

1886/87

FIRST ROUND:

NORTHERN: FIRST DIVISION:

Blackburn Rovers .v. Halliwell  
Astley Bridge .v. Burnley  
Bolton Wanderers .v. South Shore  
Oswaldtwistle Rovers .v. Witton  
Third Lanark(3<sup>rd</sup> LRV) .v. Higher Walton  
Darwen .v. Heart of Midlothian  
Renton .v. Accrington  
Queen's Park(Glasgow) .v. Preston North End

BLACKBURN ROVERS 3 (N.Walton 2,J.T.Ward)  
HALLIWELL 3(D.Hay,Dewhurst 2)(H.T. 2-1)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)  
(At Leamington Ground,Blackburn)

N.B Halliwell scratched before the game,so not a Cup tie.

Blackburn Standard 6/11/86 P.3/Athletic News 2/11/86 P.2 and P.6/Cricket &  
Football Field 30/10/86 P.4:

BLACKBURN TIMES NOT ON LINE

BS:"These teams met in the first round of the English Cup competition,at the Leamington Ground,on Saturday.Halliwell having scratched,little interest was attached to the result as far as the Cup was concerned.The game was witnessed by about 2,500 spectators and as Halliwell placed their full strength in the field, including the ineligible men,an excellent exposition of football took place.The Rovers,having been favoured with the toss,the visitors started the sphere.The home team quickly took up the attack,and nearly scored.Halliwell shortly afterwards experienced hard lines.Some even play followed,each goal being alternately jeopardised,but no tangible advantage was gained until ten minutes had elapsed,when Walton scored an excellent goal for the Rovers.The Rovers continued to have the upper hand for some time,and the visitors' backs and custodian had to defend.The latter effected some marvellous saves,but he was finally beaten a second time by Ward.Some further attempts to score were made by the home eleven,but without avail.Just before half time was announced, Halliwell got in the vicinity of the Rovers' citadel,and Hay obtained their first point.

The Rovers followed up their successes on the re-start with some brilliant play,which resulted in Walton scoring at the end of three minutes' play.The pressure was maintained by the cup holders,but their shots were only weak ones,and consequently the goalkeeper was able to repel them.The way in which the home team baffled the visitors vexed the latter,and they resorted to unfair means in order to gain their object.Robb deliberately kicked Ward and a free kick

was given, but nothing resulted from it. Halliwell at last got the leather in the home territory, and a fine shot by Dewhurst took effect. After another futile attack by the Rovers, the visitors ran down again, but they could not score for a considerable time, Arthur, together with the backs, defending in a praiseworthy manner. The game was contested up to the finish with great vigour, and just before the expiration of time Halliwell made matters equal, the ball rebounding between the posts off one of the players, and the match thus terminated in a draw of three goals each. The Rovers played much better than they have been doing lately, and but for the roughness the visitors infused into the play, would have come off victorious. The Rovers were minus Suter and Costley, whose places were well filled."

AN: "Lofthouse made a grand centre ten minutes after the start, from which Walton scored a rattling goal. The Rovers kept up great pressure on the visitors' goal, but Fairclough defended grandly, and for a long time the Rovers could not score. Shortly before the change Sourbutts made a long centre, and Douglas scored a second goal with a long shot. Halliwell burst away, and Hay scored. Just after the change Sourbutts made a long centre and Walton scored the third for the Rovers, who pressed continuously. Ten minutes from the close Halliwell broke away and Dewhurst scored in the last minute. Ward, in saving, kicked the ball against two of the Halliwell forwards, and it rebounded through the goal."

AN P.6: "As was anticipated, Halliwell put their full strength in the field, and scratched for the Cup tie. They were quite justified in this, as no less than six of their men are not qualified. The Rovers left out Fergie Suter..."

Blackburn Rovers: J.W.H. Arthur (Goal); J. Beverley, J.T. Ward (Backs); J. Heyes, J. Douglas, J.H. Forrest (Half Backs); J.M. Lofthouse, N. Walton (Right Wing), W. Whitehead (Centre), J. Sowerbutts, H.L. Fecitt (Left Wing).

