bell's Life 19/10/85 P.4:

LC/BG:"The largest gate which has this season been witnessed on the Lindum Ground,at Lincoln, assembled on Saturday afternoon,when the Lindum played their cup tie with an opposing team from Grimsby and District.Though some excellent play was shown on both sides,the game was one-sided, Lindum having the best of it throughout.During the first half Lindum played downhill,and a few minutes after the commencement of the game they registered a corner.Wilson placed the leather nicely in front of the posts,and from the scrimmage which ensued,the ball was put through.Another corner quickly fell to the Lindum team and the ball was again taken in hand by Wilson,and nicely placed.This time,however,the visitors were successful in escaping the danger.A third corner for Lincoln was immediately registered,but nothing came of it.A severe scrimmage in front of the visitors' citadel resulted in a corner,and several straight shots were delivered at the goal,but, although the ball was well placed by Wells-Cole,the danger was averted by the exceedingly clever goalkeeper,C.Thompson.With the exception of the occasional spurt,play was for the next ten minutes,principally in front of the visitors' goal,and eventually Lindum scored two more corners from which,however,nothing resulted,though Wells-Cole made several gallant attempts to produce another goal to the credit of his team.Play then continued in the mouth of the goal,and many tries

to score were unsuccessfully made. Thompson in goal had to continually handle the ball, but he displayed such expertness, that though four more corners were obtained before half time, no other score was made.

With the advantage of playing downhill, Grimsby appeared to be even worse than before half time. They, however, stuck pluckily to the game, and though Lindum were successful in scoring more than one goal, they had a hard fight for them. The corners obtained by Lindum were innumerable, and Chapman was conspicuous in his efforts to shoot the ball between the posts. Byron also made some good shots, and about five minutes after half time a corner kick by Wilson resulted in the second goal for Lindum, the leather being put through out of a scrimmage. When kicked off the ball was at once brought into the Grimsby quarters, and Chapman and Tweed made some praiseworthy runs. Williams stopped a good run by one of the Grimsby forwards, and the leather being taken up the field by Byron, that player cleanly put it through the posts. On the kick off the leather was once more carried into the visitors' territory, and then taken for the first time in close proximity to the home goal. Barrett, however, succeeded in getting possession, and after a good run, made a particularly straight shot for goal, which necessitated the goalkeeper making use of his hands. Tweed subsequently displayed similar talent. Just before the call of time a corner was registered for Grimsby, but the ball was quickly headed away from goal, and, being taken up the field, it was, from a scrimmage in front of the visitors' citadel, placed between the posts. The Lindum goalkeeper had a very easy time of it, having only one kick the whole game. Indeed that was the only occasion the leather was brought near to him. For the home team the backs, Wells-Cole and Wilson played a magnificent game, neither missing a kick. Of the half backs, Williams and Cocks played well, and Barrett, Tweed, and Byron were the pick of the forwards. Of the Grimsby team the goalkeeper and backs were by far the best."

GJ/SI: "Played at Lincoln. The home team had the best of the game throughout, and won by four goals to love, the splendid defence of the visitors' custodian saving them from a severer defeat."

Lincoln Lindum: W. Brelsford (Goal); G. F. Wells-Cole (Capt.), A. Wilson (Backs); H. H. Williams, W. E. Cocks, J. Hobday (Half Backs); O. J. Barrett, E. Tweed, C. E. Chapman, F. Byron, C. Clench (Forwards).

Grimsby District: C. Thompson (Goal); G. H. Emerson, Atkinson (Backs); H. Borman, J. W. Plumtree, T. W. Wilson (Half Backs); G. W. Woods (Capt.), G. H. Padgett, S. Noble, J. Corden, + Carl (Forwards)

+London paper reports have Searle

GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY 4 (A. Watkin, S. Pearson 2, B. Eason) GRANTHAM 1 (N. Orson) (H. T. 2-1) (Sat Oct 24th) (At Gainsborough)

Grantham Journal 31/10/85 P.8/Lincolnshire Chronicle 27/10/85 P.3 and 30/10/85 P.8/Stamford Mercury 30/10/85 P.5/Field 31/10/85 P.633/Sporting Life 26/10/85 P.4:

GJ : "The weather was very unfavourable, but notwithstanding, some 2,500 people assembled to watch the play. The ball was kicked off at 2.54, Grantham playing downhill, with a choppy wind against them. Curtis immediately took matters into his own hands, and ran down the ground, but gave a foul just in front of his opponents' goal. After Gainborough taking another hands near the

touchline, Grantham had a similar privilege in the centre of the ground, and ran the ball well down, which owing to the strong wind, went behind. Still again did Gainsborough take a free kick from hands, and this time dangerously near the visitors' quarters. After a loose scrimmage in the mouth of the goal, Watkin scored for his side, after seven minutes' play. After this Wood and Orson played a very pretty passing game, and were instrumental in obtaining a corner, which Orson kicked behind, the wind meeting the ball with its full force. Then Segar took another corner, from the opposite side of the ground and sent a well-directed shot, which, however, failed to score. Pearson next headed behind, and Grantham took another corner, which was headed just over the bar. Orson and Wood again took possession, but were repulsed, and the home team took a corner. This was finally headed through by Pearson, whilst standing in close proximity to being offside. Play now settled more in the middle of the field of play, and Beaumont kicked a free, which travelled half its length of ground, and just escaped going through. +Half time was now called. Hutchinson received a nasty charge from Brown, who had been playing viciously throughout, and should have been ordered out of play. Wood, Shannon, and Hutchinson each distinguished themselves in turn, but the latter soon failed altogether, the home team registering two more goals, by means of Eason and Pearson, the latter by a good back kick. Although Grantham had several more corners before time was called, they never again scored, and had to return beaten by four to one. Gainsborough were certainly the strongest team of the day, but not by so much as the scoring would signify. Dietz, Frith, White, and Watkin played by far the best for their sides - what science Pearson and Brown showed being totally eclipsed by their foul play. Taking the Grantham team more minutely, Jarratt kept goal splendidly, considering the weather, and proved himself of great value to his side. Shannon and Beaumont were much impeded by the strong wind blowing, but worked hard. The half backs also played a tough game, Copson kicking low hard shots, and Segar tackling his men well. Hutchinson being hurt deprived H.E. Curtis of all opportunity of distinguishing himself, but his brother made ample amends by playing a grand unselfish game. Wood and Orson always show some pretty passing together, and doubtless the latter was the best forward on the field for that day." +For Grantham goal see LC Report!

LC: "This tie in the first round of the Association Cup competition, was played off on Saturday, at Gainsborough. Although the weather was miserable, rain falling heavily, there were nearly 2,000 spectators. Almost unprecedented interest was centred in the match, from the fact that in February last the final tie for the Lincolnshire Cup was fought out between these two clubs, Grantham proving the victors by two goals to one. Since that time there have been alterations in each team, but in the match under notice both teams played their full strength. The ground was in a soddened and slippery condition, but in spite of this the game was tolerably fast. A start was made at three o'clock, Gainsborough having the advantage of the wind. The home players at once acted on the offensive, the attack being chiefly directed from the left wing, and from a kick for "hands" close to the Grantham goal Eason terminated a grand attack by rushing the ball through six minutes from the start. Grantham retaliated by a fine run on the part of the left forwards, but the Trinity back division kicked and tackled in rare style, and the scene of conflict was soon transferred to the other end where Birkett and Pearson were responsible for some clever dribbling. Gainsborough continued to show more prominently than their opponents, and after a fruitless "corner" to each team, the Trinity forwards again paid a visit to Grantham territory and some commendable combination gave Pearson an opening which he fully utilised by sending the ball between the uprights. Mr Jarratt touched the ball, but failed to hold it, and the second success of the home team was met with uproarious applause. The game became fast and exciting, and 10 minutes before the interval Orson scored for Grantham

with a splendid high shot from the left, and at half-time the game was Gainsborough two, Grantham one. In the second half both teams redoubled their exertions, but the Trinity players continued to play a capital game in every respect and gradually asserted their superiority. After five minutes play a fine centre by Birkett enabled Eason to register a third goal for his side. The issue was then placed beyond doubt, and although Orson and G. Curtis, assisted by Hutchinson and Wood, at times threatened danger to the home citadel, their attempts were frustrated, and ten minutes before the expiration of time Pearson secured a fourth goal with a fine back kick. The home team therefore won by four goals to one. The game was not at all one-sided, but Gainsborough showed superior combination and their victory was well earned."

Nottingham Evening Post 24/10/85 P.3 (No lineups): "This tie in the first round of the English Cup competition was played at Gainsborough today before 2,000 spectators. Both clubs were fully represented. The weather was miserable in the extreme. Gainsborough registered two goals in 16 minutes, and then Grantham scored. Gainsborough had all the best of the game in the second half, and adding two more goals, they won by two goals to one."

Gainsborough: G. Deitz (Goal); T. Smith, A. Manuel (Backs) C.; A. Frith, W. Brown, S. Cator (Half Backs); A. Watkin, B. Eason (Right), E. White (Capt.) (Centre), J. Birkett, S. Pearson (Left).

Grantham: Rev. B. G. Jarratt (Goal); F. R. Shannon, G. W. G. Beaumont (Backs); J. Segar, C. E. Clements, W. Copson (Half Backs); A. Hutchinson (Capt.), H. E. Curtis (Right), G. F. W. Curtis (Centre), W. Wood, N. Orson (Left).

Umpires: J. A. Dowson (Gainsborough) and F. B. Williamson (Grantham).
Referee: W. H. Hill (Mellors Limited, Nottingham)

DARLINGTON, a bye

SOUTH FIRST DIVISION:

Luton Wanderers .v. Chesham
Great Marlow .v. Luton Town
Upton Park .v. United London Scottish
Old Westminster's .v. Hotspur
Hanover United .v. Romford
Old Brightonians .v. Acton
Old Wykehamists .v. Uxbridge
Chatham .v. Old Carthusians (Missing)
Old Etonians .v. Bournemouth Rovers

LUTON WANDERERS 3 (G. Smith, R. Ellingham 2) CHESHAM 2 (S. Avis, J. Culverhouse)
(H.T. 2-0) (Sat Oct 31st) (At Dallow Lane, Luton)

N.B. The different scorers in the Reports, but the consensus appears to be as above

Luton Reporter 7/11/85 P.8/Luton Times & Bedford Advertiser 6/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4/Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4/Referee 1/11/85 P.6:

LR:"The weather was most unfavourable,rain falling all the time,and the ground was consequently in a wet and pasty condition.The game was opened by the home team kicking up hill,they having the benefit of the wind.The play was far from brilliant,indeed,such was impossible under the dampening and discouraging conditions that prevailed.Both teams seemed pretty equally matched,the game being distributed pretty much over all the field,but before half-time the Luton men had managed to secure two goals,the one kicked by G.Smith,while the other was got by Ellingham.After ends had been changed,the game still retained its give and take description.Both goals were several times rather hotly besieged,and were only saved by the prompt action of the keepers.When the ball had for some time been in play the home team got it well down the field,and Ellingham,with a smart shot,got it between the posts,again scoring for his side.Matters were now looking grave for the Chesham players.Shortly after this,however,+Ayres got a goal for them.The ball rolled in between the posts,and it was said it was over the line before the goalkeeper stopped it.The Luton men disputed this,but the Chesham men claimed it,and seeing that neither of the umpires were in a position to decide the point it was ultimately gracefully conceded.Thus encouraged they began to show more spirit,and the play became faster,and in a few minutes more they had scored again,this time by Culverhouse.The strangers were thus improving their position rapidly.When the leather was set in motion again only nine minutes remained.Both sides,however,rose to the occasion,and these nine minutes saw certainly the best part of the match.The Chesham men made a determined and most creditable effort to add another point to their score,and so make a draw,and several times the ball was so perilously close to the Luton posts that it was thought they would attain their object. However,they did not succeed,and nothing further being scored,the game ended in a win for the home team by 3 goals to 2." +Avis

LT&BA:"A tie in the first round of the Association Challenge Cup Competition was played off on Saturday,October 31st in the Dallow Lane,Luton,the contending clubs being Luton Wanderers and Chesham.It was a miserable day,rain falling the whole of the time.The home team won the toss,and Spratley elected to play uphill the first half,and at 3.5 the ball was kicked off by Chesham,who sorely pressed their opponents for the first 20 minutes,as the home team were obliged to start with only ten men.When the team was complete,the Wanderers began offensive tactics,and the Chesham custodian was obliged to use his hands several times;at long last a shot by G.Smith got by him,and Luton scored the first goal.Ellingham a few minutes afterwards added another.When ends were changed the Wanderers were two goals to the good,and soon afterwards by a good piece of passing by the forwards,the leather was shot through by G.Smith,thus making the score-Luton Wanderers 3 Chesham,nil.The Chesham,now aided by the wind,which was much stronger,now made repeated onslaught on their opponents' citadel,but they were unsuccessful,until at last Avis sent in a "hot 'un",which Veal dropped,and in his hurry to get it away,he turned the ball over before he picked it up and threw it away;Chesham claimed a goal,and the referee allowed it.Encouraged by this the visitors now played up hard,and out of a scrimmage in front of the goal,the ball was forced through. Each team were now on their mettle,and great efforts were made by Chesham to score,but without avail,a hotly contested game thus ending in a victory for the Luton Wanderers by 3 goals to 2,who have thus entered the second round,and have been drawn against the Old Wykehamists;the match will be played on Nov 21,and most likely at Luton.The Wanderers,although only 3 men who played in

last year's cup team were playing in this, showed some very good form, and if they play as well on November 21 as they did on Saturday it will be a hard job for the Old Wykehamists to beat them, if they do so at all."

SL: "Played at Luton on Saturday, in a storm of wind and rain, the home team winning by three goals to two. The home team scored two goals in the first half. When ends were changed Chesham added two goals, thus making the score even. Each team strove hard to get the winning point, which was at last gained by Luton amidst great excitement. Ellingham kicked two, and G. Smith one goal for Luton, and Avis and Culverhouse for Chesham."

SM: "Played on Saturday at Luton, the former winning by three goals to two, after a capital game. Ellingham kicked a couple, and G. Smith one goal for Luton, and Avis and Culverhouse for Chesham."

BL: "Played at Luton. The home team at first had the best of the play, and scored two goals. When ends were changed Chesham added two goals, thus making the score even. Each team strove hard to get the winning point, which was at last gained by Luton. Ellingham kicked two, and G. Smith one goal for Luton, and Avis and Culverhouse for Chesham."

Luton Wanderers: T. Veale (Goal); W. Bird, H. Hucklesby (Backs), G. Bennett, W. Garratt, H. G. Spratley (Capt.) (Half Backs); R. Ellingham, W. Davis (Right Wing), W. Smith (Centre), A. Smith, G. Smith (Left Wing).

Chesham: F. Webb (Goal); G. Hobbs, C. Payne (Backs); H. Barnes, J. Barnes, R. Beckley (Half Backs); A. Wood, H. Culverhouse, S. Avis, W. Coughtrey, C. G. Ford (Capt.).

Umpires: E. Ellingham (Luton Town) and Hughes (Chesham). Referee: J. Beetham (Boxmoor).

GREAT MARLOW 3 (H. Walker 2, T. Walker) LUTON TOWN 0 (H.T. 0-0) (Sat Oct 31st) (At Marlow)

Maidenhead Advertiser 4/11/85 P.4/Luton Times & Bedford Advertiser 6/11/85 P.4/Luton Reporter 7/11/85 P.8/Reading Mercury 7/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4/Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4/Referee 1/11/85 P.5/Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4:

MA: "This, one of the matches in the first round of the Association Cup Competition, was played on the Marlow ground on Saturday last. The weather was wretched, and all against individual play; but, nevertheless, the game was remarkably fast. The visitors are a capital team, and are uniform in height and dress, and their general appearance and preliminary tactics created a very favourable impression. Marlow were not quite so strong as in former years, Pigg and E. Flint being much missed; but the two substitutes-Mellett and Morgan-put in some good work, the first-named establishing his recently-gained reputation as a reliable back. Luton won the toss, and chose to defend the Crown goal with a strong wind to aid them. Shaw kicked off at 3.10, and the visitors quickly responded, Lomax and Small making a run down the left; but R. H. Lunnon returned the ball. Then followed some good passing by the Lutonian forwards, and Plumridge's charge was greatly endangered till Mellett and Speller, by powerful kicks, "landed" the ball amongst the opposing backs, and then R. A. Lunnon and "Long Tom" alternately distinguished themselves by some fine dribbling and passing. A canter up the centre by Shaw nearly resulted in a goal. He passed the leather to H. Walker, and the latter put it

in the way of Lunnon, who, passing the ball back to Shaw, enabled the last-named to shie at the goal, but the ball just went over the corner of the bar. Another attempt by Shaw looked like proving effectual, through some fumbling on the part of Long, and similar ill-luck followed a shot by H. Walker. Invasions by others of the home forwards were followed by a breakaway by the Luton men, who registered a bye. Some brilliant and much-applauded passing by H. Walker, Bailey, and R.A. Lunnon made matters look ominous for the visitors, but the backs were well on the alert, and repelled the attack. Captain Lunnon in his next run crossed the globe to T. Walker, but a fine chance to score was lost through the latter being too far up, and off-side was allowed. Lunnon next tried what the other Walker could do, but he shot the ball behind, whilst Lunnon just missed a capital chance entrusted to him by H. Walker. There was now a sudden change in the game, since Luton had for a few minutes much the better of the play, Whitby in the centre and Lowax on the left putting in some good work and some close shots. Shaw and Bailey, however, soon relieved their side, and a corner resulted in favour of Marlow. Lomax next had a good run down the left, and Plumridge had to run out to save his charge, and a bye was the result. Shortly afterwards an excellent opportunity to lower Marlow's colours was lost through a want of decision on the part of four Lutonians, who only had the goalkeeper in front of them. The game proceeded with varying success to both sides up to half-time, but no goals were scored.

It was now thought that Marlow, with the wind in their favour, would be able to "draw blood first", and the betting took a decided turn in our favour. After one or two unsuccessful attempts, a fine run was made by Shaw, who by passing the ball to H. Walker, entrusted the last-named with a try, and although Long cleverly caught the missile and adroitly threw it behind, a moment after he was unable to stand against a second attempt by "Harry" and stumbled with the ball through the goal, amid ringing cheers from the Marlow partizans-7 minutes from the re-start. The remainder of the game needs little description; enough to say that it was wholly in favour of the home team, Luton only obtaining one bye as against their opponents' 2 goals, 3 corners, and 16 byes. Marlow's second goal was obtained by H. Walker from a sharp and well-directed shot, after a magnificent run down by Lunnon and Bailey, whilst the third was from off a Luton half-back (Barrett), sent in by "Walker the longer". The game thus ended in a win for the holders of the Counties Cup by three goals to nil, and the players retired thoroughly drenched. For the losers all the forwards were good, but the backs were a little weak. The Marlow men were all in good form, even to Morgan, who had not played since his injury a couple of years since."

LT & BA/LR: "This tie in connection with the Association Challenge Cup, was played at Great Marlow on Saturday last. Lomax won the toss, and Shaw kicked off in the teeth of a strong wind a few minutes after 3. For the first five minutes Luton more than held their own, and looked like scoring, but subsequently play progressed very evenly, and at half time both goals remained intact. Directly afterwards H. Walker put in a fine shot, which the goalkeeper muffed, and the ball rolled between the posts. The Marlovians continued to harrass the opposing backs with energy, and after twenty five minutes further play H. Walker brought about the second downfall of the visitors' uprights, after some fine passing between Bailey and R.A. Lunnon. Two minutes before time, Barratt, in attempting to stop a shot by T. Walker sent the leather through his own goal, and Marlow were left victors by 3 goals to nil. Although the day was a bad one for football, some good play was witnessed on both sides, Shaw, Mellet, H. Walker, R.A. Lunnon, Martin, Small, Whitby, and the brothers Lomax being conspicuous."

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

Luton Town:G.Long(Goal);A.Martin,J.G.Hunt(Backs);E.H.Lomax(Capt.),T.Lawrence,W.Barrett(Half Backs);G.Deacon,A.Deacon(Right Wing),F.Whitby(Centre),J.C.Lomax,G.H.Small(Left Wing).

Umpires:J.G.Lunnon and W.Capon.Referee:Captain Foulger.

UPTON PARK 4 (E.D.Ellis,G.Hewett,A.M.Inglis,H.Lafone)

UNITED LONDON SCOTTISH 2 (W.Stirling,G.Keay)(H.T. 1-2)

(At Upton Park's ground in Snaresbrook:Wanstead Cricket Ground) (Sat Oct 24th)

Sporting Life 26/10/85 P.4/Sportsman 26/10/85 P.4 /Chelmsford Chronicle 30/10/85 P.6/Field 31/10/85 P.633/Bell's Life 26/10/85 P.4/Referee 25/10/85 P.6:

SL:"In spite of unpleasant weather there was a large attendance at Wanstead to witness the cup tie between these well known Association clubs.Both put strong teams in the field,but Upton Park very much missed Mitchell forward,and Francis at goal.The match was very evenly contested.United London Scottish played the closer game,unfortunately for them,two goals they succeeded in kicking were disallowed for offside.In the second case it was the general opinion that the referee was wrong.Upton Park at times played brilliantly,though they were very wild,but suppose they will play in their old form as the season advances.Upton Park won by four goals to two.The home team won the toss,and Thompson kicked off against a very strong wind,and the ball was quickly returned,and a goal kicked for the Scots was not allowed for being offside.Soon after Rippin took the ball up the left wing,and centring to Ellis,he scored a goal for Upton Park.The Scots for some time fairly pinned their opponents,and Sterling shot a beautiful goal,but the referee ruled offside.But Sterling would not be denied,and directly after kicked another goal,equalising matters.On again starting,Williamson worked the ball up the centre,and passing to Keay,he kicked another goal for the London Scottish.

Half time was soon called,and on re-starting Upton Park,with the wind in their favour,at once carried the ball into their opponents' territory,and Rippin,centring to Hewett,he equalised the scores;the Scots had to still keep on the defensive,and Inglis,getting possession,worked the ball up and kicked a third goal.After several shots by Rippin and Inglis,these two players,with Lambrick and Hewett, rushed a fourth goal,and play ceased soon after.Sterling,Humphrey,and Kistruck played well for the losers.The great feature for Upton Park was the play of Rippin(a new man);Inglis and Lafone also played well."

F:"This tie played at Wanstead on Oct 24,produced a well contested game,as was expected.The ground was in capital condition,considering the heavy rain that had fallen.The visitors won the toss,and elected to play with a fair breeze in their favour.Upton were the first to attack,and Thomson and Hewett forced their way up,and Rippin put in a hot shot,which was admirably saved by Carter.The Scots retaliated by a united rush to the other end,finishing with a goal,which was disallowed for offside.Attacking again,they earned a corner,which was well placed by Fry but Stirling shot too high.Aylen having made a fine kick off,Logan took the leather on,and passed to Ellis,who backed up well,and the latter,after a short dodgy run,kicked the first goal for Upton.The Scottish now attacked strongly several times,but spoiled several chances by getting offside.At length

Lambrick gave them a corner kick, which Fry placed well to Stirling, who equalised the score after some indecision on the part of the Upton goalkeeper. Just previous to half time the Scots again attacked grandly, and their second goal was neatly kicked by Keay.

The change of ends gave the home team the benefit of the wind, and from this point they showed to great advantage. Thomson and Hewett, by good passing and determined charging, worked at once well up, and Hewett equalised the scoring. The fight was now fast and exciting, both sides being vociferously cheered on by their partisans, but Upton held the upper hand. Some capital play by Ellis and Thomson ended in the latter shooting just wide of the U.L.S. posts, and then Inglis got possession in the centre of the ground, and after a skillful dribble, got another goal for Upton. A good shot by Inglis caused Carter to give a corner, which was well placed by Ellis, but Fry prevented any score, and then, after some splendid tackling by Ward, Lafone shot just wide of the mark. The Scots endeavoured to break away repeatedly, but the Upton back play was too good for them. Rippin made some capital runs, and gained some corner kicks, one of which, taken by Ward, gave Lafone a chance, but his shot was just too high. Lafone having driven in, and again shot over the bar, was at length rewarded with a goal after some desperate tackling. The Upton lefts now did all the attacking, and on three occasions narrowly missed scoring, Rippin kicking outside the U.L.S. posts, and Lafone outside and over. On the whistle sounding, the Uptonians retired victors of a hard game by four goals to two. The visitors, as was expected, played very well, Fry especially tackling and dribbling brilliantly, while Thomson, Corfield, and Stirling also showed up prominently. The Upton goalkeeper evinced lack of practice at his post, the rest of the team playing an excellent game, with plenty of dash. +Fry played back, half back, and forward at various points of the game."

Upton Park: S.R. Bastard (Goal); Rev. G.M. Lambrick, C.H. Aylen (Backs); E.D. Ellis (Capt.), H.P. Ward (Half Backs); N. Logan, A.M. Inglis (Right), F.G. Thompson, C.G. Hewett (Centre), H. Lafone, J. Rippin (Left).

United London Scottish: A.E. Carter (Goal); A.G. Humphrey, J.S. Kistruck (Backs); H. McLennan, J. Thomson, J. Corfield (Half Backs), D. McKay, G. Keay (Right), W. Stirling (Centre), +W.E. Fry (Capt.), P.L. Williamson (Left) (SL/SM/CC)

(F has 10 of the above 11 players but with J. Thomson as 2nd Centre instead of Centre Half and has W. Blyth for +W.E. Fry at Inside Left, who is moved to Right Back and J.S. Kistruck is not listed) (BL/REF have same players as F but no order)

Umpires: J. Armstrong (Union) and F.A. Clarke (Pilgrims). Referee: M(orton). P. Betts (Old Harrovians)

OLD WESTMINSTERS 3 (F.W. Bain 2, A.C.W. Jenner) HOTSPUR 1 (G.R. Wagstaffe) (H.T. 0-0)
(Sat Oct 31st) (At the Oval)

Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4/Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4/Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4/Field 7/11/85
P.667/Referee 1/11/85 P.6:

SL: "Despite the miserable afternoon there was a good attendance at Kennington Oval on Saturday, to witness the match between these clubs. The Westminsters had not quite their full strength, and in consequence the Hotspur, who have shown very good form of late, were thought to have a chance. During the first quarter of an hour they had the best of the play, and, indeed, the

Westminsters, who had, owing to the late arrival of Sandwith, been one short for this period, were at times rather hard pressed. The Old Boys, though, as the game progressed, got better together, and when the first half, of forty five minutes, had expired, it was found that neither goal-despite several excellent chances to the forwards on each side-had fallen.

The Old Westminsters, who, in losing the toss, had had to play at first against a slight breeze, on renewal soon obtained a corner kick, which Squires landed onto the bar of the Hotspur goal-an easy shot at the Westminster post having just previously been missed. For a time the Westminster forwards were the assailants and Jenner very nearly secured the reduction of the Hotspur fortress, the ball passing just over the cross-bar. A few minutes later the Old Boys were more fortunate, +Bain, after a short run, landing the first score of the match. On the resumption the Westminsters had for a few minutes the best of the play, although they had to fall back at last before a vigorous rush of the opposite forwards, whose only success was a corner-kick. Wetton, who was invaluable at half back, however, freed his side with a long kick, and Heath, after a short run, middling to Bain, the latter put the ball a second time between the Hotspur posts. Heath distinguished himself with a fine run for the Old Boys, and immediately afterwards Jenner, finishing up a brilliant run, landed a third goal for the Westminsters. Nothing daunted the Hotspur forwards played up with energy, and a few minutes later their efforts were rewarded with a goal, Wagstaffe giving the finishing touch. Nothing more fell to either side, and thus a well-contested match ended in a victory for the Old Westminsters.” +Oxford University

F:”For this match, as well as nearly all of those decided on Saturday last, the weather was execrable, and interfered greatly with play. It was the opening of the season at Kennington Oval, and a most unfavourable one it proved. Not only did it rain, but during the latter portion of the game a fog prevailed which prevented much of the play being seen. It had been confidently anticipated that the old boys of Westminster would secure victory upon very easy terms, but, though they won by the balance of two goals, the state of affairs was much less one-sided than expected.”

Old Westminsters: Rev. W. F. G. Sandwith (Goal); R. T. Squire (Capt.), A. L. Fevez (Backs); C. J. Fox, H. Wetton (Half Backs); C. R. W. Heath, C. Ingram (Right), A. C. W. Jenner, A. R. Hurst (Centres), F. W. Bain, J. E. Paul (Left).

Hotspur: C. D. Crisp (Goal); J. T. Gaymer (Capt.), G. G. Landragin (Backs); F. R. Johnson, T. Proom, C. Hardisty (Half Backs); G. H. Quint, G. R. Wagstaffe (Right), N. Whittaker (Centre), C. Sutton, J. Sutton (Left).

Umpires: B. M. Rogers (Old Westminsters) and R. Evans (Hotspur). Referee: Major Marindin (President of the Football Association).

HANOVER UNITED 1 (W. Krauslach) ROMFORD 1 (R. Oliver) (H.T. 1-0) (No Extra Time: Game finished in semi-darkness) (Sat Oct 31st) (At Hanover Ground, Merton Hall Recreation Ground, Wimbledon)

Essex Times 7/11/85 P.2/Essex Herald 2/11/85 P.5/Chelmsford Chronicle 6/11/85 P.5/Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4/Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4/Referee 1/11/85 P.6:

ET/EH/CC:”Played on the Merton Hall Recreation Ground, at Wimbledon, on Saturday, in miserable weather. The game, after being splendidly contested, resulted in a draw, each side scoring one goal. Hanover United at the commencement showed their tactics by forcing a fast game, thereby

compelling their opponents to act on the defensive, and Hailey, the Romford goalkeeper, had some difficulty stopping several dangerous shots. After about 25 minutes' play Hanover scored the first goal. Romford then played better, and carried the game into their adversaries' territory, and afterwards the game was of a give and take character up to half time.

On recommencing Romford showed better form, and worked closer together, while the pace had evidently told on the other side. The visitors could not score, however, until two or three minutes before time, when they made a supreme effort, and Clark, after a combined rush, passed the ball to Oliver, who promptly shot it through. The game terminated in semi-darkness. The teams were very evenly matched. The Hanover United played with better combination and were very unselfish, but Romford had the advantage in stamina. Hitchcock, Goadby, Hailey, and Wright deserve special mention, but the last-named has yet to learn that it would be better for his side if he passed more frequently. Subject to the consent of the Football Association, the same clubs will meet again on Saturday Nov 14th at the Romford Recreation Ground. Mr W.D. Matthews acted as umpire for Romford, and it is agreeable to state that none of his decisions were challenged, especially as there was not a referee."

Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4: "Romford won the toss and Hanover kicked off. The play at once became fast, and each goal was attacked in turn. In the middle of the first half Krauesslach scored for the home team. No change took place until two minutes before time, when Romford made the score equal. Owing to the late arrival of the Romford team on the ground the game for the last 20 minutes was carried on in the dark. For Hanover, Scoble, Harris, Ravani, and Dakin played best, whilst G. Hitchcock and J. Goadby played well for Romford." (No lineups)

Hanover United: A. Hunt (Goal); G. Scoble, E. Staples (Backs); W. Adams, L. Harris (Half Backs); E. C. Ravani (Capt.), T. Totman, W. Krauesslach, C. Stanning, Dakin, Boswarva (Forwards).

Romford: H. Hailey (Goal); B. J. Smith, F. Webster (Backs); G. E. Hitchcock, H. Mansfield, C. Couzens (Half Backs); W. Wright, J. Goadby (Right Wing), C. S. Palmer (Centre), L. E. Clark (Capt.), R. Oliver (Left Wing).

Umpires: W.D. Matthews for Romford. Referee: None.

REPLAY: Sat Nov 7th:

ROMFORD 3 (C.S. Palmer, R. Oliver 2) HANOVER UNITED 0 (H.T. 2-0) (At Romford)

(Romford History has L.E. Clark scoring the 3rd goal instead of Oliver's 2nd goal: see why in ET Report below)

Essex Times 11/11/85 P.8/Essex Herald 9/11/85 P.5/Chelmsford Chronicle 13/11/85 P.6 (Only Romford team in these 2 papers)/Sporting Life 9/11/85 P.4/Sportsman 9/11/85 P.4/Field 14/11/85 P.702:

ET: "These clubs having played a drawn game at Wimbledon in the first round of the Association Cup met again at Romford on Saturday to decide the tie. Very considerable interest attached to the result, as shown by the large number of spectators who were present to witness the game. For the first quarter of an hour (during which Goadby made some fine runs) play was very equal and fast, a corner falling to each side. After a second corner from which, however, nothing resulted, had been

claimed for the visitors, Mansfield, with a long and well-judged shot, was within an ace of scoring, the ball dropping just over the Hanover's cross-bar. For some minutes the play was kept in the visitor's boundary, and their goalkeeper had a busy time of it. He was however so far equal to the occasion, and nothing worse than a second corner for Romford issued from a severe tussle. After this the ball changed ends for a while. A "foul" having been allowed to the home team, Goadby got possession of the leather. At the right moment he passed to Wright, who made a grand run and centred to Palmer who did the needful by heading it through, goal No 1 thus going to the home team about ten minutes before half time. Romford continued to have the best of the game, and a few seconds before the change a second goal fell to them, through the combined efforts of Goadby and Oliver. (+SL: "...the second point being registered by Oliver, who headed the ball through, directly after Scoble had headed out a good shot by Goadby.")

"By this time the pace had begun to tell upon the visitors, who however, by some excellent passing once or twice got dangerously near the Romford posts, but Hailey was always there and more often the praiseworthy efforts of their forwards were foiled by the Romford backs, all of whom played well. Twenty minutes before time a third goal for the Romford team resulted from a side shot by Oliver. The success, however, was mainly due to L.E. Clark, whose rush at the moment in a straight line for the visitors' goalkeeper had the effect of paralysing the efforts of the latter, and amidst much laughter the ball passed between his legs and between the posts. A little later Clark was as near as possible getting a fourth for Romford, but this time the danger was admirably averted by the visitors' goalkeeper. During the remaining few minutes of the game no other point was scored, and the game ended with a victory for the home team by three goals to love. The winning team having drawn a bye for the second round, Romford as a result of the above match will figure in the third round."

EH/CC: "Having played a drawn game at Wimbledon in the first round of the Association Cup, these teams met again at Romford on Saturday to decide the tie, and Romford proved victorious by three goals to love. In the first half Romford scored twice, the first point being gained by Palmer from a good pass by Wright, and the second by Oliver, who headed the ball through. In the second half Oliver, from a capital pass by Clark, scored a third goal, and a fine shot by Clark was splendidly saved by the visitors' goalkeeper."

Romford: H. Hailey (Goal); F. Webster, B.J. Smith (Backs); G.E. Hitchcock, H. Mansfield, C. Couzens (Half Backs); W. Wright, J. Goadby (Right Wing), L.E. Clark (Capt.) (Centre), R. Oliver, C.S. Palmer (Left Wing).

Hanover United: A. Hunt (Goal); G. Scoble, E. Staples (Backs); W. Adams, L. Harris (Half Backs); E.C. Ravani (Capt.), T. Totman, W. Krauslach, C. Staning, Dakin, Boswarva (Forwards)

OLD BRIGHTONIANS 2 (A.S. Gibbs, F.C. Lingard) ACTON 1 ("from a free kick") (Sat Oct 31st) (H.T. 1-1) (At Barnes) (1 of 2 on that day played in Barnes: See South Second Division below)

Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4/Field 7/11/85 P.667/Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4/Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4 (Short report no teams)/Referee 1/11/85 P.6/ (No report found in Acton Gazette):

SL: "These teams, in spite of the rain, played their cup tie at Barnes. The ground was very heavy, and was covered with leaves, which made it still more treacherous and slippery, and the falls were numerous. A most evenly contested game resulted, the Old Boys winning by two goals to one. On

starting play the Old Brightonians at once rushed the ball down, and a goal was kicked, but disallowed on the ground of offside, but soon after this, after some loose play in front of the Barnes' goal, Gibbs kicked a goal. Acton then played up and scored two goals in quick succession, but both were disallowed on the count of offside. Nothing discouraged, they again came to charge, and from a free kick equalised matters.

"Half time" was then called, and on recommencing the play was fast and furious, the Old Boys having slightly the best of it, Gill having to stop some nasty shots. At last Lingard, working the ball down in splendid fashion on the left wing, made a shot at goal, and scored. The two Millers, Lingard, and Humphrey, played in good form for the winners. Leese, Ford, and Stringfield were of most service to the losers."

F: "This, one of the matches in the first round of the Association Cup ties, was played on Saturday last at Barnes. Owing to the wet and slippery state of the ground, the form all round was not up to the mark, although Borman's dribbling was very pretty at times, and Lingard and Humphrey, who were on the winning team at the Oval on *Monday, showed to great advantage. Acton got two and Brighton one goal soon after the game was started; but, as they were kicked by players standing offside, the referee disallowed them all. Brighton scored first through Lingard who, after a dodgy run in the centre, sent in a shot Gill could not reach. After this the Acton club's left wing repeatedly got away, but C.P. Muspratt, by sound hard work, managed to prevent a goal being obtained. However, Acton equalised matters from a free kick, as, though Stone fisted out, the ball was sent under the bar out of a scrummage. After half time, R.S. Miller and Stringfield became particularly busy, and Gibbs showed some pretty play, the last-named taking on a centre from Lingard, and scoring with a brilliant stroke. From now until call of time, the game became more slack owing to increasing darkness, and, no further point being scored, the O.B's won by one goal."

*Left wings in the Sussex team which won 2-1 v London.

Old Brightonians: Stanley Stone (Goal); J.P. Muspratt (Capt.), P.C. Muspratt (Backs); Warren Leete, F.H. O'Donaghue (Half Backs); A.S. Gibbs, F.C. Lingard, A.D. Humphrey, J.H. Bennett, C. Murdoch-Miller, R.S. Miller. (SL)

Acton: C. Gill (Goal); F.J. Leese, A. Reader (Backs); T.M. Ford (Capt.), F.M. King, G. Benjamin (Half Backs); J. Bird, J. Hardwick (Right); W.C. Stringfield (Centre), R.H. Grey, C.T. Borman (Left).

Umpiers: Leach and J.D. Miller. Referee: C.E. Hart (Treasurer London FA).

OLD WYKEHAMISTS 5 (P.C. Parr 2, H. Chitty, F.M. Ingram, L.T. Thring) UXBRIDGE 0 (H.T. 0-0)
(Sat Oct 31st) (At Home Park, Windsor) (The Field has Parr scoring the 5th goal instead of Thring)

Uxbridge & West Drayton Gazette 7/11/85 P.3/Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 2/11/85
P.4/Field 7/11/85 P.667/Referee 1/11/85 P.5:

U&WDG/SM: "Played in the Home Park, Windsor, on Saturday afternoon. The Uxbridge captain won the toss, and Parr set the ball rolling for the past scholars of Winchester at three o'clock. Even play characterised the first half of the game, and the Old Wykehamists were severely handicapped by

playing one short. Lowndes, the absent player, turned up at half-time, and then the Wykehamists began to assert their superiority. Parr quickly placed a goal to their credit, Chitty quickly obtained a second, Ingram, with a long shot, brought about a third, Parr sent the ball under the bar for the fourth time out of a bully, and just before time was called, Thring scored a fifth, by means of a long, low shot. Barker and Bird made several fine runs on behalf of Uxbridge, but met with inefficient support, and the Old Wykehamists won by five goals to none."

BL: "The Uxbridge captain won the toss and Parr kicked off. The first portion of the game was very evenly contested, and although both goals were several times in danger, no score had been made at half time. The Old Wykehamists, who had been playing one short, were now reinforced by Lowndes, Parr ran down and scored a goal, and Chitty after crediting his side with a point, which was at once disallowed, soon had another chance and gained a second goal. Ingram brought about the third downfall of the Uxbridge posts with a long shot, and Parr worked his way through the opposing ranks and obtained a fourth out of a bully. Matters progressed rather evenly, but Thring with a long low shot gained the fifth time, and after a fine run by Barker, on behalf of the Middlesex contingent, time was signalled, and the Old Wykehamists left victors by five goals to nil." (No teams)

Old Wykehamists: J.E. Vincent (Goal); F.A. Jones, L.T. Thring (Backs); W.H. Edgar, F.M. Ingram, G.R. Lowndes (Half Backs); T.B. Hughes, E.J. Humphery (Right Wing), P.C. Parr (Centres), H. Chitty, J.A. Fort (Left Wing).

Uxbridge: W. Smith (Goal); H. Williams, T. White (Backs); A. Brooks, A.J. Taylor, E. Stevens (Half Backs); H. Barker, C. Coles (Right Wing), A.C. Bird (Centre), C. Heron, H. Borton (Left Wing).

Umpires: Messrs J. Bayley and E.D. Shaw. Referee: W. Wing (hon sec, Oxfordshire Association)

CHATHAM 0 OLD CARTHUSIANS 2 (W.N. Cobbold, C.A. Smith) (H.T. 0-0) (Sat Oct 31st) (At Chatham Lines: 1 of 3)

Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4/Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4/Rochester & Chatham Journal 7/11/85/Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4/Referee 1/11/85 P.5:

SL: "On the Lines at Chatham last Saturday a large crowd assembled to witness the cup tie match between the above teams. The Carthusians were represented by a very powerful team, and, as Chatham were minus the services of two of their best backs, it was naturally expected that the Old Boys would gain an easy victory. So well did the home eleven defend their goal, however, that during the earlier half nothing of a definite character was recorded. The Carthusians made repeated attacks on the home fortress, while, on the other hand, Hibbard almost scored for Chatham, the ball just going over the cross-bar.

After the teams had reversed positions, the Carthusians at once forced the game, and ten minutes from restarting Cobbold scored the first goal for them. A quarter of an hour later Smith kicked the ball through a second time. This was the last point registered, as, although the Carthusians continued to press their opponents, they were unable to increase their score. Consequently, the Old Carthusians were victorious by two goals to none."

SM:"The home eleven made a much better fight of it than was expected with the Old Carthusians at Chatham on Saturday. With the wind behind them Chatham managed to keep their opponents at bay during the earlier half of the game." "The turf was saturated, but the heavy rain did not prevent an exceedingly large company witnessing the play."

BL(No teams) "Played at Chatham, and resulted in a victory for the Old Boys by two goals to nil. Chatham played without Albert and Timms, owing to recent injuries, or they might have made a much better fight." "The brothers Walters played splendidly, their defensive kicking being magnificent."

R&CJ:"Chatham was at a great disadvantage by the loss from their back division of Alberts and Timms, who through recent injuries were unable to play. The Old Boys kicked off, and a lot of give and take play followed, Cobbold soon making himself conspicuous. Smith also put in a lot of work for Charterhouse. On the other side McLeod, Hobart, and Conquer (captain) parried well the rushes of the visitors. No point was gained up till half-time, but, after changing, Cobbold was seen to advantage, a regular hot shot being splendidly saved by the Chatham custodian, Salisbury, who deserves special mention for his magnificent goalkeeping. Soon after this Cobbold, who was not watched so much as he should have been, scored by a nice low shot. Smith soon followed with another, these being the only points gained during the game. Chatham struggled bravely on until the game was over, chiefly conspicuous being the dashing forward play of Hobart, McLeod, and Hibberd, while Conquer and Blake put in a lot of work from the back division."

Chatham: W. Salisbury (Goal); E. Conquer, A. Green (Backs); H. Blake, W. Lush, R. Conquer (Half Backs); W. M'Leod, C. Hibberd (Right Wing), A. Jenner (Centre), J. C. Soppitt, H. Hobart (Left Wing).

Old Carthusians: T. W. Strother (Goal); P. M. Walters, A. M. Walters (Backs); A. Amos, F. J. Barmby, T. W. Blenkinsop (Half Backs); C. A. Smith, R. L. Escombe (Right Wing), W. G. Morrison (Centre), C. W. Waddington, W. N. Cobbold (Left Wing).

Umpire: T. Hibberd. Referee: G. Blyther.

OLD ETONIANS walked over BOURNEMOUTH ROVERS scratched :Field 7/11/85 P.667.

SOUTH SECOND DIVISION:

Rochester .v. Reading
Brentwood .v. Maidenhead
Barnes .v. Lancing Old Boys
Hendon .v. Clapton
Old Harrovians .v. St James's, Forest Gate
Swifts .v. Casuals
First Surrey Rifles .v. Clapham Rovers
Dulwich .v. South Reading
Royal Engineers .v. Old Foresters

ROCHESTER 6(H.H.Prall,G.Mallinson 4,E.Mitchell) READING 1 (H.E.Walker)(H.T.1-0)(Sat Oct 31st)
(At Chatham Lines:1 of 3)

Rochester & Chatham Journal 7/11/85 P.4:

R&CJ:"This match resulted in a victory for Rochester by six goals(H.Prall 1,G.Mallinson 4,and E.Mitchell 1),to one.The ground was in fearful condition,owing to the rain,which rendered play very difficult.Reading won the toss,and Rochester after starting the ball,at once made a rush for the goal, but Edgar Field prevented any disaster.Some good all-round play ensued and after about twenty minutes Rochester was rewarded with a goal from the foot of H.H.Prall.Messrs West and Walker for Reading next made a capital run,well backed up by Egerton,and were within an ace of scoring,the ball going just outside the posts.

Shortly after half time Rochester scored again from Mallinson from a grand centre by Bathurst.The home team about this time continued to press their opponents,and some fine passing by Messrs G.Prall and E.Prall enabled Mallinson to kick three more goals in quick succession.Then Mitchell made a good run and added a sixth.Within three minutes of time H.E.Walker obtained possession of the ball and after a capital run scored the only goal for the visitors.Though every man of the home team played admirably well,E.Mitchell and E.Prall deserve special mention,as do the brothers Field and Hayward for Reading."

N.B. Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4/Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4 /Referee 1/11/85 P6 and Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4 all have very short reports but the first 3 all give the 6th goal to Bathurst instead of to Mitchell,and SL does not name the 6th scorer(None have lineups).

Rochester:E.W.Wood(Goal);A.C.Roberts,S.Peile(Backs);E.Mitchell,Sid Woodhams,F.F.Smith (Half Backs);G.W.Prall,E.F.Prall(Right Wing),H.H.Prall(Centre),R.Bathurst,G.Mallinson(Left Wing)

Reading:S.Hayward(Goal);Edgar Field,C.G.Field(Backs);O.O.Haywood,J.H.Maxwell,T.H.Turner(Half Backs);H.E.Walker,F.West(Right Wing),G.Egerton(Centre),R.S.de Havill,S.T.Wollaston.((Left Wing).

(A.West in R&CJ)(F.West in Reading Definitive)

Umpires:J.H.Prall(Rochester) and S.C.Owen(Reading).Referee:M.P.Betts(Old Harrovians).
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BRENTWOOD 3 (A.W.Lemarchand,F.J.Abbott,W.S.Morice)MAIDENHEAD 0 (H.T. 1-0)
(Sat Oct 31st)(At Brentwood)

Essex Herald 2/11/85 P.5/Chelmsford Chronicle 6/11/85 P.5/Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4/Maidenhead Advertiser 4/11/85 P.3/Uxbridge & West Drayton Gazette 7/11/85 P.3/Referee 1/11/85 P.5/ Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4:

EH/CC:"This match was played in miserable weather on Saturday,at Brentwood,the home eleven winning by three goals to love.For some minutes the game was very even,but,settling down to their work,the Brentwood team were soon acting on the aggressive,and shots were made at goal by Sherrington,Evelyn,and Nickisson,and four corners were gained,but without result.After this some

pretty play on the right wing, followed by a capital centre by Sherrington, resulted in a goal, the ball being kicked by Lemarchand, and passing through off one of the Maidenhead backs.

During the second half Brentwood still held the lead, although Morris several times carried the ball into the vicinity of the Brentwood goal. The home team were not to be denied, and Lemarchand, after a capital run, centred the ball, and Abbott put in a hot shot, which beat the Maidenhead goalkeeper. A fine run and centre by Sherrington soon afterwards led to a third goal, as the ball passed off Vardy onto the goal post, and Morice, rushing up, put it through. Nothing further resulted, and Brentwood therefore won as stated. For Brentwood, Sherrington and Lemarchand were best among the forwards, while Nickisson was the best of the back division, and Benwell, Borritt, and Tyler put in some good work. For the visitors Morris played a capital game forward and Haggis proved a tower of strength at full back."

SM: "These clubs met at Brentwood on Saturday, under very unfavourable conditions. The Maidenhead team acted well together, and played up so hard that they made a good match of it. Brentwood, however, generally had the best of the play, and left the ground victors by three goals to love. Soon after the start Wakerill took the ball up and a capital shot at the Brentwood goal was stopped in good style by Mills-Roberts. Even play followed for a few minutes, and then the Brentwood men, warming to their work, took a decided lead. Several ineffective shots were made, and four corners fell to the home team without result, but some pretty play on the right wing, and a capital centre by Sherrington, led to the first goal, the ball being kicked by Lemarchand, and passing through off one of the Maidenhead backs. Nothing further resulted in the first half. On the change of ends Brentwood still had a decided advantage, although their backs at times were fully employed. After a magnificent low shot from the right wing by Sherrington had been well stopped by Matthews, Abbott, from a capital centre by Lemarchand, sent in a hot shot which was too much for Matthews, and shortly before the call of time, a fine run and centre by Sherrington resulted in a third point, the ball going off one of the Maidenhead backs onto the goal-post, when Morice rushed up and sent it through. For the Brentwood, Sherrington, Lemarchand, and Nickisson, did good service, while for Maidenhead, Morris made some fine runs, and Haggis offered a strong defence at full back."

MA: "At the last minute the Maidenhead captain (Mr A.M. Inglis) was obliged to "fall out", owing to injuries he received during the Aylesbury match. Up to half time the game stood 1 to 0 in favour of the home team. At the call of time Brentwood had added two more, and thus won the match by three goals to nil. A witness of the game informs me that "The Maidenhead team were congratulated on the manner in which they played against such a powerful eleven. Morris and Haggis," adds the writer, "were in rare form, as were also Vardy and Bradley; the forwards were well combined in their play."

Brentwood: R.H. Mills-Roberts (Goal); C.W. Tyler, F.A. Borritt (Backs); J.L. Nickisson, J.O. Benwell, W.S. Jobson (Half Backs); G.S. Sherrington, A.W. Lemarchand (Right Wing), F.J. Abbott (Centre), E.C. Evelyn (Capt.), W.S. Morice (Left Wing).

Maidenhead: R. Matthews (Capt.) (Goal); C.A. Vardy, A.E. Haggis (Backs); F. Bradley, S. Edwards, G. Drewitt (Half Backs); G. Wakerill, W.E. Mackie (Right Wing), A. Lamb (Centre), H.W. Morris, W. Badcock (Left Wing).

MAIDENHEAD HISTORY has F. Mackie for A. Lamb but MA has A. Lamb

Umpires:A.E.Heatley(Brentwood) and Dance(Maidenhead).Referee:J.Armstrong(Union).

BARNES 1 (R.S.Ibbs) LANCING OLD BOYS 7 (L.G.Webb,T.Pellatt 4,W.H.Wix 2)(Sat Oct 31st)(H.T.0-2)
(At Barnes

Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4/Sportsman 31/10/85 P.8 has Barnes team for match:

SL:"This cup tie was played on Saturday,at Barnes,in most miserable weather,rain falling most of the afternoon,but there was very little wind,and the ground played a great deal better than might have been expected.The Old Boys scored a most decisive victory by no fewer than seven goals to one. Barnes won the toss,and Russell kicked off for Lancing,the ball was at once taken down to the Barnes' end,and three corners were obtained,but no goals were scored.At last Webb worked the ball down the left wing and getting in front of the goal,made a shot,which Gloag put over the bar,but the referee allowed a goal.Soon after this Wix and Pellett worked the ball down the centre,and the latter shot another goal.The play after this was very even up to half time.

On recommencing play the Old Boys fairly penned their adversaries,making shot after shot at their goal,and succeeding in scoring five times,Pellett booking three to his credit,and Wix two.Just before the conclusion of play Barnes made a determined rush,and Ibbs obtained a goal.Pellett,Wix, Hammond,and Murray particularly distinguished themselves for the victors,but the whole team played in the most unselfish way.Haslip,Owen,Ibbs,and Bathurst played well for the losers."

BL:"Played at Barnes,the Old College winning by seven goals to one after a miserably poor contest."

Barnes:H.D.Gloag(Goal);N.Morice,J.Huxtable(Backs);J.M.Haslip,W.E.Muspratt(Half Backs),F.P.Owen, J.G.Ferns,R.S.Ibbs,A.Bathurst,O.R.Mounsey,M.F.Mieville(Forwards).

Lancing Old Boys:P.C.Bates(Goal);F.Druce,F.A.Murray(Backs);C.H.Russell,T.W.Cook(Half Backs), C.R.Freeman,A.Hammond(Right),+T.Pellatt,W.H.Wix(Centres),L.G.Webb,A.Freeman(Left).

+Check spelling

Umpires:H.Bishop and J.E.Raven.Referee:C.E.Leeds.

HENDON 0 CLAPTON 4(W.G.Connell 2,J.G.Prior,J.H.Wise)(At Hendon)(Sat Oct 24th)(H.T. 0-2)

Bell's Life 26/10/85 P.4/Sporting Life 26/10/85 P.4/Sportsman 27/10/85 P.4/Field 31/10/85 P.633/Referee 25/10/85 P.6:

BL":Played at Hendon,and resulted in a win for Clapton by four goals to nothing.The visitors,winning the toss,played with the wind.Commencing,Clapton ran the ball down,and Barbour shot over,but another attack was made,and Connell scored.The home team now made a raid on the visitors' goal, but Jones saved finely,where Lushington,in trying to save another shot by Connell,put it through his own goal.From this up to half time the game was fairly even.

Resuming,Clapton pressed the home team.Prior soon scored from a long kick by Barbour,and Wise quickly followed with another goal.Hendon tried to break away,but all their efforts were upset by Clark.Wise then sent in two good shots,one of which hit the bar and dropped under,but the

referee,owing to darkness,could not decide whether it went through or not;the other hit the post and rebounded into play.The game up till time was all in favour of Clapton.Perry,Broadhurst,and Kelly worked hard and well for Hendon,while the Clapton forwards played a fine passing game.”

Hendon:H.A.Redford(Goal);C.G.Broadhurst,R.Sleigh(Backs);H.F.A.Smith,A.E.Daniell,F.G.Lushington (Half Backs);G.H.Forman,R.Jardine,E.H.Kelly,E.B.Perry,E.J.Chapman(Forwards).

Clapton:W.Fenton-Jones(Goal);C.A.White,F.W.Fisher(Backs);R.H.Clark,J.Barbour,J.Barclay(Half Backs);W.G.Connell,W.A.Heap,J.H.Wise,J.Cowan,J.G.Prior(Forwards).

Referee:N.L.Jackson(Hon Sec London Association)

OLD HARROVIANS walked over ST. JAMES’S ,FOREST GATE scratched:Field 7/11/85 P.667

SWIFTS 7 (o.g. ,Dr J.Smith 4,H.N.Cheesman,H.N.Paine) CASUALS 1 (H.M.Holman)(H.T 3-0)
(Sat Oct 31st)(At Dolphin Ground,Slough)

Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4/Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4/Bell’s Life 2/11/85 P.4/Windsor & Eton Express
7/11/85 P.4/Uxbridge & West Drayton Gazette 7/11/85 P.3/Referee 1/11/85 P.6:

BL:”Played at the Dolphin Ground,Slough.Bickley won the toss for the visitors and the Swifts(kicked off).The Casuals’ forwards immediately rushed the ball to the Swifts end,but it was smartly returned, and the play progressed in very even fashion for the first fifteen minutes.Then the Swifts began to assert their superiority,and twenty five minutes after the start,one of the opposing backs in attempting to get the ball away landed it between his own posts.Five minutes later the Casuals’ goalkeeper was cleverly floored by “Miller” and the ball dropped from his hands and passed between the posts for the second time.Two corner kicks by Bambridge were with difficulty worked away,and a shot by Cheesman struck one of the uprights,and rebounded into play again.”Miller” then sent the ball under the bar for the third time,but was adjudged offside.Directly afterwards the same forward ran down the centre,and passing to Cheesman,the Windsor forward scored the third goal for the Swifts.Half time was called with the score unaltered.

A few minutes afterwards “Miller” placed a fourth point to the Swifts’ credit.Cooper then bistrirred himself on behalf of the Casuals,and skillfully eluded the opposing backs,but Lockhart-Mure snatched the ball from beneath his feet,and got it away in grand style.From a fine centre by Bambridge,Paine was enabled to effect the fifth goal. The Casuals then pulled themselves together for a united effort,and their perseverance was at last rewarded,Holman doing the needful.From a splendid middle by “Miller “,Bambridge should certainly have scored but the “doctor” soon made amends for his colleague’s slip and registered the sixth goal(SM:”after a splendid kick by Jones”).The same player quickly added another,and,time being called directly afterwards,the Swifts were credited with a victory of seven goals to one.”

Swifts:J.Lockhart-Mure(Goal);J.Jeeves,A.B.Peile(Backs);Humphrey Jones,W.F.Roper(Half Backs);
R.Playford,H.N.Paine(Right Wing),E.C.Bambridge(Capt.),+Dr J.Smith(Centres),
H.H.Cheesman,C.S.Langley(Left Wing). + “J.S.Miller” pseudonym.

*Queen's Park History P.288:"Dr John Smith...,who sometimes adopted the pseudonym "J.S.Miller" played for the London Swifts in the English Cup ties in 1884-85"(In fact 1885/86)

Casuals:Trent(Goal);R.N.Boustead,W.R.Moon(Backs);F.Hoskins,C.B.Crews,S.R.Arthur(Half Backs); F.Bickley(Capt.),J.H.Farmer(Right Wing),R.J.Thornton(Centre),H.M.Holman,F.J.Cooper(Left Wing).

Umpires:P.J.de Paravicini (Old Etonians) and W.Crowhurst(Swifts)(Slough AC).

Referee:E.C.Kelly(Windsor FC-hon sec,Berks and Bucks Junior Association)

CLAPHAM ROVERS 12 (E.A.Ram 4,H.H.Scott 2 ,S.A.Fox 2,E.R.P.Keely,R.L.Devonshire, S.W.Poulton,D.G.D.Kerr) FIRST SURREY RIFLES 0
(At Flodden Road,Camberwell)(H.T. 8-0)(Sat Oct 31st)

Field 7/11/85 P667/Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4:

SL:"The headquarters of the First Surrey Rifles at Camberwell on Saturday was the venue of this match in the first tie of the Association Cup,the weather being wretched in the extreme,and the grass very slippery.The Rovers kicked off,and,as might have been expected from this powerful team,they had matters all their own way from the start,and goals were obtained in quick succession,at half time no fewer than eight goals standing to their credit.On changing ends the Rifles played up well,keeping the ball in their opponents' territory for some time,but they failed to score, and were beaten back,and at the call of time,it being then very dark,the Rovers had scored four more goals,thus winning by twelve goals to nothing.Ram kicked four,Scott two,Fox two,and Poulton,Keely,Devonshire,and Kerr one each.The Surrey team were greatly weakened by the absence of their captain(J.W.Barton),H.Palmer taking his place."

Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4:"Played on Saturday on the ground of the latter at Flodden Road, Camberwell,the Rovers winning by four goals to one."(No:12-0)

Clapham Rovers:W.J.Payne(Goal);O.E.Coles,J.E.M'Farlane(Backs);D.O.D.Kerr,Hon.G.Coleridge(Half Backs);S.W.Poulton,R.L.Devonshire,H.H.Scott,E.A.Ram,S.A.Fox,E.R.P.Keely(Capt.)(Forwards)

First Surrey Rifles:J.Tearoe(Goal);A.E.Allen,F.M.Andrews(Backs);H.Palmer,G.B.Godsland, R.H.Lock(Half Backs);H.J.E.Saxby,C.J.W.Lock (Right Wing),E.Preston(Capt.(Centre),L.Whitehead, E.J.Robinson(Left Wing)(SL order and initials).

(F and SM for the match have some different initials)

Umpires:H.J.Homersham and J.Dunsmuir.Referee:C.E.Holt.

DULWICH 1(J.Morris) SOUTH READING 2(J.Chard,G.Talbot)(Sat Oct 31st)(At Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich)

Reading Mercury 7/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4/Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4/Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4/Referee 1/11/85 P.6:

RM: "The Reading Football Club journeyed to Dulwich on Saturday to try their prowess against the team playing under that name. The clubs had been drawn together in the first round of the Association Challenge Cup and it was generally anticipated that the Dulwich eleven would have matters all their own way, as up to Saturday, they could produce an unbeaten certificate, whilst the southerners had only played in one engagement this season, viz: - against the R.B.S.E.F.C. when this junior club vanquished them by five goals to three. However, the "glorious uncertainty" of football again asserted itself, as after a well fought struggle the visitors retired victors by two goals to one. It is needless to particularise, as both teams played a grand game from start to finish, despite the fact that the ground was a complete slush."

SL: "Played at the Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich on Saturday. South Reading won by two goals to one. Chard and Talbot obtained the goals for South Reading, and J. Morris for Dulwich."

Dulwich: J.F. Sugden (Goal); H. Denny, B.H. Cox (Backs); E.A. Whittle (Capt.), T.G. Stafford (Half Backs); J. Morris, F.D. Morris (Right Wing), E.M. Soulby, F.S. Mayo (Centres), W. Raybould, J. Lloyd-Roberts (Left Wing).

South Reading: H. Lusty (Goal); J. Hawes, E. Steward (Capt.) (Backs); R.E.A. Maynard, W. George, F. Haydon (Half Backs); F. Cooper, J. Chard (Right wing), G. Talbot (Centre), A. Fry, C. Smith (Left Wing).

Umpires: G. Barley for South Reading and Sir John Kirkpatrick, Bart for Dulwich.

Referee: J. Henderson (Pilgrims)

ROYAL ENGINEERS 1 (W.F.H. Stafford) OLD FORESTERS 5 (H.C. Newberry, C.J. Horner 3, P. Fairclough) (Sat Oct 31st) (At Chatham Lines: 1 of 3) (H.T. 0-2)

Sporting Life 2/11/85 P.4/ Bell's Life 2/11/85 P.4/+Field 7/11/85 P.667/Rochester & Chatham Journal 7/11/85/ Sportsman 2/11/85 P.4/Referee 1/11/85 P.6: +Has different 2nd half scorers

SL: "The Old Foresters sent a fairly strong team to Chatham on Saturday, to play the Royal Engineers, in the first round of the competition. The weather was very miserable and the ground slippery. H. Guy started the ball for the Foresters at twenty minutes past three, the home eleven having the wind at their backs. Scarcely three minutes had elapsed when Newberry kicked a goal for the visitors out of a loose scrummage. The play then became fast and exciting, both teams showing very good passing. An attack by the Engineers resulted in the ball being driven between the Foresters' posts, but as the offside rule had been infringed, the point was disallowed. After this the play was even until just before half time, when C.J. Horner scored a goal for the Foresters by a long shot, the ball going through off Cowan.

Ends having been changed the Foresters acted speedily on the aggressive and Fairclough finished up a fine run with a third goal. The visitors continued to get the better of the play, but for a time the Engineers prevented them increasing their score. At length C.J. Horner placed a fourth goal to the credit of the visitors. Nothing daunted by these repeated losses, the Sappers played up in determined style. Capt. Stafford obtained a goal for them, but prior to the call of "Time!" C.J. Horner scored for the Old Foresters, who were declared victorious by five goals to one."

BL: "Played on the Lines at Chatham. Play began at twenty minutes past three, when the Foresters began hostilities from the old (Br)ompton end. The ball was at once driven into the home quarters, and five minutes from the start Newberry scored a goal for the Old Boys. They followed up this success by showing some excellent passing. The Engineers, however, defended their lines in capital style, whilst some hard work by Atkinson and Rimington transferred the ball to the other end. The former just later attempted to kick a goal, but H. Johnson was on the alert. Continuing to play well together the Engineers made another attack on the Forest goal, and the ball was driven through. The player, however, was ruled "offside" and this point was disallowed. A corner kick next fell to the Engineers, but nothing came of it. Shortly after restarting C.J. Horner sent in a very long shot, and the ball went through off one of the defenders. After ends were changed the Foresters had a couple of corner kicks, but nothing came of them. Even play followed until Fairclough secured the ball. He dribbled it close in front of the goal and then shot it through. Hunter-Weston, after saving a splendid shot by Matthews, was beaten by C.J. Horner, who scored by a splendid side shot. During the last quarter of an hour both elevens played in fine style. Captain Stafford obtained a goal for the Engineers, and C.J. Horner another for the Foresters, who were left victorious by five goals to one."

R&CJ: "Within a few minutes from starting the visitors scored the first goal, and a second fell to their lot just before half-time. Afterwards the Foresters obtained three more points, while the Sappers only scored one, and were thus defeated by five goals to one."

Royal Engineers :A.G. Hunter-Weston(Goal);J.H. Cowan,G. Le B. Simmons(Backs);
H.A.L. Paterson,J.A.S. Tulloch(Half Backs); J.C. Rimington,E.H. de V. Atkinson(Right Wing),
W.F.H. Stafford,G. Palmer(Centres),C.V. Wingfield-Stratford,O.H. Stoehr(Left Wing).

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

Umpires:Lowell and Hedley. Referee:Dumbleton.

SECOND ROUND:

DRAW(Morning Post 4/11/85 P.2):

NORTH FIRST DIVISION:

Rawtenstall v Bolton Wanderers
Astley Bridge v Preston North End
Hurst v Halliwell
Queen's Park(Glasgow) v South Shore

NORTH SECOND DIVISION:

Padiham v Rossendale
Blackburn Rovers v Oswaldtwistle
Darwen Old Wanderers v Accrington
Third Lanark v Blackburn Olympic (After the Draw the Blackburn Olympic 4 Church 2 Tie was

ordered to be replayed and Church won after a draw:see above).Third Lanark then scratched and Church went through to the Third Round:see below)

NORTH THIRD DIVISION:

Derby Midland or Birmingham Excelsior v Walsall Swifts
West Bromwich Albion v Wednesbury Old Athletic
Aston Villa v Derby County
Wolverhampton Wanderers v Stafford Road
Small Heath Alliance v Darwen or Derby Junction Street

NORTH FOURTH DIVISION:

Long Eaton Rangers v Mexborough or Staveley
Sheffield Heeley v Lockwood Brothers or Notts Rangers
Notts Wanderers or Notts Olympic v Notts Forest
Notts County v Sheffield Club

NORTH FIFTH DIVISION:

Leek or Wrexham Olympic v Newtown
Druids v Burslem Port Vale
Davenham v Macclesfield
Oswestry v Stoke or Crewe Alexandra

NORTH SIXTH DIVISION:

Darlington v Lincoln City or Grimsby Town
Redcar v Lincoln Lindum
Gainsborough Trinity v Middlesbrough

SOUTH FIRST DIVISION (Seventh Division):

Old Wykehamists v Luton Wanderers
Old Brightonians v Old Westminsters
Great Marlow v Old Etonians
Upton Park v Old Carthusians
Hanover United or Romford ,a bye

SOUTH SECOND DIVISION(Eighth Division):

Clapton v South Reading
Brentwood v Lancing Old Boys
Swifts v Rochester
Old Harrovians v Old Foresters
Clapham Rovers,a bye

FIRST DIVISION:

RAWTENSTALL 3 (Gabbutt 2/3) BOLTON WANDERERS 3 (Hough,Steel,A.N.Other)(At Rawtenstall)(Sat Nov 21st) (H.T. 3-1) (No teams in Blackburn Standard 28/11/85 P.6)

Football Field 21/11/85 P.9:"Not caring to cancel their fixture with Burnley the Wanderers resorted to the rather tricky experiment of sending their second team to play the English cup tie with Rawtenstall.The ground has a great incline and was in a bad state.The Wanderers were represented by :

Bolton:Bateson(Goal);Parkinson(Capt),Holden(Backs);Glaister,Bullough,Gent(Half Backs):Gregory,Fallon,Steel,Hough,Bradley.

Referee:Mr Norris

Rawtenstall kicked off at 3.15,Rawtenstall playing downhill with the wind in their favour.The home team scored their first goal in ten minutes,Hough obtaining the first goal for the visitors from a nice pass by Gregory.Gabbutt scored No 2,and in a few minutes had another disallowed for off-side.Just as the whistle blew for half time,however,Gabbutt scored No 3.Both teams played exceedingly well, Rawtenstall playing their full team.The last twenty minutes' play was difficult to see.Steel,on close of time,from a free kick,equalised the game-three each.A protest was laid against five home players, and narrow field ten yards short."

N.B. Bolton Wanderers in fact played a different team in their FA Cup Matches for fear of being disqualified themselves for professionalism:they played under the name "Bolton Swifts".

Sporting Life 23/11/85 P.4:"This match was played on Saturday at Rawtenstall.The ground has a great incline,and was in a very bad state.Rawtenstall kicked off at a quarter-past three,playing down hill with a wind in their favour.The home team scored their first goal in ten minutes,Hough obtaining the first goal for the visitors,from a nice pass by Gregory.A little later.Gabbutt scored No 2 for Rawtenstall,and in a few minutes had another disallowed for off-side,and before half-time Gabbutt scored No 3 for Rawtenstall,the score at half-time being 3 to 1 in favour of Rawtenstall.During the second half the Wanderers scored two more goals,making the game a draw-three goals each."(No teams)

Bell's Life 24/11/85 P.4 has a similar report to SL(No teams)

Bolton Complete Record P.182 gives the score but states:"No record of team/goalscorers-Game played by reserves due to first team having a previous engagement(in fact v Burnley).Rawtenstall disqualified for professionalism and for their pitch being too small.(in fact 10 yards too small)"

BOLTON WANDERERS walked over RAWTENSTALL disualified.

PRESTON NORTH END 11(F.Dewhurst 4,Dempsey ,J.Gordon 3,D.RussellJ.D.Ross,Houghton)
ASTLEY BRIDGE 3(Mellor,Not recorded,J.Ainsley) (Wed Nov 18th)(H.T. 5-1)(At Deepdale)

Sporting Life 19/11/85 P.4/Sheffield Independent 19/11/85 P.7/Sportsman 19/11/85 P.4/Field 21/11/85 P.738/York Herald 19/11/85 P.8/Athletic News 24/11/85 P.3:

SL: "This tie, in the second round of the National Cup competition, was played at Preston yesterday, when there was an assemblage numbering about 1,500. North End lost the toss, and kicked off uphill, but with what wind there was in their favour, and at once assumed the aggressive, but the goal was kept clear, and a corner to the home team also proved useless. The visitors now went down in a body, and Howarth failed to check their progress, but Ross and Russell succeeded. Dewhurst then, by a fine dribble, enabled Dempsey to shoot just clear, and immediately he sent in another, which Gordon put through, but "off-side" was claimed successfully. A minute or two later Dewhurst, by a good shot, scored first blood for North End. After fifteen minutes had been consumed, the pressure being kept up, a corner fell to the home team and a second goal directly afterwards from a grand shot by Dempsey. Buttery, Brooks, and Leyland strove hard against numerous attacks, and from a retaliatory run by the visiting forwards Belger had to clear a low shot. Fast was the play, and the ball was thrown away once or twice by Thomson, but on the Astley left Mellor put in a good run, and got past the home backs, and out of the scrummage following he succeeded in scoring for Astley, amid applause. This put more dash into the Bridgeites, and they nearly scored again. They were thrown back, however, and the goals were scored for the home team by Dewhurst and Gordon, the North Enders now attacking with great determination. Close on half time Dempsey centred to Buttery, who missed his kick, and Gordon scored a fifth goal.

On resuming the ball was instantly taken down by Ross jun., passed to Gordon, centred, and Dewhurst headed through a sixth point. Russell added a seventh, and Ross jun and Gordon got two more. Belger had just been forced to save by J. Ainsley, when, from a shot by Houghton, Dewhurst scored a tenth goal, J. Ainsley adding a +third for the visitors. Just before time Houghton added another for the home team, who won by eleven goals to three." (Best report found)

+At this time Astley Bridge had scored 2 goals

SM: "We would draw attention to the fact that the winners are at present unable to play Rose and others of their first team, who are not as yet qualified to take part in this competition."

Preston Herald 18/11/85 P.2: "(Lists same team for match as below).: "Both Drummond and Robertson are standing out, the former not having recovered fully from his recent illness, and the latter recovering from a kick he received Saturday." (No report in Saturday paper and only the result in the Wednesday following paper)

Preston: Belger (Goal); N.J. Ross, R. Howarth (Backs); Woodruffe, D. Russell, Brown (Half Backs); J. Gordon, Houghton, J. D. Ross, F. Dewhurst, Dempsey (Forwards)

Astley Bridge: J. Thomson (Goal); E. Buttery, Brooks (Backs); Greenwood, W. Thomson, Leyland (Half Backs); Hamer, J. Ainsley, Scowcroft, Mellor, E. Ainsley (Forwards).

Referee: W. Fairhurst (Bolton)

HURST 3 (Moss, Others 2) HALLIWELL 1 (Crossley) (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Dec 5th):

Athletic News 8/12/85 P.3:"A very stiff game was played at Hurst between these clubs.Hurst scored a goal in the first half,Halliwel equalising matters soon after the change of ends.Ten minutes from the finish Hurst scored two goals in rapid succession,and won the tie by three goals to one."

Bell's Life 7/12/85 P.4:"Played at Hurst.Halliwel was chiefly composed of the second team players, the majority of the first team being ineligible.Hurst had the best of it from the start,but only scored one goal at half time.In the second half they again played well,and won by three goals to one."(No lineups)

Football Field 5/12/85 P.8:"This match was played at Hurst,before 1,000 spectators.Halliwel had the best of it for a long time,and then Moss scored for Hurst,who led at half time by one to nil. Resuming,Halliwel again pressed,and Crossley equalised.Darkness came on,and Hurst added two goals,winning by three to one.Halliwel have protested against the size of the ground."(No teams)

Bolton Journal 5/12/85 P.7:"Halliwel are trotting out two teams this afternoon,sending one to Hurst to play the much delayed tie in the second round of the National Cup Competition and another to Bury.Halliwel will have their work cut out to snatch victory in the Cup Tie,as Hurst,who finally disposed of Bradshaw last Saturday,play a strong game at home.They are a long way removed from the first class,but have some fairly good players in their ranks.The Halliwel team is,of course,far from representative of the strength of the Club,many of the first team being disqualified.

Their players will be,against Hurst:

(Halliwel Team):"Pennington,Crankshaw,Meredith;Derham,Berry,Crossley;Kirk,Atherton, Hodson,Gregson,Scullthorpe."The team for Bury will include Robb,Bone,Edwards,Hamilton and Campbell."

Manchester Times 19/12/85:"The protest of Halliwel against Hurst was considered,and the tie is ordered to be replayed this afternoon" (FA Committee Meeting Mon Dec 14th)

However,Hurst scratched and played against South Shore on the same date(Sat Dec 19th)in the Third Round:see below.

HALLIWEL walked over HURST scratched (See above).

SOUTH SHORE walked over QUEEN'S PARK(GLASGOW) scratched: Bell's Life 20/11/85 P.4(Scottish FA's dislike of professionalism)

SECOND DIVISION:

ROSSENDALE 9 PADIHAM 1 (At Newchurch)(Sat Nov 21st) (Few of the Padiham first team were qualified to play(i.e. rest were professionals)

NO SCORERS OR LINEUPS LOCATED

Burnley Express 28/11/85 P.3:"This match was played at Newchurch on Saturday and Rossendale won by nine goals to one"

(N.B. "Padiham v Astley Bridge. In the presence of a fair number of spectators these teams met at Padiham on Saturday (i.e. the same day as the Cup Match v Rossendale) Result Padiham 1 Astley Bridge 1)

Manchester Courier 23/11/85 P.3/Referee 22/11/85 P.6: "As very few of the Padiham first team were qualified to play in this tie, this match, on Saturday, at Newchurch, was not of a very interesting character, and the visitors were defeated by nine goals to one." (No teams)

Bell's Life 24/11/85 P.4: "The game was not of a very interesting character, and the visitors were defeated by nine goals to one." (No teams)

Sporting Life 23/11/85 P.4: "This tie was played on Saturday at Newchurch and as Padiham team are not qualified to play in the Cup ties, they could only put a weak eleven in the field, and Rossendale won by nine goals to one." (No teams)

BLACKBURN ROVERS 1 (H. McIntyre) OSWALDTWISTLE 0 (H.T. 0-0) (Sat Nov 21st)

Blackburn Standard 28/11/85 P.6/Preston Herald 25/11/85 P.2/Football Field 21/11/85 P.8/Sportsman 23/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 23/11/85 P.4:

BS/PH: "These teams met at the Leamington ground on Saturday to compete in the second round of the English Cup competition. Each club put a powerful organisation into the field, and consequently a good game was witnessed by the 1,000 spectators who assembled on the ground. The visitors won the toss, and, choosing to play with the wind, the Rovers started the ball at three o'clock. The game was very even for the first few minutes, but finally the Rovers worked their way towards the Oswaldtwistle goal and experienced hard lines on several occasions. Aided by the wind the "Reds" took the ball to the opposite end, but the leather was kicked behind. The Rovers again assailed their adversaries' fortress, but without avail, and the visitors taking the ball down obtained a corner. Nothing resulted, however, and each goal was afterwards attacked in succession, but without any success, and thus no advantage had been gained by either team at half-time.

The usual interval having elapsed, the game was again prosecuted with great determination. The Rovers took the lead and were within an ace of scoring several times. They obtained four corners in succession, but without any tangible result. The Rovers now tried hard to score, and fairly penned their opponents in. Great excitement prevailed, and the home team sent in some capital shots. By some splendid play the "Reds" held their goal intact until ten minutes from the finish, when "Mac" by a long high shot scored for his team, the custodian being charged between the posts whilst attempting to fist the ball out. The cup holders were unable to score another point, although they pressed their adversaries very severely, and the game thus ended in a victory for the Rovers by one goal to nil."

Sheffield Independent 23/11/85 P.3: "Although the home team did most of the pressing they did not score up to half time, the shooting being miserable. After the restart play was all in the visitors' quarters, and 30 minutes from the resumption M'Intyre scored with a grand shot. The Rovers won by one goal to none." (No lineups)

FF:"Up to half-time play had been very even and no goals were scored.In the second half Oswaldtwistle played an extremely strong defensive game.Nearly all the time play was near their goal,but the players kept well together,and though the cupholders had many corners they could not score until ten minutes from the finish.Then McIntyre dropped the ball nicely in front,and to the relief of the supporters of the cupholders secured a goal,which made them the winners of the tie."

Blackburn Rovers:J.W.H.Arthur(Goal);F.Suter,R.G.Turner(Backs);J.H.Forrest,H.McIntyre,J.Heyes(Half Backs);J.M.Lofthouse, J.Douglas(Right Wing),T.Strachan(Centre),H.L.Fecitt,J.Sowerbutts(Left Wing).

Oswaldtwistle:Graham(Goal);Metcalf,Wardle(Backs);J.Roberts,Greenwood,Gastall(Half Backs); Rawcliffe,Walton(Right Wing),Kirkham(Centre),Fullen,E.Hull(Left Wing).

Referee:J.P.Hartley(Accrington).

DARWEN OLD WANDERERS 2(Chadwick,Walsh) ACCRINGTON 1 (Whittaker) (H.T. 1-0)(Sat Nov 21st)(At Darwen)

Darwen News 28/11/85 :“The cup tie was played off on Saturday,on the Old Wanderers ground,in the presence of 1,000 spectators.Accrington,of course,could not play their latest importations,but for all that they brought a strong team,and fully expected to win.The Wanderers won the toss and played with the incline.Accrington at once ran up,and had a corner,but nothing came of it,and the home team were pressed a little.Kirkham at length relieved,and the Wanderers kicked out at the other end.For a time the play was very even,Pilkington,Almond,and Kirkham stopping the rushes of the Accringtonians,whilst Howarth,Chippendale,and Robinson did likewise against the Wanderers. Finally,Walsh and Chadwick ran down,and the latter scored for the Wanderers amid cheers.The home team were playing with great dash,Eccles,Walsh,and Chadwick putting in some telling work,and the “Reds” were kept busy repelling their attacks.A fierce scrimmage right under the Accrington bar appeared a certain score for the Wanderers,but the ball was got away very luckily.At half time the Wanderers were a goal ahead.

On the re-start the “Reds” set to with a will,and were met with equal determination by the Wanderers,Almond,Pilkington,and Moorhouse,playing splendidly.Whittaker,for Accrington, ultimately scored by a good shot.The home team now played up strongly,and before long Walsh placed the Wanderers again ahead amid great cheering.The game was stubbornly fought up to the finish,and the Old Wanderers were declared the winners of a good game by two goals to one.”

Sheffield Independent 23/11/85 P.3:“Played at Darwen on Saturday.During the first half the game was very even,the Wanderers scoring the only goal.After change of ends Accrington did the pressing and made the game equal ten minutes after half time.The match now commenced to be very exciting,the Wanderers scoring their second point,and winning the match by two goals to one.”(No lineups)

Darwen Old Wanderers:J.Haddow(Goal);Moorhouse,Pilkington(Backs);Almond,R.Kirkham, Woods(Half Backs);Eccles,Bury,Pearson,Walsh,Chadwick(Forwards)

Accrington:Cowell(Goal);Robinson,A.Hargreaves(Backs);G.Haworth,F.Whittaker,Chippendale(Half Backs);Mackereth,Duckworth,Brown,Wade,Deakin(Forwards).

Referee:Astley,Blackburn.

CHURCH walked over THIRD LANARK scratched(see above):Field 5/12/85 P.804

NORTH THIRD DIVISION:

DERBY MIDLAND 1(Owen) WALSALL SWIFTS 3 ("From a corner",J.Farmer,R.Webster) (At Derby) (Sat Nov 21st)(H.T. 0-1)

Derby Daily Telegraph 23/11/85 P.3/Derby Mercury 25/11/85 P.6(Short Report no scorers)/Nottingham Daily Express 23/11/85 P.7/Sporting Life 23/11/85 P.4/Referee 22/11/85 P.6(No teams):

DDT:"Walsall Swifts travelled to Derby today(Saturday) to try conclusions with Derby Midland in the second round of the National trophy.About 1,000 persons were present.The wind blew from the New Pavilion.Walsall won the toss,and kicked towards the river,Selvey kicking off at 25 minutes to three.The ball was taken to the Midland end very sharply,but Ayre relieved,and the ball was very soon transferred to the Walsall end,but was as quickly returned.The ball was now brought down by Coxon,who centred well.Selvey shot(a good one) which was within an ace of scoring.The Swifts' left now made a splendid run,but the final shot was futile.A corner now fell to the Swifts,which ended in a goal to Walsall.Charlie Ward soon had an opening,but sent in a weak shot,which was soon got away.The Walsall men now pinned the Midland for a bit making a couple of shots which were grandly got away by Salt.A rush by the Swifts was grandly disposed of by (Tarleton).A corner fell to the Midland,which was nicely centred by Ayre,but the Swifts got it away.Another rush by the Midlands came very nearly scoring,but Strutt kicked outside.Owen now got the ball down grandly, but Selvey missed his kick,and a good chance was lost;again Selvey got the ball,but kicked too high.The game was now very exciting,the ball travelling from end to end in quick succession,Wright being warmly applauded for some very good back play.A splendid run by Charlie Ward nearly resulted in a goal,Owen finishing up with a beauty,which only just grazed the uprights.The half time whistle now blew,one to none in favour of the Swifts.

After the resumption of play,the Midland came near scoring,Strutt very nearly doing the needful.Again the Swifts had their fortress in jeopardy,but their backs relieved.The game still continued very fast,and neither side gained any advantage,until a grand low shot by *Jones lowered the Midland fortress the second time(Two to the Swifts).Salt now had to look lively,the Swifts playing fast and furious,and a hot one proved too much for him(Three to the Swifts).But the Midland had their revenge,placing No 1 to their credit.This put more heart into the home team,who played up with renewed spirit,but had no luck,whilst the Swifts retaliated,and Salt was applauded for a fine repulse.Neither side now seemed to gain any distinct advantage,the ball travelling from end to end without any result,the game ended in favour of Swifts by 3 to 1.Wright,Tarleton,Ayre,and Wildsmith

played excellently at back, and Coxon, Ward, and Owen were the pick of the forwards, Selvey being off colour altogether. The Swifts to a man played splendidly, and well earned their victory."

*N.B. DDT gives J. Jones but scorer elsewhere recorded as Farmer (see below).

Athletic News 24/11/85 P.3: "At Derby, and a fast game. The visitors scored from a corner in the first ten minutes. Farmer and Webster scored one each. Owen then scored for the Midland and the Swifts won by three goals to one. The game was more even than the score indicates, the home team missing many chances."

SL: "After some spirited play the Walsall men scored from a corner." (H.T.) "Recommencing, the play was much faster. Farmer, from a long shot, secured a rattling goal, the ball going out of the reach of Salt. Webster soon compelled Salt to fust out, whilst directly afterwards, Owen, aided by a piece of concerted play on the part of his fellow forwards, scored a point for his side. Salt was then called upon to handle twice in quick succession, which he did right manfully, but, notwithstanding the back play of the Midland, Webster scored a third point."

Walsall Observer 28/11/85 P.8: "The game was capitally contested, and the play of the Swifts was especially brilliant. Neither side scored the first half, and ultimately the Swifts won a grand match by three goals to one."

Derby Midland: Salt (Goal); Wright (Capt.), Wildsmith (Backs); Wraith, Dan Ayre, Tarleton (Half Backs); Owen, Strutt (Right Wing), Scott Selvey (Centre), Charlie Ward, Coxon (Left Wing).

Walsall Swifts: T. Wood (Goal); G. Morris (Capt.), A. Aldridge (Backs); John Morley, H. Allen, J. Pearce (Half Backs); J. Farmer, F. Webster (Right Wing), J. Jones (Centre), D. Clarkson, J. Higgins (Left Wing).

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 3 (A. Loach 2, D. Bell) WEDNESBURY OLD ATHLETIC 2 (Taylor, Knight)
(H.T. 0-2) (Sat Nov 21st) (At West Bromwich)

FIND WEDNESBURY PAPER FOR WOA and SCORERS

Wolverhampton Express & Star 21/11/85 P.5/ Nottingham Evening Post 21/11/85 P.3/Bell's Life 23/11/85 P.4:

WE&S: "This fixture came off this afternoon at West Bromwich." "Albion won the toss, and the play from beginning to end was very close. The home team, however, in the first as in the latter half proved the better of the two teams, and completely eclipsed their opponents. In the second half seven or eight corners were obtained, and when each side had scored two goals the play became exceedingly fast and the excitement intense. Albion eventually won by three goals to two."

NEP: "Played on the ground of the latter (WBA). The game throughout was fast and exciting. A few minutes before half time Taylor scored the first and Knight the second for the Athletic. On resuming Loach obtained the first point for the Albion, and a second goal was afterwards kicked by Bell. A keenly contested game eventually ended in a victory for the Albion by three goals to two." (No teams)

BL: "Played at West Bromwich before a large number of spectators. From a corner kick by the Athletic the ball was sent through the Albion goal by Taylor, and soon after Knight scored a second point. In the second half the Albion assumed the aggressive, and Loach scored the first goal for his side. Within a few minutes from this Bell obtained a second point for the Albion out of a bully, and Loach, getting another opportunity, scored a third, the Albion winning by three goals to two." (No teams)

West Bromwich Albion: R. Roberts (Goal); H. Green, H. Bell (Backs); E. Horton, G. Bushell, G. Timmins (Half Backs); G. Woodhall, J. M. Bayliss, T. Green, A. Loach, G. Bell (Forwards) (WE&S).

Wednesbury Old Athletic: Kent (Goal); R. Whitehouse, W. Whitehouse (Backs); Shinton, +Byrne, Taylor (Half Backs); Holden, Danks (Right), Woodcock (Centre), Knight, Roberts (Left) (WE&S).

+WE&S has Burns

DERBY COUNTY 2 (A. Smith, G. Evans) ASTON VILLA 0 (Sat Nov 14th) (H.T. 1-0)

Derby Daily Telegraph 16/11/85 P.3/Birmingham Daily Post 16/11/85 P. 7/Bell's Life 16/11/85 P.7/Field 21/11/85 P.738/Sportsman 16/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 16/11/85 P.4/Referee 15/11/85 P.5-6:

DDT: "Probably the largest "gate" seen on the County Ground, at Derby this season, assembled to witness the contest between Derby County and Aston Villa, in the second round of the English Association Cup. Great interest has been manifested in the meeting of these strong and evenly matched teams. The clubs had met earlier in the season, when the Villans won by four goals to two, but that result did not really state the character of the game. The visitors have not, we believe, played in full strength in Derby before, and when they arrived on the ground they were warmly received. The weather was dull and threatening, but the public came up strongly, and the stands and extra accommodation were well patronised. The ground was in fair condition, but slightly greasy on the top. The County were cheered on taking the field first. The home team defended the Nottingham-road goal, and had an extremely light wind against them. Evans started the ball at ten minutes to three, and the County soon began to press, and caused Riddell to clear by a long kick. Spilsbury then took hold from a good pass from the extreme right, and put in a rattling shot, which Hobson fisted out, whilst Smith, who rushed up, tried to head through, but was not tall enough. The County left wing also responded with an ugly rush, and the ball got over the touchline. Aston Villa then showed up on the right, but Morley cleared, and Derby once more took up the running showing some pretty combination right across the whole of the front line, Evans again getting over the adversaries' touchline. The Villa left wing again showed prominently, and enabled Whateley to try a shot, which went wide. Arthur Brown and Davis then got dangerous, and the latter shot, but got the wrong side of the post. Davis made a splendid run, and there was a regular bully in front of the Derby goal, when the goalkeeper came out of his quarters and fisted the ball half way up the field. The visitors were now having the best of it, and Whateley put in a shot, which Luntley saved marvellously, having to hit out again immediately after. Morley saved twice in quick succession, and then Evans transferred the ball to the other end, passing grandly to Smith, who kicked wildly and missed an easy chance of scoring. The ball was brought down again, and Williamson, misskicking a shot from Hunter, gave a corner. Bakewell then woke up, ran through his men, and * "Jammer" was given the

final shot, but it was too high. Morley again stopped a rush of the Villa forwards. Spilsbury and Bakewell then took the leather up, and Hobson injudiciously fisting the ball into play as it was going over the touchline the Derby men got hold again, and Smith put through a pretty goal, after half an hour's play. (One for Derby County amid great cheering) On resuming the Birmingham men played up with great dash, and Luntley gave a corner, but it was sent in wretchedly. The Villa were granted a throw in from close quarters, but the ball got behind the Derby posts. Spilsbury relieved his side, and in the end Smith passed across the front. Coming down again the Villa men pressed, and Luntley had to kick out, but the corner was fruitless. Williamson now did some good saving, and directly after the referee gave the home team a "foul". Immediately after the half time whistle blew.

On resuming the Villa at once went to the Derby end, and Albert Brown shot, but Luntley was equal to the occasion, and the home team came down on the right, Bakewell and L. Cooper both having shots. Hobson once handling. A corner to the County was useless, and a little later Evans shot outside past the posts. Smith and Evans did good work on the left, and Spilsbury seemed to have the goal at his mercy, but was tripped just as he shot. The Villans retaliated, and a shot from the right wing was only just saved by Luntley. The Derby custodian was not long before he was again called upon to fist out. The County came up strong again, and twice Hobson had to use his hands. Smith again centred well, and Bakewell passed over the bar. The same player also put outside the post, and the Villa were now having a hot time to defend their goal, from subsequent onslaughts. Another corner to the County. Spilsbury did some pretty work hereabouts, and Evans narrowly missed scoring. Play now became very exciting, and at length from a left wing pass, Evans shot in the custodian's hands, but he let it slip through. (Two to the County and tremendous cheering). On re-starting, the Villa left wing made a dashing run, and passed in front of the Derby goal, but got over the line. Bakewell now went half back to strengthen the defensive position, but the visiting team played up with remarkable vigour. Spilsbury was applauded for a good screw, and was now showing much better form than in the first half. Morley repulsed two or three strong attacks of the visitors' forwards, but once Davis had a dangerous shot at goal, Luntley having to come out. The County custodian again had a difficulty in saving his charge. The Villa were now pressing, and the County played a strictly defensive game. The Villa were conceded a corner, but the leather went behind. It was now getting dark, but a good run by Bakewell and a long shot by Spilsbury were applauded. The Cantab then brought the ball the whole length of the ground, and Evans was given a chance, but failed. Directly after the whistle blew leaving Derby County victorious by two goals to none."

* "Jammer" was A. Smith (he later played for Long Eaton

SL: "An objection was lodged after the match against the referee, it being asserted that he was a member of the County club, but how far this will go will be proved by the Association Committee."

Derby County: W. Luntley (Goal); H. A. Morley (Capt.), A. Williamson (Backs); G. F. Cooper, J. Flowers, W. H. Wharmby (Half Backs); G. H. Bakewell, B. W. Spilsbury (Right Wing), G. Evans (Centre), A. Smith, L. Cooper (Left Wing).

Aston Villa: C. Hobson (Goal); A. Jones, T. Riddell (Backs); G. Price, J. Burton (Half Backs); O. Whateley, Arthur Brown (Right Wing), Archie Hunter (Capt.), Albert Brown (Centres), O. H. Vaughton, R. Davis (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Shaw (Derby County) and McGregor (Aston Villa). Referee: J. Piggott (Derby)

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 4 (H.Aston,J.Aston 2,H.Wood) STAFFORD ROAD 2
(B.Jones,O.G.)(H.T 0-2) (Sat Nov 21st)(At Dudley Road Ground,Wolverhampton)

N.B.Last 2 WW scorers from WW Histories

Wolverhampton Express & Star 21/11/80 P.5/Sporting Life 23/11/85 P.4/Sheffield Independent
23/11/85 P.3:

WE&S:"One of the most interesting and withal one of the most important events of the season in local football circles was the fixture arranged to be played off on the Dudley-road Ground this (Saturday) afternoon,to decide whether the Wolverhampton Wanderers or the Stafford-road club should participate in the third round of the competition for the national trophy.The feeling of partisanship between the two chief Wolverhampton clubs never perhaps rose to so high a pitch,and the enormous interest taken in the decision of this event was amply revealed by the fact that on no previous occasion has so large a gate been witnessed on the Dudley-road ground,the assemblage including Mr Alfred Hickman(President of the Wanderers' club),Mr Walter Bird,and many other well-known gentlemen.Both teams were splendidly represented,and a very close game was anticipated, more especially because though when last the clubs met on this field the home team pulled off an easy victory.Stafford-road has this season shown excellent form,better perhaps than ever since their most palmy days some few years ago.

Brodie kicked off downhill,and the Roaders quickly sent the ball into the Wanderers' territory,the leather being taken up the left wing from a cleverly-combined forward run,and was centred,when Griffiths running out to save his charge,B.Jones,the Roaders' captain,proved too much for him,and scored with a quick shot amidst loud cheering.The venue of the play was changed after the goal-kick to the vicinity of the visitors' headquarters,and on one occasion a well-directed shot struck the goal-post and rebounded into play,the Wanderers looking all over like equalising matters,but the splendid play of Llowarch in goal and also of the Roaders' back division nullified all efforts of the Wanderers to add a point.The home team,to their credit,be it said,struggled gamely to overtake the lead of the opposing club,and on several occasions very narrowly escaped scoring,but "hard lines" fell to their lot,whilst the Roaders had a very large amount of good fortune,their second goal being obtained amidst tremendous excitement some 15 minutes before half-time was sounded.The leather had been nicely worked up the right wing,and a beautiful shot made for goal,which was punted by Griffiths,off whose hand the ball glanced between the posts.When the whistle sounded half-time the game stood two goals to nil in favour of Stafford-road.