Halliwell: W. Fairclough (Goal); J. Lucas, J. Robb (Backs); J. Derham, W. Walkinshaw, Crossley (Half Backs); Dewhurst, J. Crombie (Right Wing), D. Hay (Centre), Hodgson, D. Weir (Left Wing).

Referee: T. Hindle (Darwen)

ASTLEY BRIDGE 3 (J. Greenwood, J. Ainsworth, Shorrocks)

BURNLEY 3 (Place sen 2, Not traced) (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>)

(Burnley protested about width of ground) (At Astley Meadow, near Bolton)

Blackburn Standard 30/10/86 P.2/Lancashire Evening Post 23/10/86 P.3/  
Athletic News 26/10/86 P.3 and P.7/Cricket & Football Field 23/10/86 P.4/(No full report in Burnley Express):

LEP: ".....the Burnley committee could not place their full strength in the field owing to the want of residential qualification."

BS: "Played at Astley Bridge on Saturday. Sheppard kicked off, and a run was immediately made towards the Burnley goal, Birnie having to save a warm shot in the goal mouth. Maintaining their pressure, Astley Bridge kept up a sharp attack, which resulted in Greenwood, by a low shot, beating McConnell. Keenan, dodging three of the Astley Bridge forwards, passed the ball to Friel, but the Burnley centre shot over the crossbar, and shortly Place sent in a capital shot, which it took Thompson all his time to save. Friel and McCrae did some capital dodging, and McFettridge sent in a well-directed shot, which Thompson saved.

Early in the second half Ainsworth secured the second goal for the home team. Burnley seemed to get demoralised, and the home team had the best of the fight. Burnley then pulled themselves together and scored from a corner. +Brooks now got hurt, and Burnley playing grandly, got another, Place doing the trick. Shorrocks replied with one for the home team, and the excitement became intense when Burnley again scored. Play was exceedingly fast afterwards, but the game ended in a draw of three goals each."

+Evidence that Brooks did play for 2<sup>nd</sup> Greenwood (Astley Bridge had 2 players at half back by that name, but it appears Brooks played in this match).

Lancashire Evening Post 25/10/86 P.4: "Burnley were seriously handicapped in their English Cup tie with Astley Bridge on Saturday. Not only had they to do duty without such men as Gallocher and Waugh, but they had to play on a ground which is certainly not one of the best in Lancashire. "Astley Meadow", as it is designated, is uneven, the grass is long, and the width is certainly less than the 110 yards prescribed in English ties. Under the circumstances Mr Tillotson was well within his rights in taking the precaution to lodge a protest before the match began." "It must not be forgotten, however, that Walter Sugg played in his ordinary costume, Jackson missing his train, and still further handicapping his side."

AN P.7: "Burnley turned up with their full Cup team, with the exception of Jackson, who missed the train, and W. Sugg, the professional cricketer, was played in his stead. The Bridgites kicked off against a slight wind, and early on began to press, Shorrocks shooting the ball through the Burnley posts, but the point was disallowed for off-side. However, shortly afterwards the same player notched a genuine goal, the game standing at one goal to nil in favour of Astley Bridge at half time. Resuming the home team had the best of it, and Ainsworth scored a second goal. Brooks, of Astley Bridge, now had his ankle hurt, and while he was absent Burnley obtained two corners in about five minutes, and scored twice, making the game two each. Again the Bridge played well, and from "hands" in the Burnley goal they scored their third goal. Burnley now pressed, and from a throw in, close to goal, the game was once more made equal-three goals each-at which it ended." (Report on P.3 gives wrong score) (No teams)

Astley Bridge: J. Thompson (Goal); R. Sleigh, R. Hamer (Backs); J. Greenwood, W. Thompson, Brooks (Half Backs); Shorrocks, J. Ainsworth, Sheppard, J. Scholes, E. Ainslie (Forwards).