On resuming,the game resolved itself into one of the most keenly-contested and exciting that has ever been witnessed on the Wanderers' field,though,considering the home team were then two goals to the bad and had to work up hill,their chance of winning seemed at first a very slight one.But their play throughout the whole of the second half was brilliant in the extreme,and fifteen minutes from the resumption they had made matters equal,their first goal being obtained by H.Aston out of a scrimmage following a splendid centre-field run,and the second by J.Aston from a rush round the visitors' headquarters consequent on a well-placed corner kick.After these results the Wanderers had matters pretty much their own way,and although the Roaders,cheered on by their supporters, played a determined and plucky game,it was evident that they could not maintain the fast play

adopted in the first half. From a scrimmage in front of the visitors' goal a corner was obtained, terminating in a third goal for the home team, who quickly contributed a fourth point, and the result of an exceedingly fine game was a victory for the Wanderers by four goals to two."

Wolverhampton: I. Griffiths (Goal); C. Mason, G. Hawkins (Backs); A. Pearson, J. Aston, J. Evans (Half Backs); H. Aston, G. Wood (Right), J. Brodie (Capt.) (Centre), T. Horton, H. Wood (Left). (WE&S).

Stafford Road: Llowarch (Goal); Riley, Baugh (Backs); Cheers, Turton, Scott (Half Backs), B. Jones (Capt.), Foster (Right), W. Jones (Centre), Garner, B. Griffiths (Left). (WE&S).

Umpires: J. Dallard for Wolverhampton and V. Daines for Stafford Road.

Referee: Cofield (Sec. Birmingham & District F.A.)

SMALL HEATH ALLIANCE 3 (H. Morris, W. Felton, + A. Stanley) DARWEN 1 (Kenyon) (H.T. 1-1)
(Sat Nov 21st) (At Small Heath)

+ N.B. 3rd scorer from Birmingham History and not traced in a paper; London reports very short no scorers

Birmingham Daily Post 23/11/85 P.3/Blackburn Standard 28/11/85 P.6/Preston Herald 25/11/85 P.2/Sportsman 23/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 23/11/85 P.4/Referee 22/11/85 P.6:

BDP: "These teams met at Small Heath to play the match off in the second round of the above cup competition. Kenyon, winning the toss, chose to attack the Muntz-street goal, and from the kick off the visitors worked the ball into the Alliance quarters. Felton cleared with a long shot, and Stanley carried the ball to the opposite end of the field. The visitors were severely pressed, when Rostron got possession, and ran the leather along the right wing. The Alliance were unable to stop his progress until a few yards from goal, when Hare tackled him and the ball went outside. From the throw in Stanley, with a neat bit of dribbling, got the ball down the field, and passed it to Figures on the left wing, and he in turn placed it in front of Stanley, who shot the sphere into the hands of the goalkeeper. Holden endeavoured to get the ball away but failed, and Morris pounced upon it and sent it between the posts fifteen minutes from the start. The Alliance held the upper hand of the visitors, and kept the ball in close proximity to the Darwen citadel. The shots at goal were erratic, and, as a natural consequence, were inaccurate. A combined run by the Darwen forwards transferred the play to the Heathen quarters, and Kenyon, by skillful manouvering, passed the home team's half backs and backs, and ultimately evading Hedges, with a swift low shot equalised matters. The Alliance played up admirably, and were several times within an ace of scoring. The Darwen backs, however, kept them at bay, and at half time the score was still equal. On crossing over the home team again assumed the command, and made strenuous efforts to obtain the next goal, which would undoubtedly be the winning point. J.C. Holden and Entwistle resisted the attacks of the Alliance in an exceedingly clever manner, and thus for a time saved their colours from being lowered. The game resolved itself into one of incessant siege of the Darwen goal, but the home team were unable to score until ten minutes from the finish, when Felton, one of the half backs, scored a second goal for his side. Shortly before time another point was scored by the Alliance, who thus won by three goals to one." (BS/PH Reports almost identical)

Small Heath Alliance:T.Hedges(Goal);J.Hare,R.Evetts(Backs);W.Felton,C.Simms,F.James(Half Backs); E.Hill,W.Figures(Right Wing),A.E.Stanley(Centre),T.Davenport,H.Morris(Left Wing).

(BCR has R.Evetts(Robert) not J.Evetts and T.Davenport:CHECK INITIALS AND THIRD SCORER SAT NIGHT PAPER)

Darwen:Holden(Goal);R.Entwistle,J.C.Holden(Backs);Hamilton,Warburton,Leach(Half Backs); Marshall,Rostron(Right Wing),Kenyon(Centre),Norris,Owen(Left Wing).

Umpires:Hart and Whewell.Referee:Crump.

NORTH FOURTH DIVISION:

LONG EATON RANGERS 0 STAVELEY 4(W.Young,"scrimmage",H.P.Marples,W.Needham) (H.T. 0-3)(At Recreation Ground,Long Eaton)(Sat Nov 21st)

Sheffield Independent 23/11/85 P.3/Nottingham Journal 23/11/85 P.7/(No Sheffield Daily Telegraph on line)/Derby Mercury 25/11/85 P.6/Sportsman 23/11/85 P.4(No teams)/Referee 22/11/85 P.6(No teams):

NJ:"This tie in the second round of the English Cup competition was played off on Saturday afternoon on the Recreation Ground,Long Eaton the weather being all that could be desired,and consequently there was a large attendance of spectators.In the first round of the competition the Rangers defeated Sheffield Wednesday,whilst Mexborough,who had played a drawn game with Staveley,scratched to them.The Staveley club sent a good team,whilst the Rangers club were not fully represented,F.W.K.Wallis and (Gelsthorpe)being absent owing to injuries,while T.S.Vessey played lame.The Rangers won the toss,and defended the Nottingham-road end goal,and at 2.35 J.Hay started the play,the ball being rushed from one end of the ground to the other,Winfield sending in a shot all along the ground.A corner followed,which was taken by Newsum,but not placed well.Then the visitors came down the field,but Newsum defended well and no advantage gained, although immediately afterwards,from a well-planned assault after ten minutes play,Young scored the first point for the visitors.After two minutes' more even play,a second fruitless corner fell to the home team,who had made a fine assault on the Staveley citadel,and Newsum just missed scoring. Then the visitors' forwards came down in a rush,Madin putting in a splendid shot and Dennis gave a corner.This proved abortive,and Newsum was applauded for some fine half-back play,by which means the ball was placed out of danger.Still the Staveleyites were not to be denied as they made a most determined assault on the Rangers' fortress,and out of a scrimmage a second goal was scored. The Rangers now made a change in their forward division,playing six instead of five,Hexter assisting Mellor in the centre,and the game became fast and furious,Rice just shooting over the cross-bar. Then the Staveleyites were the aggressors,and after some smart passing on the part of their forwards,Marples rushed a third goal through.Still the Rangers could make no headway,as the visitors played a fine combined game,and at half-time the latter were leading by three goals to none.

On crossing over the Staveley forwards made rapid progress in the direction of the Rangers' goal and Young shot over the bar.Then the Rangers showed better play,their passing being much neater,and Winfield shot wide of the posts.Immediately afterwards Rice,who had a fine opening, shot high over

the bar. The visitors' forwards then came down again, and were conceded a third corner, but from this the Rangers' broke away, Winfield executing a fine run down the right wing, winding up with a beautiful shot, but the centre man was slow and the goal was cleared. Then the Rangers who pressed, had very hard lines in front of goal, but were eventually conceded a corner. After a few minutes' even play subsequent to this, owing to some smart head play by the Staveley forwards, Madin had a shot and sent the ball over the bar. Immediately afterwards the fourth corner fell to the Rangers, and they compelled the Staveleyites to act on the defensive until the latter conceded a throw in. Then the visitors showed some fine passing in front of goal, and Needham scored the fourth goal. From now to time the game was very uninteresting, and the Staveleyites won by four goals to none."

SI: "Played on the Recreation ground, Staveley, on Saturday afternoon, before three or four thousand spectators. The Rangers had an inferior team to that with which they beat Sheffield Wednesday in the first round, and in no point did they prove equal to the visitors, whose dash, speed, and passing proved too much for the Rangers."

Nottingham Evening Post 21/11/85 P.3: "This match in the second round of the National competition was played at Long Eaton this afternoon before 3,000 spectators. The game was started at a fast pace, and 15 minutes from the start Hay scored for Staveley. A second goal was scored for them from a desperate scrimmage 10 minutes afterwards, and a third was obtained by Young in the next 10 minutes. Staveley scored again in the second half and won by four goals to (n)one."

Long Eaton: W. R. Hexter (Goal); J. H. Dennis, G. H. Smith (Backs); J. Orchard, W. Hexter, W. G. Newsum (Half Backs); J. Rice, G. Winfield (Right Wing), W. Mellor (Centre), T. S. Vessey, E. May (Left Wing).

Staveley: J. Marshall (Goal); D. James, R. H. Peel (Backs); J. Wheatley, S. Hay (Half Backs); W. Madin, H. P. Marples (Right Wing), John Hay, W. Young (Centres), S. Wilshaw, W. Needham (Left Wing).

Umpire: R. Bestwick. Referee: A. Chaplin. (Derby Midland).

SHEFFIELD HEELEY 1 ("scrimmage") NOTTS RANGERS 6 (W. Hodder 3, W. Stokes 2, T. Sadler) (H.T. 1-3) (At Bramall Lane, Sheffield) (Sat Nov 21st) N.B. Notts Rangers scorers from AFS

Nottingham Journal 23/11/85 P.7/Field 28/11/85 P.773/(No Sheffield Daily Telegraph on line)(Sheffield Independent 23/11/85 P.3: no teams)(Nottingham Evening Post 21/11/85 P.3 (Short report: no teams)/Sportsman 23/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 23/11/85 P.4/Referee 22/11/85 P.6:

NJ/SL: "At Bramall Lane ground. The weather was dark and cloudy, but fully 3,000 spectators were present. Owing to the recent mild weather the grounds were rather soft. The Rangers won the toss, and Knowlson kicked off for Heeley. The Notts players at once assumed the aggressive, and after four corners had accrued to the Rangers in the first fifteen minutes, a goal was kicked by Hodder from a scrimmage. Still continuing to press their opponents, a second goal was scored from the left wing. The Heeley players were utterly unable to cope with their more clever opponents, who kept up an almost incessant bombardment of the Heeley stronghold, a third goal being kicked from the left wing. Three goals had now accrued to the Rangers in half an hour's play, but, finally, Shaw made a fine run along the left to the Notts' end, and, in attempting to head the ball away, it was headed between the posts, and half time was called with the score three to one in favour of the Rangers.

On changing ends the Rangers' territory was invaded, but the attack was only momentary, as Topham sent the ball into mid-field from a free kick to Heeley close up to the Notts goal mouth. The ball was got to the Heeley end, when Tomlinson missed it, and it was put through for the fourth time. The Heeley left wing players next transferred the leather to the Notts goal, Cheetham fisting out in splendid style. Several times the Heeley players were near scoring, but the fine back play of the Notts men could not be broken through. The lace team forwards subsequently shifted the ball to the Heeley domain and a fifth goal accrued from a fine shot from the left wing; a sixth was secured from a corner, and Heeley retired, a badly beaten team by the large majority of six goals to one."

SI : "Tremendous excitement attended this match on Saturday at Bramall Lane ground, and a goodly number of spectators were present to witness the game. Both clubs were represented by their full strength, and the partisans of each strongly fancied the chance of their particular favourites. The weather was cold and dull, though fine, just the right sort of day to play football on. Punctual to time the players appeared upon the field. The Rangers winning the toss, Knowlson kicked off for Heeley towards Bramall Lane. The Heeley fortress was at once attacked, and a smart shot struck the post and went outside. A corner kick was unproductive, as was a second. The ball was then transferred to midfield, and some pretty even play was then witnessed, after which the Rangers had another corner, but again without result. The Notts men now pressed the Heeleyites severely, and from another corner a goal was scored in a scrimmage after about 10 minutes play. After again kicking off, the ball was kept for some time in the Heeley quarters, but at length the forwards broke away and Knowlson had a corner kick, but he kicked the leather outside. A second corner to Heeley was directed outside, after which the play became more general, and each end of the field was visited in turn. At length, by a good bit of unselfish crossing the Rangers got in front of the Heeley goal and a second score was added to their credit. Before five minutes had elapsed another goal was secured for the Rangers with a long shot from the left. This roused the Heeley men, and they were not long before they rushed down in a body, and in a scrimmage a goal was secured for them. Rattling play followed, and both sides were working like horses, but when half time was called no further score had taken place, the game at that time standing three goals to one in favour of Rangers.

After ends were reversed a quick run to the Rangers' fortress was followed by a determined rush at the Heeley goal, but Kelvey was equal to the occasion and fisted out manfully. A corner and a foul to Heeley were well got away. The play was now pretty even, and frequent shots were made at each goal. At last, through a misskick on the part of Tomlinson, a fourth goal was added to the Notts score. Heeley played up better after this, and were several times within an ace of scoring, but the magnificent back play of the Rangers frustrated their efforts. Some grand shots at the Heeley citadel were splendidly saved by Kelvey, but at length a shot from the left side eluded him, and a fifth point was scored for the Rangers. The interest in the game now appeared to be gone. From a corner kick a sixth goal was added, and when time was called Notts Rangers had won by six goals to one." (No teams)

Sheffield Heeley: C. Kelvey (Goal); T. A. Tomlinson, T. Moss (Capt.) (Backs); C. E. Knowlson, M. P. Jones, G. A. Lawson (Half Backs); H. Stokes, G. Sykes (Right Wing), C. Hiller (Centre), G. A. Shaw, + H. Frank (Left Wing).

+NJ plus SI lineup for the match: Wrong in London papers

Notts Rangers: J. Cheetham (Goal); C. Shelton (Capt.), W. Topham (Backs); A. Shelton, H. Knight, T. Sadler (Half Backs); W. May, H. Shelton (Right Wing), W. Hodder (Centre), W. Archer, W. Stokes (Left Wing).

NJ has W.Archer,W.Stokes(Right Wing),W.Hodder(Centre),W.May,A.Elliott(Left Wing).

Umpires:C.Gilbert and J.Tomlinson.Referee:W.Beard(Lockwood Brothers).

NOTTS FOREST 4 (G.Unwin 2,E.J.Leighton,S.Norman) NOTTS OLYMPIC 1 (Caborn (o.g.))(H.T. 0-0)
(At Gregory Ground,Lenton Sands)(Sat Nov 21st)

Nottingham Evening Post 21/11/85 P.3/Nottingham Journal 23/11/85 P.7/Sportsman 23/11/85 P.4:

NJ:"Played on the Gregory Ground (NEP:"Lenton Sands")on Saturday before about one thousand spectators.The match was stubbornly contested,but was marked by rough play from some of the visiting team,and (exhibitions) of bad temper.Tutin started the ball in the direction of the north goal,and an attack on the Olympic end was immediately commenced by Fox,and continued on the other wing until the ball went out on the left.Heath got on from the goal kick,but the visiting forwards did not get far over the centre line.The ball was fouled by the "reds" close to the Olympic goal,but presently Leighton shot high over the bar.Hayes put in a tremendous kick immediately after and Heath went down with assistance,and gave Hammond a chance,but the right wing man shot very wild.Appleton then had to save from Fox.The attack was taken up by the other wing,and Unwin shot,but very high.Stevenson played very clumsily just now.Forest took a corner on the right,but Heath got away,and some excellent play by the Olympic followed.Combined play kept the ball in the Forest half for a long time,and Luntley stopped a low shot by Hammond.Then a shot by Walker went very close,and Luntley fisted out a sharp overhead kick by Smith.Leighton dodged and dribbled timely,but Hayes returned,and a run by Danks and Fox resulted in the ball going over the line.The ball was run backwards and forwards,but Fox sent in a beautiful shot on the ground,which went just outside. Hayes then stopped Fox who had the ball at his toe.Play was now in the Olympic half.Appleton kept out a low shot by Danks,but did not get the ball away,and Tutin missed a goal chance.Olympic then took up the running and Dunncliffe spoilt some good play by a heavy screw which went over to the right.Attacks by the right and left wing of the "reds" followed,and both Hancock and Caborn put in some heavy kicks.Leighton and Danks for the "reds" and Heath for the Olympic,were very noticeable.Ward did some splendid tackling against the Olympic right wing.From a corner well placed by Fox,Unwin breasted over.From a foul against Danks,Hayes put well in,but Hancock gave to the left,and Unwin went away at a rare pace,but Leighton kicked out.The ball then went over at the other end.Fox missed at Appleton's goal.Some good play by the Olympic forwards resulted in Walker putting in a beautiful shot.Luntley only just stopped the ball,and Heath missed a fine opportunity.At half-time no goals had been scored by either side."

NEP:"On changing ends the Olympic team ran the ball into their opponents' territory,but it was quickly got away,and Danks running down on the right afforded Tutin a fine chance of scoring,but he shot high,and the ball was forced over the bar.Forest continued to press their opponents severely,Tutin and Danks showing most prominently.A fine shot by the latter passed just over the bar,and some rough play between Adcock and Unwin ensued,the former appealing for a foul,which was not allowed.Shortly afterwards,however,a foul was given to Forest near the Olympic goal.This was taken by Fox,who sent to Ward,and the latter put a well-directed shot,which just missed the goal.A fruitless corner to Forest followed,but the Reds continued to maintain their aggressive tactic.A fine run on the part of Fox and Danks resulted in the latter centring,and Billyeald sent in one

which hit the crossbar, and as it rebounded Unwin sent the leather through the posts, amid enthusiastic cheering. Scarcely had this first point in the game been scored, when Forest renewed their attack, Tutin and Fox getting possession. The former, with some excellent dodging, fairly puzzled his opponents, and passing to Leighton, the latter sent in a capital shot, which proved too much for Appleton, and the second point was registered for Forest, amid renewed outbursts of cheering on the part of their admirers. Another corner was conceded to Forest, but proved fruitless, and after more foot play, the Olympic were conceded a corner. Unwin then got possession, and made what proved to be the best run of the game. He was stopped, however, by Stevenson, but Tutin shortly afterwards headed the ball in such dangerous proximity to the Olympic goal, that Appleton had again to fist out. Leighton then put in a "shot" which only just failed to score, and was followed by Norman, who sent in one from the left which baffled the goalkeeper, whom Danks kept occupied. This registered the third point for Forest. Directly afterwards Heath and Smith brought the ball up on the right into the Forest goal, and it passed through the posts off Caborn, the Olympic registering their first goal, and that a lucky one. The Reds quickly responded, and Fox, terminating a grand run by centring finely, a scrimmage ensued in front of goal, from which Unwin sent the leather through the posts. The whistle then blew and the Forest were left the victors by four goals to one."

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

Notts Olympic: W. A. Appleton (Goal); V. Stevenson, H. Hayes (Backs); H. Adcock, H. James, J. Dunncliffe (Half Backs); A. Hodgkinson, R. Hammond (Right Wing), J. Walker (Centre), W. Heath, J. Smith (Left Wing).

Umpires: A. J. Bates and A. G. Hines. Referee: R. H. Daft.

NOTTS COUNTY 8 (H. B. Daft, W. Gunn 3, H. Jackson 3, H. A. Cursham) SHEFFIELD CLUB 0 (H. T. 5-0) (Sat Nov 21st) (At Trent Bridge, Nottingham)

Nottingham Evening Post 21/11/85 P.3/Sheffield Independent 23/11/85 P.3/Nottingham Journal 23/11/85 P.7/Grantham Journal 28/11/85 P.8/Sporting Life 23/11/85 P.4/Referee 22/11/85 P.6:

NEP: "These teams, who met in the second round of the Association Cup last year, when Notts. proved easily victorious by five goals to none, were drawn together in the same stage of the competition this season, played their tie at Trent Bridge this afternoon, in the presence of 2,500 spectators.

Notwithstanding the recent frosts, the ground was in capital condition, and as there was but little wind blowing, the game was contested under favourable conditions. Jackson kicked off for Notts at twelve minutes to three o'clock, and after a temporary visit had been made to the Sheffield quarters, Wilson ran down, and some pretty play between the visiting forwards took them in front of goal, but Emmett returned, and Gunn running down the wing, put the ball into the Sheffield goal, Dobson shooting into the goalkeeper's hands. The ball was got rid of, but so pressing were Notts. that Beardshaw kicked out three minutes from the start, and Notts took their first corner. Nothing came of it, however, and a foul against Notts helped the visitors a little, but Jackson then dribbled past six men brilliantly, and sent in a grand shot, which hit one of the uprights. Gunn, Cursham, Jackson, and A. Moore all had shots after this, one being a very near thing from the foot of Cursham. Robinson, Willey, and Davy made a diversion in the visitors' favour, but H. Moore returned, and after some pretty

passing between Gunn and Moore, the former centred, and Daft breasted the ball through seventeen minutes from the start. Two minutes later Jackson and Cursham dribbled through the Sheffield backs, and passing in front of goal Gunn sent in a shot which struck the goal post and passed through. Immediately on recommencing Cursham ran down, passed to Daft, and Jackson getting up in time, made the third goal, all three goals being taken in as many minutes. Still having all the best of the game, the Notts men were constantly peppering at the Sheffield goal, which three times had narrow escapes, but then the Sheffielders took their first corner. They did not, however, long remain there, and Jackson getting possession from Gunn, executed a particularly neat dribble and shot the fourth goal. Scarcely had the ball been restarted ere the Notts forwards went down in a body, and Gunn by a fine screw scored the fifth point a minute from the last. The visitors then got into the Notts quarters, and Sherwin had to kick and fist away consecutive shots by Liddell. Play was afterwards more even, Notts relaxing their exertions somewhat, but still having the best of it, until Liddell and Davy, working nicely together, the latter shot high over the bar. Half time arrived with the score five goals to none in favour of the home team.

On changing ends Notts still pressed, and Cursham headed the sixth goal six minutes from the kick off. Sheffield played up very well considering the hopelessness of the game, Davy and Liddell being responsible for two or three clever runs, but they were never really dangerous, while the Sheffield goal was constantly assailed, and Cursham getting the ball from Jackson put it across goal, when Gunn rushed in and scored the seventh point ten minutes after the previous one. The Sheffielders coming away in a body, Sherwin missed fisting a ball right in goal, but it passed over the bar. The game for the last half hour was of an uninteresting character, the Sheffielders being completely overmatched, but though repeated shots were made by the Notts forwards only one by Jackson took effect a few minutes before the call of time, and Notts passed into the third round victorious by eight goals to none."

SI: "Drawn together in the second round of the English Cup competition, these teams met on the Trent Bridge Ground, at Nottingham, on Saturday. Jackson, on behalf of Notts, kicked off, and, after a temporary visit had been paid to the Sheffield quarters, Wilson ran down, and some pretty play took place between the visitors' forwards. A sustained assault was then made on the visitors' stronghold, and 17 minutes from the start Daft breasted the ball through. Two minutes later Gunn sent in a scoring shot, and Jackson quickly followed this up with a third success. Renewed but ineffective shots having been made at the Sheffield goal, a slight reversion in the state of affairs occurred, and the visitors obtained their first corner. The ball was, however, quickly returned by Jackson, who, after dribbling prettily, registered the fourth goal. A minute later, Gunn, with a screw kick, made the fifth point, and at half-time the game stood at 5 to 0.

On resuming Notts again pressed, and Cursham made the 6th goal. After Gunn had scored the 7th success, the Sheffielders broke away in a body, but the final shot went over the bar. Two minutes before time was called Jackson registered the 8th goal for Notts, and the match therefore terminated in a victory for Notts by eight goals to none."

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

Sheffield: T.E. Shuttleworth (Goal); W.F. Beardshaw, W. Robinson (Backs); T.E.B. Wilson, A.E. Longsdon, H.B. Willey (Half Backs); E. Barber, G.G. Booker (Right Wing), C.H. Aizlewood (Centre), D. Davy, A.C. Liddell (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Marshall for Notts County and W.W. Liddell for Sheffield.

Referee: A.H. Hutchinson (Grantham)

NORTH FIFTH DIVISION:

LEEK walked over NEWTOWN scratched :Field 28/11/85 P.773

DRUIDS 2 (W.Green, "a rush") BURSLEM PORT VALE 2 (C.Simpson, W.Reynolds) (H.T. 1-1) (F.T. 2-2) (Sat Nov 21st) (At Wynnstay Park, Ruabon) (PVR has Smith as 2nd scorer)

N.B. Play suspended after 10 minutes extra time: darkness

Wrexham Advertiser 28/11/85 P.8/Sportsman 23/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 23/11/85 P.4/Referee 22/11/85 P.6:

WA: "This match, in the second round of the English Cup Competition, was played on Wynnstay Park, Ruabon, on Saturday, there being a goodly number of spectators present. Reynolds kicked off for the visitors, and an invasion was made into the home quarters. Albert Powell, however, returned the leather, and Vaughan made a run, and put in a low shot, which was well kept out. The play for a time was confined round the home goal, the Burslemites obtaining a corner, which went behind. From the goal kick the play was in midfield. At last Doughty getting the leather, attempted a run, but was stopped in his progress by W. Powell, who returned. J. Davies at this juncture was applauded for some good half back play, and Vaughan had a nice run. The Burslemites now visited the Welshmen's territory and Jones was forced to handle, Powell clearing his lines in good style. The home team, by some smart passing, carried the ball to the other end, and Doughty's final shot went wide. A free kick for hands followed, which was entrusted to Albert Powell, from which Owen obtained the sphere, and passing over to Vaughan, the latter made a shot, Rowley fisting away. The visitors now began to press the home team, and were in close proximity to the home citadel, when Williams tackled splendidly and cleared. Simpson now obtained the leather, and worked it up, and finally shot, Jones saving. Soon afterwards the strangers obtained a free kick for hands, which came to nothing. The visitors' right wing were now seen to advantage, they centring to Reynolds, who put in a shot, Jones punching out, and Simpson rushing up put the ball through, thus drawing first blood after about twenty-five minutes' play. From the centre kick R. Davies obtained the globe, and passing over to Vaughan, he made a run, touching to his partner Green, who kicked over the bar. From the goal kick Vaughan was again conspicuous for a good centre. The visitors' back sent the leather behind, but the corner came to nothing. The ball now travelled to the other end, Dain doing some nice work. Vaughan and Green, however, executed a fine run on the left, and were near the visitors' goal, when W. Powell intercepted them in their career, a corner resulting, which was nicely placed by Vaughan, but was got away.

Rowley was now compelled to handle, and Jones, at the other end, had to follow suit, he clearing splendidly. Some give and take play now ensued, after which J. Davies kicked a corner for the Druids, from which nothing resulted. The home team strove hard to score, the ball being continually in the Burslemite's ground. R. Davies put in a shot which went wide. The visitors now obtained a free kick for a foul, it being barren of result. The Druids' left wing attempted a run, but Poulson (who played a sturdy game) returned. Owens and Davies made a run, and, when near the corner, Davies centred, and Green being on the spot, shot through, thus scoring for the Druids a minute before the call of half time, amid great cheering.

On changing ends the home team had to face the hill, and it was thought that their chances of success were very small. From the kick off Vaughan obtained possession, the ball, however, going out of play. From the throw in the Burslem right wing brought the ball up, and the home custodian was compelled to stop a warm shot. The Welshmen now had a free kick for hands, which was entrusted to Powell, the ball glancing off one of the visitors' backs behind, and the corner also went behind. From the goal kick Reynolds made a run and shot, Jones failing to stop, thus scoring the second goal for Port Vale. Directly afterwards the same player scored again, but this point was disallowed on the plea of offside. Owen and Davies were now warming to their work on the right, and made a run. The visitors, however, handling near goal, Bowen took the kick, the ball gliding behind off one of the backs. A couple of corners were gained by the Welshmen in quick succession, they being entrusted to Owens, the last of which was nicely placed in the mouth of goal, and was rushed through, amidst the loud cheers of the supporters of the Ruabonites. From now until the call of time both teams strove hard to obtain the winning point, but without any success, the game still remaining a draw. It was decided after a long consultation to play extra time, but after the teams had played for about ten minutes without any alteration in the score, the game had to be suspended on account of darkness."

Druids: J. Jones (Goal); W. Moulden, A. Powell (Backs); J. Davies, E. Bowen, W. Williams (Half Backs); W. Owen, R. Davies (Right Wing), J. Dougherty (Centre), J. Vaughan, W. Green (Left Wing).

Burslem Port Vale: W. Rowley (Goal); G. Bateman, W. E. Powell (Backs); W. Poulson, R. Dain, H. Hodgkinson (Half Backs); C. Simpson, J. A. Smith (Right Wing), W. Reynolds (Centre), J. Owen, B. Davies (Left Wing).

Umpires: L. C. Kendrick (Ruabon) and Oliver (Burslem). Referee: Lythgoe (Liverpool).

REPLAY: Sat Nov 28th:

BURSLEM PORT VALE 5 (W. Reynolds 2, A. Smith 2, C. Simpson) DRUIDS 1 (Not recorded) (H.T. 4-0) (Sat Nov 28th)

AFS TEAMS

Wrexham Advertiser 5/12/85 P.8 (No teams)/Port Vale Record P.23/Manchester Courier 30/11/85 P.3 (No teams):

WA: "The match in the English competition, between the Druids and Port Vale, was played at Burslem on Saturday, when the home team won "in a canter" by five goals to one. In the first portion of the game the Burslemite's had the advantage of the incline, and kept up a continual attack upon the visitors' goal, and scored four goals. On the change of positions the game was more interesting, each team gaining a point. The ground was unfavourable to scientific play, being in a muddy condition."

MC:"These clubs met on Saturday afternoon at Burslem.During the first half Reynolds scored two goals for the home team,and Smith and Simpson scored one goal each for the same club.During the second half both teams scored one goal,the game ending in favour of Port Vale by five goals to one."(No teams)

Burslem Port Vale :W.Rowley(Goal); W.E.Powell,G.Bateman(Backs);W.Poulson,R.Dain,H.Hodgkinson (Half Backs);J.A.Smith,C.Simpson(Right Wing),W.Reynolds(Centre),Grimson,B.Davies(Left Wing).

(PVR is missing No 10 in chart:Grimson)

Druids:Pugh;R.Jones,W.H.Jones;J.Davies,W.Williams,R.Davies;
Albert Jones,J.Vaughan,E.Bowen,W.Owen,J.Doughty.(AFS Team and order)(Rather different order to first match!)

DAVENHAM 8 (H.Holland 3,L.Stringer,OTHERS 4) MACCLESFIELD 1 (Vernon o.g)(H.T. 4-1)(Sat Nov 14th)

Crewe Guardian 18/11/85 P.5/Northwich Guardian 18/11/85 P.5:

CG/NG:"On Saturday,Davenham met Macclesfield in the second round of the English Cup Tie,at Davenham.The weather was fine,and there was a moderate attendance of spectators.The home team kicked off at three o'clock,and for a short time the play was of an even character.A nice run down the right wing was taken advantage of by Holland,of the home team,who kicked the first goal seven minutes from the start.Soon after the visitors forced the ball into the Davenham territory,and in a scrimmage,when close to goal,Vernon(Davenham) put the leather through.Macclesfield in a short time got a corner kick,but the ball was put behind the posts.Davenham now began to play a fast game,and completely overpowered their opponents.In a quarter-of-an-hour from the kick off Davenham had scored their second point,and directly afterwards Brookes had a very narrow escape of kicking another.Some corner kicks proved fruitless,but the third goal for the home team was got in 30 minutes from the start,and five minutes before half-time was called Holland scored no 4 for Davenham by a neat shot at goal.

The second half of the game did not improve matters for the visitors,for in 25 minutes from the kick-off,Stringer and Holland had added two more points for their club,and after ten minutes further play the seventh point was scored in favour of Davenham.Long before this the game had lost its interest,and numbers had left the ground.Davenham eventually won by eight goals to one."

Davenham:F.Leather(Goal);H.Goulding,R.Riley(Backs);D.Dalton,T.Whitby,G.Vernon(Half Backs);
H.Holland,J.Brooks,J.Haddock,G.Plant,L.Stringer(Forwards).

Macclesfield:J.Morton(Goal);J.Hall,T.Mason(Backs);W.Goodfellow,G.Downie,T.Millington(Half Backs);P.Wright,C.Cartwright,A.Bailey,J.Hindley,J.Bates(Forwards).

Umpires:M.Earlam,Macclesfield and Pearson.Referee:S.Ormerod,Accrington.

OSWESTRY 1 (F.Bryan) CREWE ALEXANDRA 1(E.Payne) (H.T. 1-1)(At Oswestry)(Sat Nov 21st)

Crewe Guardian 25/11/85 P.5 /Wrexham Advertiser 28/11/85 P.8/Sportsman 23/11/85 P.4:

CG:"On Saturday last the Alexandrians travelled to Oswestry to play off their tie in the second round of the competition.Mr Hall,the hon.sec.,had made arrangements for a special train,and although it was only made known on Friday night,a good muster of friends turned up at the station to accompany the team,which was exactly the same as played against Stoke.Upon arriving at Oswestry the Crewe contingent made direct for the scene of action,and punctually at the advertised time stepped into the arena.But to their surprise they were informed that a split had taken place between the Committee and some of the players belonging to the home team,and consequently a whip had to be made to persuade some to reconsider their decision,which they did,with the exception of J.Williams,and by the time matters were arranged it was 22 minutes after the advertised time to commence.It will be remembered that it is but a few weeks since that the Alexandrians easily defeated the Shropshire teams by nine goals to one,but upon the present occasion it was evident the executive had held themselves out to endeavour to avert a defeat if possible.Although the weather was very favourable,there were only about 800 spectators present to witness the game,and at five minutes to three Davies set the ball rolling from the Pavilion end,and for ten minutes the Crewe goal was besieged,shot after shot being sent in,but they found the Alexandra back division too strong to break through.From a return by Downes,Halfpenny very neatly gave possession to Payne,who made a very fair attempt,the leather going outside.A corner was the next point secured by the home team,off Conde,but nothing came of it,and the ball was immediately carried back,and put through by Payne,20 minutes from the start.This aroused the Oswestrians,and they again made a determined attack,and at times it seemed marvellous how the Crewe back division kept them at bay.One shot particularly worth mentioning was by T.Davies,who trickily passed Conde,then Downes,and finally Cross,having nothing but to put it through.The ball struck the cross-bar,and the same player breasted again,but only to hit the upright,and the ball rebounded into play.But at last they were rewarded after a severe scrimmage in front of goal.Brian succeeded in equalising matters, although Cross had stopped twice before it was secured.

Ends were changed,and the Crewe team had matters all to themselves for some time,and the feeling of the spectators,which was anything but creditable,stimulated the players to renewed determination.But no progress was made on either side,and the game ended in a draw,one goal each.Cross,the Crewe goal-keeper,Downes,and Payne should be specially mentioned,and Powell and T.Davies for Oswestry were by far the best.A protest has been lodged by both teams,each claiming the match,which will be settled by the English Association."

WA:"This match,in the second round of the English Cup Competition,took place at Oswestry,on Saturday.There was a fair attendance of onlookers.Upon the ball being set rolling the Oswestry made the first attack on their opponents,but owing to the fine play of the back division,were repulsed,and the Cheshire men carried the siege into the Salopian territory.After about twenty minutes' play,the visitors were fortunate in placing the ball between the uprights,thus scoring the first goal.The Oswestrians worked hard up,and in about five minutes afterwards made matters even.No further score was made up to half time.On the change of ends the game was pretty brisk,both sides working with vigour to obtain the much coveted point,until the play was stopped owing to a dispute arising between some of the players,fists being used by one or two of them.The crowd broke

upon the ground and there was a scene of great confusion. The officials, however, after a quarter of an hour, were successful in clearing the ground and play was resumed, but there were no further goals when time was called."

"Conde, an old Chirk player, fouled Bryan, the result of which was, I learn, that Foulkes and Conde used their fists, the game having to be suspended for about a quarter of an hour."

Bell's Life 24/11/85 P.4: "The Referee considered it too dark to play extra time"

Oswestry: R.T. Gough (Goal); S. Powell (Capt.), M.J. Evans (Backs); W.F. Foulkes, T. Ellis, Holmes (Half Backs); J. Jones, J.E. Davies (Right Wing), J. Davies (Centre), + F. Bryan, T. Davies (Left Wing). + Could be T. Bryan

Crewe Alexandra: C. Cross (Goal); W. Downes, C. Conde (Backs); E. Wycherley, F. Halfpenny, W.S. Bell (Capt.) (Half Backs); T. Cross, F.J. Marsh (Right Wing), E. Payne (Centre), T. Snelson, F. Hardman (Left Wing).

Umpires: W.H. Gough for Oswestry and T.M. Abrahams for Crewe. Referee: Mr Pugh (Pool Quay, Montgomeryshire).

OSWESTRY were disqualified by the FA Committee and CREWE walked over: Bell's Life 1/12/85 P.4: probably due to the late start caused by the home team as too dark for extra time.

NORTH SIXTH DIVISION:

GRIMSBY 8 (H. Atkinson, J. Seal 3, H. Monument 4) DARLINGTON 0 (Sat Nov 21st) (H.T. 3-0) (At Grimsby)

GRIMSBY GAZETTE FIND REPORT AND TEAMS (See also Redcar v Lincoln Lindum below)

Grantham Journal 28/11/85 P.8: "Played at Grimsby on Saturday afternoon, in fine weather, before 2,000 spectators. The home team played with the wind during the first half, and at half time had scored three goals to nil. After the interval, the visitors appeared played out, and up to the call of time the home players had matters their own way, eventually winning a one-sided match by eight goals to nil." (No teams)

Bell's Life 24/11/85 P.4: "Played at Grimsby before 2,000 spectators. The home team played with the wind during the first half, and at half time had scored three goals to nil. After the interval the visitors fell all to pieces, Grimsby eventually winning a one-sided match by eight goals to nil."

Grimsby: G. Atkinson; J.H. Taylor, H. Taylor; R.C. Hall, G. Kimpson, W. Hopewell; H. Atkinson, T. Garnham, J. Seal, R. Sharman, H. Monument.

(Grimsby Complete Record P.353) (AFS agrees except has A.J. Read instead of T. Garnham)

Darlington: F. Garbutt; J.H. Smeddle, J.W. Moore; J. Bickenson, B. Harrison, J. Waites; C.L. Glover, C. Thackeray, J. Hutchinson, R. Buckton, E. Bibbey. (Darlington Definitive P.13) (AFS agrees : added initials from AFS)

REDCAR 2 (Tufts 2) LINCOLN LINDUM 0 (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Nov 21st) (At Redcar) (Grimsby Gazette) (Nothing in Lincolnshire Chronicle 24/11/85 nor in 27/11/85 P.7) (4 Names unreadable in Colindale hard copy: GRIMSBY LIBRARY EMAIL):

FIND GRIMSBY GAZETTE REPORT

Sheffield Independent 23/11/85 P.3: "Played at Redcar. A capital struggle was witnessed. After some fast play on both sides, Redcar proved successful by two goals to nothing." (No teams)

Manchester Courier 23/11/85 P.3: "Played at Redcar on Saturday. After a fast game Redcar won by two goals and one disallowed, to nil" (No teams)

Bell's Life 24/11/85 P.4: "Played at Redcar, and after a splendid and fast game the home team won by two goals to nil."

KR Source: Grimsby Gazette (Hard Copy 1990's) FIND REPORT AND TEAMS : see also Grimsby v Darlington above) :

Redcar; J.T. Howcroft; (T. Alvey ?), Bradbury, J. Simpson, (R. Agar ??), (E. Pauls ??); (Bulman ??), Tofts, C. Pauls, T. Simpson, G. Hikeley. (7 names same as First Round: assuming missing players same as First Round pending Grimsby Gazette)

Lincoln Lindum: + Brailsford; G.F. Wells-Cole, A. Wilson; H. Williams, F.G. Tweed, J. Sear; B. Robinson, Turner, L.V. Younge, O.J. Barnett, F.E. Tweed. + Check spelling

GAINBOROUGH TRINITY 1 (B. Eason) MIDDLESBROUGH 2 (J. Thompson 2) (Northolme Ground, Gainsborough) (H.T. 0-0) (F.T. 1-1) (Extra Half Hour played) (Sat Nov 21st)

Stamford Mercury 27/11/85 P.5 / Grantham Journal 28/11/85 P.8 / Sporting Life 23/11/85 P.4:

STM: "This match was played on Saturday afternoon on the Northolme ground, Gainsboro', in the presence of about 2,000 spectators, among whom were Major-General Sim (the Conservative candidate for the Gainsboro' Division), Colonel Hutton (Gate Burton) and other leading gentry. The weather was fine. The home captain (White) kicked off, with a slight wind in his favour, and Brown for the home team sent the ball very near the visitors' goal, and play was kept in the visitors' quarters for some time. A good kick by Dawson sent the ball well up the field and immediately afterwards the visitors kicked the ball over the home goal bar. After this the play was kept well in the home quarters. A corner kick by Middlesbro' was allowed, but failed to make any good point. The visitors, however, kept the ball well out of their own half, and after some very good play, the Gainsboro' half back (Cater) got a corner kick, and play followed in the visitors' ground. White for Gainsboro' made a good header, and was getting the leather up the field, when the visitors made some good fast play and quickly transferred. Manuel then prevented a near approach to a goal for the visitors. After some variable play, the ball going from one end to the other, Dawkins for the visitors sent the ball finely up to the home half. Play again was kept in the home quarters, and a corner kick for Middlesbrough soon followed, which availed nothing of importance, the visitors, however, still keeping their opponents hard at work. For a few minutes after this Trinity had a go in and Cater got another corner kick, and the game was kept well alive in the Middlesbro' ground. White made a good header, and

was near getting in, but was prevented by a bit of good play by Middlesbro'. Some fine football was then shown by both sides, and the teams played hard. Half time was called without a point being scored for either side.

On resuming the Gainsboro' team was nearly scoring, but cleverly prevented by the visitors' goal-keeper cleanly throwing the ball back. Dawkins had to exercise all his ability to save his charge. Soon after this Middlesbro' gave some good work for Trinity and played a magnificent game, Judson being just able to save. Baugh quickly afterwards made a good kick at goal, but missed landing the leather in good ground, and the ball was rapidly changed to the other end, where Eason for Trinity made a clean kick through the posts, thus scoring the first goal. Dawkins made a fine effort to save, but was unable to stop the ball. Some fast play followed, the Middlesbro' men keeping the ball unpleasantly near the home team's goal for some considerable time. Some dangerous play by the Cleveland men kept Trinity on their mettle, and the visitors got another corner kick. Middlesbro' pressed hard, and gave not another chance for some minutes, but the Trinity captain eventually made a run up field, where Miller saved and sent the ball back into the home quarters. Thompson soon after scored a goal for Middlesbro' eight minutes off time.

At the call of time, and as both sides had scored one goal each, play was continued for an extra half hour. The light was then very bad, and it was with difficulty that play could be discerned. In the first part of the extra time Thompson kicked another goal for Middlesbro' amidst considerable excitement. In the last quarter-of-an-hour Trinity made some splendid efforts to equalise matters, but without avail, and the game concluded in favour of Middlesbro' by two goals to one. The teams were remarkably well matched, and the game was quite devoid of roughness, the universal opinion being that more gentlemanly play could not be witnessed. Trinity were at a slight disadvantage near the finish by Manuel becoming disabled, who, however, did not quit the field."

Gainsborough: Judson (Goal); T. Smith, A. Manuel (Backs); A. Frith, W. Brown, S. Cator (Half Backs); B. Eason, A. Watkin (Right Wing), E. White (Capt.) (Centre), J. Birkett, Wilkinson (Left Wing). (Initials from 1st Round match)

Middlesbrough: J. Dawkins (Goal); T. H. Wynn, G. Miller (Backs); O. H. Cochrane (Capt.), S. Kemp, A. R. Pringle (Half Backs); W. Fox, J. Thompson (Right Wing), Baugh (Centre), W. Pickstock, Rev. E. J. Wilson (Left Wing). (Initials from Third Round Match)

Umpires: J. A. Donson for Gainsborough and F. Hardisty for Middlesbrough. Referee: Hill, Nottingham.

SOUTH FIRST DIVISION:

OLD WYKEHAMISTS 10 (T. B. Hughes 2, +H. Chitty 2, J. A. Fort, F. M. Ingram 2, P. C. Parr, F. "Inkin", E. J. Humphrey) LUTON WANDERERS 0 (H. T. 6-0) (Sat Nov 21st) (At The Oval)

+Playing under pseudonym of H. "Crawler"

Bell's Life 24/11/85 P.4/Field 28/11/85 P.773/Sportsman 23/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 23/12/85 P.4/Referee 22/11/85 P.6/Herts Advertiser 28/11/85 P.6:

BL: "Played at Kennington Oval, and a very one-sided match ended in a win for the Old Winchester boys by 10 goals to nil. The points were scored by Hughes (two), Crawler (two), Fort (two), Ingram, and Parr, "Irkin", and Humphrey. The Luton men were fairly outplayed from start to finish."

F: "Seldom has victory been more easily gained than that of the Old Wykehamists in their second round match of Saturday last with the Luton Wanderers. At all points were the Old Winchester boys so infinitely superior as to render the game almost ridiculous in its one-sidedness, and there was next to nothing to compensate visitors to Kennington Oval for the rather unpleasant weather they had to put up with. With the exception of the work done by Hucklesbury at full back, and perhaps one or two praiseworthy efforts on the part of the left wing pair, the play of the Luton Wanderers was weak in the extreme, and had the Old Wykehamists not relaxed their efforts towards the end, the score would doubtless have been greater. By winning the toss Luton were able to secure the more favourable position for the first half; but only a few minutes had elapsed before Hughes obtained a goal for the Wykehamists; then a capital piece of passing between Parr, Ingram, and "Crawler", enabled the last-named to obtain the second goal. Fort, after a shot by Parr, scored the third goal, which the rival custodian ought to have prevented, and then, from a middle by Ingram, a fourth was gained by "Crawler". Nothing seemed easier to the Wykehamists than scoring, and previous to half time both Ingram and Parr added to the score.

After change of ends the play of the winners became rather loose, which was not to be wondered at, considering how easily they held their opponents. Many an opportunity was neglected, but, despite this state of things, four more goals were obtained, respectively by +Hughes (2), "Inkin", and Ingram. The Old Wykehamists, therefore, won by ten goals to none." +Humphrey given 1 of these by SM (see below)

SM: "The tie between these clubs at Kennington Oval on Saturday proved little else than a farce, the Old Winchester boys having matters their own way from start to finish. With the exception of Hucklesbury at back the form shown by the visitors was miserable in the extreme, and the result was that their opponents scored an easy double-figure victory. Winning the toss the Wanderers took the gasometer goal for the first half, Ingram kicking off from the Crown Baths end at eighteen minutes to three. Six minutes sufficed for Hughes to score the first item from a good run, while a pass from Parry to Ingram, and thence to "Crawler" quickly produced a second. No 3 accrued from a shot by Fort, after a pass by Parr, Veale "muffing" the ball, while, after about twenty minutes' play, a cross from Ingram to "Crawler" added a fourth. Yet a couple more items were scored before change of ends Ingram scoring the first, the ball bounding through, after hitting Veale's knee, while a sixth fell to Parr, after a futile corner kick fell to Huntingford.

With the change of ends the visitors fared but slightly better; indeed, but for the half-hearted and merciful play of their opponents, at least twenty points should have been chronicled. As it was, Hughes easily obtained a seventh, "Inkin" the eighth, a pass from Fort to Ingram the ninth, and some cross play by Hughes to Humphrey the tenth, while Ingram twice hit the posts in making shots. In the end the Wykehamists won anyhow by ten goals to love under circumstances that render it ridiculous to resort to criticism. We, therefore, merely append the names of the teams, which were as below:"

Old Wykehamists: J.E. Vincent (Goal); * F "Inkin", F.A. Jones (Backs); J.F. Bowen, E.W. Huntingford (Half Backs); J.A. Fort, T.B. Hughes (Capt.) (Right Wing), F.M. Ingram, P.C. Parr (Centres), E.J. Humphrey, +H. Chitty (Left Wing).

*Or "Irkin": Probably L.T.Thring. + "H. Crawler" but almost certainly H.Chitty as listed in SM for the match

Luton Wanderers: T.Veale(Goal); W.Bird, H.Hucklesby(Backs); W.Garratt, G.Bennett(Capt.), J.Clark(Half Backs); W.Davis, G.Worboys(Right Wing), H.Kemp(Centre), G.Smith, R.Ellingham(Left).

Umpires: H.G.Spratley and D.O.D.Kerr. Referee: C.W.Alcock(Hon Sec Football Association).

OLD WESTMINSTERS 3 (F.W.Bain 2, C.Ingram) OLD BRIGHTONIANS 0 (H.T. 2-0)
(At Barnes)(Sat Nov 21st)

Bell's Life 23/11/85 P.4/Sportsman 23/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 23/11/85 P.4/Referee 22/11/85 P.6:

BL: "Played at Barnes, and a fast game ensued. The "Old Boys"(Westminster) brought a fairly strong team into the field, but Alington having missed his train they played only ten men for the first 25 minutes, Ingram then joined them and took Alington's place in the centre; despite their numerical weakness the splendid combination passing, centring, and shooting, of the whole of the forward division enabled them to place a goal to their credit within ten minutes of commencing, Scoones taking the ball down, and middling to Bain, who, in addition to securing a couple of goals, played magnificently throughout. Scoones, playing upon the right wing, gave an exhibition of dribbling and accurate centring such as is seldom seen. Ingram, Jenner, Higgins, and Heath also played a thoroughly unselfish game. The back division were also in splendid form, and taken as a whole, the "Old Westminster" played such a game that they should certainly be more, especially with the services of Bailey and Alington, the pick of the southern division. The Old Brightonians were a considerably lighter team than their opponents, and though playing at times with great dash, they altogether lacked combination, Bennett doing nearly the whole of the work in the forward division, whilst Dill was far and away the best of the back division, his tackling at times being superb. Lingard, Leete, and the Muspratts also put in good work, whilst no blame can possibly be attached to Stone for his play between the sticks. Westminster having won the toss, Bennett started the ball, which was taken up the right by Daniels, but returned, and after give and take play in midfield, Wetton getting possession, placed to Scoones, who ran up the right wing, and middled to Bain, the latter scoring the first point within ten minutes of commencing. The Brightonians repeatedly went away, Bennett and Daniels putting in good work, as did also Bain, Higgins, and Scoones for Westminster, but it was not until within a few minutes of half time that another point was scored. Bain brought up, passed to Higgins, who repassed to Ingram, the latter putting the ball between the posts. During the second half of the game the Old Brightonians were completely pinned, Bain scoring a third point and Ingram a fourth. The latter was, however, disallowed as offside, and at call of time the Old Westminsters were victorious by three goals to none."

SL: "This match in the second round of the Association Challenge Cup was played at Barnes on Saturday. The weather was all that could be desired, and the attendance was good, a large number of Westminster boys turning up to cheer on their side, as it turned out, to a victory by three goals to nil. The Westminsters won the toss, and Bennett kicked off. The play was very even for the first ten minutes. Scoones, on the right, then got possession, and centred to Bain, who kicked a splendid goal. Subsequently the ball was kept in the Brighton quarters, Higgins making a hot shot which was

stopped by Stone. Soon after this Scoones gained great applause by a pretty pice of dribbling down the centre. Gibbs soon after getting possession passed to Daniell, and the Westminster goal was in danger. Bain, however, relieved, taking the ball right down the field, and centred to Jenner, but he missed an easy shot, a corner resulted which Fox took, and some rare play took place in front of the Brightonian goal, Scoones making a splendid shot, which bound off the top of the crossbar. Bennett came to the rescue, and took the ball up the centre, but was not backed up. Daniell soon after took the ball up in the right wing, and centred to Bennett, but without avail. Bain then made a good shot right at the Brighton goal, but Stone fisted it out, and Bennett again took the ball right up to the Westminster goal, but was unsupported. Some even play followed till Bain got possession and centred to Ingram, who scored a second goal. "Half-time!" was then called.

On restarting, the South countrymen made a determined attack, Fittock middling the ball to Gibbs, who made a hot shot, but Sandwith was equal to the occasion. Scoones made a splendid dribble down the left, and centred to Bain, who took advantage and scored a third goal for the Old Westminsters. Brighton, nothing daunted, played up, and Daniell made a rare shot at the Westminsters' goal, which Sandwith threw out. After this the play was very fast, and the Old Westminsters kicked a goal, which was given off-side, so the match finished as stated above. For the losers, Daniell, Bennett, and Gibbs played well, and also Stone, who deserves great praise for the way he kept goal. For the victors, Bain, Scoones, Wetton, Fox, and Ingram were the most conspicuous."

Old Westminsters: W.F.G. Sandwith (Goal); A.E.R. Bedford, R.T. Squire (Backs); H. Wetton, C.J. Fox (Half Backs); C.W.R. Heath, O. Scoones (Rights), C. Ingram, A.C.W. Jenner (Centres), F.T. Higgins, F.W. Bain (Lefts).

Old Brightonians: Stanley Stone (Goal); Warren-Leete, J.P. Muspratt (Backs); P.C. Muspratt, G.F. Gordon Dill, F.C. Lingard (Half Backs); A.S. Gibbs, H.A. Daniell (Rights), J.H. Bennett (Centre), G.V. Fittock, F. Humphry (Lefts).

Umpires: J.H. Vigne for Old Brightonians. Referee: Major Marindin, President Football Association.

GREAT MARLOW 6 (R. Shaw 2, R.A. Lunnon, W.J. Morgan, T. Walker 2) OLD ETONIANS 1
(H.W. Bainbridge) (H.T. 0-1) (Sat Nov 14th) (At Marlow)

N.B. Reports of first Marlow scorer differ

Maidenhead Advertiser 18/11/85 P.4/Bell's Life 16/11/85 P.4/ Bucks Herald 21/11/85 P.8/Field 21/11/85 P.738 (No full report)/Sportsman 16/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 16/11/85 P.4:

MA: "Marlow met the Old Etonians, on the home ground, on Saturday last, in the second round of the Association Cup. The visitors being well-known as ranking very high in the football world, it was thought that the local team would fall before them, but when it was found that the old Eton boys were minus the valuable services of Dickinson, Dunn and French, a hope was entertained—especially as a substitute could not be found for Dickinson—that Marlow might be able, by strenuous efforts, to pull through the round. There was, in spite of a heavy downfall of rain, a large assemblage of spectators, including contingents from Maidenhead, Wycombe, Cookham, Burnham, and other places. On the field the Etonians looked a strong and very likely team. Paravicini, who has not yet recovered from the injury he received last year when playing for Windsor against Marlow, acted as

goalkeeper, but was unable to move about with any freedom after the first half of the game, and occasionally eased his leg by resting against one of the goal posts. The visitors won the toss, and Shaw kicked off at exactly three o'clock for the Marefield goal. The brothers Walker at once took the ball well up the left side, and H. Walker shot it into the centre, but there was no one near to do the needful, and a bye was scored. A fine run for the Crown goal followed by Bromley-Martin and Whitfield, and on the leather being well centred to Bainbridge, the latter adroitly put it between the posts, well out of Plumridge's reach—exactly eight minutes from the start. With a score so soon against them Marlow played up with redoubled energy and skill, and in a short time put on a tremendous pace. The next bye fell to them, and after some more good play by H. Walker, the Etonians made a combined rush, and Plumridge had to run out to save his charge; but a scrimmage ensued, and its downfall seemed inevitable, until Lunnon, by some clever manœvering, managed to extricate the ball from its perilous position, and passing it to T. Walker, enabled the "long-stepper" to put it well out of danger. Paravicini now had to pick up and throw away the ball to prevent a score, and when it had been worked back some little distance, it was kicked against the chest of an Etonian, and burst with a loud report. On another ball being started, a bully took place in front of the Etonian goal, after a centre from Walker the younger, but nothing came of this or of several successive attempts to lower the visitors' colours. In fact, the Fates appeared to be wholly against the home team, as more than once the old boys escaped "by the skin of their teeth". Some fine passing was witnessed between the Etonian forwards, and Plumridge had to use his hands, but Lunnon, Bailey, and Shaw retaliated by displaying some equally brilliant movements, and danger was only averted by Smith kicking the ball out of play. A fine chance to score by Eton was averted by Flint, whilst from a run by Morgan Paravicini caught a shot by Lunnon. The play continued very even during the remaining few minutes of the first half, and on the whistle being sounded the score stood—Etonians 1 goal and 6 byes; Marlow, 8 byes.

On changing ends Marlow assumed the aggressive in a very unmistakeable manner, and an unexpected change in the game took place. A run by Bailey, and some sharp practice unpleasantly near Paravicini's feet, preceded a free kick by Marlow for hands, but R. H. Lunnon put the ball through the goal without its touching any player. A shot by Bailey was also misdirected, but a minute or two later Shaw, amidst much excitement, managed to equalise matters by a well-directed shot. The ball had been shot from the right by Bailey, and Paravicini having once successfully met it, Shaw came to the front and sent the ball through at a terrific pace. This point was vociferously cheered, hats were waived and thrown into the air, and great enthusiasm prevailed. On the re-start Shaw and T. Walker showed some more good play, and Paravicini had again to come to the rescue, and a bye only was scored. Whitfield now made a determined attempt to bring about the downfall of Plumridge's goal, but Mellett was prepared for the intruder, and a bye soon afterwards was the only advantage gained. Another onslaught by Marlow was well stopped by Paravicini running out some distance and punching the missile away; but T. Walker was near at hand, and shied the ball just over the bar. A fine run down by H. Walker, and a capital promenade by Bainbridge, Bromley-Martin, and Whitfield are worthy of note, whilst a further run by Harry Walker ending with his shieing at goal. The ball struck the bar and rebounded, but Lunnon was in his place and scored the winning goal amid great cheering. The Etonians now began to fall to pieces, the pace being much too fast for them, and they had to act on the defensive during the remainder of the game. Marlow added very quickly four more goals. The first was from a long, low shot by Morgan, which Paravicini touched but could not stop (BL: "...and the ball passed over his head and under the bar"); the next by Shaw; the third and

fourth by T.Walker,victory thus resting with the local team by 6 goals to 1.For Marlow all played remarkably well,but special mention must be made of the play of the brothers Walker and Speller.H.Walker was,without doubt,the best man on the field,and he quite outshone himself.On the side of the losers,Smith,Weatherhead,Bainbridge,and Whitfield were the most prominent.The result was a great surprise to the winners,losers,and spectators,and can only be put down to indomitable pluck and endurance of the Marlow team."

BL:"Played at Marlow on Saturday afternoon.The turf was wet and slippery,and rain fell at the outset,but it ceased later on.Paravicini won the toss,and Shaw kicked off.The Marlow forwards at once rushed the ball to the visitors' end,and a neat centre by H.Walker might have been the means of either Shaw or R.A.Lunnon putting the ball through,but a splendid opportunity was missed.The Old Etonians quickly replied,and seven minutes from the commencement Bainbridge,by means of a capital shot,placed a goal to their credit.Each goal had in turn threatened,and Plumridge and Paravicini were kept busy.R.A.Lunnon and H.Walker made several fine runs on behalf of Marlow,and Whitfield shone conspicuously on the Old Etonians' left wing. Despite all the score remained unaltered at half time,and ends were changed with the visitors a goal to the good.Immediately afterwards Marlow played up with renewed go and energy,and from a neat centre by Bailey, H.Walker was enabled to equalise matters.H.Walker looked like adding to this piece of good fortune,but Paravicini saved his charge,and after Whitfield had been cleverly stopped by Mellett, H.Walker again broke away up the left wing,and sent in a well judged shot,which struck the bar and rebounded into play.R.A.Lunnon,however,immediately rushed forward and sent it through.Hardly had the ball been restarted,when Morgan sent in a rather long shot,which Paravicini managed to check,but failed to stop,and the ball passed over his head and under the bar.It was now apparent that the Etonians were tiring fast,but Marlow still kept up the pace,and were soon to the fore again.R.A.Lunnon,after a short run,passed to Bailey,who centred,and Shaw scored a fourth goal. T.Walker after a few minutes scored the fifth goal,while after a general rush by the Marlow forwards,the same player caused the visitors to strike their colours for the sixth time.When the referee's whistle caused the players to relinquish the match Marlow were left victors by six goals to one.The losers played one short throughout,*C.F.Dickinson,their principal full back,failing to put in an appearance."

BH:"The Association Cup tie between these renowned clubs was played at Marlow on Saturday.The visitors' captain won the toss,and Shaw kicked off at three o'clock.Seven minutes later Bainbridge placed a goal to the credit of the Old Etonians,but after this reverse the home team settled down to a good passing game,though the visitors' post remained intact at half time.Subsequently the Old Etonians slackened fire considerably,and T.Walker equalised the score,R.A.Lunnon obtained a second point,Morgan and Shaw added two more,while T.Walker followed with a couple,and the Old Etonians eventually suffered an unexpected defeat by six goals to one,the game being very fast throughout.Speller,Mellett,Morgan,R.A.Lunnon,H.Walker,Shaw,and Bailey played well for the winners,as did Smith,Whitfield,and Bainbridge for the losers."

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

Old Etonians:P.J.de Paravicini(Capt.)(Goal);F.Marchant,H.B.Smith(Backs);R.Farrer,T.C.Weatherhead (Half Backs);H.W.Bainbridge,F.Darbishire(Right Wing),H.Bury(Centre),+H.Whitfeld, E.C.Bromley-Martin(Left Wing):Absent:C.F.Dickinson +Correct spelling not Whitfield

*Only 10 men in lineups because C.F.Dickinson full back did not appear. MA record wrongly only 8 players in lineup.Whitfeld is the correct spelling for Whitfield.

Umpires:T.G.Lunnon(Marlow FC) and A.Moyse(Maidenhead FC).Referee:Captain Foulger.

UPTON PARK 0 OLD CARTHUSIANS 8(C.W.Waddington,W.N.Cobbold 3,R.L.Escombe 3 ,F.J.Barmby) (At Wanstead Cricket Club:Upton Park Ground)(H.T. 0-5)((Sat Nov 21st)(F has Morrison instead of 3rd goal for Cobbold)

Bell's Life 23/11/85 P.4/Field 28/11/85 P.773/Chelmsford Chronicle 27/11/85 P.5/Referee 20/11/85 P.6/ Sportsman 23/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 23/11/85 P.4:

BL:"This being generally regarded as the most important tie in the southern divisions the attendance at Wanstead was naturally large.The contest turned out to be rather one-sided.The Old Charterhouse Boys put a very strong team into the field,which comprised a number of prominent University players.On the other hand,the home club,in addition to being without the services of *four of their best men,were further handicapped by an injury to Lambrick,one of their backs,soon after the start,he being of little further assistance to his side.Commencing with the wind behind them,the Uptonians started well,and in spite of the grand back play of the Brothers Walters,the Charterhouse goal was several times in danger.A couple of corners fell to Upton,but nothing resulted.After this the game went all against the home eleven.A sharp shot by Waddington cannoned off Aylen,and the first point was scored 17 minutes after the start.This was the forerunner of a series of disasters.A grand piece of passing between Smith and Cobbold resulted in the last-named scoring again,while a third goal from the foot of the same indefatigable player followed directly afterwards.Escombe scored the fourth and fifth points,the latter from a pass by Morrison.

Upton played far better than anticipated in the second half,when Ellis went back.They chiefly confined themselves to a defensive game,and so well did they succeed that it was not until five minutes from the close that another goal was scored.In the meantime on two occasions Mitchell and Rippon made brilliant runs into the enemies' quarters,and the first-named in one instance narrowly missed scoring,the ball just clearing the crossbar.During the last minutes the Carthusians were almost irresistible.From a pass by the Cambridge captain Escombe scored,while directly afterwards, Cobbold put in a grand run,but the ball struck the crossbar.The last-named,however,was not to be denied,and quickly registered another point,while just before the close,a shot by Barmby went through,the visitors thus proving successful by eight goals to nil.The winners all round played a grand game,Cobbold especially showing brilliant form,while Smith also played a very fine game.The best men in the Upton team were Mitchell,Rippon,Thompson(forwards),and Ellis and Aylen (back).The goalkeeping of Francis was very weak."

F:"This cup tie was played on Nov 21 on the capital ground of the Wanstead Cricket Club,which was in first-rate condition.The Uptonians were deprived of the services of *Mangles,Moore,Lafone,and Logan,and had to put two men only used to outside on their left wing,which prevented any

combination. To add to these serious drawbacks, Lambrick, one of their full backs, strained his knee early in the game, and was consequently unable to do much work. The Carthusians, on the contrary, had their full strength, which is considerable this year, and it is not surprising that they were able to score an easy victory."

"On changing ends, although with the wind against them, the Upton forwards made a surprisingly good fight for forty minutes, Mitchell playing with more of his old vigour, and being well assisted by Inglis, but both the Brothers Walters and the half backs played magnificently, while Strother saved all the shots that would have proved effective, and the home team, falling off a little during the last five minutes, the Carthusians, by splendid quick passing, put in many warm shots, most of which Francis saved, but three (by Barmby, +Morrison, and Escombe) got past him, and time arrived, leaving the Old Carthusians victorious by eight goals to none." +BL/CC gave Cobbold

CC: "The Old Carthusians pressed their opponents from start to finish, scoring in the first half five goals (Waddington two, Cobbold two, and Escombe one), to nil. Upon changing over the Old Carthusians again had the ball in the home quarters, Cobbold, Escombe, and Barmby each scoring. The old boys won by eight goals to nil. The Rev. G.M. Lambrick injured his knee early in the game, but would not leave the field."

Upton Park: W. Francis (Goal); C.H. Aylen, Rev G.M. Lambrick (Backs); E.D. Ellis, H.P. Ward (Half Backs); A.M. Inglis, H.R. Barnett (Right Wing), C. Mitchell, T.G. Thompson (Centre), J. Barnard, J. Rippin. (Left Wing).

(F)(SM)(BL/SL/REF have Thompson/Barnett (Right Wing)) and Mitchell/Inglis (Centres)

Old Carthusians: T.W. Strother (Goal); P.M. Walters, A.M. Walters (Backs); A. Amos, F.J. Barmby, T.W. Blenkinsop (Half Backs); C.A. Smith, R.L. Escombe (Right Wing), W.G. Morrison (Centre), C.W. Waddington, W.N. Cobbold (Left Wing).

Umpires: F.A. Clark (Pilgrims) and W.A. Evelyn (Old Carthusians). Referee: N.L. Jackson (Corinthians)

ROMFORD, a bye

SOUTH SECOND DIVISION:

CLAPTON 1 (E.H. Jackson) SOUTH READING 1 (G. Talbot) (At Walthamstow) (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Nov 21st)

N.B London papers have F. Cooper as the South Reading scorer.

Reading Observer 28/11/85 P.3/Berkshire Chronicle 21/11/85 P.6/Bell's Life 24/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 23/11/85 P.4/Referee 22/11/85 P.6:

RO: "South Reading, the only Berkshire team that succeeded to get into the second round of this popular competition, journeyed to Clapton on Saturday to decide who should enter the third ties. The Claptonians are a well-known eleven, and the supporters of the Reading team prognosticated for them a certain defeat of several goals, as in the first round Clapton walked round Hendon to the tune of four points to love. Those, however, who gave vent to their opinions respecting the chance of the

Southerners we are pleased to say were mistaken, for the Reading men made a splendid game of it, the match eventually ending in a draw of one goal each. This, of course, will necessitate the Claptonians paying us a visit, and we are given to understand that the contest will be re-played today (Saturday) on South Reading's new ground, Mr Colebrook's Farm, near the Cemetery. We heartily wish the home team success, for we note that should they succeed in the tie under notice they will have to meet the famous Clapham Rovers in the next round, and the match will take place in Reading. This, indeed, will be a treat for local footballers, and we doubt not one of the largest crowds ever seen at a football match in Reading would be the result. However, the Clapton team have yet to be defeated. With respect to Saturday's match, Cooper sent the ball on its way, and at once the visitors gave the opposing backs and goalkeeper a lot of trouble, the latter having to use his hands several times during the first few minutes. So far, the home team had played in a rather loose manner, and the match looked a good thing for South Reading. At last, however, the Claptonians pulled themselves together, and it was now the turn of the Southerners to fall back a bit. However, Steward's men continued to show to advantage, and ought to have scored once or twice, as good openings offered themselves, but the shooting was erratic. Talbot, Cooper, Nash, Chard, and Smith still hovered around the Clapton posts, and the game kept thus for about five-and-twenty minutes, when the home players had another turn, and this time with success, for after a slight bully in front of the Reading posts, Jackson managed to obtain goal number one for Clapton. From now the visitors got somewhat sluggish, and although they shone occasionally and managed to equalise matters by a good shot from Talbot, Clapton certainly had the best of the game, but as they could not again score, the match ended as before mentioned in a draw of one goal each."

BC: "This tie, which excited considerable interest in local circles, was played off at Walthamstow, on Saturday, before a fair number of spectators. It was generally anticipated that the countrymen would come off second best, it being pretty well known that the Clapton eleven are a strong lot, having beaten strong teams this season. Then again they defeated the well known Hendon team in the first round by four goals to love, and had played a drawn game against Hotspur for the London Challenge Cup. So well, however, did the Reading representatives play that they managed to hold their own till the end, a really hard and fast game resulting in a draw of one goal each. The teams will therefore meet again today on the Southerners' new ground, near the Cemetery. We append a few details of the match :- Cooper set the ball rolling at 3.35, the Reading men at once going for their opponents' goal, giving the home team's backs and goalkeeper plenty to do. For the first fifteen minutes the game looked entirely at the mercy of the visitors, as so far the Clapton men had played very loosely indeed. Rallyed on, however, by their friends, they pulled themselves together a bit, and managed to break away, thus causing South Reading to in turn act on the defensive. Now Chard, Cooper, Talbot, and Nash were especially noticeable for a good run, and certainly looked like scoring, but the final effort was weak, and consequently did no harm. The Clapton forwards here made a rush, and by a splendid piece of combination play managed to notch goal number one, Jackson giving the final kick. From now till the cessation of hostilities Clapton had a little the best of it, but so well did the back division play that they could not again score, and as Talbot cleverly managed to equalise matters in the second half, a stubbornly contested game ended as before mentioned."

BL: "...the last quarter of an hour's play was carried on in almost total darkness."

Clapton: W.A. Clark (Goal); F.W. Fisher, C. Whyte (Backs); R.H. Clark (Capt.), J. Barclay, J. Barbour (Half Backs); E.H. Jackson, W.G. Connell (Right), J. Wise (Centre), J. Cowan, J.S. Prior (Left).

South Reading:W.West(Goal);E.Steward(Capt.),A.J.Hawes(Backs);R.E.A.Maynard,W.George,F.Hayden (Half Backs);C.Smith,J.Chard(Right),F.Cooper(Centre),W.Nash,G.Talbot(Left).

(London papers have H.Lusty for W.West and A.Fry for W.Nash)

Umpires:J.J.Holdsworth for Clapton and G.Barley for South Reading.Referee:C.L.Vasey.

SOUTH READING walked over CLAPTON who were disqualified:Field 5/12/85 P.804

Bell's Life 28/11/85 P.3:"At a committee meeting of the Football Association on Thursday it was decided to award the drawn game to South Reading on account of the late arrival of the Clapton team,which prevented the extra half hour being played.South Reading consequently play Clapham Rovers at Reading in the third round."

BRENTWOOD 6 (E.C.Evelyn,T.J.Britten 3,F.J.Abbott,W.S.Morice) LANCING OLD BOYS 1(C.R.Freeman) (Sat Nov 14th)(At Brentwood)(H.T. 3-1)

Chelmsford Chronicle 20/11/85 P.5(No Lancing team)/Bell's Life 16/11/85 P.3/Sportsman 16/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 16/11/85 P.4/Field 21/11/85 P.738(No report)/ Referee 15/11/85 P.6:

CC : "This match in the second round of the Association Cup Competition was played at Brentwood, on Saturday the 14th, in wretched weather, and Brentwood proved victorious by six goals to one. After some good play by Nickisson, Britten, Abbot, and Evelyn, a fine centre by Sherrington gave Evelyn a chance, and by a fine shot he scored the first point for his side. Shortly afterwards Abbott shot the ball through, and a little later Britten scored a third goal. Upon this *Bates went in goal and Brown played back. The visitors afterwards took the ball down and C.R.Freeman scored.

In the second half Brentwood had a decided advantage, and towards the close they kept up an almost unbroken attack on the visitors' goal. Britten kicked two more goals and Morice one."

*Bates played in goal in the First Round match

BL: "This tie was played at Brentwood on Saturday last in miserable weather, rain falling during the whole of the game, and the ground being so heavy that good dribbling and passing was almost impossible. That the better team won cannot be gainsaid, but the score does not by any means present an accurate criterion of the game. The Old Boys won the toss, and Britten started the ball. C.R.Freeman returned, and for some few minutes the play was confined to midfield. Britten then ran down the centre, and passing to Abbott, the latter was tackled by Murray, who sent the ball into midfield. Abbott then went away on the left, and muddled to Britten, but Evelyn coming up with a rush put the ball between the posts. Restarting Wix and Pellatt made a good attack upon the Brentwood goal, the latter making a splendid shot, which Roberts fisted away, and Evelyn sent the ball into midfield; Abbott obtained possession, and passing to Britten, the latter evaded Bates, and registered the second goal. Runs by both teams followed, but though the goals were threatened in turn it was a full quarter of an hour before Abbott put the ball through for the third time. Shortly before half time a combined attack by the Old Boys was successful, Freeman putting the ball through.

Abbott next put in a very hot shot, which Brown fisted away. Britten, coming down the centre, obtained the fourth point for the home team. Several corners fell to both sides, but were unproductive, and the play became very fast, "offside" and "hands" being of frequent occurrence. Despite the strenuous exertions of the Old Boys, they could not score, and their goalkeeper was unable to keep their opponents from obtaining two more goals, Britten and Morice each scoring during the last few minutes. At the call of time the home team were victorious by six goals to one."

Brentwood: R.H. Mills-Roberts (Goal); C.W. Tyler, F.A. Borrett (Backs); J.L. Nickisson, E.C. Evelyn (Capt.), J.O. Benwell (Half Backs); G.S. Sherrington, A.W. Lemarchand (Right Wing), T.J. Britten (Centre), F.J. Abbott, W.S. Morice (Left Wing).

Lancing Old Boys: W.H. Brown (Goal); P.C. Bates, F.A. Murray (Backs); C.H. Russell, F. Druce (Capt.) (Half Backs); C.R. Freeman, A. Hammond (Rights), W.H.B. Wix, T. Pellatt (Centres), L.G. Webb, A. Freeman (Lefts).

Umpires: G. Humphries (Romford) for Brentwood and J.E. Raven for Lancing Old Boys.
Referee: J. Armstrong

SWIFTS 5 (G. Brann 2, R. Playford 3) ROCHESTER 1 (R. Bathurst) (Sat Nov 21st) (At Slough) (H.T. 3-0)

Sportsman 23/11/85 P.4/Sporting Life 23/11/85 P.4/Bell's Life 23/11/85 P.4/Referee 22/11/85 P.6/Rochester & Chatham Journal 28/11/85:

SL: "Played at Dolphin Ground, Slough, in first-rate football weather, and before a large number of interested spectators. The Rochester captain proved successful in the spin of the coin, and "Miller" kicked off for the Swifts, at twenty-five minutes past three o'clock. The home eleven quickly assumed aggressive tactics, and five minutes after the start Brann, with a veritable "turf destroyer" brought about the first downfall of the Rochester posts. A minute or two later "Miller" sent the ball under the bar a second time, but he was adjudged "off-side", and the ball was kicked off from the goal-line. The Swifts soon atoned for this disappointment, and from a well-judged centre by Cheesman, Playford was enabled to kick a second goal for his side. For some considerable time the visitors were very much penned. A couple of shots by Brann and Playford were well saved by Wood, and a brilliant run by the first-named half the length of the ground only resulted in the ball going behind. At last, after some noteworthy passing by Bambridge, Cheesman, and "Miller", Playford with a swift shot, caused the men of Kent to strike their colours for the third time. A shot by Cheesman was neatly returned by the Rochester goal-keeper, despite a dangerous rush on the part of "Miller", and then half-time was signalled, and ends reversed.

Eleven minutes after resuming Brann added another notch to the Swifts' total, and five minutes later Playford whipped in with a fifth, after some pretty passing all along the line. The "birds" subsequently slacked power considerably, but Rochester, on the other hand, played up very pluckily, and strained every effort to score a point. As the match drew rapidly to a close, and the Swifts' posts remained intact, it certainly seemed odds against the visitors achieving their object, but just before the close their perseverance was rewarded, and, thanks mainly to some undecided play on the part of Newham, Jeeves, and Roper, Bathurst proved instrumental in sending in a straight one, quite out of the reach of that vigilant custodian, Lockhart-Mure. Before the ball could be taken to the centre of

the ground and set in motion again the referee's whistle sounded, and the Swifts retired victors by five goals to one. The winners played a good all-round game, while the brothers Prall, Woodhams, and Peile, were very energetic on the part of Rochester, Woodhams and H. Prall meriting a good word of praise."

+ Miller is Doctor J. Smith formerly of Queen's Park, Glasgow: see First Round match Notes.

R&CJ: "The Rochester Club played the Swifts (2nd tie in the Association Cup competition) at Slough on Saturday. Rochester won the toss and +Miller kicked off at twenty-two minutes past two. Soon after the leather had been started, Brann placed the first goal to the credit of the Swifts. Directly afterwards +Miller put the ball through the Rochester posts a second time, but the score was disallowed on the plea of off-side. Playford quickly made amends, and sent an irresistible shot from a splendid centre by Cheesman. Swifts pursued the Rochester men, but did not score again until ten minutes before half-time, when a rare rush of home forwards enabled Playford to cause the visitors to strike their colours for the third time.

Eleven minutes after reversal of positions, Brann scored a fourth point to the credit of the Swifts. Playford quickly whipped in with the fifth goal. The Swifts then slackened, and, Rochester playing up very hard, managed to score (Bathurst) half a minute before time. Victory for the Swifts by five goals to one."

Swifts: J. E. Lockhart-Mure (Goal); W. Newham, J. Jeeves (Backs); T. W. Gellibrand, F. E. Saunders, W. F. Roper (Half Backs); G. Brann, R. Playford (Right Wing), *Dr. J. Smith (J. S. "Miller") (Centre), E. C. Bambridge (Capt.), H. H. Cheesman (Left Wing).

Rochester: E. W. Wood (Goal); A. C. Roberts, S. Peile (Backs); S. Woodhams, E. Mitchell, F. Smith (Half Backs); G. Prall, E. Prall (Right Wing), H. Prall (Centre), R. Bathurst, H. Langhorne (Left Wing).

Umpires: J. Prall (Rochester) and E. C. Kelly (Hon Sec Berks and Bucks Junior Association).

Referee: M. P. Betts (Old Harrovians)

OLD HARROVIANS 2 (T. Greatorex, H. G. Kinloch) OLD FORESTERS 1 (H. C. Newbery) (H. T. 2-0) (At Harrow) (Sat Nov 21st) (The Harrovian 17/12/85 P. 155) (BL has C. J. Horner)

Harrow Notes 17/12/85 P. 155/Sportsman 23/11/85 P. 4 (No lineups)/Bell's Life 23/11/85 P. 4 (No lineups)/Uxbridge and West Drayton Gazette 28/11/85 P. 6 (Harrow team only but different initials):

HN: "After securing a bye for the first round for the Cup, the Old Harrovians were pitted against the Old Foresters in the second, and the match took place at Harrow, in fine but windy weather, and before a large and enthusiastic audience. Fairclough won the toss for the visitors, and chose to play, during the first half time, with the wind against him. Webbe kicked off and the ball was speedily taken into the Foresters' quarters, but a good shot by Davidson was well saved by Denton, who was repeatedly called upon to save his charge, Kinloch, Wigram, and Webbe being anxious to get the ball past him on frequent occasions. A good run and shot by Guy was well stopped by Rendall, and then, shortly afterwards, amid great cheering, Greatorex scored the first point for the Old School. This success added fresh vigour to the Harrovian attack, and presently an unselfish piece of passing by

Webbe enabled *Kinloch to score a second goal. After this Webbe, Kinloch, and Davidson had unsuccessful shots, but nothing further was scored up to half time.

With the wind helping them the Old Foresters made some vigorous attacks on their opponents' goal, but Rendall and the back division kept guard successfully. Hands were twice granted to the Foresters in close proximity to our goal, but each time the ball was worked away out of danger by the forwards, and counter attacks made in reply. At length, within fifteen minutes of the end, Newbery rushed at Rendall, who had the ball, and by a bit of good fortune placed it behind the posts. After this the play was of a very even character, both sides making most vigorous efforts, but when the whistle blew, the winners of the London Cup were, after a very close and exciting game, defeated by the Old Harrovians, by two goals to one. The victors were most enthusiastically cheered by the spectators."

BL: "Played at Harrow before a large number of spectators. The visitors won the toss, and defended the top goal, having the advantage of the wind. Webb started, and the ball was immediately taken into the visitors' quarters. Horner averted the danger, and Johnson took the ball away on the right, but was stopped by Kemp and (Wigram), and Kinloch went away. The latter passed to Greator, who evaded the Foresters' goalkeeper, and obtained the first point for the home team. Several good attacks by the Foresters' forwards were repulsed, and at length *Webb went away and secured the second goal for the Harrovians shortly before half time. During the second half the Foresters were very busy, but could only obtain one goal by the aid of Horner. At call of time, after a fast game, the Old Harrovians won by two goals to one."

*HN states that a pass by Webbe enabled Kinloch to score, but BL and SM give Webb as the scorer

Old Harrovians: M.J. Rendall (Goal); Rev. W. Law, F.W. Pember (Backs); M.C. Kemp, T. Greator (Half Backs); J.D. Whittaker, A.H. Davidson (Right), A.J. Webbe, H.G. Kinloch (Centres), E.F.E. Wigram, C.E. Broughton (Left). (Harrovian).

Old Foresters: E.B. Denton (Goal); S.W. Borrow, L. Horner (Backs); R.B. Johnson, F.W. Sewell (Half Backs); C.J. Horner, J.H. Mathews (Right), H.C. Newbery, R.V.G. Shaw (Centres), P. Fairclough, H.W. Guy (Left) (Harrovian)

Umpires: E.M. Haddow and E. Horner. Referee: J. Armstrong.

CLAPHAM ROVERS, a bye.

THIRD ROUND DRAW:

Bell's Life 12/12/85 P.4: "We understand the matches will be played whatever the weather may be." (Sat Dec 12th was the last day for playing the 3rd round matches).

Sheffield Independent 24/11/85 P.7:

"The draw in the Third Round of the National Competition took place last evening at the London Offices of the Football Association, with the result given below:

NORTH:

FIRST DIVISION:

Hurst,Bradshaw or Halliwell v South Shore
Bolton Wanderers v Preston North End

SECOND DIVISION:

Blackburn Olympic or Church v Rossendale
Blackburn Rovers v Darwen Old Wanderers

THIRD DIVISION:

Wolverhampton Wanderers v Walsall Swifts
Small Heath Alliance v Derby County
West Bromwich Albion,a bye

FOURTH DIVISION:

Staveley v Notts Forest
Notts Rangers v Notts County

FIFTH DIVISION:

Davenham v Oswestry or Crewe Alexandra
Leek v Druids or Burslem Port Vale

SIXTH DIVISION:

Middlesbrough v Grimsby
Redcar,a bye

SOUTH:

FIRST DIVISION:

Old Westminsters v Romford
Old Wykehamists v Great Marlow
Old Carthusians,a bye

SECOND DIVISION:

Clapton or South Reading v Clapham Rovers
Old Harrovians v Swifts
Brentwood,a bye

Bell's Life 24/11/85 P.4:"The undecided (Second Round) matches Hurst v Bradshaw,Blackburn Olympic v Church and Druids v Burslem Port Vale,must be played off on Saturday next,November 28th,and no further extention of time will be allowed.Hurst v Bradshaw must be played upon neutral ground.Rawtenstall have scratched to the Bolton Wanderers."

FIRST DIVISION:

HALLIWELL 1(Hodson) SOUTH SHORE 6 (Hall,Robert Elston 2,Richard Elston 2,Thackeray) (H.T. 1-3)(Sat Dec 19th)(At Bennetts,Halliwell)

+Cricket & Football Field 19/12/85 P.8/Field 26/12/85 P.899/Athletic News 22/12/85 P.3/Sportsman 21/12/85 P.4/Sporting Life 21/12/85 P.4/ Blackburn Standard 26/12/85 P.3:No Teams):

+From KR photo:await online version

Manchester Courier 21/12/85 P.7:"Hurst having scratched to Halliwell,the latter were enabled to meet South Shore in the Third Round of the English Cup Competition.Halliwell were represented by their second team with one or two exceptions"(No teams)

C&FF/BS:"This afternoon Halliwell played off their tie in the third round of the Cup competition,at Bennetts,when Blackpool South Shore were their opponents.A large number of the Halliwell first team are ineligible and the second team,with one or two additions,were deputed to do battle with the (Shoreites).

At the time of starting there were very few spectators present.Halliwell had the wind in their favour during the first half.Shortly after the commencement the home team obtained three corners,which were exceedingly well manipulated by Kirk,the Blackpool keeper having one or two smart attacks to ward off.About 20 minutes after the kick-off the visitors gained a corner,and after the ball had been cleared from the goal mouth Hall returned it,the sphere passing under the bar out of the reach of Edge.Halliwell then assailed the visitors' fortress and were rewarded with a corner,which proved futile.Soon after this Edge exhibited some wretched goalkeeping,Robert Elston sending a shot from the left wing which he made a very poor attempt to stop,the ball being scrimmaged through,and a third point following directly afterwards in a +(simple) fashion.Despite these reverses the home forwards played up and Hodson sent in a capital shot which passed under the the bar off Westhead.No more points were scored,and when ends were changed the visitors were leading by three goals to one." +(similar?)

BS/+C&FF : "Starting again,(Richard) Elston quickly increased the lead by kicking a fourth goal,and soon after followed this by getting a fifth past Edge.Thackeray headed a sixth from a shot sent in by Richard Elston.The visitors had most of the play during the match,and at the close of the game the home team had a near chance of scoring.When time was called victory rested with South Shore by six goals to one." This passage seems pretty well the same as in BS (which probably follows it in slightly changed language but effectively unreadable in +C&FF so mixed together in above)

AN:"Hurst having scratched to Halliwell after being ordered to re-play their tie in the second round, South Shore visited Halliwell on Saturday for the purpose of playing their draw in round No 3.The home team consisted almost entirely of second eleven youngsters,and the limited interest in the affair was shown by the paucity of the attendance,which was a mere handful only.With the wind in their favour,Halliwell were the aggressors at the start,several abortive corners falling to them.Hall then scored for the visitors,two other goals following for them before half time,owing to the indifferent goalkeeping of the home custodian,whilst Hodson scored for Halliwell.In the second half Blackpool had much the best of matters,and Richard Elston kicking two goals,and Thackeray one,South Shore won by six goals to one.

F: "In this match, played at Halliwell on Saturday, the home club were, owing to the new rules regarding professionals, unable to play their strongest team, and they suffered defeat by six goals to one."

Halliwell: Edge (Goal); Waite, Crankshaw (Backs); Berry, + Derham, Barton (Half Backs); Kirk, Atherton (Right Wing), Crossley (Centre), Hodson, Gregson (Left Wing). +BS has Durham

South Shore: Langley (Goal); Dakin, Westhead (Backs); Walsh, Sharples, Hall (Half Backs); Heaton, Richard Elston (Right Wing), F. Moore (Centre), Robert Elston, Thackwray (Left Wing).

Referee: J. Duxbury (Darwen)

BOLTON WANDERERS 2 (W.G. Struthers, J.K. Davenport) PRESTON NORTH END 3 (F. Dewhurst 2, Dempsey) (At Pike's Lane, Bolton) (Sat Dec 12th) (H.T. 0-2)

Cricket & Football Field 12/12/85 P.8/Manchester Courier 14/12/85 P.7/Leeds Mercury 14/12/85 P.7/Blackburn Standard 19/12/85 P.3/Bell's Life 14/12/85 P.4/Sportsman 14/12/85 P.4/Sporting Life 14/12/85 P.4:

C&FF/MC: "The third meeting of these clubs this season took place at Pike's Lane on Saturday afternoon. The match was one of the ties in the third round of the English Cup competition, and had aroused much interest. Neither side could play its full strength, the North End having seven of the first team, the Wanderers six, Hewitson not having recovered from his illness. There have been rumours all the week about the ineligibility of two of the North End players, and one of the Wanderers, but the following teams stepped on the ground (see below). There were about 7,000 spectators. Some delay was caused by the late appearance of the referee. The Wanderers started against the wind. Gregory immediately ran up splendidly, and Steele shot over. Powell then saved well at the other end. The Wanderers then allowed the ball to go through, owing to a palpable claim of hands, but the referee allowed the goal amidst loud hooting. It was fearfully slippery, and the players could not get a foothold. After good play by Parkinson Trainer saved and Gordon headed over. Kenny then ran through the whole of the backs, but the ball passed just outside, Davenport slipping; hard lines. Not long afterwards North End again claimed for Trainer being through, and Mr Sloane allowed it, amidst a repetition of the hooting. Tumbles were very frequent, the players going down when running alone. Ross cleared off the goal line. The North End then had the best of it, Parkinson and Steele saving with their heads. The Preston men gained a corner off Powell, and Trainer had to save. Parkinson and Hough then got off to the other end, but Howarth kicked out, and Dempsey centred well. Drummond then put in a beauty, which Powell headed out, and after Davenport had missed a slight chance, Powell saved grandly twice in succession. Good play by Gordon enabled Woodruffe to have a shot, but it was cleared. Struthers then had an opening, but Howarth kicked out, and then Parkinson put in a good run, and Struthers slipped on the ball being passed to him, Ross getting it away. Again the Wanderers had a chance, and then Powell was once more in the way stopping a shot by Dewhurst. A free kick for North End in goal looked dangerous, but it went outside, and going away at great speed, but Ross brought them up. Parkinson then shot, but Gregory allowed it to go out, and directly afterwards the Wanderers gained a corner, followed by another. It was splendidly taken, but headed out, and then Russell gave another, but was got away. The Wanderers pressed, and just before

half time Struthers had a shot which went wide,North End leading by two goals to nil.Some of the Wanderers changed their boots,and they were objected to,and the players left the field to have them altered.

On starting,Davenport made a long shot,and it went past the post.Another grand chance was missed from a scrummage in the goal mouth.Ross twice saved in good style,and from a pass by Gregory,Struthers kicked a grand goal amidst great cheers.Trainer then had one to get away. Davenport then gave North End a corner,but it was kicked over by Ross.Parkinson saved twice grandly,and the Wanderers had another chance,Ross kicking out.Woodruffe deliberately kicked the ball out,but the corner came to nothing,and North End gained another corner,but that,too,was cleared,and one fell to the Wanderers at the other end.The game continued even,both backs being called upon.North End again scored,Dempsey doing the needful.A claim for offside was put in,but the referee decided in favour of Preston.Drummond put in some grand play,and cleared under great difficulty.The Wanderers pressed,but good passing by Dewhurst and Gordon caused Trainer to handle.Parkinson was then called upon at the other end,and cleared in fine style.The Wanderers now had much the best of it,and had several near goes.In the last ten minutes the Northenders repeatedly kicked out,but a minute from the call of time the Wanderers scored,and Preston won their way into the fourth round by three to two.At the conclusion of the match Mr Bentley,on behalf of the Wanderers,lodged an objection against the eligibility of Ross and Drummond,and Mr Siddell(Preston) one on the same ground against Powell."

C&FF Special Report:"TO BE COMPLETED ON NEW DOWNLOAD

BL:"Played at Pike's Lane ground,Bolton,before 7,000 spectators.Neither team played its full strength on account of several of the recent importations being ineligible.North End played with the wind in the first half,but the Wanderers were the first to show prominently,Steel shooting over after a grand run by Gregory.Play was then even for a time,but North End scored after a glaring case of "hands",the Wanderers' goalkeeper not attempting to stop it.The referee,however,allowed the point amidst prolonged hooting.Davenport then had the goal at his mercy,but kicked wide.The ground was extremely slippery,and rendered good play out of the question,but North End had the best of it,and Dewhurst scored a second goal.The Wanderers again objected,claiming that Trainer was not over the line when he cleared,but this goal was also allowed.The Wanderers at times got very dangerous,Ross and Haworth defending splendidly till half time was called,the game standing at two goals to nil in favour of North End.

Resuming,Davenport was within an ace of scoring,and the Wanderers kept up the pressure for a long time,Struthers eventually sending the ball through with a grand shot,after a pass by Gregory.Parkinson put in some good work on the left wing,but North End made several attempts,and were only kept out by the sturdy defence of Powell and Parkinson.At length Dewhurst got past them,and added a third point.A claim for "offside" was not entertained. The Wanderers now went to work with a will,but were very unlucky.The North End backs continually kicked out,but a few minutes from the close the home team scored a second point.This was objected to on the ground that it went over the bar,but it was allowed,and the game ended in favour of North End by three goals to two.The Wanderers lodged a protest against the eligibility of Ross and Drummond,and Mr Suddell protested against Powell."

SM: "The North End had won both of the previous games, but each club had several players disqualified for the Cup competition under the residential qualification, and it was anticipated that the teams put in the field would be very well matched. The ground was in a wretched condition owing to a rapid thaw following a keen frost, and the players had much difficulty keeping their feet. The play was watched by 5,000 spectators. Four minutes after the start a claim for hands was made against Ross, jun., and the Wanderers ceased playing, but Dewhurst sent the ball between the posts, and the referee allowed the goal. Four minutes later Dewhurst made a low shot, which Trainer allowed to take effect. For the remainder of the first half the play was uninteresting, and the score was unaltered at half time. In the interval the Wanderers retired and all reappeared in new boots. When examined three of the players were ordered back to have spikes filed down. Play had only resumed four minutes when Struthers scored for the Wanderers, but twenty minutes later Dempsey increased the North End score to three goals. Shortly before the finish Davenport secured a second point for the Wanderers, who were thus defeated by three goals to two. A protest was lodged against N.J. Ross, captain of the North End team, and G. Drummond, on the ground that they had resided in Edinburgh within the last two years. North End protested against Powell for a similar reason." (SL have an almost identical report).

Bolton: J. Trainer (Goal); J. Powell, J. Parkinson (Backs); Glaister, R. Steel, Holden (Half Backs); J.K. Davenport, Gregory (Right Wing), W.G. Struthers (Centre), Hough, W. Parkinson (Left Wing).

Preston: G. Rhodes (Goal); N.J. Ross, R. Howarth (Backs); Woodruffe, D. Russell, G. Drummond (Half Backs); J. Gordon, Houghton (Right Wing), J.D. Ross, jun. (Centre), F. Dewhurst, Dempsey (Left Wing).

Referee: M.R. Sloane (Bootle).

Bolton Wanderers by Percy M. Young, Pages 39/.40: "New Rules were added to those already existing in relation to the FA Challenge Cup, and among them this: "Professionals shall be allowed to compete in all Cups provided they are qualified as follows. In cup matches by birth or residence for two years past within six miles of the ground or headquarters of the club for which they play.

This had quick repercussions. In the first (In fact the third) round of the F.A. Cup, on December 12, the Wanderers were drawn against Preston North End at Pikes Lane. Against certain eventualities, Bentley sent agents to Scotland, who discovered that one of the Rosses and Drummond had been working there at some time during his qualifying period. The match was played and Preston won. Bolton duly entered a protest. At the same time as investigations were going on in Scotland, so also, unknown to the Wanderers, were others being conducted in Wales. These produced evidence that Jack Powell had also offended against the letter of the law, by taking on a temporary job in Ruabon. Powell had kept quiet about this and the Bolton officials were not held blameworthy. Nevertheless, they had broken the law as clearly as had Preston, and both clubs were disqualified. Here ended Powell's career at Bolton and he commenced a new one with Newton Heath."

BOLTON WANDERERS AND PRESTON NORTH END BOTH DISQUALIFIED.

NORTH SECOND DIVISION:

CHURCH 5 (Beresford, Holden, (Last 3 "in darkness") ROSSENDALE 1 ("scrimmage") (H.T. 1-1) (Sat Dec 12th)

Manchester Courier 14/12/85 P.7/KR Source :Accrington Gazette CHECK FOR REPORT:

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MC:"Played at Church on Saturday.The visiting team put in a late appearance,which caused the latter part of the game to be played when it was almost too dark to see the ball travel.Church kicked off,and it was soon evident that the game would be contested under difficulties-the ground being just sufficiently thawed to make it very treacherous and slippery.Church were the first to score, Crawford putting the ball well in front from the right wing,and Beresford rushed it through.The game continued very even till close on half time,when Rossendale,out of a determined scrimmage, equalised the game.

In the second half Church commenced to press their opponents,but were not successful in scoring until nearly the half of the second portion had been played-Smith then put in some grand work,for which he was loudly cheered,and centring well,Holden had little difficulty in putting Church a goal to the good.Darkness was now coming on fast,and the various points of the game could not be easily seen.The Church team,however,pressed their opponents hard to the finish,and added three more goals,the game resulting in a win for Church by five goals to one."

Bell's Life 14/12/85 P.4:"Played at Church.It was with great difficulty the players kept on their feet,the ground being very treacherous on account of the frost.No score was made till twenty minutes after the start.Crawford getting possession,made a good run,and passed the ball well in front,where Beresford rushed it through.No further point was scored till just before "half time", when Rossendale by good play equalised the game.Twenty minutes farther had elapsed before Church added a second goal,Smith coming in for some applause for some fine play.Three other goals were added by the Church team before the whistle blew,the home team towards the finish played up in good style,and fairly broke down the defence of Rossendale." (No lineups)

Church:Bury(Goal);J.Wood,Taylor(Backs);Aspden,Maguire,W.Wood(Half Backs);
Crawford,Smith,Gregson,Holden,Beresford(Forwards).

Rossendale:Cropper(Goal);J.Hazaldine,Haworth(Backs);Ashworth,Saunders,Spencer(Half Backs);
F.Hazaldine,Riley,Whittaker,Moorhouse,Taylor(Forwards).

KR source Accrington Gazette has same Church team,Rossendale same team apart from different Hazeldine spelling(check not Heseldine or Heseltine) and Spere(mistake) for Spencer)

BLACKBURN ROVERS 6 (J.Sowerbutts 2,J.Brown 2,H.L.Fecitt,J.M.Lofthouse) DARWEN OLD
WANDERERS 1(Not traced)(H.T. 2-1)(Sat Dec 5th)

Athletic News 8/12/85 P.3/Blackburn Standard 12/12/85 P.2/Cricket & Football Field 5/12/85 P.9(No teams)/Sportsman 7/12/85 P.4/Sporting Life 7/12/85 P.4:

AN:"Played at Blackburn on Saturday before 2,000 spectators.'Jimmy"Brown made his long-looked-for appearance in the team and in less than a minute from the kick-off Sourbutts put the ball through amidst cheers.The visitors played a most creditable game,and threatened the Rovers' goal on repeated occasions.The dash of the Rovers-which reminded the spectators of other days-was,

however, too many for them. Brown was himself again, and made a splendid shot at goal five minutes later. The leather struck a post, and Strachan, who played a magnificent game, sent the ball between the posts, but the goal was disallowed on the plea of offside. The Rovers' backs seemed to be shaky in the early part of the game, and, as a consequence, the visitors made an easy goal 20 minutes from the start. The Wanderers giving "hands" M'Intyre was entrusted with the kick. Passing to Lofthouse, that player headed the ball to Brown, who did the needful with a header. Lofthouse shortly afterwards made a rattling attempt, the ball touching the crossbar in going over.

With the match in favour of the home team by two to one, the second half of the game was opened. Several corners fell to the Rovers, who experienced repeated hard lines, one of the shots by Brown striking the bar and another going just over. Suter played vigorously, but the defence was left too much to his single efforts. Greatly owing to this the visitors were enabled to score thirteen minutes from the restart, but the point was disallowed for offside. Fecitt registered the third goal for the Rovers, and Lofthouse put in a fourth, which was disputed on the ground of a foul throw-in which had preceded the successful kick for goal. A fifth goal was obtained by a *scrummage, and a minute before the call of "Time" Brown scored No 6. The game therefore ended in favour of the home team by six goals to one." *Reports give this goal to Sourbutts.

BS: "This encounter, which was to decide the tie in the third round in the English Cup competition, took place at the Leamington Ground, on Saturday afternoon, before 2,000 spectators. The visitors had their full team with the exception of Whiteside, their custodian, but a creditable substitute was found in Haddow. The Rovers placed their strongest team in the field, Brown, their popular captain, appearing with them for the first time this season, and a hearty reception was accorded him on entering the enclosure. The Wanderers kicked off, and the ball was immediately taken into the visitors' territory, but it was got away. A minute later, Strachan centring the ball, Sowerbutts scored amid applause. The Wanderers now played hard, and both goals were successively placed in danger. Finally the visitors obtained an easy goal, the feat being hailed with loud shouting. The Rovers' superior play now began to have its effect, and they received a free kick for "hands" near their adversaries' goal. McIntyre nicely placed the ball, and Brown as neatly headed it between the posts. The Rovers afterwards experienced hard lines several times, Brown and Lofthouse heading the ball over the bar, and Strachan also sent the ball flying between the posts, but a successful claim of "off-side" was made.

Half-time was announced before any other score was made, and on the restart the Rovers were a goal ahead. During the second half the Wanderers strenuously endeavoured to equalise the score, but they were unable to cope with their powerful opponents, who began to put pressure upon their goal, and Fecitt added a third point. The visitors broke away, and by some excellent play gained a disputed goal. The Rovers again attacked, and Brown made a neat run up the field, but he was robbed on nearing the Wanderers' fortress, and the ball was sent to mid-field. Ultimately the home team got in front of the opposite goal, and Lofthouse by the aid of his cranium registered a fourth point. Subsequently the same player skillfully crossed the ball to Sowerbutts, who notched the fifth goal. Just before the call of time the Rovers invaded the visitors' quarters, and Brown scored the last goal for his team, which won a splendid victory by six goals to one."

Manchester Courier 7/12/85 P.3: "Played at Blackburn on Saturday before 2,000 spectators. The Rovers were without Turner, but had the aid of Brown for the first time this season."

Blackburn Rovers:J.W.H.Arthur(Goal);J.Suter,F.Shorrock(Backs);J.H.Forrest,H.McIntyre(Half Backs);
J.M.Lofthouse,T.Strachan(Right Wing),J.Brown,J.Douglas(Centres),H.L.Fecitt,J.E.Sourbutts(Left Wing).

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Darwen Old Wanderers :J.Haddow(Goal);Moorhouse,Pilkington(Backs);R.Kirkham,J.W.Almond,
L.Woods(Half Backs);Chadwick,Walsh(Right Wing),J.Pearson(Centre),J.Bury,Eccles,(Left Wing).

(BS/AN)(Initials from First Round Match)

Referee:R.Warmsley.

NORTH THIRD DIVISION:

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 2(J.B.Brodie,A.Lowder) WALSALL SWIFTS 1 (T.Farmer)(H.T. 2-1)
(Sat Dec 12th) (At Dudley Road Ground,Wolverhampton)

Wolverhampton Express & Star 12/12/85 P.3/Walsall Advertiser 19/12/85 P.8:

WE&S:"These teams met on the Dudley-road Ground,Wolverhampton,in the presence of about 3,000 spectators,to decide their draw in the third round of the ties for the English Association Challenge Cup.Both teams were well represented,though the Wanderers were unfortunate in having to play minus the services of Horton,who missed his train,his place being taken by Evans,a first-reserve man.T.Farmer started the ball uphill for the visitors,whose attack was speedily repelled,and the venue of play was at once changed to the Swifts' territory,where a capital shot was made at goal,and Wood,in trying to save his charge,was clean upset by Brodie,who carried the ball between the posts amidst tremendous cheering.From the kick-off the local men still had the best of the play, and Aston,collaring the leather,centred to Lowder,who registered the second point within twenty minutes from the start.Roused by this reverse,the Walsall representatives effected a splendid run on the right wing by pretty dribbling,and despite the efforts of the Wanderers,their citadel was lowered for the first time by a swift low shot,the game at half-time standing two to one in favour of the home team.

On resuming,the visitors,who now had the advantage of the ground,played with considerable dash,and for some time made a continuous onslaught on their opponents' territory,several beautifully-placed shots narrowly missing the goal.Shot after shot was repelled,and the ball frequently skimmed just over the crossbar.The game was very fast throughout the second half, though the Wanderers for the most part played on the defensive line-the adoption of this line undoubtedly favouring them in the end.Several fine runs were effected by the forward division,and the play of the backs was excellent.No further point was secured on either side,and the result was a victory for the Wanderers by two goals to one."

WA:"These well known local teams met on the Dudley Ground,Wolverhampton,on Saturday last,to play off their tie in the third round for the English Challenge Cup.There was a large attendance of spectators.The visitors started the ball uphill,and the Wanderers quickly got it down the field,and a shot was made at goal.Wood tried to get hold of the ball and throw it out,but Brodie,who was close at hand,proved too much for him,and scored the first goal for the Wanderers.Shortly afterwards

Lowder secured a second point for the home team. The visitors, who were playing a good passing game, next got the ball up the field, and +scored with a low shot from the right wing.

In the second half the Swifts, with the ground in their favour, had the best of the play, and they kept the ball in the Wanderers territory. The home team at times were completely hemmed in by the powerful Swifts; attack after attack was made on their stronghold, and it was only by the splendid play of Mason and Brodie, who was helping the back division, that the onslaughts of the visitors were frustrated. Mason, by his steady play, kicked away several shots which were made by the Swifts. The Wanderers all played well, and two or three desperate scrimmages took place in front of their goal, and Griffiths showed his smartness as a goal-keeper on several occasions. The Swifts managed to get the ball between the posts on another occasion, but an appeal was made that the ball had been outside, and the score was disallowed. In the end the Wanderers left the field victorious by two goals to one."

+Scorer from Walsall History only

Wolverhampton: I. Griffiths (Goal); C. Mason, G. Hawkins (Backs); A. Pearson, J. Aston, J. Evans (Half Backs); H. Aston, A. Lowder (Right), J. B. Brodie (Capt.) (Centre), G. Wood, H. Wood. (WE&E)

Walsall Swifts: G. Wood (Goal); G. Morris (Capt.), A. Aldridge (Backs); J. Morley, H. Allen, R. Pearce (Half Backs); J. Farmer, J. Higgins (Right), T. Farmer (Centre), R. Webster, D. Clarkson (Left).

Umpires: H. Dallard for Wolverhampton Wanderers and H. Tapper for Walsall Swifts .

Referee: Welding (Bourneville Club).

SMALL HEATH ALLIANCE 4 (E. Hill, A. E. Stanley 2, T. Davenport) DERBY COUNTY 2 (G. Evans 2) (H.T. 2-1) (Sat Dec 12th) (At Coventry Road, Small Heath)

Birmingham Daily Post 14/12/85 P.7/Derby Daily Telegraph 14/12/85 P.3/Derby Mercury 16/12/85 P.6/Nottingham Daily Express 14/12/85 P.7/Sportsman 14/12/85 P.4/Sporting Life 14/12/85 P.4/Referee 13/12/85/P.6:

BDP: "These teams met to play off their tie in the third round of the above cup competition at Small Heath on Saturday. There were about 3,000 persons present. The afternoon was dull and the ground was very slippery and treacherous to play on. It will be remembered that it was the Derby County that defeated the Aston Villa in the English Cup competition, and, consequently, on Saturday last the chances of the Small Heath beating the County appeared to be very small, and numerous offers were made of 3 and 4 to 1 against the former team. As the result proved, however, the Alliance did win, and in a thoroughly meritorious manner. Their playing all round was almost faultless, and the way in which their forwards, who, with one exception, are mere youths, ran round their huge opponents, was a perfect treat to see. Much amusement was provoked by Spilsbury, of the Derby County, a man of about six feet, who fell almost every time he got the ball. But their victory on Saturday, which reflects the greatest possible credit on the club, and will undoubtedly give the much-needed stimulus to Small Heath football, the Alliance enter on the fourth round of the English Cup, and are the only Birmingham team now left in the competition. The Alliance lost the toss, and Stanley kicked off for

them towards the Muntz-street goal. Immediately after the kick off the Alliance took the ball into their opponents' goalmouth, and Luntley was called upon to save his charge. Returning to the assault, however, the Alliance, amidst tremendous cheers, made first goal, Hill being the scorer. On the ball being restarted the Derby forwards made a determined attack on the Alliance's stronghold, and taxed the latter's defence to its utmost. The Alliance, however, on their part were not idle, their forwards making several good runs towards their opponents' goal. The game continued very fast, both goals being alternately attacked, until at length, after a splendid run by the home forwards, Stanley was enabled to put on number two goal for the Alliance, to the great satisfaction of the spectators. Very shortly afterwards Spilsbury finished up a fine run by scoring the first goal for the Derby County. The game then ruled very fast, both teams' back division being kept in a state of trepidation, but no further score was made, and when half time was "whistled", the game stood two to one in favour of the Small Heath Alliance. +DDT gives this goal to Evans

On recommencing the Alliance left wing got speedily to work, and a fine centre by Figures was met by the tact of the visitors' back. After an abortive run by the Derby County, the Alliance forwards came up the field in splendid style, and a good shot by Hill was punched out by the goalkeeper. A scrimmage ensued, but the ball was at length removed from its dangerous quarters by Luntley, the Derby custodian. After several good tries, the chief features of which were the falls of Spilsbury, who appeared to be greatly bothered by the ground, the Derby County succeeded in equalising matters, the credit of the goal belonging to Evans. After several splendid attacks by the Alliance, in which they experienced the hardest of hard luck, a beautiful pass by Figures to Stanley enabled the latter to beat the Derby custodian, and tremendous cheers, accompanied by a perfect disregard for hats and sticks, announced that the Small Heath players were again a goal to the good. The game continued a most exciting one, the visitors straining every nerve to score, but being foiled by the fine defence of the Alliance, whose forwards were also playing up hard. Just before the call of time Davenport succeeded in scoring a fourth goal for the Alliance. No further score was made, and the Alliance were left the victors of a hard fought game by 4 goals to 2."

DDT: "The County won the toss and started with the wind at ten minutes to three. The ball had not been a minute in motion when a fine rush by the home forwards gave Figures possession, and Luntley slipped in endeavouring to stop an easy shot. The home team thus scored the first goal amidst loud cheering. On resuming Spilsbury and Evans brought the ball down in good style, but the backs cleared before a shot was made. The home right retaliated, but the final shot was wide of the mark. Evans then came down the field at a rattle, but was forced into the left corner, but no one was in front when he centred. The Small Heath right were not long before they got possession, but Hill missed a beautiful chance of scoring. Spilsbury and Cooper soon returned to the charge, but they could not score, Bakewell shooting over the bar. The Small Heath left then broke away, and from a centre by Figures Stanley added a second point ten minutes from the start. Affairs now looked decidedly black for the County. Spilsbury and Bakewell made determined efforts to score, and Hedges conceded a corner from the latter's shot. Bakewell, however, placed it behind. Spilsbury directly afterwards struck the crossbar, but Evans atoned directly afterwards by scoring the first goal for the visitors amidst cheers. Give and take play followed for a time, until the home team obtained their first corner. The visitors, however, got it away, after which the ball was rushed to the other end, where the close defence of the Heathers prevented their getting within shooting distance. A second corner and

a good shot fell to the home team, but up to half time neither side had succeeded in scoring any further goals.

On resuming the County left quickly got possession, and Hedges threw out a shot from Cooper, after which a free kick fell to the visitors for tripping by a Heather. The home team then pressed severely, and Luntley fisted out a splendid long shot from Hill, and the Derby goalkeeper was kept very lively hereabouts. At last Wharmby gave Evans possession, and the latter equalised the score. The home team now began to press, and Wharmby and Luntley each effected magnificent saves. Soon afterwards, however, Stanley came up with a rush, and scored a third goal for the home team. Davenport added still another point, and the Alliance won by four goals to two."

Small Heath Alliance: T. Hedges (Goal); J. Hare (Capt.), R. Evetts (Backs); F. James, C. Simms, W. Felton (Half Backs); T. Davenport, H. Morris (Right Wing), A. E. Stanley (Centre), E. Hill, W. Figures (Left Wing).

N.B. J. Evetts given again by both BDP and AFS while Complete Record gives R. Evetts (Robert Evetts P.401 who only played this season). Also BDP and AFS give E. Davenport for T. Davenport in BCR (Thomas Davenport P.400)

Derby County: W. Luntley (Goal); A. Williamson, H. A. Morley (Capt.) (Backs); G. F. Cooper, H. Nicholls, W. H. Wharmby (Half Backs); G. Bakewell, B. W. Spilsbury (Right Wing), G. Evans (Centre), A. Smith, L. Cooper (Left Wing).

N.B. DDT missing 3rd Half Back but DM confirms H. Nichols contra J. Flowers in DCCR

Umpire: W. W. Hart for Small Heath and E. Hickinbottom for Derby County.

Referee: J. H. Jope (Vice-President Birmingham Association)

WEST BROMWICH ALBION, a bye

NORTH FOURTH DIVISION:

N.B. Nottingham Daily Express is listed as Nottingham Journal on line

STAVELEY 2 (J. Hay, W. Young) NOTTS FOREST 1 (T. Lindley) (H.T 2-0) (Sat Dec 12th) (At Staveley)

Nottingham Journal 14/12/85 P.7/Nottingham Evening Post 12/12/85 P.3/Manchester Courier 14/12/85 P.7/Bell's Life 14/12/85 P.4/Sportsman 14/12/85 P.4/Sporting life 14/12/85 P.4/Referee 13/12/85 P.6:

NJ: "This match, a tie in the third round for the Association Challenge Cup, was played at Staveley, on the Recreation Ground, on Saturday last, before about two thousand spectators. Owing to the thaw which had set in the ground, which at the best of times is unsuitable for a football ground, sloping very much and being very bumpy, was in desperate condition, consequently the Staveleyites, who are a heavy set of men, were well suited; in fact everything was in their favour, as winning the toss they elected to kick down the hill, and thus received the benefit of a strong wind which was blowing. At 2.35 Lindley started the ball and turned it over to Leighton, who was immediately deprived of it by

Wheatley. This player rolled it down the hill, where by a long kick on the part of Marples, the Forest goal was placed out of danger, and then Unwin forced his way through the Staveley backs, placing the ball safely in the centre of the home goal, but Peel returned it, and Norman in attempting to retaliate was charged heavily by Madin, dropping on his head, when play was suspended for a minute. On the restart the Staveley men still forced the pace, but after eight minutes' play Danks got away nicely, and travelling on the left wing, worked the ball into the Staveley quarter, but Peel returned, and Luntley saving his charge, kicked into the corner, but Caborn just saved the concession, and Wheatley kicked out. Then a most creditable attack was made by the Forest forwards, who worked the ball up the hill, completely baffling their opponents, Lindley, Danks, Leighton, Unwin, and Billyeald being especially distinguishable, and the former sent in a shot along the ground, which Marshall saved gallantly. A free kick was then taken by the home team in the centre of the field in consequence of Fox infringing the off-side rule, but Billyeald, playing exceedingly well, in the centre of the field, frustrated the efforts of the Staveley forwards, and Danks centred well, Lindley just missing by a few inches. Needham then tried a long shot, but Luntley fisted away in fine style, repeating the (feat) immediately afterwards. Twenty minutes from the commencement a corner accrued to the home team, but although this was well centred, no score was made, Caborn saving in grand style. Then another corner followed in a few minutes and a good but useless assault was made on the Forest goal, as the ball was sent away. James, however, returned, and Caborn was compelled to concede a third corner five minutes from the interval. S. Hay put this in beautifully, and J. Hay, the captain, headed it through amidst applause. The Staveley forwards still pressed, determined to make the most of the advantage, and from a good run by Needham who centred, Young headed the second goal, and then half-time was called.

Immediately on the resumption Marshall had to fist away, and Fox receiving the ball shot wide. Still the Forest kept peppering into the Staveley goal, and Lindley made an attempt to score with a long shot, but James acted as a stumbling block to this, and then a foul was given in favour of the Reds, Hay having charged Billyeald in the back. An assault was commenced by Lindley, Danks, and Leighton, but the former shot wide. The ball, however, struck James on passing, and a corner was conceded. This was kicked behind. Then the Staveleyites, apparently used to the hill, by some short dribbling carried the ball into the Forest quarter, but were immediately repulsed by Caborn, although in retreating Needham sent in a dangerous shot, but Luntley got it away. Lindley then worked the ball through the Staveley backs, and crossed to Danks, who had a splendid opening, but shot over the bar. The play continued in this strain until ten minutes before time, when Lindley receiving the ball from Unwin, with a low shot, added the first and only point for the Foresters, who would no doubt have at least equalised the score but the Staveley backs adopted very childish tactics, every time the ball came near them kicking it out of the field, and so wasting time. Still, however, Lindley at one time should have scored, but just shot over the bar, and consequently the game ended in a win for Staveley by two goals to one."

NEP: "This tie in the third round of the Association Cup was played at Staveley today in the presence of 2,000 spectators. The ground was hard underneath, but very slippery on the surface, and play was consequently slow. Forest losing the toss had to face the wind blowing obliquely across the ground. The Staveley men played a very rough game, and Norman was hurt soon after the start, but was able to continue after a short rest. Forest were severely pressed at first, but afterwards their short passing proved too much for Staveley, and three times in as many minutes the goal had narrow escapes, one shot by Lindley being only just stopped. Five minutes before half time Caborn was forced to concede

a corner kick, and from it the ball was headed through by Hay. Forest visited the other end, but Wilshaw, dashing down the left wing, crossed on the front, and Young headed through. Half time was announced a minute later, the game standing two goals to none in favour of Staveley, who showed a marked improvement in their play towards the end of the first half.

During the second half Forest had very much the best of the play, Staveley only once getting near the goal, but they scored not. Fox missed a splendid opening soon after changing ends, and three corner kicks proved useless. The Staveley men resorted to very doubtful tactics, repeatedly kicking out, and the ball was carried into neighbouring streets by the strong wind. Ten minutes before the finish, Lindley getting the ball from a corner, kicked the first goal for the Forest, and play was very exciting, the Reds trying their utmost to equalise. Lindley shot over the bar two minutes from the finish, but the Foresters failed to equalise, and were beaten, after having much the best of the play by two goals to one."

Staveley: Joe .Marshall(Goal); D.James, H.A.Peel(Backs); Sam.Hay, John Wheatley(Half Backs); Will Madin, W.Young(Right Wing), John Hay(Capt.), H.P.Marples(Centres), +W.Needham, S.Wilshaw (Left Wing).

+NJ has W.Needham three times in the report but has W.N.Crookes in line-up.(BL/REF have W.Needham and not W.N.Crookes)

Notts Forest: J.Luntley(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, E.J.Leighton(Left Wing).

Umpires: G.Hay and A.J..Bates. Referee: A.Haines(Wolverhampton) (Cofield(Birmingham) was the scheduled referee but did not appear and after a few minutes wait Haines took up his duties).

NOTTS COUNTY 3 (H.A.Cursham 3) NOTTS RANGERS 0 (H.T. 2-0)(Sat Dec 12th)(At Gregory Ground)

Nottingham Evening Post 12/12/85 P.3/Nottingham Journal 14/12/85 P.7(Long Report)/ Manchester Courier 14/12/85 P.7/Sporting Life 14/12/85 P.4/ Sportsman 14/12/85 P.4/Referee 13/12/85 P.6:

NEP: "This tie in the Association Cup competition was played at Gregory Ground, Nottingham today, in the presence of about 3,000 spectators. The Notts men appeared on the field in white jerseys, in order that each side could better distinguish their own players. Jackson kicked off at 20 minutes to three, and Gunn at once made his way along the right, when one of the Rangers handled. The free kick was not dangerous, but a corner following, Gunn placed exceedingly near. The Rangers headed out, and May, Elliott, and Hodder rushed well to the other end. Notts gradually got back, but Archer dashed out, and the Castle Ground men went nicely ahead. A scrimmage took place about twenty yards from goal, from which Stokes sent high over the crossbar. Gunn made one of his fine runs, but he was spoiled at the finish. May and Elliott dashing out a short distance Moore stopped, and a free kick for tripping Cursham was given against the Rangers. A corner resulted from which Macrae headed well in, Gandy saving at the expense of another corner. After this had been taken by Daft, Gunn placed one behind. C.Shelton stopped Gunn and A.Moore nicely, and the Rangers succeeded in getting into their opponents' quarters, where the ball was sent wide by Stokes. This performance was imitated by Gunn and a foul was given against Notts, enabling the Rangers to move forwards. May got the ball

past Sherwin, but sent wide. Knight and Archer next seemed likely to score, but Macrae and Moore upset them and prevented them shooting. After a slight relief Moore conceded a corner, which proved useless. Then the Notts men got away, and Cursham shot over. Corner was given to Notts, and Daft placing the kick with judgment, Cursham shot the first goal after 27 minutes' play. A fine run was made by Gunn, and Jackson shot wide when he had an easy opening. Three minutes from the last score Gunn dashed in again from the centre of the field and kicked at goal. Gandy saved, but Cursham meeting the ball as it rebounded headed through. A claim was made for offside but it was not entertained. The game became faster, and Notts, if anything, became more aggressive. A foul was given against A. Moore, and the Rangers getting down, Macrae with a mis-kick, gave them a corner, which Sadler sent behind. Notts again took up the running, and Emmett compelled Gandy to fust out a clever shot. Another corner was given to Notts, and they had a free kick in the centre of the Rangers' half, the ball going over the line. The Rangers had a free kick in a similar position at the other end, but Sadler made a mistake, and gave to Jackson. Gunn dashed to the other end past Shelton, but his centre was returned, and half time ensued, with the game standing two goals to none in favour of the Notts men.

On restarting Jackson and Daft showed some pretty combined play down the centre, and passed to Cursham, but Topham stopped him close to the posts. Cursham made a splendid screw, which Gandy cleared, and he headed out a shot by Gunn the next moment. The Rangers relieved, but only temporarily, and the game became of a very open character, first one side having the advantage and then the other. Gunn made a shot a long way from goal, but it was too high, and Gandy effected a grand save, Daft putting in a fine shot about 20 yards from the goal. Notts gained the upper hand, but they were well kept from scoring. Daft sent within a yard of one of the posts, when he was close in; Cursham next failed to screw in, and later Jackson missed the ball when he attempted to kick. Notts now had all the best of the play, which became rather slow. An appeal was made for a foul against Gunn, but the ball was thrown up by the referee, from which Gunn ran in, and the Rangers goal became the scene of some quick play. Hodder and May got away with a clear course, but the latter sent wide. A shot was then made by Hodder, which just went over the bar, and for a little time the Rangers remained in their opponents' territory. Then Notts dashed ahead, and the ball being passed to Cursham he sent it through about ten minutes before the call of time. Directly afterwards Cursham ran in again, and he fell, and Gandy threw out. The Rangers relieved, but they were unable to cope with the superior tactics of their opponents. From a capital centre by Macrae, Gandy was forced to handle, and he was kept on the alert until the finish. Notts thus won by three goals to none."

NJ: "This tie was played on the Gregory Ground on Saturday afternoon, before about 3,000 spectators. The ordinary colours of the two teams being similar, Notts played in white shirts. Notts defended the Lenton Sands goal, and Jackson kicked off shortly after half-past two." (Long report)

Notts County: M. Sherwin (Goal); F. W. Snook, H. T. Moore (Backs); H. W. Emmett, S. Macrae, C. F. Dobson (Half Backs); W. Gunn, A. E. Moore (Right Wing), H. Jackson (Centre), H. B. Daft, H. A. Cursham (Left Wing).

Notts Rangers: W. Gandy (Goal); W. Topham, C. Shelton (Capt.) (Backs); H. Knight, T. Sadler, A. Shelton (Half Backs); W. Archer, W. Stokes (Right Wing), W. Hodder (Centre), A. Elliott, W. May (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Marshall for Notts County and C. Gilbert for Notts Rangers.

Referee: J. W. Smith (Derbyshire Association).

NORTH FIFTH DIVISION:

DAVENHAM 2 (H.Holland,G.Plant) CREWE ALEXANDRA 1 (T.Cross) (H.T. 0-0) (Sat Dec 12th)

Crewe Guardian 16/12/85 P.8/Northwich Guardian 16/12/85 P.8:

CG/NG:"About 1,200 admirers of the national winter pastime were attracted to the Davenham football ground on Saturday to witness the playing off of a tie in the third round of the English Cup competition between the Davenham and the Crewe Alexandra Clubs.As both organisations had been credited with some very meritorious performances,since the commencement of the season, Saturday's affair was looked forward to with a great amount of interest,and there were many who predicted that the victors would become warm favourites for the Cheshire cup.The weather was fine,but owing to the recent thaw the ground was such as to interfere with the comfort of the spectators,and to make it very difficult for the players to keep their footing."

"After the ball had been in motion a few minutes,Davenham,who had what wind there was in their favour,assumed the aggressive,and some very exciting play ensued in Crewe territory,Stringer and W.H.Dalton being conspicuous.At length a corner accrued to the home players,and Brookes placed the ball beautifully,but it was forced over the goal line,giving Vernon a free kick from the opposite corner.He did not allow for wind,and the pressure was relieved by a goal kick.Brookes was on the ball in a twinkling,and transferred to Holland,who made a shot which caused the Crewe goal-keeper to use his hands.The Alexandra forwards then broke away,and the Davenham goal was fiercely assailed,but the defenders were equal to the occasion.Very fast and expert play followed,the home players giving their opponents a good deal of trouble.Some fine runs were made by Stringer, Brookes,and Haddock,and Plant and Holland were always handy and useful;while for the other side,Marsh,T.Cross,Payne,and Halfpenny rendered excellent service.Nothing had been scored when half-time was sounded,though Davenham had had the best of the play.

After crossing over,hostilities were renewed with great energy,and in six minutes a sharp tussle in front of the Crewe citadel ended in its downfall,Holland with a well-judged shot putting the ball between the uprights amid loud cheers.Seventeen minutes later,after play of a fairly even character, Plant raised another cheer by registering a second goal for the "Villagers",Stringer having been instrumental in bringing the leather up.Twelve minutes from the call of time,the Crewe forwards made a combined rush on the home goal,and T.Cross took a long low shot.Leather ran out to kick the ball,but missed,and it rolled quietly under the bar.This success seemed to infuse fresh vigour into the Crewites,and they laboured desperately to at least equalise matters,but it was all to no purpose,and Davenham were proclaimed the winners of an exceedingly well contested game by two goals to one.We should have stated that mainly by the aid of Brookes,the ball was put through a third time,but the point was disallowed on appeal to the referee.On the winning side the whole of the players acquitted themselves most creditably.Of the Crewe team,T.Cross,Snelson,Marsh, Halfpenny,and Downes showed most prominently."

Davenham:F.Leather(Goal);H.Goulding,R.Riley(Backs);D.Dalton,W.H.Dalton,G.Vernon(Half Backs); H.Holland,J.Brookes,J.Haddock,G.Plant,L.Stringer(Forwards).

Crewe Alexandra:C.Cross(Goal);W.Downes,C.Conde(Backs);F.J.Marsh,F.Halfpenny,W.S.Bell(Half Backs);T.Cross, J.Pearson,E.Payne,F.Hardman,T.Snelson(Forwards).

Umpires:Earlam(Davenham) and Abraham(Crewe).Referee:S.Ormerod(Accrington).

LEEK 2 (G.Brentnall 2) BURSLEM PORT VALE 3 (J.Owen,W.Reynolds 2)(H.T. 1-1)(F.T. 2-2)(After Extra Time)(Sat Dec 12th)

KR Source:Leek Times(MICROFILM AT BL) GET LT REPORT FOR SCORERS

Leek Book P.65:"Newton having scratched to Leek in the second round of the English Cup,the Moorland team had again the luck to come out of the hat first in the draw for the third round,having to meet their equal opponents,Port Vale.The match took place at Leek,on December 12th,the Leek team being as usual,and the +Port Vale team the same that had drawn with Leek before,with the exception that Davis played instead of Payne.The teams had scored two goals each at time,and although it was almost dark,an extra half-hour was started.In the first ten minutes Port Vale scored a goal,and the referee then stopped the match,as he could not distinguish the players.The game was ordered to be replayed at Burslem,but rather than risk their lives on the Port Vale ground in the then excited condition of the supporters of the Burslem club,Leek decided to withdraw from the competition,and the game was awarded to Port Vale." +See also Leek Book P.63

Bell's Life 14/12/85 P.4:"Played at Leek before an immense number of spectators.The Vale won the toss,and scored after about seven minutes play.Leek played with great dash and soon equalised. After half time both teams tried hard,and Leek scored again.Some brilliant play was shown by Port Vale,who gained goal number two.Nothing further was done,and half an hour extra was played. Burslem completely outstayed their opponents and scored again,the match thus ending in a victory for Port Vale by three goals to two.Port Vale had two goals disallowed."

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

Burslem Port Vale:W.Rowley(Goal);W.E.Powell,G.Bateman(Backs);H.Hodgkinson,R.Dain, W.Poulson(Half Backs);J.Owen,C.Simpson,W.Reynolds,B.Davies,J.A.Smith(Forwards).

Referee:Duxbury(Darwen).

N.B.:Protest by Leek that Burslem Port Vale arrived too late and that the game finished in darkness.The FA upheld the protest and ordered a replay at Burslem but Leek scratched because of the rough play by Burslem in the match.

NORTH SIXTH DIVISION:

MIDDLESBROUGH 2 (W.Pickstock,A.Borrie) GRIMSBY TOWN 1(H.Monument)(H.T. 0-1)(At Paradise Ground,Middlesbrough)(Sat Dec 19th)

Northern Echo 21/12/85 P.4/Grantham Journal 24/12/85 P.8/Athletic News 22/12/85 P.3/Field
26/12/85 P.899/Sporting Life 21/12/85 P.4:

NE:"In the third tie for the English Challenge Cup the Middlesbrough and Grimsby Clubs met on the Paradise Ground,Middlesbrough,on Saturday,in the presence of between three and four thousand spectators.*The match should have been played on Saturday week last,but was adjourned on account of the weather.A splendid match was witnessed,the visitors having brought a strong team, and being determined to win.Grimsby had the best of the first forty-five,in which a splendid goal was scored for them by Monument,who headed the ball neatly through,another goal for the visitors being just lost by H.Atkinson.

In the second half of the game Middlesbrough warmed to their work and played splendidly.Borrie made a capital shot for goal for the home team,but struck the crossbar.Pickstock,however,neatly headed it through,amid loud cheers.A few minutes later the Rev. Mr Wilson took the ball cleverly down the field,and made a smart pass to Borrie,who kicked a second goal.No further scoring was made,although more splendid play was witnessed."

AN:"Grimsby played the long,and Middlesbrough the short passing game,and there was a capital exhibition of both styles.In the first half Grimsby,by far the heavier team,had the best of the contest. Out of a scrummage in front of the Middlesbrough goal,Monument headed the ball through,and Grimsby looked like scoring another goal,H.Atkinson,who had it at his mercy,playing with the ball until it was taken from him by Pringle.

The second half of the game was very fast,and the visitors tiring in the last twenty minutes,the home team forced the play.A good shot by Borrie struck the cross-bar,and,rebounding,Pickstock successfully headed it through,although charged at the same moment by one of the Grimsby men. Ten minutes later Wilson took the ball down the field by a brilliant run,and,passing to Borrie,the latter sent it home with a low,swift shot.Nothing further was scored,and Middlesbrough consequently won by two goals to one."

*See below for decision at FA Committee Meeting

Middlesbrough:J.Dawkings(Goal);G.Miller,T.H.Wynn(Backs);A.R.Pringle,O.H.Cochrane(Capt.),S.Kemp (Half Backs);J.Thompson,W.Fox,A.Borrie,W.Pickstock,Rev. E.J.Wilson(Forwards).

Grimsby:G.Atkinson(Goal);J.H.Taylor,Harry Taylor(Backs);A.H.Read,G.Kimpson(Capt.),W.Hopewell (Half Backs);H.Atkinson,T.Garnham,J.Seal,H.Monument,J.Sharman(Forwards).

Umpires:W.T.Lammin(Grimsby) and F.Hardisty(Middlesbrough).Referee:??

REDCAR,a bye

SOUTH FIRST DIVISION:

OLD WESTMINSTERS 5 (C.R.W.Heath,A.C.W.Jenner 3,F.W.Bain) ROMFORD 1 (L.E.Clark)(H.T. 2-0)(Sat Dec 12th)(At Kennington Oval)

Essex Times 19/12/85 P.2/Chelmsford Chronicle 18/12/85 P.7/Essex County Chronicle 18/12/85 P.7/Bell's Life 14/12/85 P.4/Essex Standard 19/12/85 P.3/Essex Herald 14/12/85 P.7/Field 19/12/85 P.865/Sportsman 14/12/85 P.4/Sporting Life 14/12/85 P.4/Referee 13/12/85 P.6:

ET/CC/EH:"This match was played at Kennington Oval on Saturday last,and resulted in favour of the Old Westminsters by five goals(one disputed) to one.The game,notwithstanding unfavourable conditions,was not uninteresting.The severe frost of the previous day had made the ground hard as iron and somewhat slippery.It was unquestionably dangerous,and no wonder that some nervousness was manifested,but the rules of the Association must be observed,and play or be scratched was the order of the day.Play commenced at 3.30,and Romford,having won the toss, elected to defend the Hayleyford-road goal.It at once became apparent that the Essex men would have all their work to avoid a crushing defeat,for the ball was quickly worked down to their goal,and several corner kicks fell to the Old Westminsters,but without result.They would not,however,be denied,and just ten minutes after the start scored their first goal,quickly followed by another.These reverses put Romford on their mettle,and hostilities were for a time transferred to their opponents' quarters,but the Romford were unable to score.At half time the game stood two goals to nil in favour of the Old Westminsters.

They did not,however,appear quite satisfied with their success,for they played up with redoubled vigour,and for a time completely penned Romford,and shot after shot was made at goal,which must have succumbed but for the stubborn defence of the backs,and the coolness of Hailey,the goalkeeper.At this point Cousins,one of the Romford half-backs,in playing a hot shot had the misfortune to kick the ball through his own goal.The game now stood three to love.Romford still had to act upon the defensive,until Clarke getting possession,passed the ball to Goadby,who took it down the wing in splendid style and then passed to Wright,who in turn sent it to Clarke,who made a successful shot thereby lowering the enemy's fortress,which up to this time appeared impregnable. This success gave Romford some encouragement,and in spite of the unpleasant comments and jeers of the Westminster partisans,the class who are so fond of hanging about the railings at Vincent-square to cheer or hoot according to their bent,they played up manfully ,but in spite of all their efforts,they could not prevent the Old Westminsters adding two more goals,although it is only fair to state that one of these should not have been allowed on the ground of offside.Clarke,Mansfield, Wright,and Matthews played well for Romford,while R.T.Squire,H.Wetton and F.W.Bain did yeoman service for the Old Westminsters."

F:"It having been determined to decide this match in the third round,without regard to weather,the teams met at Kennington Oval on Saturday afternoon.The frost which had prevailed for some days previously broke in the morning,but this in no way bettered the condition of the ground,as the surface at the time of the match had alone been affected by the thaw.It need,therefore scarcely be pointed out,that the turf was very slippery.A victory for the Old Westminsters had been confidently looked forward to,and,as expectations were fully realised,the game really needs little description. Throughout the play,which began at half past two,the Old Westminsters maintained the upper hand easily.A very slight wind assisted the visitors during the first half,twelve minutes only of which had

expired when Heath kicked a goal. Previous to this Romford had been severely pressed, and, while Hailey had been forced to use his hands, owing to a shot by Ingram, a corner fell to the Westminsters, and an easy chance of scoring was allowed to escape by Heath, to whom the ball had been nicely muddled by Higgins. Having gained a goal the Westminsters continued to act principally on the aggressive, but, though several corners were obtained, no improvement was made to the score until the near approach of half time. Then Jenner kicked a goal. This latter success for a moment looked like being discounted pretty quickly through an attack by Romford, but Squire averted the danger.

Soon after change of ends the Westminsters asserted their superiority in a most practical manner, for Jenner placed two goals to their credit in rapid succession. Carelessness on the part of the home players then enabled Romford to become the assailants, and from a middle by Wright a goal was secured by Clark, while Sandwith was just afterwards called upon to save his charge, which he did very smartly. Subsequently the old boys of Westminster had things nearly all their own way, and towards the close an excellent pass by Scoones enabled Bain to secure another goal for his side. Thus the Old Westminsters were left winners by five goals to one. Notwithstanding the treacherous state of the ground, the victorious team played fairly well together, but a lamentable weakness was displayed in kicking at goal. As a matter of fact, the defeat of Romford, who were outclassed, would have been much more decisive, but for the defect mentioned."

SM: "With the exception of +one alteration in the visiting side, the teams were constituted as announced in Saturday's Sportsman, N.C. Bailey still being an absentee from the competition."

+The 1 Romford change was W.D. Matthews for C. Hitchcock.

N.B. However that Romford History still has C. Hitchcock and also has C.H. Smith for C.S. Palmer

(ET/CC/EH all have C. Hitchcock as No 5 for W.D. Matthews, but all have the same report and state that Matthews played well for Romford so he was playing)

Old Westminsters: Rev. W.F.G. Sandwith (Goal); R.T. Squire (Capt.), A.E. Bedford (Backs); H. Wetton, C.J. Fox (Half Backs); O. Scoones, C.R.W. Heath (Right Wing), C.F. Ingram, A.C.W. Jenner (Centres), F.W. Bain, F.T. Higgins (Left Wing).

Romford: H. Hailey (Goal); B.J. Smith, F. Webster (Backs); H. Mansfield, W.D. Matthews, C. Couzens (Half Backs); J. Goadby, W. Wright (Right Wing), L.E. Clark (Capt.) (Centre), R. Oliver, C.S. Palmer (Left Wing).

Umpires: Major Marindin (R.E., President of the Football Association) for Old Westminsters and E. Champness/Yardley (ET) for Romford. Referee: J. Armstrong (Union).

OLD WYKEHAMISTS v GREAT MARLOW (At Dolphin Ground Slough) (Scheduled for Sat Dec 12th)
:BOTH DISQUALIFIED: See below.

Sporting Life 12/12/85 P.3 has the following Great Marlow team for the match:

F. Plumridge (Goal); F. Speller, W. Mellett or R. Way (Backs); R.H. Lunnon, W.J. Morgan, J.T. Flint (Half Backs); R.A. Lunnon (Capt.), J. Bailey (Right Wing), R. Shaw (Centre), H. Walker, T. Walker (Left Wing).

Umpire: T.G. Lunnon.

Bell's Life 14/12/85 P.4 "Notwithstanding the warning inserted in Saturday's sporting papers, this tie in the third round was not decided at The Dolphin Ground Slough on Saturday afternoon as previously arranged. Mr T.B. Hughes, the Old Wykehamist's manager, visited the Swifts' campaigning field on Friday afternoon, and having carefully inspected it, declared it thoroughly unfit, and unsafe for playing purposes. As the frost showed no signs of abating, he at once wrote off to the members of the team intimating that the game would not come off. The Marlow secretary, Mr R.H. Lunn, received a telegram late on Friday night to the same effect. The Marlow team did not put in an appearance as many expected they would, consequently we infer they did not intend claiming the match."

See also similar report in Sporting Life 14/12/85 P.4

OLD CARTHUSIANS, a bye

SOUTH SECOND DIVISION:

SOUTH READING walked over CLAPHAM ROVERS disqualified (Game was scheduled for Sat Dec 12th at Reading)

Bell's Life 14/12/85 P.4: "The Rovers cried off on Saturday, and instead of visiting the Berkshire County town as arranged, their secretary telegraphed to the South Reading Hon Sec to the effect that, taking into consideration the continued frost and the consequent hard condition of the turf, they had decided not to make the journey. We hear that South Reading intend to claim the match." (See also Sportsman 14/12/85 P.4 and Sporting Life 14/12/85 P.4)

OLD HARROVIANS disqualified v SWIFTS (At Harrow) (Scheduled for Sat Dec 12th at Harrow : see below)

Harrow Notes 17/12/85 P.156: "We regret to have to report that in consequence of an unfortunate mistake, this match did not take place on Saturday last, and, as the Committee of the Football Association have, on appeal, decided that the Old Harrovians were in default, the tie has been adjudged to the Swifts."

On Thursday last the frost was still so severe that our hon. secretary, thinking play on the Saturday would be impossible, put off his men; and when at last the frost broke it was too late to collect the team. The Swifts, however, appeared on the ground and claimed the match—a claim which the committee has now upheld."

Bell's Life 14/12/85 P.4: "These teams should have met (upon the ground of the latter) at Harrow. +The Swifts were upon the ground in good time, but their opponents failed to show up, it being said that the ground was too hard. Under the circumstances, the Swifts, who waited some considerable time, claimed the tie, and will send in their claim to the Football Association at the next committee meeting. Although the ground was extremely hard, our correspondent states that it was not unplayable by any means." (See also Sportsman 14/12/85 P.4/Sporting Life 14/12/85 P.4)

+The Swifts team chosen from the following :Lockhart-Mure(Goal); J.Jeeves,W.Newham (Backs); F.E.Saunders,Humphrey Jones(Half Backs);+J.W.Hawtrey,G.Brann,Dr J.Smith,S.F.P.Moore, E.C.Bambridge,H.H.Cheesman,R.Playford,W.F.Roper(Forwards)(See Sportsman 12/12/85 P.8/Sporting Life 12/12/85 P.3)(+Missing from the SL list)

BRENTWOOD,a bye

Bell's Life 15/12/85 P.4:"The committee(of the Football Association) first discussed the cases of those clubs who declined to play their respective ties on Saturday,the last day allowed under the rules for the competition of the third round.As it appeared that,owing to the severe frost,Great Marlow,Clapham Rovers,Old Wykehamists,and Old Harrovians had declined to play,after some discussion it was eventually decided to strike the whole of them out of the competition.This is certainly a rather drastic course of action to pursue,but it should act as a salutary warning to clubs engaged in cup ties not to leave their matches until the last available day in future.In the case of Middlesbrough and Grimsby Town it was shown that owing to snow the ground of the former where the tie should have been decided,was not in a fit state for play,and the teams were ordered to meet again on Saturday next.

The protest of Hurst (Wrong)against Halliwell was allowed,and they meet again on Dec 19th at Halliwell.Leek maintained their objection against Burslem,and the match will be replayed at Burslem next Saturday.The mutual protests of Preston North End v Bolton Wanderers is postponed until next meeting."

Field 19/12/85 P.865:"Owing to protests and other circumstances,some matches in the third round remain undecided.The results given below will show the present state of affairs.It must be explained,that at the committee meeting held on Monday evening,several clubs were disqualified for not putting in an appearance on Saturday,the day fixed for the completion of the third round.The clubs thus failing were the Clapham Rovers and Old Harrovians,who should have respectively met South Reading and Swifts;and the Old Wykehamists and Marlow,who should have opposed each other.It is to be regretted that such a course had to be pursued,but it must be borne in mind that the rule on the subject is clear,and that it has over and over again been pointed out to clubs that they run a great risk in leaving the settlement of cup matches until the last available day.With regard to Middlesbrough and Grimsby Town,who were to have met on Saturday,it was pointed out that the ground at Middlesbrough was covered with several inches of snow,and the committee ordered the match to be replayed today(Saturday).The protest by Leek against Burslem was upheld,and the teams have to meet this afternoon at Burslem.Notts Forest protested against Staveley on two grounds-viz.,that the turf was unfit to play on,and also that the winners purposely wasted several minutes towards the end of the match.The committee await the evidence of the referee on the matter.Counter protests were made by Preston North End and Bolton Wanderers,both alleging that the opposite side contained a professional not properly qualified.The subject will be discussed at the next committee meeting,and the decisions will be anxiously looked for."

Field 2/1/86 P.21:"On Monday evening the committee of the Football Association had a remarkably long sitting, and the work done by them was of a very important character. In connection with the cup competition three protests were discussed. First in order came that of Notts Forest against Staveley, on the grounds that the latter had, towards the close of the game, which Staveley won by two goals to one, deliberately wasted time. The evidence of the referee having been heard, the committee decided that the Notts club had failed to substantiate their case. Greater difficulty was experienced in dealing with the protests lodged respectively by Preston North End and Bolton Wanderers. It will be remembered that these clubs—two of the most fancied of those engaged in the competition—were drawn together in the third round, and that the Preston team scored three goals to two. It was immediately claimed by the Bolton Wanderers that Ross and Drummond, having infringed the rule with regard to residential qualification, should not have played on behalf of their rivals. A counter claim was made by Preston North End that Powell, of the Wanderers, was ineligible. The committee found that in the case of Drummond the rule had been broken, and therefore that they had no alternative but to disqualify Preston North End. It was not proved that Ross had offended against the rules. The protest of Preston North End was not settled on Monday, owing to the absence of evidence, which is expected will be forthcoming before the next committee meeting, to be held on Jan. 11." (Meeting held at Holborn Viaduct)

Field 9/1/86 P.52:"At a special committee meeting, held on Tuesday afternoon, further evidence was produced in the matter of the protest against the Bolton Wanderers. The result was the disqualification of the club just named."

Athletic News 12/1/86 P.3:"At a special general meeting last Tuesday at Anderton's Hotel London, several players were disqualified for certain periods for unseemly conduct on the field of play. W.J. Foulkes and Joseph Davis, of Oswestry, were suspended for six weeks, and C. Conde, of the Crewe Alexandra, was penalised in a like manner for three weeks for fighting and unseemly conduct in the Cup tie between the above-named clubs. H.P. Knight, of the Notts Rangers, for insulting the umpire in the Cup tie of his club with the Notts County, was suspended for the remainder of the season. At a committee meeting held previously, the Bolton Wanderers, for playing Powell, who had broken his residential qualification, were disqualified for the Association Cup. Powell's individual case will be dealt with at the next meeting."

FOURTH ROUND:

Field 19/12/85 P.865:"In drawing the fourth round only the two divisions in which three clubs remain were taken. The result was that West Bromwich Albion were drawn against Wolverhampton in the third division of the North, and that Brentwood come against South Reading in the second division of the South. By this arrangement, two clubs from each division will be left in to take part in the second series, thereby avoiding byes in subsequent rounds."

Bell's Life 15/12/85 P.4:

"The Committee of the Association met last night to make the draw for the Fourth Round. It was decided only to draw the ties in a couple of divisions, which resulted as follows:

NORTH THIRD DIVISION:

(At West Bromwich) :West Bromwich Albion v Wolverhampton Wanderers

Small Heath Alliance,a bye

SOUTH SECOND DIVISION:

(At Reading):South Reading v Brentwood

Swifts,a bye

(Lichfield Mercury 18/12/85 P.7:"The ties in the fourth,or extra round,must be decided on or before January 2nd ")

FOURTH ROUND:

Sat January 2nd 1886:

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 3 (A.Loach,G.Bell,T.Green) WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 1
(H.Aston)(H.T. 2-0)(Sat Jan 2nd)(At Stoney Lane,West Bromwich)

Birmingham Daily Post 4/1/86 P.7/Referee 3/1/86 P.6/Bell's Life 3/1/86/Field 9/1/86 P.52/
Sportsman 4/1/86 P.4/Sporting Life 4/1/85 P.4:

N.B.No Wolverhampton Express and Star for 1886 on line.

BDP:"An unusual amount of interest was manifested in this match in the fourth round for this cup,and,the weather being fine,upwards of 8,000 persons visited the Albion Ground,at Stoney Lane,West Bromwich,to witness the match.The Albion won the toss,and elected to play downhill. They at once commenced aggressive tactics,but were met by a stout resistance by Mason and Lowder,who each played a splendid back game.The passing of the Albion was manifestly superior to that of their opponents,but the Wanderers fought a good game,and several times forced Roberts to use his hands.With the assistance of H.Bell and H.Green the Albion kept their antagonists from making much headway,and towards half time enabled the home forwards to change the venue of the game.Before half time the Albion scored a couple of points,Loach and G.Bell sending the ball through.

With the hill and wind in their favour in the second half,the Wolverhampton contingent worked strenuously to obtain a point H.Aston,Brazier,and Brodie each putting in some good work. The defence of the Albion was,however,too much for them,and,seeing an opportunity,T.Green rushed up the field with the ball.A bad miss by Mason proved disastrous,for Green finished up his run by scoring third point.Playing up with renewed vigour,the Wanderers severely pressed the Albion back division,and it was said that an attempt by H.Aston sent the ball through,although it seemed to the majority of the spectators that the ball went over the bar.The point was allowed,however,and the Albion ultimately won by 3 goals to 1."

BL: "Played at West Bromwich in the presence of 8,000 spectators. Ten minutes from the start the first point was scored for Albion, and after some fifteen minutes play Bell gained a second point. For some ten minutes the visitors' goal was kept in danger, Woodhall and T. Green playing splendidly for the home team, whilst amongst the visitors, Brodie, Mason, Lowder, and the two Woods did good service. At half time the score remained unchanged, but directly afterwards, T. Green, by an excellent shot, kicked the third point for the home team. The Wanderers then woke up, and several successive attacks resulted in Aston scoring the first point, which was appealed against, but without effect. Albion thus won by three goals to one. (The visitors were without their goalkeeper, and played also a second team forward): not so as Griffiths played in all their cup games and Brazier played forward for Lowder but he went to Left Back)."

West Bromwich: R. Roberts (Goal); H. Bell, H. Green (Backs); E. Horton, F. Bunn, G. Timmins (Half Backs); G. Woodhall, J. M. Bayliss (Right Wing), T. Green (Centre), A. Loach, G. Bell (Left Wing).

Wolverhampton Wanderers: I. Griffiths (Goal); C. Mason, A. Lowder (Backs); J. Aston, A. Davidson, A. Pearson (Half Backs); H. Aston, G. Brazier (Right Wing), J. B. Brodie (Centre), G. Wood, H. Wood (Left Wing).

Umpires: Besseker (Albion) and Dallard (Wanderers). Referee: Cofield (Birmingham and District FA).

SOUTH READING 0 BRENTWOOD 3 (A. W. Lemarchand 2, W. S. Morice) (Sat Jan 2nd) (H. T. 0-2) (At Mr Colebrook's Farm, Reading)

N.B. This ground was apparently South Reading's new ground located near to the Cemetery.

Reading Observer 9/1/86 P.3/Bell's Life 3/1/86/Field 9/1/86 P.52 (No proper Report)/Sportsman 4/1/86 P.4/Sporting Life 4/1/86 P.4/Referee 3/1/86 P.6/Chelmsford Chronicle (Essex County Chronicle) 8/1/86 P.6 (Only Brentwood Lineup)/Referee 3/1/86 P.6:

RO: "There was a very large gathering at the above-named match at Reading, on Saturday; indeed it was the largest concourse of spectators we have ever seen at a football match in Reading. Saturday was a beautiful day, and with the ground in such capital condition, as Mr Colebrook's farm now is, every facility was afforded the players to show up to their best form. The visitors arrived here at one o'clock, and a brake was in attendance to meet them. From the station they were taken to the Queen's Hotel, where, having refreshed themselves and donned their football clothes, the same conveyance bore them to the ground. On their arrival they were greeted with a hearty cheer by the spectators already assembled, and soon after this the choice of positions was decided. Morice started the ball for the visitors, and Cooper dashing forward quickly obtained possession, and thus early in the game the Southerners assumed the aggressive. The advantage, however, was not long sustained, as the globe was quickly returned to mid-field. Up and down it went with wondrous rapidity, the visitors having so far somewhat the worst of it. An excitable bully here took place right in the mouth of the Brentwood goal, and it was only by dexterous play that Mills-Roberts saved his charge. Now a flying visit was made to the other end, and Lusty in turn was called upon to knock away. About this time the wearers of the "magenta and black" began to settle down, and their passing was becoming exceedingly good; but still the South fairly well held their own, and it was an open question which was the better team. Nash and Chard on the right were doing some praiseworthy work, and the same

remark applies to the other forwards. Indeed, every man exhibited fine form, and the followers of South Reading were themselves surprised at the good fight their club was making. At last, however, the superior passing of Brentwood gave them an opening and Lemarchand, exactly twenty minutes after the start, lowered the Southerners' colours by a splendid shot. This piece of fine play elicited rounds of applause from the spectators, the sound of which had not died away when the sphere was re-started. Now the Southerners were fairly roused, and hard indeed did they work to make matters even. Cooper, Nash, Chard, Smith and Talbot just here were decidedly conspicuous, and the rear division of the visitors had all their work to do to check the many onslaughts of these players. Mills-Roberts defended his goal admirably, and his cool play frequently brought forth cheers from the onlookers. Try how they would the wearers of the "black and white" could not score, and to make things worse, just prior to the changeover another goal was registered against them, Lemarchand again doing the needful. This point was disputed by the home team, they asserting that the off-side rule had been infringed; but the referee decided otherwise, although to us the appeal seemed justified. After this give-and-take play was the order of the day, and when the sound of the whistle denoted half-time the ball was in the centre of the ground, and the game two goals to none in favour of the visitors.

As Brentwood now had the advantage of the slope, it looked any odds on them gaining several more goals, but owing to the grand defence of South Reading, they were only able to obtain one. As soon as the ball was re-started the Southerners had to fall back, and many were the attempts made by Pike, Evelyn, Morice, Lemarchand and Sherrington to score, but the backs of the opposing team redoubled their exertions, and thus kept their goal intact. Several times Lusty punched away, and frequent incursions were made into the Brentwood quarters, but the shots generally were erratic. Cooper seemed over-anxious or we feel sure he would have beaten Mills-Roberts on more than one occasion, and the other men, although they had several openings, failed to beat the goal-keeper, whose play it would be hard to excel. Now on came Morice at a great rate, and by capital dodging he brought the ball exceedingly close to the home goal and undoubtedly would have scored, had not Steward pounced upon him just in the nick of time. George, too, was on the alert and his ponderous kicks were a treat to witness. In fact, every man played his best, and so they needed to cope with the aggressive tactics of the visitors. As the end was fast approaching, the South team made strenuous efforts to notch a point, but luck was against them, and although about here they had several shies at goal, upon each occasion the try was unsuccessful. This was very disheartening, but still the Southerners strove hard to turn the tide of ill-fortune set in against them, and being rallied on by their friends they exhibited a very bold front, but Tyler and the other backs defended their fortress in grand style, which made it impossible for South to break through their defence. Pike now made another attempt to notch a point, but Lusty butted the ball away. The ball, however, was quickly returned, and Morice rushing up headed it between the posts. From here to the call of time the match was more evenly contested, although Brentwood still had the upper hand, but as they did not add to their score they retired victors of an exceedingly pleasant and interesting game by three points to nil. As one and all played well it is needless to individualise."

BL: "The South then had to fall back, and after some capital passing all along the line Lemarchand brought about the first downfall of the home goal just twenty-five minutes after the start. After an attack on the Brentwood goal had been cleverly frustrated by Mills-Roberts, the visitors once more returned to the charge, and five minutes before half time Lemarchand got one past Lusty for the

second time. After change the play of South Reading began to assume a very loose and uneven character, and their goal was constantly in danger. After shots by Morice, Nickisson, and Evelyn had narrowly escaped their intended destination, the first named succeeded in heading the ball through for the third time from a return by Lusty."

CC(ECC): "This tie in the fourth round of the Football Association Challenge Cup was played at Reading on Saturday last. Steward won the toss, and Morice kicked off at 2.35. Three byes were quickly obtained by Brentwood, but then the home team visited the opposite end, and play progressed evenly until 25 minutes after (half time: in fact the start), when Le Marchand scored for the visitors, after good play along the line. South Reading tried hard to equalise matters, and Mills-Roberts had to stop a couple of shots. Brentwood would not be denied, and after several ineffectual attempts, Le Marchand kicked the second goal. After change the home team fell off in their play, and Morice headed the ball between the posts for the third time 20 minutes before the close. South Reading played up wonderfully during the last 15 minutes, but failed to score."

South Reading: H. Lusty (Goal); E. Steward (Capt.), W. George (Backs); R. E. A. Maynard, F. Haydon, E. Woodley (Half Backs); W. Nash, J. Chard (Right Wing), F. Cooper (Centre), G. Talbot, C. Smith (Left Wing).

Brentwood: R. H. Mills-Roberts (Goal); C. W. Tyler, F. A. Borrett (Backs); J. L. Nickisson, J. E. S. Moore, J. O. Benwell (Half Backs); G. S. Sherrington, A. W. Lemarchand (Right Wing), W. S. Morice (Centre), E. C. Evelyn (Capt.), T. M. Pike (Left Wing).

Lemarchand is the correct spelling.

Umpires: G. Barley and J. J. Read. Referee: J. Armstrong (Union).

ALL OTHER CLUBS, byes

SECOND SERIES FIRST ROUND (FIFTH ROUND):

Bell's Life 29/12/85 p.4 "Last evening the committee met at their offices, Holborn Viaduct,"

The draw for the first round of the second series took place with the subjoined result:

South Shore v Notts County

Church v Swifts

Wolverhampton Wanderers or West Bromwich Albion v Old Carthusians

Redcar v Middlesbrough

Blackburn Rovers v Staveley

Small Heath Alliance v Davenham

Burslem Port Vale v South Reading or Brentwood

Bolton Wanderers (protest against) v Old Westminsters (or a bye to the latter)

The Round to be completed by Saturday, January 23rd, the first named in each case having choice of ground."

Nottingham Evening Post 6/1/86 P.4:

"The Football Association : "Last evening a special general meeting of this body convened for the purpose of considering the advisability of suspending certain players under rule 16, was held at Anderton's Hotel...."

The free fight which occurred in the cup tie between Oswestry and Crewe Alexandra on November 21st was first enquired into, the three players reported being J. Davies and W. T. Foulkes of Oswestry and C. Conde of Crewe Alexandra. It was unanimously resolved to accept the recommendation of the commission and suspend Foulkes and Davies for six weeks and Conde for three.

The other business was a charge against H. Knight of the Nottingham Rangers, of using threatening language towards an Umpire, Mr W. H. Marshall of the Notts Club, in the cup tie between Rangers and Notts.... The recommendation that he be suspended for the rest of the season was carried by 14 votes to 5."

A meeting of the committee of the Association was also held to take into consideration the protest lodged against the Bolton Wanderers in their recent match with Preston North End. The objection was sustained, Powell, the captain of the Wanderers, and the player in question being ruled ineligible and the Bolton Wanderers were consequently struck out of the competition. This decision gives the Old Westminsters a bye."

SOUTH SHORE 2 (Richard Elston 2) NOTTS COUNTY 1 (H. W. Emmett) (H. T. 1-1)
(Sat Jan 23rd) (At Blackpool)

Nottingham Journal 25/1/86 P.7/Nottingham Evening Post 23/1/86 P.3/Blackpool Herald 29/1/86 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 25/1/86 P.4/Blackburn Standard 30/1/86 P.2/Field 30/1/86 P.126/Athletic News 26/1/86 P.2/Sporting Life 26/1/86 P.4/Sportsman 25/1/86 P.4:

NJ: "This contest in the fifth round of the above competition was played at Blackpool on Saturday. The South Shore Club had been solicited by the Committee of the Nottingham organisation to play the tie at Nottingham; but the president of the South Shore Club, Mr Henry Maden, J. P., of Blackpool, and other influential local patrons, threatened to withdraw their support if the match-the most important contest in which the club had ever been engaged-was played away. The South Shore Committee had therefore to refuse a very advantageous offer. Great interest was taken in the match at Blackpool; and though in Nottingham it was looked upon as a fairly "good thing" for the Notts club, there was yet a sufficient amount of uncertainty with regard to the result of the meeting of our local players with the "unknown" club to induce about three hundred of the partisans of the Notts team to make the journey by the special train to Blackpool provided by the Midland Railway Company. In Blackpool itself, however, the ultimate defeat of the South Shore Club was regarded as certain. The ground of the South Shore Club is not one of the best adapted for football, though the turf was wonderfully dry and springy considering the recent bad weather. There was not a trace of snow or frost, owing to the close proximity of the sea. It is, however, merely an ordinary meadow which at one time has been cultivated, and it possesses the usual undulating surface peculiar to fields which have been formerly ploughland and afterwards made use of for pasture. In addition, the goal posts at one end had been put back two yards from their ordinary position so as to lengthen the

ground, and the goal-line along that end of the play-field having been previously marked by a trench several inches wide and two or three inches deep, there was a very good chance of an unwary player being tripped by this trench, which extended right across the play-field from one touch line to the other, at a distance of about, as stated above, two yards from the goal. It was really an accident of this kind that gave South Shore their first goal, for the ball had been kicked towards Sherwin by an opposing half back, and in running out to kick away he was tripped by the trench and fell; the South Shore centre then had no trouble in putting the ball between the posts. Notts started play with their full team, but before the close of the first half Snook had to be carried off the field with a broken ankle, and Herbert Emmett partnered Moore at back. He was not a success there, kicking rather loftily and very often getting too far up the field. That Notts would have won with Snook's assistance is quite probable. At the start of play they got a goal in the first two minutes, and took six corner kicks in about a quarter of an hour. South Shore, however, were trained to the hour; and in the second half played with desperate energy, striving tooth and nail to add a point to their score, and Notts were severely pressed-in fact at one time H. Cursham left his place among the forwards and assisted the back division of the Notts team to repel the furious onslaughts of the South Shore players. When their second point was scored-which was gained out of a very hard scrimmage, Sherwin being bundled through the goal by three men, the lot coming down in a heap-the South Shore defence went in for safety play, and promptly kicked out when they thought the ball was too near their goal. Of the Notts players, Cursham, Jackson, Macrae, and C. Dobson did most work. Albert Moore was seldom conspicuous, and Gunn found R. Walsh (the left half back of the opposing team) a very hard player to pass, and the back on the same wing was as difficult. On one occasion so elated was the South Shore back with having fairly beaten and robbed Gunn, that he started off down the field with the ball, and, cleverly eluding Macrae, dribbled past Emmett, and centred, and ran back to his post-a foolish bit of play, perhaps, but clever. Sherwin kept goal well, while W. Langley for South Shore kept out many good shots sent in by the Notts forwards in the early part of the first half. Towards the close of play Gunn broke away, and magnificently getting past the Shore defence, got close up to goal and fired, but Langley beat out a shot that would have scored nine times out of ten. Of the remainder of the South Shore players, Sharples, Walsh, and the two Elstons were the most noticeable.

There were about three thousand spectators to witness the match, and great partiality was evinced, derisory and jeering remarks being frequent. Notts won the toss and played with a good wind. They immediately assailed the home goal, H. Cursham and Daft being active, and a corner was conceded on that wing. Daft put the ball well in from the corner, and after Langley had beaten out a shot by Jackson, Emmett returned the ball, and it went through the corner of the goal-a shot that might have been stopped. Notts pressed again from the centre kick, but Thackwray and Robert Elston broke away and got close to Sherwin, a sharp scrimmage ensuing, but Snook cleared. Notts' left wing again attacked, and Dakin gave a second corner, but Daft put the ball behind. Then from a free kick Emmett placed the ball well in front of goal and Langley stopped a shot out of the scrimmage, and Dakin headed away another. Play was confined to the South Shore end Moore and Snook keeping the ball well among the forwards. Daft shot over the bar, and Jackson made an attempt which went wide. Robert Elston dashed down the left, but Snook took the ball from him, and passed to Gunn who centred, and Langley had to keep out a shot by C. Dobson. A clearance could not be made, so a third corner was given Notts, and Langley saved a good shot by Albert Moore. South Shore left wing were then conspicuous, and Harry Moore fouled the ball. An exciting moment then followed, but the ball went over the Notts goal line. Then Notts had a free kick for hands in mid-field, but the South Shore

right wing got away with the ball, and Tattersall beat Harry Moore, but Snook rushed across and beat Tattersall. Both players came down together. Tattersall was only winded, but Snook's left ankle was found to be severely injured—it being discovered afterwards that a bone was broken. He could not rise, and was carried off the field, and taken to the Clifton Hotel where the Notts players were staying. The accident had a disheartening effect on the Notts players. Emmett went back in Snook's place, but on resuming play South Shore came towards Sherwin's position, and Walsh made a clever shot, which went just over the bar. Directly afterwards the same player sent the ball in Sherwin's direction, but the Notts goalkeeper fell in attempting to clear, and Richard Elston put through for South Shore, amidst great cheering. From the centre kick, the Shore left wing, had a race down, followed hard by Macrae. They passed Emmett, but Macrae forced Thackwray to put the ball out. The home centre forward, who was playing a brilliant game, got very close, but Jackson dashed in and robbed him. Dribbling towards the home team's goal, he passed out to Cursham, who forced the fourth corner for Notts, and this produced a fifth on the same wing, but without further result, the defence being very strong round the goal. Jackson then put the ball on Gunn's wing, but nothing better could be done on that side. A sixth corner was given to Notts, but though the visiting team tried their hardest they could not force the defence. Cursham put in a fine shot, but it was beaten out by Langley. The outside left wing of the South Shore (Robert Elston) then made a dash for Sherwin's goal, followed at full speed by Macrae. Elston got past Emmett, but before he could shoot Macrae hoisted him off the ball. For a few minutes, however, the home team pressed, and Sharples shot over the bar. Then Harry Cursham finished up a short run by a beautiful screw, but Langley could not be beaten. Immediately afterwards a foul was claimed by Notts, and the referee threw the ball up. Jackson got on, and passing to Gunn, the latter screwed across. Cursham centred, and Jackson put through, but no score was allowed, as it was claimed and allowed that Cursham was off-side. Half-time was called immediately after, and the teams crossed over with a score of one goal each.

On the resumption H. Cursham rushed off with the ball, but Dakin gave another corner to stop him. This was resultless, and at the other end Sherwin had to kick the ball away through Macrae sending in that direction to stop South Shore left. Cursham was then conspicuous, and Sharples conceded a corner for safety. Getting the ball from the flag-kick, Albert Moore shot over the bar. Langley directly afterwards threw out a shot by Jackson, and two or three minutes later Cursham, when close up shot outside the left upright. South Shore then gradually forced Notts back on to their own goal, and Sherwin had to handle and kick out. Gunn broke away, but was robbed by Westhead, who then dribbled past Macrae and Emmett and centred, but Moore cleared. Both teams were working hard, but play was carried on in the Notts half. Sherwin in the course of the next ten minutes' play, fisted or threw away five really fine shots. Gunn gave a temporary relief by a fine run, but Westhead cleared his shot, and then H. Cursham went back to strengthen the defence, which was being severely tested. Daft made a run by himself, but the ball went over the line. Cursham handled the ball in the middle of the Notts goal, but the "free" was cleared after a sharp struggle, and Jackson got close up to Langley, but was stopped with a kick at the back of the head. South Shore pressed again, and Sherwin threw away a shot by Sharples, one of the forwards falling down in trying to charge him through. A goal was claimed for this shot, on the ground that the ball was through, but was not allowed. Notts could not, however, keep the visitors out, and after about forty minutes' play in the second half some pretty combination got the ball in front of Sherwin, who was charged through by two or three players, and Richard Elston put in the second goal for South Shore.

Tremendous cheering greeted this performance, Sherwin had to handle immediately after the centre kick; but though Notts then attacked in turn, kicking out was resorted to by the home defence for the last few minutes, and Notts had to retire beaten by Two goals to One."

"F.W. Snook was taken on a stretcher from the Clifton Hotel to the station, and came home to Nottingham by the special train. It was rather a mournful procession down Talbot-street, C. Dobson, H.B. Daft, and several others of the team acting as bearers. The defeat of the Notts team was so totally unexpected, that the returning "trippers" were not disposed to be particularly merry."

NEP: "Notts yesterday journeyed to Blackpool to meet South Shore in the English Cup competition today. It was fine, but a strong wind prevailed, and 3,000 spectators assembled. Both sides had their strongest teams. South Shore kicked off against the wind at 2.40, their opponents at once turning the aggressors. In the first two minutes Cursham forced a corner. The ball was splendidly placed, Langley managing a temporary save with his hands, but Emmett received the leather, and with a fine shot in the corner of the goal, enabled Notts to be credited with the first goal. South Shore played up splendidly, but the wind and the good defence of the visitors' backs kept them at bay for some time. At length Walsh gave a great deal of trouble, and before the custodian could clear one of his shots properly, Elston beat Sherwin, making the game even. Just before this took place, Tattersall on the home right, and Snook met, both falling together. Tattersall got up all right, but Snook had to be carried off the field with a broken ankle. Up to half time both sides played hard, but nothing further resulting, the teams crossed over on equal terms.

Notts now played much better, Cursham and Jackson bothering the opposing backs very much. The South Shore men were not to be denied, and, putting in several good attacks ten minutes from the call of time, Richard Elston for the home team made a splendid run. He finished with a splendid shot. Sherwin knocked the ball back, and ultimately cleared. A goal was claimed, but not allowed. Notts now looked like scoring, Gunn nearly beating Langley with a splendid shot, after a long run. Both sides played determinedly, the home team doing most of the pressing. Five minutes before time Elston carried the play to the Notts quarters, Sherwin fisted out a shot, a scrimmage ensuing, but out of this Richard Elston notched the winning goal for South Shore, the game ending in the greatest excitement. Thus South Shore pass into the next round by two goals to one."

F: "The objection to the South Shore ground by the Notts Club was very justly over-ruled by the Football Association, who ordered the match to be played there on Saturday, .."

SM: "Tattersall, for the home side, made the best run of the match, and when he had passed Macrae and Moore, Snook rushed across; the Notts man brought his opponent down winded, the two falling in a heap. Play was suspended some minutes, an examination showing that Snook's right ankle had been broken. He was carried off the field to an adjoining public-house where his injuries were attended to. This mishap cost the County their tie, as the succeeding goals were each scored from Snook's position."

BH: "This tie, in the sixth stage of the national competition, created more interest in Blackpool and surrounding neighbourhood, and in Nottingham too, for the matter of that, than in any of the previous ties. The Notts team arrived here on Friday night, and were fresh for the fray on the following day. Three thousand spectators assembled, the largest number ever known to have witnessed a football match in Blackpool previously. Many came from the Laceopolis to see their

favourites “sit” on the unknown seashores. The teams were both fully represented, Notts having no excuse on the plea of “badly represented”.

“A stiff north wind blew straight down the field. Walsh had to set his men to face the breeze. Elston started the game at 2-40, some little delay being caused by Westhead not turning up in time. Cursham immediately having a corner off Dakin, Langley grandly cleared, but Macrae at half-back dashed the ball past the Shore custodian three minutes from the commencement. Re-starting the Shore lot forced the pace. Tattersall getting past Snook gave Thackwray an opening, and Sherwin had to fust out sharp. Tattersall again got past Moore and Dobson. Snook ran out and charged him. Both were hurt, but Snook most seriously of the two, having to be helped off the field. On play being resumed Walsh shot over, after which Shore brought a heavy pressure, Rt. Elston shooting wide. Rd. Elston now equalised the score amidst the greatest enthusiasm. Notts now played very roughly, and Sharples gave a corner, Westhead doing ditto soon after. A shot by Cursham was then beautifully saved by Langley. Emmett kicked out, and Jackson soon after scored an “off-side” goal. Half time arrived, the score being Notts one, South Shore one.

South Shore now had the wind, and out-paced all through this half, the Shore forwards playing perfectly, and the defence of the halves and full backs being quite equal to the Notts attack. Daft, Jackson, and Moore played brilliantly. Cursham was too well watched by Heaton to shine much. Even play followed, and the next item was Thackwray shooting into Sherwin’s hands, Sherwin apparently being a foot through the posts. A claim was made but not allowed by Mr Evans. Tattersall and Ainsworth repeatedly baffled Dobson, and Thackwray and Rt. Elston had Moore and Macrae on a “bit of toast”+during the last quarter of an hour. Rd. Elston next put in a screw a foot outside the post, and Tattersall had another fruitless shy at Sherwin. Play was all at the Notts end now, Moore and Emmett’s defence being greatly taxed. A weak return by Moore, brought Rd. Elston again on to Sherwin, and Elston had him through immediately, Tattersall scoring the winning goal. The wildest excitement, lasting several minutes, followed this grandly got goal. Notts were pumped out, the staying powers of the Shore men serving them in good stead. A grand shot of Gunns was fust out by Langley ; Dakin kicked out twice, and a magnificent game deservedly terminated, in favour of South Shore by two goals to Notts one.”

+But they were missing Snook as they were down to ten men. The Blackpool paper Football “Notes by Half-back” is extremely fullsome about South Shore winning against 10 men as to be wholly one-sided, and make up for it by accusing Notts of rough play thereafter. The same can be said of the Manchester Courier extract so eagerly quoted by the Blackpool paper. The Blackpool paper report (see above) passes over the leg break by simply stating that Snook had to be “helped off the field” rather than “carried” (see above)

South Shore: W. Langley (Goal); E. Dakin, R. Westhead (Backs); J. Heaton, D. Sharples, R. Walsh (Half Backs); H. Ainsworth, J. Tattersall (Right Wing), Richard Elston (Centre), J. W. Thackwray, Robert Elston (Left Wing).

Notts County: M. Sherwin (Goal) F. W. Snook, H. T. Moore (Backs); H. W. Emmett, S. Macrae, C. F. Dobson (Half Backs); W. Gunn, A. E. Moore (Right Wing), H. Jackson (Centre), H. B. Daft, H. A. Cursham (Left Wing).

Umpires: William Johnson for South Shore and R. Everall for Notts County.

Referee: T. Evans (Everton F.C.).

CHURCH 2 (J.Beresford,R.Aspden) SWIFTS 6 (Dr. J.Smith 2,G.Brann,F.W.Pawson 2,E.C.Bambridge)
(H.T. 0-2)(At Church)(Sat Jan 16th)

Cricket &Football Field 16/1/86 P.9/Birmingham Daily Post 18/1/86 P.7/Field 23/1/86 P.108/Bell's
Life 18/1/86 P.4/Referee 17/1/86P.3/Athletic News 19/1/86 P.3/Sportsman 18/1/86 P.4/Sporting
Life 18/1/86 P.4:

"This match,which should have been played at Church(on Sat Jan 9th),was postponed owing to the
ground being in a fearful condition through snow"(Referee 10/1/86 P.6)

C&FF:"The postponed tie in the fourth round between the above teams was brought off at Church
to-day.The ground was covered with a thin coating of snow,and the weather was bitterly cold,but a
good crowd assembled,the stand being full and the gate numbered 3,000.

Church lost the toss and Beresford started the ball against the wind at 2.40.After some centre play
the Church left got away,Gregson passed to Holden,who shot,but Smith(Church) headed out.The
next item was a pretty dribble by the Swifts,and the "doctor" was just about to shoot,when Bury
cleared with a splendid kick.Church were playing up pluckily,and in spite of the wind kept the leather
in the visitors' quarters,McGuire putting a shot just over the bar.Then Muir saved a grand shot from
Holden,after which Bambridge came flying away until pulled up by the half-backs.Beresford took the
return,but his attempt was weak.Bambridge was again busy,but was robbed by Taylor;and Connell
tried twice from the outside right,but the leather would not travel in the snow.J.Wood was then
applauded for two smart returns,and was then obliged to kick over the line from a centre rush.
Brann took the corner,of which nothing came,and the Churchmen were once more flying down the
field,so quick that they ran themselves off-side.W.Wood was too eager to shoot and couldn't land,
after which Bury ran the risk of being penalised for running too far with the ball.Dr Smith shot for
goal but was a lot wide.Bambridge ran through,passed Taylor and banged at goal,but Church
escaped with a corner,though it looked critical again when Brann shot up and Bury knocked out.The
Swifts were running very strong,but the state of the ground was some compensation to the
Churchmen for the weight of their opponents.Dr Smith once again got well in front,but W.Wood met
him pluckily, and went down after kicking out.The "doctor" did the amiable,and helped him to rise.
Cries of "through" greeted a shot by Gregson,but the ball skimmed the front of the posts.The Swifts
scored beautifully,Playford passing to Bambridge,thence to the "Doctor",who shot through.Holden
had a chance,but it went wide.Church played hard and pressed,but the defence was excellent.Brann
landed a second goal after forty minutes' play,and Bury conceded a corner from Bambridge,who
together with Smith and Pawson,rushed a third through just before half-time.The third goal was
disallowed.At half time the Swifts led by two to nil.

Immediately on re-starting Beresford scored luckily from Holden's centre,and Church nearly
equalised amidst tremendous excitement.Play was now very fair.McGuire shot into Muir's
hands,and then Pawson threaded through,but shot over,whilst W.Wood had an attempt at the other
end.Connell missed an easy shot through off-side.Play was continued in the snowstorm,and Pawson
scored a third twenty minutes off time,Bury falling over the ball.Church did not lose heart and were
shortly rewarded with a second goal,a shot from the right rolling through off Muir's arm.Again they
came away,but Beresford was a bit wide,whilst Bury narrowly saved one from Brann.Dr Smith put

the result out of doubt by scoring the fourth for the Swifts. Bambridge scored the fifth splendidly, whilst Pawson added `a sixth, the Swifts winning by six to two."

F: "The Swifts turned up at Church on Saturday to fulfil their engagement with the premier club of that town. A considerable deal of snow had fallen on the previous day, which rendered the ground very heavy. Crawford was unable to play for Church, and Connell filled the vacancy. The first half hour's play was of an even and exciting character, when Dr Smith succeeded in passing the ball between the posts. At this stage Gregson had to retire until the second half. Not long after operations had recommenced, Brann effected the downfall of the Church goal, but no other score was registered up to half time.

Directly following a change of ends, the Church forwards quickly ran the ball down the ground, with the result that Beresford placed the first goal to their credit. The Swifts, however, were equal to the occasion, as Pawson eventually got a good one past Bury, and scored the third goal for the Southerners. The Lancastrians now had a turn, Aspden securing the second goal for his side. After this the game became very fast and exciting, until Dr Smith registered the fourth goal for the Swifts. The visitors at this period played with brilliant combination, and quite nonplussed their opponents, who seemed to fall far short of their previous exertions. Bambridge and Pawson further increased the Swifts total, and on the termination of hostilities the visitors were credited with a substantial victory of six goals to two."

BL: "The Swifts brought a very strong team to Church, and a good game resulted. Crawford was unable to play for Church, and Connell took his place. Snow fell on Friday night, and the ground was very heavy, and the weather bitterly cold. The game proceeded evenly for nearly half an hour, when Dr Smith scored the first goal. Gregson then had to leave the field till half time, and a second goal was kicked by Brann. Church had hard times in not scoring several times in the first half. After the interval Church started off with a rush, and scored a corner. The game continued fast for some time, when the Swifts added another goal. Church obtained a second point, and no other score was made until about ten minutes from the finish, when Bambridge, Brann, and Dr Smith playing up brilliantly, three more goals were added. Church played hard to the finish, but all their efforts to stop Bambridge and Brann proved fruitless. The play of these two gentlemen was fine in the extreme. On leaving the field the Swifts were heartily cheered. There was some talk of a protest against Dr Smith. Score: Swifts won by six goals to two." (AN has a very similar report)

Church: J. Bury (Goal); J. Taylor, J. Wood (Backs); W. Wood, P. Maguire, R. Aspden (Half Backs); T. Smith, O. Connell (Right Wing), J. Beresford (Centre), J. H. Gregson, J. Holden (Left Wing).

Swifts: J. E. Lockhart-Mure (Goal); J. Jeeves, W. Newham (Backs); Humphrey Jones, F. E. Saunders, W. H. Andrews (Half Backs); G. Brann, R. Playford (Right Wing), F. W. Pawson (Centre), E. C. Bambridge (Capt.), Dr. J. Smith (Left Wing).

Umpires: E. C. Kelly (Hon Sec, Berks & Bucks Junior Association/Windsor FC) and G. Pearson (Church FC).
Referee: W. Dodsworth (Walsall).

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 1 (T.Green) OLD CARTHUSIANS 0 (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Jan 23rd)

Birmingham Daily Post 25/1/86 P.7/Sporting Life 25/1/86 P.3/Sportsman 25/1/86 P.4/Bell's Life 25/1/86 P.4/Field 30/1/86 P.126/Referee 24/1/86 P.6/Athletic News 26/1/86 P.2:

BDP:"This match,which excited much enthusiasm,was played on the ground of the latter(West Bromwich) before 10,000 spectators.The Londoners winning the toss,Bayliss commenced kicking up hill.Immediately on the kick off Bayliss received a kick,but was able to resume play a few minutes afterwards.Cobbold made a grand run for the Albion goal,but was stopped by the back,who returned the ball to the visitors' quarters.A fine attempt to score was made by the Carthusians, Roberts being forced to use his hands.The Albion played an exceedingly well combined game,but the visitors depended more upon their own individual efforts.On several occasions the Londoners' fortress was placed in great jeopardy,but sure kicking was rendered impossible on account of the state of the ground.After many futile attempts to score,Green,within a quarter of an hour of the call of (half)time,was able to put the ball through for the Albion amid loud cheering.The game continued to be most exciting until half time,when the score was-Albion 1 Carthusians 0.

Play being resumed the Londoners pressed their opponents for several minutes.Cobbold distinguished himself by his magnificent runs,all of which,however,proved abortive.The visitors now had slightly the better of the play,Strother having very little to do.Woodhall and Green exhibited some splendid dribbling for the home team,but Walters effectively prevented them from increasing their score.Great excitement was evinced towards the close of the game,the visitors pressing the Albion backs very closely.The game ended in a victory for the Albion by one goal to nil."

F:"In the full expectation of witnessing a grand game,between seven and eight thousand persons assisted in this match in the second series.It was played at West Bromwich on Saturday, notwithstanding that the Albion Club's ground was covered to the depth of several inches by snow, which condition of things told seriously against some of those engaged.Yet it was a very hard fought and exciting contest.The Old Carthusians at first forced the game,but the home team were not slow to settle down,and attack after attack was made by them which,but for the splendid play of the brothers Walters,Amos,and Strother,must in one or more instances,have proved successful.For more than half an hour a fast game went on,slightly in favour of the home players,without any point being obtained.At length G.Bell headed the ball to T.Green,and with a clever shot the latter directed it between the posts only just below the crossbar.A claim of hands had been made by the Carthusians just previous to the final kick and allowed by the umpire,but the referee did not hear the appeal,and allowed the goal.Following this the visitors played very determinedly,and several times there seemed every likelihood of their meeting with success.Roberts,however,coped well with the difficulties presented,and just before half time West Bromwich took up the attack so strongly that twice Strother had to save his charge.

Change of ends gave the visitors the benefit of the incline,but the wind was against them.They played very finely,but met opponents worthy of them.The back play on both sides was really very fine,and each goalkeeper acquitted himself very creditably.The brothers Walters were,indeed,seen to great advantage,though they had not,perhaps,quite so much to do as in the first half.Each goal narrowly escaped,but the game ended without any alteration in the score."

BL:“Snow several inches deep covered the field.Both elevens received a hearty welcome.+G.Bell kicked off at 2.47 . *After a preliminary dash by the visitors,the home team were the first to settle down,and Woodhall and T.Green showed very prominently on the right wing.Had they had a less capable exponent than ++P.M.Walters to deal with,the Carthusians would certainly have fared badly.Strother too,had his defensive capabilities severely taxed,and two particularly hot shots were turned aside in masterly fashion.At twenty minutes past three G.Bell headed the ball to Tom Green,who sent it through an inch or two under the bar,Strother just failing to reach it.Just before the goal was kicked one of the visitors called “hands”and the Carthusian Umpire immediately allowed the claim.The referee,unfortunately for the Old Boys,did not hear anyone appeal and consequently felt bound to set it aside and confirm the point obtained.Undeterred by this unexpected reverse,the Carthusians strove with renew vigour to get on level terms.They advanced to the attack with rare determination,and Roberts had to send the ball behind his own posts in order to prevent a shot by Owen from taking effect.Immediately afterwards the Albion custodian was called upon to repulse a second assault.Had he been hard pressed a goal might certainly have been placed to the credit of the southrons;as it was Roberts had plenty of time to get the ball away.A sharp run by Cobbold and Owen was cleverly frustrated by Horton,and then after Strother had neatly stopped a couple of shots,half time was called.

Playing down hill,although against the wind, the visitors improved materially,while the brothers Walters continued to guard the rear in simply masterly fashion.After shots by Bayliss and Woodhall had just missed their intended destination,Cobbold put in a fine shot at the opposite end,which Roberts stopped,and returned very cleverly.Still sticking well to their work the Carthusian forwards severely pressed the home team,and the opposing backs were kept very heavily engaged.H.Bell and Horton,however,were seen at their very best,and frustrated repeated attacks.At last Wreford-Brown got nicely within hail of the Albion stronghold,but his somewhat nervous shot was rather wide of the mark.A minute or two before the close Woodhall and T.Green dribbled the ball along the right wing, and the former was afforded a splendid chance of crediting his side with a second point,but he miss-kicked and the ball went behind.When time was called the ball was in the centre of the ground,so the West Bromwich lads retired victors by one goal to nil.The forward play of the losers was decidedly disappointing,and the condition of the ground completely spoilt Cobbold’s customary tactics.”

+Same as per SL with G.Bell as centre,but SM has Bayliss as centre and states that Bayliss kicked off and also that Bell centred to him during the game:doubt as to whether G.Bell was centre with Bayliss on the left wing or if Bayliss was centre with Bell on the left wing

++Therefore P.M.Walters was at Left Back for this game

*Full stop inserted for this passage to make sense .

West Bromwich Albion:R.Roberts(Goal);H.Green,H.Bell(Backs);E.Horton,F.Bunn,G.Timmins(Half Backs);G.Woodhall,T.Green(Right Wing),J.M.Bayliss(Centre),A.Loach,G.Bell(Left Wing).

Old Carthusians:T.W.Strother(Goal);A.M.Walters,P.M.Walters(Capt.)(Backs);A.Amos,F.J.Barmby, G.F.England(Half Backs);R.L.Escombe,C.A.Smith(Right Wing),C.Wreford-Brown(Centre), W.N.Cobbold,L.Owen(Left Wing).

Umpires: J.A.Besseker(West Bromwich Albion FC) and E.C.Kelly(Hon Sec Berks and Bucks Junior Association and Windsor FC).Referee:Fitzroy Norris(Bolton).

REDCAR 2 (G.Hikeley,T.Simpson) MIDDLESBROUGH 1(W.Pickstock)(H.T. 1-1)(At Redcar Cricket Ground)(Sat Jan 23rd)

Sporting Life 26/1/86 P.4/Northern Echo 25/1/86 P.4/Northern Daily Mail(Hartlepool) 25/1/86 P.4/Field 30/1/86 P.126/Athletic News 26/1/86 P.2(Teams but short report):

SL:"These teams met in their tie of the English Cup competition on the Redcar Cricket Ground on Saturday.About 1,500 spectators were present.The weather was most unsuitable for scientific play, snow falling heavily at intervals.Both clubs were represented by their best teams.Redcar won the toss,and elected to play with the wind in their favour,and at half-past two Borrie kicked off for Middlesbrough,and for the first five minutes play was confined to the middle of the field,when Bulman broke through the Middlesbrough halves and passed to Hikeley,who sent a low shot in, which seems to have taken Dawkins by surprise.This sudden reverse put Middlesbrough on their mettle,but the home players were very determined.C.Pauls made a very good run up the left wing, and it was only at the cost of a corner that Cochrane could relieve the Middlesbrough lines.The corner went behind,and from the kick out Thompson and Fox took the ball in hand,and changed the locus of play,giving Howcroft some work,which he did effectually.A shot from Thompson hit the cross-bar,but although two men charged Howcroft,he succeeded in getting the ball away. Middlesbrough had much the best of the play for a time,but experienced the hardest of luck.Two corners fell to them in quick succession,both of which were cleared in a mysterious manner.Wilson was making a screw kick when he twisted his knee and had to retire.He was off the field a few minutes when he returned,but he was unable to do more than walk,and was a hindrance rather than a help to his fellow forwards.At about this time an excellent chance was afforded Middlesbrough. Hands were allowed in the mouth of the Redcar goal,but the place-kick was mugged.The Redcar forwards got possession,and carried the game into the middle of the field,where a free kick was allowed.Hikeley made a good run,passed to Bulman,who had the goal at his mercy,but made a most erratic shot.On kicking out,Fox,Thompson,and Pickstock carried the ball the length of the field, Thompson sending a low pass across the mouth of the goal,where Pickstock helped it through,thus equalising the score within 2 min.from half-time.

On changing end it was expected that Middlesbrough,with the wind,would soon add to their score,but during the interval the wind whipped round,and the home team had again the advantage.On resuming play,Howcroft was soon busy,and time after time saved in excellent manner.C.Pauls was a great thorn in Middlesbrough's side,for whenever he got possession he was never stopped until he had made a shot at goal.He was well supported by T.Simpson,but it was not until within five minutes of the expiration of time that their tactics were rewarded by the latter sending in a shot that Miller bungled and Dawkins could not get at.This was the winning point,for,although Middlesbrough strained every nerve,they could not regain their lost ground,Redcar winning an excellent game by two goals to one."

NE:"The Association football tie between Redcar and Middlesbrough was played at Redcar on Saturday afternoon in the presence of a large number of spectators.The weather was very

wretched, snow falling a great part of the time. Redcar commenced playing with the wind in their favour, and before a quarter of an hour, after some smart playing, secured the first goal. Both sides continued to play well, and before half time was called Middlesbrough also secured a goal, so that in the first part of the game both sides were equal. In the second half the blinding snow came down fast, but did not at all stop the play, and both sides continued to play a well-matched game, but eventually the Redcar men had the advantage, and got the ball in the neighbourhood of their goal, and again scored. Their superiority continued till the close of the game, and Redcar kicked another goal just as time was being called by the referee, and he did not allow it. The game thus resulted in a victory for Redcar by two goals to one.” (No teams)

NDM: “On Saturday afternoon the tie between Middlesbrough and Redcar in the fifth round for the English Challenge Cup was played at Redcar in the presence of about 1,000 spectators. The weather was of the most wretched description. Middlesbrough were the favourites for the match, 4 and 5 to 1 being laid on their success, and their defeat was a great surprise. This was partly attributable to the Rev. Mr Wilson falling lame shortly after play commenced, and Pickstock injuring his knee, and Fox having his boot torn in the second half of the match. Both teams played with energy, the match ending in favour of Redcar by two goals to one.” (No teams)

Redcar: J.T. Howcroft (Goal); T. Alvey, Bradbury (Capt.) (Backs); Agar, J. Simpson, E. Pauls (Half Backs); Bulman, Tofts, G. Hikeley, T. Simpson, C. Pauls (Forwards).

Middlesbrough: J. Dawkins (Goal); G. Miller, T.H. Wynn (Backs); O.H. Cochrane (Capt.), A.R. Pringle, Cruse (Half Backs); W. Fox, J. Thompson, A. Borrie, Rev. E.S. Wilson, W. Pickstock (Forwards)

Umpires: Manners and F. Hardisty. Referee: Phillips (Secretary of the Northumberland Association).

BLACKBURN ROVERS 7 (J. Lofthouse 2, H. Fecitt 2, N. Walton 2, J. Sowerbutts) STAVELEY 1 (W. Needham) (H.T. 3-0) (Sat Jan 23rd) (At Leamington Street Ground, Blackburn)

Cricket & Football Field 23/1/86 P.8/Blackburn Standard 30/1/86 P.2/Athletic News 26/1/86 P.2/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 25/1/86 P.4/Derbyshire Times 27/1/86 P.3/Bell's Life 25/1/86 P.4/Field 30/1/86 P.126/Sportsman 25/1/86 P.4/Sporting Life 25/1/86 P.3/Referee 24/1/86 P.6:

C&FF: “This afternoon in magnificent football weather, though the ground was covered by a thick layer of snow, the English Cup tie between Rovers and Staveley took place on the Leamington ground, when there were about 2,000 spectators present.

Staveley kicked off, and at once entered the Rovers' territory, but were quickly beaten back. The Rovers gained a corner, which was ineffectual, and Sowerbutts failed in an attempt to break through. Fecitt put the ball through, but it was off-side, and Forrest kicked amongst the crowd. Walton repeated Fecitt's tactics, another off-side claim being allowed. Staveley became dangerous, but McIntyre saved magnificently, a splendid run on the right being stopped by Marples just when the hopes of the visitors ran high. The Rovers now took up the running, and kept persistently in the Staveley quarters. Then, after eighteen minutes' play lively Joe Lofthouse ran along the right and scored first amidst tremendous cheering. The same player a minute afterwards sent in a beauty straight into the goal-keeper's hands. The Rovers played with a dash and brilliance which could not

but be admired by all observers with which ever side their sympathies lay. Sourbutts put in a pretty run on the left and passed to Fecitt but that player mulled it execrably. Brown next put in a grand shot which Marshall again saved, and the goalkeeper had his work cut out for him, but he was almost always equal to the occasion. He never, or hardly ever allowed the leather to pass him, but the second "hardly ever" occurred 23 minutes after the commencement by a fine shot by Fecitt. Arthur was visited very rarely, and stood deserted between his sticks playing with a snowball. Now the leather was lost and another had to be found. The new leather early favoured the light blues, for it had no sooner made its appearance then it passed to Lofthouse who kicked it playfully to Fecitt who shot No 3 amid deafening cheers. Magnificent combined play on the part of the Rovers again put the ball near the Staveley sticks, but James saved. Lofthouse kicked a long one, which just grazed the top of the bar. Fecitt put through another, but again an off-side claim was granted. The game continued fast and brilliant, the Rovers playing a glorious game, and keeping the Staveleyites constantly on the defensive. Half time was now called with the Rovers leading by 3 to 0.

On resuming Lofthouse converted the 3 into 4 a minute from the re-start. Brown had a beautiful run up the centre and shot, but hit the crossbar, and as it fell Marshall had again to use his hands. Marples then gave hands and from the free kick Marshall had to seize the leather just in the nick of time. The pressure continued, and Arthur at the other end resumed the manufacture of snowballs. Eighteen minutes after the change Walton scored a fifth, and ten minutes later the same player again defeated the visitors' goalkeeper, who played brilliantly. Fourteen minutes from the close Needham scored the only point for Staveley. Soon afterwards Sourbutts scored by a rolling shot, and the Rovers won by seven to one."

BS/AN: "This match took place on the Leamington ground, on Saturday, and was witnessed by about 2,000 spectators. During the season Staveley have played +35 matches without having sustained a single defeat, and having thrown out Notts Forest in the last round of the competition, it was only natural that great interest should be centred in the match on Saturday. The teams were fully represented. The Rovers won the toss, and at 2.50 the visitors kicked off the ball amid much excitement. Snow lay on the ground to the depth of two inches, and made play pretty hard. The Rovers were the first to be the aggressors, and it was evident from the beginning that Staveley had no chance against their powerful opponents. The cup-holders played in their best and most brilliant form, and not a single fault could be found with any of the players. The game was a one-sided affair, the Rovers penning the Derby men in the goal throughout, and hardly giving them a chance to get over the dividing line. In the first half the Rovers scored three goals, through the instrumentality of Lofthouse and Fecitt, whilst their opponents, despite the capital efforts put forward by them, could not make a single score.

On crossing over after the usual interval matters remained as before, the Rovers registering a fourth goal after play had been in progress a few minutes. The visitors then, by a bit of neat passing, gained access to the Rovers' quarters, where Needham landed the first and only goal for his team. Following this up the Rovers brought a considerable amount of pressure to bear on the opposing goal, and when "Time" was called they had gained a brilliant victory of seven goals to one. We may add that in the first half the Rovers had several points disallowed on the plea of offside by their opponents."

+AN/SL Reports state 33 and BL states 32 matches unbeaten for Staveley

DT:”.....Soon after the start Fecitt put the ball past the Staveley custodian, but was ruled offside, and Suter sent the ball between the posts from a free kick without a player touching it. For several minutes the home forwards were continually shooting at the goal, but the defence proved too strong to be overcome. Eighteen minutes from the start the visitors broke away, but, from a good pass by Brown, Lofthouse made a fast run down the wing, and, by a fine shot, scored the first point. In the course of ten minutes Fecitt scored. Sowerbutts also put the ball through, but was ruled offside. The Rovers then crossed over three goals ahead. A couple of minutes after the resumption, Lofthouse again scored, an example which Walton twice followed. Then Staveley for the first time became dangerous, and after two unsuccessful attempts to score Needham secured a point. Only fourteen minutes remained to play, but Sowerbutts again beat Marshall, while, when the whistle sounded, Lofthouse shot the ball through, but a few seconds too late. The Rovers, who all played brilliantly throughout, thus won by seven goals to one.”

Blackburn Rovers: H. Arthur (Goal); H. McIntyre, F. Suter (Backs); J. Heyes, J. Douglas, J. H. Forrest (Half Backs); J. Lofthouse, N. Walton (Right Wing), J. Brown (Centre), J. Sowerbutts, H. Fecitt (Left Wing).

Staveley: J. G. Marshall (Goal); D. James, H. A. Peel (Backs); J. Wheatley, W. Young, S. Hay (Half Backs); W. Maden, H. P. Marples (Right Wing), J. Hay (Centre), W. Needham, S. Wilshaw (Left Wing).

N.B. Some lineups wrongly have T. Strachan in the Blackburn lineup for N. Walton.

Umpires: R. G. Turner and G. Hay. Referee: Rev. F. Marshall (Huddersfield)

SMALL HEATH ALLIANCE 2 (W. Figures, +T. Davenport) DAVENHAM 1 (T. Brooks) (H.T. 2-1)
(At Coventry Road Ground, Small Heath) (Sat Jan 16th)

+N.B. Most reports give this goal out of a scrimmage, but Birmingham City Complete Record attributes the goal to T. Davenport.

Birmingham Daily Post 18/1/86 P.7/Northwich Guardian 20/1/86 P.5/Bell's Life 18/1/86 P.4/Field 23/1/86 P.108/Sportsman 18/1/86 P.4/Sporting Life 18/1/86 P.4/Referee 17/1/86 P.6:

BDP:”These teams met to play off their tie in the fifth round of the above cup competition at Small Heath on Saturday. Special attention attached to the match, as this was the first time any Birmingham club had gone so far into the competition, and the afternoon being fine an immense number of spectators assembled at the Coventry Road Ground to witness the play. The match throughout was fast and exciting, the Alliance ultimately winning by 2 goals to 1. The Alliance won the toss, and chose to defend the Muntz Street goal, and Haddock kicked off for the Davenham. The Alliance immediately assumed the offensive, and made a good attack on the visitors' goal, but the ball was kicked out of play. From the goal kick the visitors' forwards rushed down the field and Hedges was called upon to use his hands. The play then became very fast and exciting, each goal being visited in quick succession, until at length the Alliance forwards gained a corner, which was taken, but was abortive. They, however, returned to the attack and gained three more corners, in as many minutes; all, however, were fruitless. Continuing to press their opponents, the Alliance were at length successful, F. James putting in a good centre, which Figures headed through the Davenham's goal, amidst a perfect storm of cheers. Nettled by their opponents' success, the Davenham played up most

determinedly, and at length their efforts were crowned with success, and matters were made equal. The game was now very keenly contested, both sides doing their utmost to score, and a few minutes before half time, a tremendous cheer from the spectators proclaimed that the Alliance were again a goal to the good. Soon afterwards the interval was called, the game standing- Alliance 2 ; Davenham 1.

On the ball being restarted, play was for the first few minutes of an even character, but the Alliance then assumed the upper hand, and put in shot after shot at the Davenham's citadel, all of which were, however, stopped in fine style by their custodian. The visitors had several breaks away, but failed to score, and when time was called the Alliance were left the victors by two goals to one."

SM: "The Alliance having won the toss, Haddock kicked off for the visitors, and the game at once became very fast and exciting. Neither side seemed to have any advantage for some time, each citadel in turn being attacked. After fairly settling themselves down to play, the Alliance had slightly the advantage, and from a centre by James, Figures scored their first goal by heading between the posts. The Davenham team made an equally successful retaliation, as Brooks equalised shortly after with a good shot. The home team, however, subsequently played up hard, and again placed themselves in the ascendancy from a scrimmage, the score at half time being two goals to one in favour of the Small Heath team. The second half of the game witnessed some good play, but both the teams seemed to be very unfortunate in their attempts to score. In the first instance the Davenham players had the game in their favour, but afterwards the Alliance kept up a persistent attack on the visitors' fortress, but without success, and the game ended in a win for the Alliance by two goals to one."

NG: "There was a crowd of between 4,000 and 5,000 persons assembled together at Small Heath on Saturday afternoon, which was probably the biggest crowd ever assembled on the Coventry-road meadow. It had been universally expected in the district that a hard close game would be played between the two clubs whose names head this report."

"For some time the play was of an even character, Brooks and Holland showing to advantage for the visitors. A splendid shot by Brooks was fisted out by Hedges. Haddock rushed up with a good chance of scoring, but shot the ball on the wrong side of the post. Some sensational scrimmages in front of the Cheshire stronghold then ensued, but eventually Brooks got away on the right wing, and Haddock again missed a fair chance of scoring. The efforts of the Alliance were at length successful, Figures heading the ball past the Cheshire goalkeeper from a centre by Fred James. After a spell of mid-field play, considerable pressure was put upon the home goal. Haddock worked his way well in for the Small Heath citadel, and screwing the ball across, +Holland received it and equalised the score. ++Nothing further took place up to half time. +A second goal was scored for Small Heath!

+BDP/SM/SL have Brooks :BL/F do not report the scorers

The second part of the game was evenly and splendidly contested from start to finish, Davenham being rather unlucky with some of their shots. The contest ended in a victory for the Small Heath Alliance by two goals to one."

Small Heath: T. Hedges (Goal); J. Hare, R. Evetts (Backs); F. James, C. Simms, W. Felton (Half Backs); T. Davenport, H. Morris (Right Wing), A. E. Stanley (Centre), W. Figures, E. Hill (Left Wing).

Davenham: F. Leather(Goal);R. Riley,H. Goulding(Backs);D. Dalton(Capt.),W. H. Dalton,G. Vernon(Half Backs),T. Brooks, H. Holland(Right Wing),J. Haddock(Centre),L. Stringer,G. Plant(Left Wing).

Umpires:Earlam and Hart.Referee:W. H. Jope(Wolverhampton Wanderers).

BURSLEM PORT VALE 2 (W. Reynolds,J. Owen) BRENTWOOD 1 (E. C. Evelyn)(H. T. 0-1)(Sat Jan 30th)

Bell's Life 1/2/86 P.4/Essex Herald 1/2/86 P.5/Essex Times 3/2/86 P.5/Chelmsford Chronicle 5/2/86 P.7/Field 6/2/86 P.165/Referee 31/1/86 P.6/Athletic News 2/2/86 P.3/Sportsman 1/2/86 P.4/Sporting Life 1/2/86 P.4/Referee 31/1/86 P.6:

BL:"This match was played at Burslem,on Saturday before several thousand spectators.The ground was a perfect quagmire,and,as a consequence,prevented any good play being shown.In the first half Evelyn cleverly managed to obtain the first goal for Brentwood,and up to half time Port Vale were unable to alter the state of affairs.

Changing ends,Port Vale,however,by Reynolds,scored their first goal,and before the call of "time",Owen secured a second,the game ending in a win for Burslem by two goals to one."

EH/ET/CC/SM:"These clubs met in the first round (of the Second Series)of the Football Association Challenge Cup,at Burslem,on Saturday,in the presence of several thousand spectators.The game was hotly contested throughout,but the ground being in a wretched condition,prevented anything like play being witnessed.In the first half the visitors had slightly the best of the game,and continually pressed their opponents.Several corner kicks fell to them,but they were badly dropped.However,the visitors continued their attack,and,at last,by the aid of Evelyn,scored the first goal.Port Vale tried hard to equalise matters,but the defence of Brentwood was too strong for them,and when half time was called the visitors were one goal in front.

On resumption the home team played very pluckily,and after five minutes Reynolds,by a well-directed shot,made the game equal amidst the greatest excitement.After this the match was most stubbornly contested,and just before the call of time the home team,by a good combined run,scored the winning point,eventually winning by two goals to one." "Brentwood have lodged a protest because of the state of the ground."

F:"These clubs decided their match in the fifth round at Burslem,on Saturday last.Good play was almost impossible,owing to the state of the ground.In the first half Evelyn scored a goal for the visitors,but subsequently Reynolds and Owen each obtained a goal for Port Vale who thus secured victory by two goals to one.A protest has,we believe,been lodged by Brentwood,who claim that the ground was unfit to play upon."

Burslem Port Vale:W. Rowley(Goal);G. Bateman,W. E. Powell(Backs);W. Poulson,J. Randalls, H. Hodgkinson(Half Backs);C. Simpson,J. A. Smith,W. Reynolds,B. Davies,J. Owen(Forwards)

(PVR has J. Randels).

Brentwood:R.H.Mills-Roberts(Goal);C.W.Tyler,F.A.Borrett;(Backs);J.E.S.Moore,F.J.Richardson,
J.L.Nickisson(Half Backs); A.W.Lemarchand, G.S.Sherrington,T.J.Britten,E.C.Evelyn(Capt.),T.M.Pike
(Forwards).

Umpires:W.S.Morice for Brentwood.Referee:J.Armstrong(Union F.C.)

Chelmsford Chronicle 12/2/86 P.6 :

“With reference to the match between these clubs in the fifth round of the Association Cup Competition the Sportsman of Saturday writes “The Cup tie between Brentwood and Port Vale ...was unfortunately spoilt by the horrible state of the groundthe referee on more than one occasion nearly lost his boots,and at the close was thoroughly exhausted,while his inability to follow up resulted,I hear,on a point being given the Port Valeites which was never actually obtained,Mills-Roberts swearing that the ball passed wide of the uprights.This,I am told, also formed part of the protest.”

“Before the match was commenced Brentwood lodged a protest against playing upon the ground owing to the condition it was in.”“At a Meeting of the Association on Monday evening the protest was allowed and the clubs are ordered to meet again on neutral ground at Derby tomorrow (Saturday).”

REPLAY:Sat Feb 13th (At Derby):

BURSLEM PORT VALE 3(J.Smith,J.Owen,+R.Dain) BRENTWOOD 3(T.J.Britten,+J.E.S.Moore,E.C.Evelyn)
(H.T 0-1)(F.T 1-1)(After Extra Time)(At the County Ground,Derby) +AFS who don't have 3rd scorer

(Last 2 scorers added from PVR:further proof that R.Dain played for J.Randles)

Birmingham Daily Post 15/2/86 P.7/Essex Herald 15/2/86 P.8/Essex Times 17/2/86 P.5/Chelmsford Chronicle 19/2/86 P.7/Field 22/2/86 P.234/Referee 14/2/86 P.6/Bell's Life 15/2/86 P.3/Athletic News 16/2/86 P.3/Sportsman 15/2/86 P.4/Sporting Life 15/2/86 P.4/Referee 14/2/86 P.6:

BDP:“This English cup tie,which was ordered to be replayed at Derby,was witnessed by 3,000 spectators.The game was exciting towards the close of the 90 minutes,as the game was then one goal each,but when half an hour extra had to be played,the excitement was more intense than it was possible to imagine,and at the close a capital contest ended in a draw of three goals each. Brentwood during the first half kicked towards the entrance,and Sherrington was soon busy.With a beautiful kick he placed the Burslem goal in jeopardy,but the backs relieved.Nevertheless,by some neat play by the Londoners,Britten secured the desired object,and placed the first goal to his side's credit.Port Vale then awoke to their true position,and some dashing play by Simpson and his confreres gave Brentwood anxious moments.Evelyn and Pike changed the venue,while Nickisson and Borrett kept Port Vale at bay;and at half time the score stood 1 to Brentwood.

During the remaining forty-five minutes,although the Cockneys had the best of the game,they could not score,whereas on the other hand,Burslem,by a really smart (piece of)work by Simpson,Smith, and Owen,were rewarded by a goal,which was most strenuously objected to for offside,but the point was allowed.Most keenly did both sides work to the finish,but no alteration in the score was made by either party,and the whistle blew at one goal each.

It was decided to play an extra half hour, and the most extraordinary play transpired. In less than ten minutes, Evelyn, Britten, and another Brentwood forward added points, one being disallowed for offside. Change of ends showed Brentwood three goals to one, but in the last few minutes Vale scored a point, and on the stroke of time they again lowered the London colours, and tied amidst applause and throwing up of hats of five hundred Burslem partisans who had travelled to Derby to see the game." (BL/REF have similar but less detailed reports)

SM: "The county ground was in capital condition, and there was a good attendance. After about ten minutes' play Brentwood scored, from a good shot by Britten, and on changing ends Smith equalised the game, being one goal each at the end of the usual forty-five minutes. An extra half-hour had to be played, and Brentwood quickly added two more goals, one being a long shot from Moore. Port Vale, however, played up pluckily, and put the ball through out of a scrimmage just at the expiry of time. Another goal was shot by Burslem, who thus made a draw-three goals each after an equal and exciting match. Very good play was shown by Britten, Evelyn, Watkins, and Borrett for Brentwood, and Simpson, Davies, Owen, and Powell for Burslem."

EH/ET/CC: "The undecided tie between these two clubs in the opening round of the second series of ties in the national cup competition was played at Derby, on Saturday, before a large gathering of spectators. During the early half the Essex team had rather the better of the play, and Britten scoring on their behalf, ends were changed with the score one goal to love in their favour. In the second half some good play on the part of Smith, Owen, and Simpson, enabled Port Vale to equalise the score, and at the expiration of the allotted time, the game was still in this state. It was then decided to prolong the game by an extra half hour, during which time each side scored twice, thus leaving the match drawn-three goals each."

CC: "The Committee of the Football Association have ordered the tie to be replayed on Saturday (tomorrow) at Brentwood" (But see below)

F: "It will be remembered that these clubs met before, and that the Vale won. The latter club, however, protested against the Burslem Port Vale successfully, in consequence of the condition of the ground, and the tie was replayed on Saturday, with the result that each side scored three goals." "We are informed that the Port Vale have scratched in favour of Brentwood, who will now meet the Blackburn Rovers on the Essex County ground on Feb 27th."

Burslem Port Vale: W. Rowley (Goal); G. Bateman, W. E. Powell (Backs); W. Poulson, + R. Dain, H. Hodgkinson (Half Backs); C. Simpson, J. A. Smith (Right Wing), W. Reynolds (Centre), B. Davies, J. Owen (Left Wing).

+ (PVR has R. Dain for J. Randles/Randall(s) so have substituted R. Dain contra ECC/F/BL/AN/SM: SL has A. Dain).

Brentwood: A. G. O. Kennedy (Goal); F. A. Borrett, W. F. Watkins (Backs); J. E. S. Moore, F. J. Richardson, J. L. Nickisson (Half Backs); G. S. Sherrington, A. W. Lemarchand (Right Wing), T. J. Britten (Centre), E. C. Evelyn (Capt.), T. M. Pike (Left Wing).

Umpires: E. J. Oliver (Port Vale) and W. A. Evelyn (Brentwood). Referee: J. Smith (London).

Essex Herald 22/2/86 P.5:

"These clubs having met twice without succeeding in deciding their tie in the fifth round of the Association Cup Competition,were to have met again by direction of the committee of the Association for the third time on Saturday last at Brentwood.The Staffordshire Team made great efforts to induce Brentwood to play the match at Stoke,offering them £50 to do so.Brentwood declined the offer and Burslem Port Vale have in consequence scratched.Brentwood is now one of the five clubs left in,and will have to meet the celebrated Blackburn Rovers,the holders of the cup for the past two years,at Brentwood,on Saturday,the 27th inst."

OLD WESTMINSTERS a bye BOLTON WANDERERS disqualified

SECOND SERIES SECOND ROUND(SIXTH ROUND):

(The 6th Round draw was on Sat Jan 30th after the North v South game)

Bell's Life 12/2/86 P.4:

"The draw for the Second Round is as follows:

Small Heath Alliance v Redcar ,at Birmingham, Feb 13

West Bromwich Albion v Old Westminsters ,at Westbromwich, Feb 13

South Shore v Swifts ,at Blackpool, Feb 13

Burslem Port Vale or Brentwood v Blackburn Rovers (holders),to be played on the ground of the first named.The protest of Brentwood against the victory of Port Vale in the first round of the second series on Jan 30th ult was considered,and the clubs ordered to meet again on Saturday next on a neutral ground at Derby."

SMALL HEATH ALLIANCE 2 (T.Davenport 2) REDCAR 0 (H.T. 1-0) (At Coventry Road,Birmingham)(Sat Feb 13th)

Birmingham Daily Post 15/2/86 P.7/Nottingham Journal 15/2/86 P.7/Bell's Life 15/2/86 P.4/Field 20/2/86 P.233/Athletic News 16/2/86 P.3/Sporting Life 15/2/86 P.4/Sportsman 15/2/86 P.4/Referee 14/2/86 P.6:

N.B. There are a number of other short provincial reports but without lineups.

BDP:"These teams met at Small Heath to play off their draw in the sixth round of the above competition.The interest felt in the match was very great,as the Alliance,by defeating the Burton Wanderers,Darwen,Derby County,and Davenham in the previous rounds of the competition,have greatly enhanced their reputation;while it was also known that the visitors,who have in their previous ties beaten Sunderland,Lincoln Lindum,and the Middlesbrough teams,were likely to prove a formidable foe to the Alliance.Another reason which undoubtedly helped to heighten the interest shown in the match,was the fact that an opportunity for witnessing such an advanced stage of the English Cup competition so near at hand has never before been afforded to Birmingham people. Little was there to wonder at,then,when shortly before two o'clock the Coventry Road began to

assume a crowded appearance, which gradually increased, until twenty minutes before the time appointed for the kick-off, both footpaths were covered with people coming from the direction of Small Heath, and hurrying and bustling towards the Alliance ground. Traincars, omnibuses, and brakes, crowded with all sorts of conditions of men, discharged their burdens in quick succession, and by half-past two o'clock, the crowd that was standing round the field were six or seven deep, and a grand stand that had been erected for the occasion was well covered by anxious spectators. The trees in the neighbouring fields were points of vantage not lost sight of, for numbers of persons were perched in every safe part of them. The "gate", which numbered between 6,000 and 7,000, was certainly the largest that has been seen on a Birmingham football field this season, and the size of it recalled vivid recollections of the huge assemblies that were wont to gather on the Perry Barr meadows two or three seasons ago, to witness the matches between the Villa and the Queen's Park or the Dumbarton. Those present at the match on Saturday were treated to a very exciting game, which ended in favour of the Alliance by two goals to none. The Redcar men in the first half played a very good game, but in the second half they fell off a little. The Alliance, on the other hand, played up at the finish better than they commenced, thus showing the benefit they had received from their training. From another report it will be seen that the Westbromwich Albion won their tie against the Old Westminsters, and the Birmingham Football Association ought certainly to feel no small pride in the fact that they have two clubs left in the semi-final of the National Cup competition. Punctually at the appointed time the Redcar men put in an appearance on the field, and were received most heartily by the spectators. Shortly afterwards they were followed by the Alliance, who also received a most cheering reception from those present. They must also have felt some encouragement from the cardboard bills that adorned the hats of some of their most enthusiastic followers, and on which the words "Play Up, Alliance" were printed in large type. The Redcar won the toss, and elected to play towards the Muntz Street goal, and Stanley set the ball in motion for the Alliance. The visitors, obtaining the ball, rushed it down and obtained a corner, which was, however, abortive. The Alliance forwards then took the ball towards the Redcar goal, and a miss-kick by one of the Redcar backs gave Stanley a chance to score, but he kicked the ball outside, much to the disappointment of the spectators, who gave vent to their feelings with a long-drawn "Oh!" From the goal kick the visitors made an attack on the Alliance goal, but were smartly repulsed, and Figures on the left wing ran the leather up to the Redcar goal, and made a good shot, which the goalkeeper punched out. The game then became very fast and exciting, the ball travelling from each end of the field in rapid succession, and the defence of both teams was taxed to the uttermost. The Alliance on two separate occasions missed easy chances of scoring, to the disgust of their partisans. After an abortive attack by the Redcar, the Alliance forwards got away, and seemed certain to score, but the visitors were saved by the action of one of their men, who kicked the ball over the goal bar. Returning to the attack, the Alliance time after time came within an ace of scoring, but they were prevented from doing so by the fine defensive display of the visitors. At length Davenport made a run, but carried the ball outside. The goal kick was taken, and he again claimed the ball, and steadying himself, put in a shot, which got the better of the goalkeeper; and the first goal was thus obtained by the Alliance. Their success was greeted by a perfect wall of applause, and a seeming disregard for hats and sticks. No further score was obtained, and when half time shortly after was called, the game stood 1 goal to none in favour of the Alliance.

On restarting, the Alliance began to press the visitors, and numerous were the occasions on which the goalkeeper had to use his hands. At length, about fifteen minutes from the recommencement,

Davenport, by a low swift shot, gained the second goal for the Alliance, the success again being greeted by vociferous cheering. From the kick off the visitors rushed the ball down the field, and gave the Alliance backs all they could do to maintain their defence. As it was two corners were given, which, fortunate for them, proved abortive. Persevering, however, the Alliance again got the upper hand, and some most exciting scrimmages took place in front of the visitors' goal posts. No further addition, however, was made to the score, and when time was called the game ended in a win for the Alliance by 2 goals to nil."

NJ: "These teams met at Small Heath, on Saturday, in the sixth round of this competition, before 6,000 spectators. Owing to the Alliance having attained a higher position than any other Birmingham team in this competition, the greatest enthusiasm was manifested by the crowd. Redcar won the toss, and the Alliance started the ball towards the entrance end. They commenced badly, Stanley missing an almost certain goal, playing in a somewhat disorganised manner, and being hard pressed by Redcar. This continued for fifteen minutes, when the home team improved. Transferring the play to the visitors' end, a shot by Davenport registered the first point for Alliance. Play was very even until half-time, the score being-Alliance, one; Redcar, nil. In the second half the Alliance had decidedly the best of the play, and Davenport added another point to the score. Towards the end of the game the home team besieged their opponents' goal, but Howcroft's goal-keeping prevented the Alliance increasing the score. The game thus ended-Alliance, two goals; Redcar, nil."

Small Heath: T. Hedges (Goal); J. Hare (Capt.), R. Evetts (Backs); F. James, C. Simms, W. Felton (Half Backs); H. Morris, T. Davenport, (Right Wing), A. E. Stanley (Centre), W. Figures, E. Hill (Left Wing)

Redcar: J. T. Howcroft (Goal); T. Alvey, Bradbury (Backs); J. Simpson, Agar, E. Pauls (Half Backs); H. Alvey, Tofts (Right Wing), G. Hikeley (Centre), T. Simpson, C. Pauls (Left Wing).

Umpires: Hart and Manners. Referee: Rev. F. Marshall (Huddersfield).

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 6 (G. Woodhall 2, J. M. Bayliss, A. Loach 2, G. Bell) OLD WESTMINSTERS 0 (H.T. 2-0) (Sat Feb 13th)

(Scorers as per BDP/SM : although in a different order: West Bromwich Complete Record P.157 scorers are completely different: papers also vary)

Birmingham Daily Post 15/2/86 P.7/Bell's Life 15/2/86 P.3/Field 20/2/86 Ps. 233-4/Athletic News 16/2/86 P.3/Sportsman 15/2/86 P.4/Sporting Life 15/2/86 P.4:

BDP: "This tie was played off on the ground of the latter (WBA). There was an exceedingly large number of spectators present, who displayed the greatest enthusiasm. The home team having decided to kick off down hill, Alington commenced the play, and the ball was rapidly taken into the Albion quarters, but was returned by Roberts. Immediately afterwards the home forwards had a fine run, and placed the visitors' goal in great danger, but Warehouse was enabled to get the ball away. Albion had the better of the game, and made several brilliant runs, a splendid shot being put in by Green. The Londoners throughout played a most cautious game, Bailey exciting admiration by his remarkable coolness and sure kicking. The home team, on the other hand, played with much dash and vigour, that looked very much like winning. Woodhall and Green made matters very troublesome for

the visitors, and after repeated runs and shots, the former put the leather through for the first time. Bayliss immediately afterwards effected a capital dribble down the centre of the field. Evading half backs and backs, he put in a most difficult shot, which the goalkeeper was unable to stop, thus scoring the second goal for the Albion, amid loud cheering. The Albion now looked very much like winning, their opponents having scarcely had a single opportunity of scoring. The home team continued to have the supremacy until half time, but no other goals were added. Score: Albion 2; Westminsters 0.

The visitors, on the resumption of play, had the advantage of a slight hill, but any improvement in their play was not apparent. Though good individually they lacked vigour and combination, and were amazingly slow in taking advantage of any chance that presented itself. The Albion forwards, encouraged by the success of their exertions, played with renewed dash, and compelled the opposing team to adopt a defensive position. After a succession of runs by Green and Woodhall, the latter managed to add a third point, Bell placing a fourth a few minutes later. The backs of the visitors kept the home team forwards at bay for a short time, but for the fifth time, the Albion, by means of Loach, were afforded an opportunity of putting the leather through. Shortly after this Bailey, whose play had been exceptionally brilliant, received a violent kick on the back of the head, which drew blood. Notwithstanding that he had previously received a kick upon the leg, he continued to play until the finish. The last goal was obtained by Loach, after one of the finest runs of the day. The game thus ended in a win for the Albion by six goals to nil." (AN has Loach also scoring the 6th goal)

SM: "Since the draw for the sixth round was made known great excitement has prevailed in the Midlands over this encounter, and although the weather on Saturday was threatening, eight thousand spectators were present at Westbromwich. The Albion won the toss and kicked off down hill. For twenty minutes the play was very even. Albion then gained the upper hand, and Woodhall and Loach each scored. During the remainder of the first half the Londoners fairly held their own, especially in the back division. Crossing over with two goals to the good Albion played a determined game, and the Londoners were unable to gain any material advantage. The Albion were continually in the vicinity of the Westminster citadel, but occasionally Alington led his forwards on to the attack. Bailey for the Londoners played a plucky and splendid game, and although twice injured he was a source of trouble to the Albion team. Squire and Bedford showed good defence, as did also Green, Bell, and Horton for Albion. Four other goals were scored by Woodhall, J. Bell, Loach, and Bayliss respectively, and Albion won by six goals to none. The Londoners worked hard throughout, but it was soon manifest that they were outclassed."

BL: "Played at West Bromwich in the presence of 6,000 spectators. From the start the battle was carried into the visitors' territory, and twice was the ball sent over. The Albion pressed the visitors closely, the ball being once shot with great force into *Warehouse's hands, and he found great difficulty in saving. After twenty minutes' almost continuous attack, Woodhall, by a splendid shot from the right, scored for the Albion, and Bayliss immediately on starting, dribbled right down the centre, and added a second point. The visitors then attacked, Bailey taking the ball well up the centre, but it was shot over. The score remained unaltered at half time, but directly on the resumption, Bailey and Squires made a fine run, and the Albion goal for a time was in jeopardy. The ball was ultimately got away, however, and Bell, though hampered by Bailey, dribbled up the field, and passed to Woodhall who kicked a third goal. A fourth by George Bell followed. Loach ended a capital run by making the fifth, and Bayliss added the sixth. West Bromwich Albion thus won by six goals to none." *Not Mirehouse

West Bromwich:R.Roberts(Goal);H.Green,H.Bell(Backs);E.Horton,F.Bunn,G.Timmins(Half Backs);
G.Woodhall,Tom Green(Right Wing),J.M.Bayliss(Capt.(Centre),A.Loach,Geo.Bell(Left Wing)

Old Westminsters:W.Warehouse(Goal);R.T.Squire,A.E.R.Bedford(Backs);N.C.Bailey,H.Wetton,
C.T.Roller(Half Backs);Rev W.F.G.Sandwith,C.R.W.Heath(Right Wing),Rev E.H.Alington(Centre),
F.W.Bain,C.F.Ingram(Left Wing).

*(BL /F have *Mirehouse instead of Warehouse)

Umpires:Bissiker and Mayson? Referee:G.Hutchinson(Grantham).

SOUTH SHORE 1(Robert Elston) SWIFTS 2 (C.Holden-White,G.Brann)(H.T. 1-2)(Sat Feb 13th)

*See BH/AN Reports below and accepted as BH home team's local paper but Thackwray in
SL/BDP/BL

Sportsman 15/2/86 P.4/Sporting Life 16/2/86 P.4/Bell's Life 15/2/86 P.3/Field 20/2/86
P.233/Referee 14/2/86 P.6/Blackpool Herald 19/2/85 P.3/Athletic News 16/2/86 P.3/Referee
14/2/86 P.6:

SL:"Undoubtedly the biggest surprise of the season's English Cup competition was the victory of the South Shore lads over the far more famous Notts County.Exception was at once taken to the form displayed on that occasion-at least by footballers away from the Blackpool district.Under these circumstances the visit of the well-known Swifts was awaited with a vast amount of interest.Both teams put in an appearance at the ground at half-past two,and were greeted in very cordial fashion by the 4,000 enthusiastic spectators assembled round the arena.Bambridge proved successful in the spin of the coin,and Richard Elston set the ball in motion ten minutes later.The Swifts immediately rushed it down the ground,and a shot by Moore was cleanly stopped by the home custodian.The "whites" promptly retaliated,and Thackwray put the ball between the posts just five minutes after the start,amid terrific cheering,renewed again and again.This early reverse took the Swifts completely by surprise,and they tried hard to equalise matters immediately the battle was resumed. Moore just missed scoring,and after corner kicks had fallen to the share of both elevens,Smith shot over the bar.The South Shore forwards then dashed over the turf at a rare rate,and the ball was sent behind.Exactly half an hour after the start Holden-White scored from a free kick,the ball touching Westhead's foot before passing though the uprights.Edwards stopped a dangerous shot in irreproachable fashion,and Jeeves,who was close at hand,sent the sphere safely away.Walsh shot the missile over the bar,and Brown replied by dribbling the ball past the opposing half-backs.He passed to the "doctor",who responded by sending in a shot which just cleared the bar.Brann "obliged again",and Westhead,in order to make all safe,gave the Swifts a corner,from which, however,nothing resulted.Once more the Ardingly champion shone conspicuously,and dodged and re-dodged a posse of adversaries with wonderful success,but he was stopped in the moment of danger.A second corner fell to the "birds".Saunders tried this,and with such success that Brann added to his laurels by causing the Lancastrian flag to,figuratively,trail in the dust for the second time just five minutes before half-time.

The home forwards now advanced very resolutely, and "Edwards" had to save his charge. A second shot he cleverly popped over the bar. The South Shore lads would not be denied, and the vanguard passed and re-passed the ball. Arrived within a yard or two of the Swifts' citadel, Andrews just dashed in in time to save a final shot from taking effect. Brann obtained possession and sent the sphere over to Bambridge on the left, but the international shot hard over. Again and again the home forwards retaliated, but Newham, Jeeves, and Holden-White repelled attack after attack in splendid style. Robert Elston broke away on the left and sent the ball right over to Tattersall on the outside right, but the latter kicked it behind. Smith soon had a chance at the opposite end, but he failed to take advantage of it, much to the disappointment of his colleagues. Time after time the South Shore vanguard broke through the visitors' lines, and they must have scored on more than one occasion but for the accurate and brilliant kicking of Newham, who was ably assisted by the remaining members of the rear division. At last the siege was successfully raised, and a capital pass and dribble by Bambridge and Brann caused the home custodian to use his hands. Two corners fell to the home team, but nothing came of them. Smith, Brann, Moore, and Bambridge then took the ball right down the field, but the latter's final effort lacked precision, and the missile went behind. Once more South Shore returned the compliment and Elston sent in a splendid shot, which "Edwards" saved grandly. The ball struck the post, and Jeeves promptly headed it outside. Bambridge then took the ball down the left flooring several on his journey who would have barred his progress. Two corners fell to the Swifts without result, and then, after the home team had rushed the ball back again, "Time!" was signalled, and Bambridge and Co. retired victors by two goals to one, after a fast and desperately contested game. Humphrey Jones, who was engaged at Bangor in the semi-final of the Welsh Cup, was sadly missed by the winners."

BL: "This tie was played at South Shore in the presence of 4,000 spectators. The ground was very rough, and in our opinion totally unfit for an important Cup Tie to be played upon. The Swifts' captain won the toss, and Richard Elston sent the leather on its journey at 2.40 precisely. After a shot by Moore had been cleverly repelled by Langley, the home lads retaliated, and amid a scene of enthusiasm, Thackwray effected the downfall sustained. Half an hour from the start a free kick fell to the Birds. This was neatly taken by Holden-White, and went flying between the posts, striking Westhead previous to going through. A dangerous attack by the South Shore vanguard was fortunately frustrated by Edwards and Jeeves. Five minutes before half time a corner kick fell to the Swifts, and was well taken by Saunders. Brann scored a beautiful goal amid a sympathetic round of cheering.

Directly after the reversal of positions Brann dashed away on the right and passed to Bambridge, who sent the ball flying over the bar. The Swifts then were compelled to resort to defensive tactics, and they had an extremely busy time of it. Edwards, Newham, Jeeves, and Holden-White especially distinguishing themselves in repelling a number of dangerous and well concerted attacks. Good passing by Bambridge and Brann caused Langley to use his hands. Richard Elston sent in a fine shot at the visitors' stronghold. Edwards saved in wonderful fashion. The ball struck the post, and Jeeves, who was lying handy, promptly sent it outside. Time was called a minute or two later, and the Swifts retired winners by two goals to one—a hard won and thoroughly well earned victory. There is no doubt whatever that the success of South Shore over Notts was entirely due to their determination and staying power, and was by no means a fluke, as most people suppose. For the losers Westhead, Walsh, Tattersall, and the Brothers Elston worked very hard to avert defeat."

F: "Tis a far cry to Blackpool, but thither the Swifts had to go to play off their tie in the sixth round on Saturday. The weather was fine, and several thousands of spectators assembled on the South Shore ground, which is scarcely good enough for a match of importance. A strong wind proved slightly prejudicial to the play, which, however, was of a most determined character throughout. To commence with, the visitors had the benefit of the wind, and Langley had soon to meet a warm shot from Brann. Following this, the home players set up a fine attack, and Tattersall, when the game was but five minutes old, kicked the ball through the Swifts' goal. Hard and fast play ensued, and at the end of thirty minutes a corner rewarded the efforts of the visitors. Holden-White took the kick, and directed the ball so well that, after touching Westhead, it went between the posts. After some even play Edwards stopped a smart shot from the foot of Tattersall; then two corners fell to each side. The Swifts' second corner was admirably placed by Holden-White, and, though Dakin got it away, it was only as far as Brann, who obtained the visitors' second goal in fine style.

Ends were changed soon afterwards, and the first incident subsequently was a run by Brann and Bambridge, which finished up by the latter kicking over the bar. During the remainder of the game, however, the Swifts were principally acting on the defensive, and their defence proved very strong, Jeeves, Newham, Edwards, and Holden-White working remarkably well. So persistently did the home players keep up the attack that the downfall of the Swifts' goal was confidently anticipated by the partisans of South Shore. As this did not happen, sections of the crowd at the close indulged in some unruly conduct, but the prompt action of both teams prevented the rough play that many seemed quite eager for. The cause of this behaviour on the part of the crowd was of course the victory of the Swifts, a result the success of their favorites over Notts County had not prepared them for."

BH: "The struggle commenced and the home team had a look in smartly. Brann returned, and gave Langley a hot shot to negotiate, Langley cleared grandly, and Tattersall got away with a lively run. Passing Andrews and Jeeves, he passed across to Elston, who put goal No 1 past Mure. The excitement was now enormous, and the local lads became strong favourites. Play now became lively, Thackwray putting one over the bar, and both Brann and Moore were dangerous. Dr Smith and (Bambridge) on the left, did some good dodging. The Doctor, five minutes after the start, jumped on Westhead's ankle; the latter stopped on the field pluckily, but the pain he suffered was enormous, and he was of little use. Struggling away with ten men, one might say, Richard Elston was again dangerous, then the Londoners had two or three corners in succession, all of which were got away. After thirty minutes' play Langley let a free kick go past him, never attempting to stop it. The visitors claimed, and thus the match was equalised. Harder and faster became the game. South Shore struck the upright, the ball rebounding into play again and was cleared. The home lot, made a combined run, and Tattersall's shot was the next item. Again the Swifts had a corner from which Brann scored the winning point. Half-time arrived, London Swifts two goals, South Shore one.

Re-starting, South Shore played up hard and well, and the bulk of the play was in the neighbourhood of Mure, Jeeves, and Newham. The defence was grand. Brann soon after put in a hot shot at Langley. The "Cannon-ball King" got it away. Ainsworth, Thackwray, and the others again had the play at Mure. Corners were rapidly obtained, but all were fruitless; our locals were not to score. Shot after shot was poured in at Lockhart-Mure. The game he played was perfection. Walsh shot three inches from its intended destination. From a free kick, Sharples shot over; Tattersall shot wide. The end was at hand,

the best team being defeated by the narrow majority of two goals to one. The excitement now all was over was great, the referee having to secure protection off the ground."

Birmingham Daily Post 15/2/86 P.7: "After their famous victory over Notts County, the South Shore club was believed to have a very fair prospect of success against the Swifts, and the match at Blackpool between the two clubs was anticipated with considerable interest. A very large crowd witnessed the game, when, much to the delight of the spectators, South Shore scored within five minutes of the start. A quarter of an hour later the South Shore goalkeeper allowed a free kick to go through the posts, ignorant, apparently, that *the ball had touched one of the home side. Another goal was also obtained by the Swifts, and the southern team thus gained a victory by two goals to one." (No lineups) * The ball touched the goalkeeper.

AN: "Playing against the wind Robert Elston scored for South Shore in the first three minutes, and after good play by Bambridge and Brann, Holden-White equalised from a free kick, the goalkeeper letting the ball pass him by mistake. Five minutes later from a doubtful corner, Brann secured the leading point, and the Swifts led by two to one at half time. On changing ends both teams played hard, and South Shore experienced hard luck being four times near scoring. Brann was the best man on the field, and the backs played splendidly. South Shore played up hard to the finish. The referee was hooted off the field."

South Shore: W. Langley (Goal); E. Dakin, R. Westhead (Backs); R. Walsh (Capt.), Sharples, Heaton (Half Backs); H. Ainsworth, J. Tattersall (Right Wing), Richard Elston (Centre), W. H. Thackwray, Robert Elston (Left Wing).

Swifts: +J. Lockhart-Mure (Goal); W. Newham, J. Jeeves (Backs); ++C. Holden-White, F. E. Saunders, W. H. Andrews (Half Backs); S. F. P. Moore, G. Brann (Right Wing), ++R. Playford (Centre), E. C. Bambridge (Capt.), Dr. J. Smith (Left Wing).

+Playing under pseudonym of L. "Edwards" (see SL/REF Lineups)

++SM had Humphrey Jones but he was unable to play, and R. Playford who was "reserve" as per SM lineup, played Centre (see SL Report above)

Umpires: E. C. Kelly (Windsor/Hon Sec Berks & Bucks Junior Association) and W. Johnson (South Shore).
Referee: W. Evans (Liverpool Association)

BRENTWOOD 1 (T. J. Britten) BLACKBURN ROVERS 3 (H. L. Fecitt, N. Walton 2) (H. T. 1-2) (Sat Feb 27th) (At Brentwood Ground: Essex County Cricket Club)

(London papers except REF give Fecitt 2 and Walton as Blackburn scorers)

Blackburn Standard 6/3/86 P.2/Bell's Life 1/3/86 P.3/Field 6/3/86 P.301/Referee 28/2/86
P.6/Athletic News 2/3/86 P.2 (No teams)/Sporting Life 1/3/86 P.4/Sportsman 1/2/86 P.4/Referee 28/2/86 P.6:

BS (In the Editorial): "The Rovers were minus Brown and Turner, while Brentwood put their strongest team in the field." "Lofthouse got injured about 25 minutes after the kick off"

BS: "These clubs met at Brentwood on Saturday to decide their tie in the sixth round of the Association Challenge Cup. Walton kicked off in the presence of some 3,000 spectators. Sourbutts, getting possession, went away on the right wing, *but Fecitt supporting, Moore was compelled to send the sphere behind. Nothing resulted from the corner kick. Immediately on restarting, Lofthouse went away, and middling well Walton put in a hot shot, which Mills-Roberts fisted out, and repeated the operation again when Suter returned into the mouth of the goal. Pike, taking advantage of the Rovers' forwards being round the Brentwood goal, made away, but could not get past M'Intyre, who returned the ball, and Douglas, with some pretty headwork, sent the ball on to Lofthouse, the latter compelling Nickisson to send behind again. The corner was unproductive, but the Rovers, making a most determined attack Sourbutts passed the ball on to Fecitt, who put in a low swift shot which Mills-Roberts could not get at, and secured the first point for the visitors. Upon restarting the play became very fast, and Sourbutts, unfortunately being kicked on the nose, had to retire for a few minutes. The Brentwood, taking advantage, immediately made off, Sherrington and Lemarchand putting in a fine combined run. Heyes tackling the latter when getting dangerous, transferred the ball to midfield. Lofthouse, getting possession, evaded Preston and Nickisson, and passed to Walton, who put in a splendid shot, Mills-Roberts being compelled to send behind. Again the corner was unproductive, Moore clearing the lines, but Forrest quickly returned the ball, and a determined attack upon the Brentwood citadel ensued. Douglas sending the leather in with great force, Mills-Roberts fisted it away. Sourbutts returned it, when Moore headed it back. Lofthouse next shot, but misjudging the distance sent behind. Within half a minute of restarting, Lofthouse went away, and evading the rival half backs, centred to Walton, who, with a low screw shot, effected the downfall of the Brentwood goal for the second time. Brentwood, now warming to their work put in some good runs, in which Britten, Evelyn, and Lemarchand were conspicuous, and at length, after some 35 minutes' play, Britten put in a warm shot which Arthur endeavoured to throw out, but did not get it fairly away before Britten was again upon it and shot it through, the game now standing two to one in favour of the visitors. With the exception of another goal obtained by Sourbutts (given offside) after some fine passing by Walton and Fecitt, nothing of note occurred before half time, the game then standing two to one in favour of the Rovers.

During the second half the visitors had the better of the game, and after twenty-five minutes' play, from a fine centre by Sourbutts, Walton secured their third goal. Lofthouse, being hurt, retired to back, and the Rovers playing but four forwards up to call of time enabled Brentwood to press them, but the home team were not able to score, and at the call of time the Rovers were victorious by three goals to one."

*Wording corrected

BL: ".....Much more than usual animation was observed at Liverpool Street station between one and two on Saturday afternoon. The Cup Tie at Brentwood between the local club and the Blackburn Rovers had aroused the somnolent cockney from his lethargy, and considerably over a thousand passengers were booked. The overland route to Brentwood through the Essex flats is not inebriatingly cheerful. It resembles greatly the tract of land which, according to a highly respectable authority, lies between Dan and Beersheba. At Romford two sporting journalists who occupied seats in the carriage were strangely stirred by a bird's-eye view of Ind. Coupe and Co's Brewery. Next to the bliss of residing in a brewery must be the extreme felicity of observing one. At Brentwood the train disgorged its human freight, to the number of several hundred, and pursued its parliamentary career

to Chelmsford. It was a glorious, keen, invigorating day. A bright arch of blue spread overhead, Old Sol disbursed his beams with a liberality which was as unusual as it was prodigal, and the thin clear February atmosphere was intoxicating incense after the noxious fumes of Fleet Street. A visit to the quaint White Hart on the high road to Ipswich, a flagon of nut brown October, and the shapely, substantial sandwich, and we progress to the Brentwood football ground, finely situated on an elevated table land. Far away on each side in the blue mists of the dim distance the white smoke wreaths from remote rural hamlets lent a charm to the scene, which seen from the interior of the refreshment tent, defies description. Fully 2,000 spectators assembled round the ropes, amongst whom we noticed the beauty, wealth, and chivalry of Brentwood. We also observed the oldest inhabitant of Brentwood, an old poor man, who gazed meekly at the mimic battle, and for his sake we wished the issue had been different. Though beaten by their formidable opponents the local team played a very plucky game. The Rovers appeared to me to be a trifle slower than they were last year, and there was a conspicuous lack of celerity and dash in their attack—at all events that is the impression I derived from a very fashionable coign of vantage in the refreshment tent. The Lancashire men were naturally boisterous and jubilant at their victory. Again we left the White Hart hostelry fortified and comforted by the juice of the potent berry, and resigned ourselves to the care of the Great Eastern Railway Company. The day had been exciting, but the evening was dreary. There was not a lamp in the carriage, and darkness and unutterable despair seized on the two sporting journalists who again journeyed with me. The depression was increased by an unthinking passenger who whistled that unique musical composition “The See Saw Waltz” all the way to Liverpool Street. Here the Rovers and their adherents relieved their pent up feelings by an unconventional demonstration peculiar to the fastnesses of North Lancashire, which like Nelson’s fatal wound, “spread dismay around.” The enthusiasm of the Lancashire football player is not properly understood by the staid citizen of Cockaigne. Another parting whoop, and the elated Blackburnites disappeared, and the spavine steed bore me quickly to that spacious and handsome thoroughfare known to the initiated as Fleet Street.”

“A larger company has never assembled on the ground of the Essex County Cricket Club than was present on Saturday afternoon, when the holders of the Association Challenge Cup journeyed to the little Essex town to play off their tie in the sixth round of the chief competition of the year. All told, there could not have been fewer than 3,000 visitors on the ground. Few had anticipated that the match would end otherwise than was the case, in the victory of the holders, but one and all must have gone away sadly disappointed at the poor exhibition of football shown during the afternoon. The Rovers are not the Rovers of old, and will have to show very different form to this if they hope to beat the Swifts at Derby next Saturday week. The play of the forwards, especially, was disjointed and ragged. Lofthouse, until he was hurt, played in excellent form on the right wing, but with this exception, not one of the others worked with the slightest combination, while their shooting when in front of goal was particularly weak. Forrest worked well at half back, as did M’Intyre and Suter, the veteran, though rather slow, being very sure. Arthur in goal had not much to do, but we think he ought to have saved the goal which was scored by the home team. The best play on the part of the home team was that of Mills-Roberts in goal, who showed defensive powers of a very high order and saved many shots in a marvellous manner. Watkins and Richardson at back were good, though we cannot say as much for those immediately in front of them, the half back play being very weak and desultory. The best of the forwards was Pike, who, though out of his usual place, centred as well and as accurately as he did on the previous Wednesday. Unfortunately in this instance there was rarely

anyone up to receive the ball. The left wing men put in some useful work, and played well together, but Britten, save for the rush which resulted in a goal, did not impress as favourably. That the best team won there was not the shadow of a doubt. The Rovers began very well indeed, and seven minutes after the start scored a goal after a very pretty piece of play. After this, though they continued to press the locals, they fell off considerably, while after half time the play on both sides became very wild and desultory. The Brentwood centres undoubtedly threw away several chances in the latter half, but at the same time it must be borne in mind, that towards the finish the Rovers' captain adopted defensive tactics, or possibly the score might have been increased. Considering the recent frosts, the ground was in very fair condition; indeed, taking it all round a finer day for football could not have been wished for.

The home captain, having won the toss, decided to play from the goal nearest the town, and though he had a light wind and the slope against him, the Lancastrians had the bright sun in their faces. Walton kicked off for the Rovers at 3.15, and Sowerbutts immediately ran down the left and gained a corner directly after the start. Nothing resulted, and a free kick for hands was given against the home team near their goal line. A bully followed, and Mills-Roberts fisted out a shot by Walton. Pike got away, but Lofthouse quickly returned, and another corner fell to the visitors. This was followed by some pretty pieces of passing by Walton and Fecitt, which enabled the latter to kick a goal seven minutes after the start, the ball going through out of Roberts' reach. In no way disheartened by this reverse, Evelyn and Pike made a raid into the Rovers' half, where they were dispossessed by Forrest, who cleared easily. Sherrington responded with a fine run, which was neutralised by Nickisson kicking wildly. The pressure on the Rovers' line did not last long, as a grand run by Lofthouse speedily removed the scene of action to the other end. The Brentwood backs and goalkeeper now had rather a hot time, an almost continuous attack being kept up for nearly fifteen minutes. The defence, however, was very fine, and this and the bad shooting of the Rovers, prevented any mischief being done. At length Evelyn and Pike broke away, and a shot by LeMarchand, Arthur kicked away. Lofthouse soon got the ball out of danger, and following up a good run with a brilliant centre, Walton rushed up and scored the second goal for the visitors after 30 minutes' play. Brentwood retaliating, for a time the Rovers' goal was in danger. Some very fair work was put in by nearly all the forwards, but Nickisson again threw away the chance by a wild kick. Hands were now given in favour of Brentwood, and the ball being well placed, Britten got possession, and rushing up the centre shot hard. Arthur stopped the ball, but only threw it back a few yards, when Britten kicked back, and a goal was scored for Brentwood, amidst tremendous enthusiasm. Just before half time, after Roberts had twice saved in brilliant style, from a long cross by Lofthouse, Sowerbutts sent the ball through the Brentwood goal. The last-named, however, was palpably offside when he made his shot, and the point was disallowed.

The play in the second half of the game needs very little description. The play became of a much more even character, and attacks in turn were made on each goal. It almost seemed as if the visitors were content with the advantage gained, and were not troubling themselves too much. About fifteen minutes after the change Lofthouse got hurt on a charge, and went to keep Arthur in company in goal. Soon afterwards a pretty piece of passing was shown by Walton and Sowerbutts, and Fecitt, by a splendid shot, scored a splendid goal. No further incident worth noting transpired, the Rovers thus winning a poor game by three goals to one."

Brentwood:R.H.Mills-Roberts(Goal);W.F.Watkins,F.J.Richardson(Backs);J.E.S.Moore,G.E.Preston, J.L.Nickisson(Half Backs);G.S.Sherrington, A.W.Lemarchand(Right Wing),T.J.Britten(Centre), E.C.Evelyn(Capt.),T.M.Pike(Left Wing).

Blackburn Rovers:J.W.H.Arthur(Goal);F.Suter,H.McIntyre(Backs);J.Forrest,J.Douglas,J.Heyes(Half Backs);J.M.Lofthouse, T.Strachan(Right Wing),N.Walton(Centre),H.L.Fecitt,J.Sourbutts(Left Wing).

(BS specified defence positions but forwards order unspecified)

Umpires:j.Armstrong and j.Birtwistle.Referee:Major Marindin(President ootball Association).

SEMI-FINALS:

Sat March 6th :At Aston Lower Grounds ,Birmingham:

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 4 (A.Loach 3,G.Timmins) SMALL HEATH ALLIANCE 0 (H.T. 2-0)

(West Bromwich Complete Record has Loach 2,Woodhall 2)(BDP has Loach 2,Woodhall,G.Bell as scorers)(BL/MC/AN/SL/SM all have Loach 3,Timmins:used)

Birmingham Daily Post 8/3/86 P.7/Bell's Life 8/3/86 P.4/Field 13/3/86 P.330(No detailed report)/Manchester Courier 8/3/86 P.3/Athletic News 9/3/86 P.2/Sporting Life 8/3/86 P.4/Sportsman 8/3/86 P.4/Referee 7/3/86 P.6:

BDP:"There has been no more important event in connection with the revival of football in the Midlands than the match played on Saturday at the Aston Lower Grounds,between the Small Heath Alliance and the West Bromwich Albion.It was the first time that a Birmingham Club had gone so far in the National Cup Competition as the Alliance and Albion have done,and only on one occasion have Birmingham people had a semi-final tie played in their midst.The occasion we refer to was the semi-final between the Blackburn Rovers and the Notts County,played at the Aston Lower Grounds two years ago.Those clubs,however,both being foreign to the district,their struggle excited nothing like the interest which has been shown in the present match in local football circles since the result of the draw was made known."

"Early on Saturday afternoon the tramcars and other vehicles for Aston were besieged by struggling crowds and the road down to Aston presented an appearance of unwanted animation.The scene of action was indeed a wonderful one.The ground was snow-covered except in some parts where patches of green presented a pleasing contrast.All round the ropes people were congregated in large numbers.The reserved portions of the ground and the stand were also crowded with spectators anxious to see the match;whilst large numbers of breaks ranged round the ground all had their large numbers of people.There must have been fully 10,000 persons present.The sun shone brilliantly all afternoon,and had it not been for the snow underfoot,the weather would have been all that could be desired.The game in the first half was greatly in favour of the Albion,who scored two goals,and were very unfortunate in not obtaining more.At the commencement of the second half the Alliance played much better,and pressed the Albion;but their shooting was feeble,and they failed to score, whereas,the Albion,by some fine dashing play,scored two more goals,and won by 4 to 0.

Punctually to the appointed time, the Albion put in an appearance on the field, dressed in white knickerbockers and blue-and-white striped jerseys and were loudly cheered by their partisans. They were quickly followed by the Alliance, who were clad in chocolate and white, and who were also greeted with great enthusiasm. The Albion won the choice of position and chose to face the Trinity Road goal, whereby they had the advantage of the wind. Stanley started the ball, and after a bit of midfield play, the Albion lefts got to work, but were dispossessed of the ball by F. James. Returning to the attack, however, the Albion rushed the ball into the Alliance's territory, but the leather was kicked outside. From the goal kick the Albion again got possession, and attacked the Alliance's goal, Loach shooting it past Hedges about five minutes after the commencement amidst the loud cheers of the Albion supporters. From the next kick off the Alliance forwards got possession, and cries of "Well played" rewarded Davenport and Morris for a neat run on the right. The ball was passed to Stanley, who trod on it just as he was about to shoot, and thus lost a splendid chance of scoring. Woodhall and Green relieved the pressure, and the Albion again assumed the offensive, Hedges saving his goal in good style. Not to be denied, the Albion returned to the attack, and twice gained a corner, which proved abortive. They continued pressing, however, until Bell shot the ball through the Alliance goal. The point was disallowed, as the player was palpably offside. The tumbles had been very frequent up to this time, the snow presenting a very treacherous footing. From the goal kick the Albion forwards made another assault on the Alliance goal, and Green appeared to have it at his mercy; but his shot hit the post and the ball rebounded into play. It was, however, retaken by the Albion forwards, and shot into goal, but Hedges saved his charge. It was again returned into Hedges' hands, and the Albion went for him with great spirit. He, however, still eluded their rushes, and threw the ball out, his defence being loudly cheered by the spectators. The Alliance forwards then transferred the venue of the play, but the Albion backs kicked outside. After another assault by the Albion, the Alliance returned the compliment, Figures and Hill running into the Albion's territory, but the ball went outside. A run by Loach and Bell on the left relieved the pressure, but Loach shot the wrong side of the post. Again the Albion attacked; but Hedges rushing out of goal dispossessed Green of it, averting what would have resulted in a goal. Racing up the field, the Albion gained a corner, which was well taken by Bell, and Woodhall, obtaining the ball, put it past Hedges for the second time. The Alliance then woke up a bit and Felton was loudly cheered for a splendid run. Passing the Albion backs he got near to goal, and put in a good shot, but Roberts fisted out and gave a corner, which was fruitless. Returning to the attack, the Alliance made desperate attempts to break through the Albion's defence, but their efforts were futile, and when the whistle sounded the game stood- Albion 2, Alliance none.

It was also to be observed that the faces of the Alliance's supporters were lengthening considerably, and they refused to make any bets, although long odds against the Alliance were offered. The Albion supporters, on the other hand, were in best of good spirits, and one of them, perched on a brake, in the exuberance of his joy, played a tune of victory on his cornet.

After a brief rest, both teams changed their positions, and the ball was again set in motion, the Albion immediately rushing it down, and Bayliss putting it through. An appeal for offside was then made and given. The Alliance then began to press the Albion, and gave the latter's backs all they could do to keep them at bay. Several good chances were gained by the Alliance, who failed to utilise them, much to the disgust of their partisans. Keeping the ball in the Albion's territory, the Alliance made determined efforts to score, but whenever they had a good chance they spoiled it by their wild

kicking. After the game had continued thus for about twenty minutes, the Albion went away with a fine dash, and G. Bell put the ball through the Alliance goal for the third time, the success being hailed with yells of delight from the Black Country boys. A few minutes afterwards the Albion added a fourth goal from a scrimmage, Loach obtaining the credit. The Alliance now became nettled at their opponents' successes and took the ball into the Albion's territory, where they had the hardest of hard lines in not scoring, but they failed to achieve a point; and when the referee called time the game ended in a win for Albion by 4 to 0."

BL: "...Play commenced at 3.15. The Albion won the toss, and chose the Witton Road goal, thus having a strong wind in their favour. The ground was covered with snow, which rendered correct play a matter of difficulty. At first the game was very even, but in less than five minutes the Albion forwards dribbled the ball up the field, and Loach scored the first goal. For some time afterwards the game was well contested, the Alliance on more than one occasion experiencing hard lines in not scoring. Shortly before half time Timmins added a second point from a corner kick placed by Bell.

After change the Alliance worked better, and with the wind in their favour, it looked as though they would soon equalise matters. The defence, however, of the Bromwich backs was too good, and try as they would they could not get the ball past Roberts. Eventually the Albion made a smart attack, and Loach scored the third point. After this the Alliance literally fell to pieces. Loach registered another goal, and though towards the finish the Alliance strove hard to score, they failed to do so, principally through their weak shooting in front of goal. A few minutes before the call of "Time" the crowd broke into the field and stopped the play, Roberts and several Albion players being snowballed off the ground, and a disgraceful scene occurred, the occupants of all vehicles being pelted with the frozen snow. West Bromwich Albion won by four goals to none."

MC: "...Albion played against the hill and with the sun in their faces. Alliance kicked off, and after about five minutes Loach scored the first goal for Albion, an appeal for offside being disallowed. For some time Hare and Evetts were kept actively engaged, but they played a splendid defensive game. Occasionally the Alliance forwards got away, but the Albion back division could not be caught napping. The West Bromwich contingent had rather the best of the game throughout the first half although their custodian was two or three times called upon to punch out shots. Obtaining two corners, Albion scored a second point, Timmins putting the ball through from G. Bell at centre, and at half time the game was two nil in favour of the Albion

The visitors went off at a dash in the second half, but for a time play was pretty even. The Alliance at length became aggressive, but were unable to elude the vigilance of H. Green and H. Bell. Subsequently Loach scored a third goal, Hedges coming out to save his charge. Five minutes later Loach secured a fourth point, and Albion won by four goals to nil."

West Bromwich: R. Roberts (Goal); H. Bell, H. Green (Backs); E. Horton, F. Bunn, G. Timmins (Half Backs); G. Woodhall, T. Green (Right), J. M. Baylis (Centre), A. Loach, G. Bell (Left).

Small Heath: T. Hedges (Goal); J. Hare, R. Evetts (Backs); F. James, C. Simms, W. Felton (Half Backs); T. Davenport, H. Morris (Right), A. E. Stanley (Centre), E. Hill, W. Figures (Left).

Umpires: C. Crump (Birmingham Association) and T. C. Slaney (Staffordshire Association).
Referee: M. P. Betts (Old Harrovians)

Sat Mar 13th :At Derby County Cricket Ground:

BLACKBURN ROVERS 2 (N.Walton,T.Strachan) SWIFTS 1 (E.C.Bambridge) (H.T. 1-1)

Blackburn Standard 20/3/86 P.2/Nottingham Journal 15/3/86 P.7/Bell's Life 15/3/86 P.3/Field 20/3/86 P.357/Athletic News 16/3/86 P.3/Sportsman 15/3/86 P.4/Sporting Life 15/3/86 P.4/Referee 14/3/86 P.6:

BS:"Great interest was taken in this match all over the country,as the Swifts had such a powerful team,that many expected that they would knock the holders of the Cup out of the competition.The Rovers,however,demonstrated what they can do when the pinch comes.The game was played on the Derby County Ground on Saturday.The turf,owing to the overnight frost and subsequent thaw, was in a wretched condition,and it was as much as the players could do to keep a firm foothold. Both teams were fairly well represented,but the Rovers were without two of their best men, Lofthouse and Forrest whose places were filled by Walton and McIntyre,R.G.Turner going back in place of the latter.The only alteration in the Swifts' team was L.W.North playing back in the place of Jeeves.The first half of the game was grandly contested,and it is a very difficult matter to say which side had the best of it.After the change,however,the Swifts attacked vigorously for the first few minutes,but they afterwards fell away considerably,and,up to the close,the Lancastrians had much the better of the play.The condition of the Swifts was nothing like that of the Northerners,and towards the finish they went all to pieces.That the score of the Rovers was not larger is chiefly due to the splendid goalkeeping of Lockhart-Muir,whose play was one of the features of the match. Brann and Bambridge played a splendid game for the Southerners,but as a rule the form shown by the Swifts was spasmodic.The same remark may also apply to the Rovers' backs and half backs,but the attack of the Blackburn men was very strong.Brown and Sourbutts were the pick,the former especially showing brilliant form.On the whole,there is no doubt that the best team won.

The attendance was large,quite 8,000 spectators being present.Moore kicked off for the Swifts at three o'clock,from the road goal.Bambridge securing the ball ran into the Rovers' quarters.Suter cleared, and Sourbutts dribbled to the other end,and,centring,Strachan shot,but Lockhart-Muir easily cleared away.Some even play followed,the ball travelling rapidly from end to end.Brann and White then ran into the Rovers' half,but the latter shot behind.A splendid centre by Bambridge was not utilised,and then the Rovers attacked vigorously,and a corner resulted,which was not taken (advantage of).For the next few minutes the Rovers pressed severely,but either the shots went wide or were cleared away by the goalkeeper.At length the Southerners broke away,and after several dangerous shots,Brann caused Suter to kick out.Brown then put in a splendid run,and centred to Fecitt,who shot against the crossbar.Muir threw away,but Walton sent the ball through out of reach.Bambridge then made a brilliant run,and his final shot just missed the goal.Play now was very fast,and each goal in turn endangered.A minute before half time Smith made a good run,and passing to Bambridge,the latter equalised amidst tremendous cheering.Just before the change,out of a "bully" the Rovers claimed that the ball had been rushed through,but the point was disallowed.

After the change of ends play fell off very much.The Swifts pressed at first,but afterwards tired to nothing.Twenty minutes later Sourbutts screwed into goal,and Strachan rushed the ball through. Though the Swifts' goal was continually in danger,nothing further was scored,and the match ended in a victory of the Rovers.Score:Blackburn Rovers,two goals;Swifts,one goal."

BS(Sports and Pastimes Column):“Their prospects were not the brightest,but these were further darkened when it became known that Lofthouse and Forrest,two of their most valuable players, were not able to accompany the team.””The Swifts had left the Metropolis the previous day with their strongest eleven,and all the advantages were with them.” “The severe frost having been followed by a temporary thaw,had rendered the ground very slippery,and the turf offered the players a very weak foothold.McIntyre,who was to have taken up a position at back with Suter, joined the half back position,Turner filling his place,and Walton was Strachan’s colleague on the right wing in place of Lofthouse.Both substitutes acquitted themselves with great credit,and did not come much behind the skill of the absentees.The Swifts were strongly represented,the only difference was that L.W.North assisted the defenders in place of Jeeves.”(This Sports and Pastimes section has some more detailed description and comment about the game).

BL:”Sharp to time the Swifts,who had lost the toss,kicked off from the goal nearest the Nottingham Road,with a light wind against them.Bambridge who received the ball,at once dribbled down the left,but Suter returned to midfield,and after a short run,cossed to Strachan,whose shot at goal Mure threw away.Another attack on the Swifts’ lines followed,and ere long a free kick was awarded to the northerners near goal.Nothing came of it,and some desultory play in which the southerners showed to advantage,followed.Brown next broke away,and made a brilliant run,which was spoiled by a wild shot.Moore,Brann,and White then showed some fine combination,but the last named sent the ball behind.For some minutes the Rovers’ goal was in great danger,but at length Strachan got away,and after a clever run passed (to) Brown,who shot wide.After some uncertain play,Fecitt,Brown,and Sourbutts,by a good passing run,forced the Swifts to act on the defensive,and Newham kicked behind.From the “corner” a bully in front of the Swifts’ goal,and “hands” were given against the southerners.Bambridge cleared,and after a splendid run,centred,and Smith lost an easy chance by a wild shot.The Rovers were now pressed considerably,but at length a passing run,in which the whole of the Rovers’ forwards took part,Brown shot over the bar,whilst another attempt by Sourbutts just afterwards missed its mark by a few inches.Some fine defensive play by North and Mure enabled the Berkshire men at length to clear their lines;but Brown speedily brought the ball back,and,after some passing with Walton and Strachan,shot over.Moore now by a grand dribble worked the ball to the Rovers’ end,and Brann forced Suter to concede a corner.White placed the ball in front of Brown,who at once rushed to the other end,when he passed to Fecitt,whose shot struck the crossbar,and fell in front of goal.Mure threw away,but Walton returned,and scored the first goal for the Rovers after half an hour’s play.Directly the ball was kicked off Bambridge made a brilliant dribble,which he supplemented with a shot which only just missed the posts.Very bad luck for the southerners. Retaliating the Rovers made matters warm for their opponents,Sourbutts,Fecitt,and Brown all sending in good shots,which were stopped with difficulty.Smith then made a good run down the centre,and,passing to Bambridge,the latter sent in a shot,which went through fairly out of Arthur’s reach,and equalised the score amidst enthusiastic cheering,which plainly showed who were favourites.Just before half time a severe bully took place in front of the Swifts’ goal,and the Rovers claimed the ball had gone through,but after some discussion the point was disallowed.

Restarting,for some minutes the Swifts closely penned their opponents,and it seemed as if they must take the lead.The defence of the Rovers’ goalkeeper and backs was too good,and the ball was got out of danger.A couple of fine runs by Sourbutts were most noticeable.From the first Fecitt’s shot was thrown away by Mure,and the next time Sourbutts himself missed his chance by a wild

shot. A couple of corners for Rovers followed in quick succession. Both were well placed but from the latter a fierce bully ensued almost under the bar. A marvellous piece of play by Mure, however, got the ball out of danger, and Smith getting possession, ran to the other end. The ball, however, was soon worked back, and Brown passing out to Sourbutts, the latter centred close to the post, and Strachan rushed up and breasted the ball through. This seemed to dishearten the Swifts considerably, and their play fell off. Once or twice they broke away, while on one occasion, after a brilliant dribble, Bambridge sent in a high screw shot, which Arthur had great difficulty in stopping. The Lancastrians, on the other hand, worked as hard as ever, and though they kept up an almost continuous attack on their opponents' goal, nothing further was scored, and they gained a well earned victory by two goals to one."

F: "The weather was raw and cold, and, owing to a slight thaw, the ground was rather treacherous, which rendered it somewhat in favour of the Lancashire team, all of whom moved with ease, but some of the Londoners were far from at home upon it. Moore slipped about most painfully at times, and Bambridge did not stand up well, missing a grand chance of scoring once through falling down close to goal. The first half was fairly even, and neither side could claim to have the best of it. The Rovers were the first to score. About half an hour from the start Fecitt had a shot, with which he struck the crossbar, and the ball rebounded into play; but Walton pounced upon it, and before Lockhart-Muir had time to turn round had shot the ball between the posts. Immediately after this Bambridge dribbled down the field, and finished with a grand shot, which was just a few inches on the wrong side of the goal; but he had his revenge three minutes before half time, when, from a run by Brann and Dr Smith, he received the ball and scored with a beautiful shot.

For ten minutes of the second half the Swifts were "all on the top" of their opponents, and they then seemed to have shot their bolt and died away almost to nothing, if we except three fine dribbles by Bambridge, who was certainly the best individual forward on the field. The Rovers finished strong, Sourbutts playing a magnificent game for them on the extreme left wing, and the shot by which he notched the winning point was a real beauty. The holders consequently won by two goals to one. The winners were in much better condition than the Swifts, and but for Lockhart-Muir's goalkeeping they would have registered a heavy total. Sourbutts was their best forward, and then perhaps the right wing men, Strachan and Walton, have a claim to mention. Brown, their captain, took his own place in the centre for the first time since he was injured when playing against Preston North End, and, although he lead his men on with his usual judgment, he was not himself up to his best form. The backs and half backs were a fairly even lot, and far superior to those of the Southrons, who were rather weak in that department, the whole of them being much slower than what is generally expected of a first class team, while the backs did not kick so strongly, or clear their lines so well as Suter and Turner. Forward, however, the Swifts were brilliant at times, if not combined. Bambridge was continually on the aggressive, and next to him in point of merit came Brann. Holden-White only showed glimpses of what he can do, and Dr Smith was hardly so good as was expected of him, although he played a very unselfish game. Moore showed plenty of dash, but was very selfish, and could scarcely keep his feet."

Blackburn Rovers: J.W.H. Arthur (Goal); R.G. Turner, F. Suter (Backs); J. Heyes, J. Douglas, H. McIntyre; (Half Backs); N. Walton, T. Strachan (Right Wing) J. Brown (Capt.) (Centre), H.L. Fecitt, J.E. Sourbutts (Left Wing).

Swifts:J.E.Lockhart-Mure(Goal);W.Newham,L.W.North(Backs);F.E.Saunders,Humphrey Jones,
W.H.Andrews(Half Backs);C.Holden-White,G.Brann(Right Wing),S.F.P.Moore(Centre),Dr J.Smith,
E.C.Bambridge(Left Wing)

Umpires:A.H.Hutchinson(Grantham) and M.P.Betts(Old Harrovians).

Referee:Major Marindin(R.E./President,Football Association).

FINAL:April 3rd :At Kennington Oval:

BLACKBURN ROVERS 0 WEST BROMWICH ALBION 0

Blackburn Standard 10/4/86 P.2/Birmingham Daily Post 5/4/86 P.7/Field 10/4/86 P.466/Bell's Life
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F:"It has been said that there is more interest taken in the final of the Association Cup competition than in an international contest.This may or may not be so;but certain is it that no international-or any other football match,for the matter of that-played in London ever attracted so great a crowd as that which assembled at Kennington Oval on Saturday last.Two things helped to swell the attendance to its unprecedented dimensions.The day,for the time of year,was exceedingly pleasant, and it was the day of the Boat Race between the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.The opportunity of witnessing two great sporting events of the year at one visit doubtless had its full weight with many a provincial lover of the dribbling game,and the alteration of the date from that originally selected cannot now be regarded in any but a fortunate light.For once in a way the accomodating properties of the Surrey Cricket Ground were put to a very strong test,and it is satisfactory to be able to say that from its embankments,terraces,temporary stands,&c,a capital view was afforded the 13,000 or more who were present.Of the competing clubs,the Blackburn Rovers were the more fancied,notwithstanding that they were without the help of two of their best players,Lofthouse and Howarth.The Rovers,too,enjoyed the greater share of popularity,for reason of the gallant way in which they had the previous two years upheld the the football honour of England by their successive defeats of the famous Queen's Park(Glasgow)Club.That the Rovers' play in the early part of the season was not equal to their reputation was admitted on all hands,and though a considerable improvement was subsequently shown,it was still voted wanting in several respects, particularly in the matter of combination.Indeed,those who had opportunities of comparing the play of the Rovers and the Albion Club,and were perfectly unprejudiced,were of opinion that there was little to choose between them.The match of Saturday fully bore this opinion out.

It was commenced soon after four o'clock,on ground not much the worse for the heavy rain which had fallen during the early morning.Bayliss won the toss,and was thus enabled not only to secure the assistance of a stiffish breeze,but to escape the dazzling sunshine,which at first evidently proved highly prejudicial to the Rovers,whose half was at once invaded.To begin with the play was of a loose and scrambling character.The Rovers' backs kicked carelessly,and there was a recklessness about the Albion forwards,when near the rival goal,that was very disappointing.In a few minutes,however, matters improved,and the West Bromwich forwards,showing really excellent combination,forced their opponents to give away a corner,from which nothing was produced.Following this a long kick

by M'Intyre, and a run on the part of Fecitt, placed the Staffordshire men on the defensive, but soon Bayliss and Green were away with the ball. A second time M'Intyre cleared his lines, and Fecitt, getting past his opponents, attempted to score, but Roberts was equal to the occasion. From a sharp shot by Brown the West Bromwich goalkeeper saved in very fine style, but his throw out was not strong, and a corner quickly fell to the Rovers, who met with like success a little later. Both kicks were badly made. A strong attack was then set up by the West Bromwich men, conspicuous amongst whom were Bayliss, Green, and Woodhall. An attempt to break away by Sourbutts and Fecitt proved only partially successful, as Horton, who played finely throughout, stopped them before they had become dangerous. Some capital play was then shown by Woodhall, who twice narrowly escaped scoring, Turner stopping one shot and Arthur the other. Two corners were gained by the Albionites, from the second of which T. Green just shot over the bar. After a long kick into goal had been made by Timmins and well met, the Rovers' left wing pair came away, but H. Bell defeated their plans and a very hot and prolonged attack on the Rovers' goal followed. Several times its downfall seemed certain to be brought about, but the Rovers' backs and goalkeeper defended admirably. Two runs by Sourbutts gave the Rovers a little respite, but the attacks of the rival team were pretty constant, and, just before half time, Bayliss must have scored but for a piece of smartness by Arthur.

Having prevented any score while playing against the wind, the Rovers, it was thought, had the game in hand on ends being changed. For a time it appeared as if this surmise would prove correct; but after the Albion goal had once at least narrowly escaped, and several corners had fallen to the Rovers, the former's forwards began to display combination of a superior character, and despite the wind, they made many incursions into the Rovers' quarters, and Arthur had more than once to use his hands. At this stage an examination of Heyes's boots took place, and the result was that he had to change them. During his absence the game went decidedly in favour of the Rovers, and on two occasions Roberts alone saved the goal. The scene then changed and the Rovers' goal was very hotly besieged, Turner defended smartly, and Arthur twice saved brilliantly. Sourbutts, Fecitt, and Brown, passing well, broke through the Albion lines, and a kick by Fecitt went so near the left post as to cause a general impression to prevail that a goal had been obtained, and then following this Roberts had to save his charge. Just before the call of time the Albion team had a capital chance of scoring, but they failed, and the match ended without either side having gained a point.

The West Bromwich team wished to continue for an extra half an hour, but the Rovers were not willing, and the match was therefore declared drawn. From first to last the game was well contested, though it must be admitted that the better form was shown by West Bromwich Albion. Their forwards, except for the very early stage, played exceedingly well together, and much excellent work was done by Woodhall, T. Green, and Bayliss. The weak point was the play of the forwards when near goal. In many instances the passing out was done most injudiciously, and the shooting at goal was frequently weak. At half back Horton was seen to great advantage, and while the full backs acquitted themselves with great credit, Roberts displayed much cleverness between the posts. For the other side Forrest and M'Intyre did a lot of useful work, and Suter and Turner did not make any serious blunder; but the defence, though stubborn, was not brilliant, except in the case of Arthur, whose goalkeeping was almost the feature of the Rovers' play. Sourbutts, Fecitt, and Brown worked hard all through; but, on the whole, the play of the Rovers' forwards was not of that excellence which gained for the present holders of the cup so great a name in previous seasons."

BDP: "The West Bromwich Albion were perfectly willing to play an extra half-hour as is customary; but, the Rovers, exercising a wise discretion, refused, and so the date for the game to be replayed had to be referred to the committee. The Association authorities conferred in the Pavilion, and decided that the game, if possible, should be replayed at Derby, next Saturday; but, should the Derby ground be unobtainable, the contest will take place at Kennington Oval."

BS: "The game ended unsatisfactorily, since neither side scored, and there was some disappointment that the Rovers declined to play an extra half hour, although none of their real friends would have wished it, considering they were so unaccountably out of form, and that Turner received a nasty kick on the ankle."

AN: "At length Fecitt seemed to shoot the ball through, but no goal was allowed much to the disappointment of the Blackburn men. After a run by Leach and Bell, the latter centred, and Woodhall missed scoring by a foot. Time was then called. The Albion were quite willing to play extra, but the Rovers refused, much to the disappointment of the spectators. The Albion played far away the best game, and had hard luck in not scoring."

SM: "With the chance of securing Lofthouse on a future occasion, and with Turner suffering from an injured ankle, the Rovers very naturally declined to play the extra half hour, while the Albion, who had certainly had the better of the game, were willing to play."

SL: "The Rovers were unfortunate in not being able to claim the services of their best player, Lofthouse, who showed such fine form on the right wing for England against Scotland last year at the Oval, and Howarth, whose brilliant play at half-back against Queen's Park in the final of 1885, will be well remembered."

"History of Blackburn Rovers 1875-1925 P.109: "That the doughty Lancashire cup fighters did not force a definite issue is capable of a simple explanation. Before the match they were thoroughly chilled through watching the Boat Race, they scamped their lunch, and left themselves barely time to drive to Kennington and strip for the final. In the closing minutes Fecitt made a great effort to secure victory. Nearly everybody thought he had scored, but his shot hit one of the ropes and glanced behind on the wrong side of the post. Suter and Turner, notwithstanding that the latter sprained his ankle, played superbly, and Arthur gave a thrilling exhibition in goal. These three were the saviours of the side."

Blackburn Rovers: J.W.H.Arthur(Goal); R.G.Turner, F.Suter(Backs); J.Heyes, H.McIntyre, J.H.Forrest(Half Backs); T.Strachan, J.Douglas(Right), J.Brown(Capt.)(Centre), H.L.Fecitt, J.E.Sowerbutts(Left).

West Bromwich Albion: R.Roberts(Goal); H.Green, H.Bell(Backs); E.Horton, C.Perry, G.Timmins(Half Backs); G.Woodhall, T.Green(Right), J.M.Bayliss(Capt.)(Centre), A.Loach, G.Bell(Left).

Umpires: J.C.Clegg(President, Sheffield Association) and P.Morton(Old Harrovians).

Referee: Major Marindin, R.E.(President of the Football Association)

REPLAY:Sat April 10th :At Derby County Ground:

BLACKBURN ROVERS 2 (J.E.Sourbutts,J.Brown) WEST BROMWICH ALBION 0 (H.T. 1-0)

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BS:"Having played a drawn game at the Oval on the 3rd inst. in the final tie of the most important cup competition of the year,the Blackburn Rovers journeyed to Derby on Saturday to fight the battle over again with the West Bromwich Club.The composition of the team was slightly different from that which did duty at the Oval,Heyes having stood out from the half back position.His place was taken by Douglas,and Walton played on the wing in place of Douglas.Arriving at Derby about a quarter past one,the team at once proceeded to take lunch at the Midland Hotel.Their rivals had somewhat of an advantage over them in this respect,for they were in the town early in the morning, and after taking exercise,were kept quiet until 2.30 by order of their trainer.For more than an hour snow had been falling extremely heavily,and the country was completely enveloped in a mantle of white,and the prospects were not at all prepossessing for a good display of football;but,fortunately, the sun broke out before two o'clock,and under its influence the snow disappeared.As early as half past one people began to wend their way to the ground at Nottingham-road,and although the match was not advertised to commence until 3.30,there would be about 7,000 or 8,000 persons present fully an hour before that time.There was a great lot of people from Birmingham and Staffordshire way,a number of trips having been run,and the majority of these-the Albion supporters-had in their hats a large blue card,upon which was a throstle,and the words"Play up throstles."Before the termination of the match,however,the spirit of these ardent enthusiasts were dampened to such an extent that they were glad to put the cards out of sight,the appearance being a subject more of ridicule than anything else.As the time drew close for a start to be made the number present on the ground at the very least must have been 15,000,and on all hands the customary "small talk" was going on as to who would,and to who would not,be the conquerors.If anything opinion seemed to be in favour of the "Throstles",though it must be remembered that they had by far the largest number of supporters present.Yet even the most confident of the Birmingham people had doubts on their minds which they could by no means rid themselves of.At 3.35.the Rovers,headed by their captain,Jimmy Brown,stepped on the field,which was very soft in consequence of the downfall of snow.The Lancashire lads were cheered on appearing,but still more hearty was the cheering that greeted the Albion men a minute or two afterwards.After the first five minutes it was palpable as to which side would reign,for after that time the "Throstles" who had played with a dash scarcely to be seen in a season's play,went to pieces,and the result of the game, which gave victory to the Rovers by two goals to none,was only surprising to the unprejudiced spectators in so far as the score was not large enough considering the play shown by the two teams. The Rovers therefore won the national and most coveted trophy for the third time in succession,and thus equalled the record of the Wanderers Club,who were the possessors of the Cup in the years 1876,1877,and 1878.At the conclusion of the match,Major Marindin,in presenting the cup to the winners,promised to confer a distinctive medal on the Rovers to commemorate the event of their having won in three successive years,a promise which it is greatly hoped will be fulfilled and which will be most highly appreciated by the Rovers' team.The latter returned to Blackburn in the evening, and on leaving the Midland station were heartily cheered by the spectators on the platform,which was repeated at Nottingham-road,and again at Bolton and Darwen,the team being recognised at

each station. At Blackburn, however, their reception was of a most enthusiastic character, several hundreds of persons witnessing their arrival home, and, as the conveyance, drawn by four grey horses, conveying their men to their captain's house, drove off, cheers were raised again and again, and thus ended the last chapter in this year's English Cup competition.

Exactly at 3.32, the Albionites having won the toss, Douglas kicked off from the town goal, with the wind and sun against them, and immediately Brown and Sourbutts rushed up the field, but Woodhall, securing possession, made an excursion up the Albion right, which was, however, well saved by the back. Not to be denied, "the Throstles came on with much dash", and Woodhall, after a neat dribble, crossed to Loach, who lost the ball altogether, thus missing an almost certain chance. Excellent defence was displayed by McIntyre and Forrest, but notwithstanding this the Rovers had to concede a corner, and Arthur had to handle twice over, which he did in grand style. For a few minutes the Rovers continued to be pressed, shots being rapidly sent in by Bayliss and Green. Brown, Fecitt, and Sourbutts relieved the pressure by taking the ball to the Albion goal line, where Green just missed sending the ball through his own goal posts. The Albion once more rushed up the field and, getting near the Rovers' goal, T. Green shot, but the ball went over the bar. At length Suter cleared, and Brown and Walton dribbled smartly to the other end. The ball was returned, however, but Forrest, whose play all through the game was of a very high order, warded off danger. His tackling was sure, and the manner in which he fed his forwards repeatedly evoked a round of cheers. Fecitt now came in for some notice, his dodging being superb; and for a grand run along the field, which terminated in his centring to Brown, he was loudly applauded. A scrimmage in front of the Albion posts resulted, after which a fast shot by Sourbutts gave Roberts some trouble, but he managed to turn the ball just over the bar—a very lucky piece of work. From the corner kick nothing was gained, while from a second directly after, Bayliss headed the ball away at a critical juncture. Brown again got possession, and dribbling back in fine style, sent the ball back into Roberts' hands. The attack was kept up with right down earnestness, and the "Throstles", although cheered on again and again by their supporters, could not get away from their goal line. Fecitt shot just over the bar, but from the kick out Walton worked the ball back and, amidst tremendous cheering, Sourbutts scored the first goal for the Rovers 26 minutes from the start. This seemed to rouse the Albion a little, and they tried hard to relieve the pressure which followed from the restart, but their efforts were not crowned with success, and the Rovers almost scored again. They were playing much the better game, and several times had very hard lines in not scoring, Brown just kicking over the bar. Fecitt then executed a capital bit of dodging, which was much admired, and he passed to Brown, who slipped just as he was about to take the final shot. The Albion goal continued to be seriously jeopardised for a time, and Roberts had to save several times. At last Sourbutts put the ball through for the second time, but it was disallowed on the ground of offside, and although the Rovers kept up the attack, nothing further was done up to half time, which was announced with the score at Rovers one goal, Albion none.

The second half of the game was well contested, the Albion striving hard to equalise matters, but try as they would they could not get over the splendid defence shown by Suter, Arthur, and the half backs. Loach made an excellent run which elicited applause, but this bit of play was eclipsed by a rattling combined run by Sourbutts and Fecitt, the latter putting a hot shot straight in the hands of Roberts, to be coolly thrown out. The Albion then had a look in, and a shot by Perry caused Arthur to fist away, and shortly afterwards Arthur saved a stinging shot, heading the ball, and then kicking it to midfield. Then the Albion secured a corner, but their attempt was futile, and Brown, securing the

ball,astonished the spectators with one of his famous runs,he taking the ball right up to the Albion goal,and shooting into the hands of the West Bromwich goalkeeper.The ball having been returned,Brown was again to the fore,and after a brilliant single-handed run,in which he fairly outpaced his pursuers,he sent the ball through amidst loud applause.After this the play became somewhat uninteresting.The Rovers being apparently satisfied with the advantage they had secured contented themselves with acting on the defensive.They were always equal to any dangerous occasion,and the West Bromwich men,although keeping up a pretty stiff fusilade,could not score a point,Arthur and Suter always averting their shots.The Rovers broke away twice before the conclusion of the game, but Strachan shot wide of the posts,and just as the whistle sounded Brown put in a hot shot,which Roberts just saved,and the game ended in a victory for the Rovers by two goals to none."

BDP:"At the Derby County Ground,on Saturday,the Blackburn Rovers and Westbromwich Albion met for the second time in the final round of the competiton for the Association Challenge Cup,with the result that the Blackburn Rovers,who won by 2 goals to 0,gained possession of the National trophy for the third year in succession.Since the meeting on the previous Saturday,at Kennington Oval,when the Midland team had distinctly the better of the game,opinions had been equally divided as to the respective chances of the two elevens,and despite the reputation derived by the Rovers by their two previous victories,Westbromwich were equal favourites with the Cupholders.This state of affairs was largely due to the better record of the Albion,who,in the competition,had successively defeated Aston Unity,Wednesbury Old Athletic,Wolverhampton Wanderers,the Old Carthusians,the Old Westminsters,and Small Heath Alliance;while the clubs which had been beaten by the Rovers were Clitheroe,Oswaldtwistle Rovers,Darwen Old Wanderers,Staveley,Brentwood,and the Swifts.A heavy downpour in the morning rendered the prospects of the game not too promissing,but when the time approached for a commencement the weather cleared,and,although threatening once or twice,the rain held off during the progress of the game.The wretched morning had doubtless a prejudicial effect upon the attendance,but at half past three the ropes were lined by quite 12,000 people.The game is fully described below,and needs very little introduction.It may,however,be said that the play in no way realised expectations.

For the first ten minutes Westbromwich appeared to have an easy task in hand,but they fell away,and,though more pressing than pressed,weakness in front of goal proved fatal to their chance.In the second half the Albion generally kept the ball in the Rovers' half,but they never looked like winning,and Brown ending a splendid run,with a second goal the issue was not in doubt.Latterly the Rovers played a purely defensive game,with the result they desired.

A start was made at twenty-five minutes to four,Brown kicking off for the Rovers,who lost the toss.Sourbutts and Fecitt ran down,but the latter was stopped by H.Bell;and then Woodhall getting past Forrest,Loach missed what looked like a good chance.Some very pretty play on the part of the Albion,in which T.Green,Woodhall,Bayliss,and Horton showed most prominently,ensued,the excellent combination amongst the Westbromwich men exciting loud cheering.A corner quickly fell to their share,and the kick being well taken,some loose scrimmages in front of the Blackburn posts took place.Walton got away,but Perry stopped him,and sent in a shot,which Arthur put out.Turner at length relieved his side,and Brown made some good ground until tackled by H.Bell.Just afterwards Fecitt dashed down and tried to score,the ball nearly going between the posts off H.Green.The Albion forwards soon brought the ball down,and though Loach shot wide,Woodhall kept the ball in; and after Douglas had kicked away,Woodhall was again on the ball,and shot just over the bar.From

the kick out Sowerbutts and Fecitt dribbled well until stopped by Timmins;and then occurred some splendid combined play,in which T.Green,Bayliss,Loach,G.Bell,and Timmins all shared.Forrest, however,rescued his side;but a foul given against Sowerbutts,caused Blackburn some trouble.At length Fecitt got away,and,passing to Brown,the latter transferred to Strachan,whose shot was fisted out.Once more Fecitt put in a clever run,and secured a corner for the Rovers.Strachan placed well in the loose play in front of the Albion goal.McIntyre nearly scored,the ball being unwittingly stopped by Brown,who was charging the goalkeeper.Hands for the Rovers gave Forrest a free kick, and a second corner ensued,but it went behind.Then Horton and H.Bell missing Walton missed a goal,while directly afterwards Douglas out of some loose play passed to Sowerbutts,who with a clever kick beat both H.Green and Roberts,and amidst tremendous cheering scored a goal for the Rovers.Directly afterwards the holders again threatened,but Bayliss relieved his side and ran down, but his shot went wide.Then G.Bell obtained a corner off McIntyre,but the kick went behind.From a pass by Forrest Brown kicked over,and after Timmins and G.Bell had secured a third corner for West Bromwich,Strachan and Walton got away,and the latter compelled Roberts to use his hands. Sowerbutts sent the ball through the Albion posts a second time,but was distinctly off-side.In the few minutes before change of ends Timmins and Loach both had shots at goal,but neither proved effective,and at half-time the game stood one goal to none in favour of the Rovers.During the interval,while the teams were changing goals,heavy clouds gathered,and there was every prospect of a smart shower;but the rain kept off,and the latter portion of the game was contested in brilliant sunshine.

The Westbromwich men had evidently benefited considerably by their brief rest,and when the ball was set in motion showed something like their earlier form.The Rovers were content to act mainly on the defensive,for the first five minutes,and play was confined to their quarters,until Fecitt broke away,and being helped by Sourbutts in a dodgy run,got over the Albion goal-line.Clever dribbling by Fecitt,who at this stage was seldom off the ball,gave Strachan a chance,but he shot wide and tamely. Directly afterwards,however,Roberts was called upon to repel a grand shot by Fecitt,which he did with energy;but the defence of the Staffordshire full-backs was faulty,and two or three times the goal was in danger,until G.Bell and Loach ran to the opposite goal.T.Green shot accurately,but Suter cleared.The attack was vigourously maintained,most of the Albion forwards being in a cluster within a few yards of the Rovers' goal,which narrowly escaped capture three times within as many minutes, and though Walton,Strachan,and Brown relieved the pressure,it was only temporary,the Staffordshire men playing up strongly.Two more excellent chances were missed,and then Suter, by a judicious kick,dropped the ball beyond a group of Westbromwich men,where Brown was lying in wait.Avoiding two opponents,the Rovers' centre forward dashed away at a great pace,with the ball seldom more than three or four yards from his feet;and,shaking off H.Green,who was in hot pursuit, shot at goal,and the ball just touching the back of H.Bell,passed between the posts,well out the reach of Roberts.This brilliant feat was enthusiastically cheered,and though with twenty-five minutes still to play,there was ample time for the Westbromwich men to retrieve their position,the second success of the Rovers,scored in such a remarkable manner,had unmistakably a disheartening effect upon their opponents.The Rovers being two goals to the good were content to act more on the defensive than before,and Westbromwich took two corner kicks in quick succession,one being conceded by Arthur,who only just managed to stop a shot by Bayliss.Five minutes from the finish Brown effected another grand dodgy run three-parts the length of the ground,and centred accurately into goal,but Roberts caught the ball and threw away.When the whistle blew play was in

the Albion half, and the Rovers retained possession of the Cup with a victory of 2 goals to 0. The teams were heartily cheered as they returned to the pavilion."

"The Challenge Cup and medals were presented by Major Marindin to the Rovers shortly after the close of the game."

F."Every preparation had been made by the Derby County Club committee to accommodate a vast concourse of people. Additional stand accommodation had been provided almost all round the ground, and this was all well filled, the pavilion crowded, and every coign of vantage taken up, the Racecourse Grand Stand being packed, with the exception of the lowest part, while dozens of people watched the play perched on the frame work on which the starters and jockeys are placed at the race meetings." "...while there was no change in the Albion team, Heyes was left out of the Rovers' eleven, and while Douglas went to half back Walton took the vacant situation on the right wing."

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

West Bromwich Albion: R. Roberts (Goal); H. Green, H. Bell (Backs); E. Horton, C. Perry, G. Timmins (Half Backs); G. Woodhall, T. Green (Right Wing), J.M. Bayliss (Capt.) (Centre), A. Loach, G. Bell (Left Wing).

Umpires J.C. Clegg (Sheffield) and M.P. Betts (Old Harrovians).

Referee: Major F.A. Marindin (President, Football Association).