Burnley:J.McConnell(Goal);Whitaker,Birnie(Backs);Jack Keenan,W.McFettridge, H.Smith(Half Backs);R.McCrae,W.Place Snr,Dannie Friel(Centre),Walter Sugg, Howarth (Forwards).

Referee:F.Norris

REPLAY:Sat October 30<sup>th</sup> (At Turf Moor,Burnley)

BURNLEY 2 (Not traced.,+Keenan) ASTLEY BRIDGE 2(Not traced)(H.T. 0-1)  
(At Turf Moor,Burnley) +Source?

(N.B. Burnley fielded a weak team because only half of first team eligible)

Blackburn Standard 6/11/86 P.3/Athletic News 2/11/86 P.2(No full report in Burnley Express)/Cricket & Football Field 30/10/86 P.4(No teams):

BS:"This undecided tie was played off on Saturday,at Turf Moor,Burnley.Friel,for Burnley,kicked off at 3.30.During the first half the play was of an even character, the back divisions being called upon to officiate often,and this they did very creditably.The forward play was rather tame and loose during this half,the visitors notching one goal to Burnley none.The play during the second half was of a very hot character,the decisions of the referee being loudly condemned by the Burnley sympathisers.The game ended in a tie,the score being two goals each."

Burnley :J.McConnell(Goal);Birnie,Whittaker(Backs);J.Keenan,Jackson,H.Smith (Half Backs);R.McCrae,W.Place Snr.(Right Wing),D.Friel(Centre),Fulton, W.McFettridge (Left Wing).

Astley Bridge:G.Hudson(Goal);R.Hamer,R.Sleigh(Backs);J.Greenwood, W.Thompson, J.Ainsworth(Half Backs); T.Shorrocks,L.Scholes(Right Wing), J.Thompson(Centre),E.Ainslie,J.Scholes(Left Wing).

(N.B. J.Thompson played in Goal in first game and in Second Round but as Centre Forward in this match)

Referee:Mitchell(Eagley).

Sheffield Independent 15/11/86 P.4 "Astley Bridge .v. Burnley .This cup tie was expected to have been played for the third time on Saturday,the two previous encounters resulting in ties.Mr Alcock,secretary to the Association has,however, written to the Astley Bridge Secretary saying the match must not be played because they had played their Umpire at Burnley and thus rendered themselves liable to suspension.The match is thus in abeyance for the present."

(Burnley were later disqualified).

BOLTON WANDERERS 5 (J.Hewitson,J.K.Davenport 2,W.G.Struthers,P.Howarth)  
SOUTH SHORE (Blackpool) 3 (Watson 2,Walsh)(H.T. 3-2) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)(At Pike's  
Lane)

Cricket & Football Field 30/10/86 P.4/Blackpool Herald 5/11/86 P.3/Blackburn  
Standard 6/11/86 P.3(No teams)/Athletic News 2/11/86 P.2 and P.7(No  
teams):

C&FF:"This tie in the English Cup competition was played on the Pike-lane enclosure this afternoon,in the presence of 2,000 spectators.The Wanderers put their +full strength in the field,having recollections,perhaps,of the surprise the Shoreites occasioned last season when they unexpectedly threw Notts out of the same competition.The home team kicked off,half an hour late,and at once the visitors assumed the attack,getting the leather to the home end by vigorous play.Here some exciting play occurred,and despite the energetic resistance offered by Trainor and the backs,the Blackpool forwards rushed the leather through,thus drawing the first blood in a little over a minute from the start,the success being enthusiastically applauded.A minute later the Wanderers equalised from the foot of Hewitson,but the visitors played up spiritedly,and not much time had elapsed when Watson gave them the lead again,through Holden missing his kick.The visitors showed splendid combination,and seriously jeopardised the Bolton goal,but Steel came to the rescue and the next minute Davenport shot the second point for his side,these varying successes causing much amusement.An abortive corner to each side followed,and then for a long time the Wanderers had by far the best of it,but the custodian and backs defended well,and nearly a quarter of an hour elapsed ere the Wanderers scored a third point,Struthers doing the needful.An appeal that the ball did not go under the bar fell through.A brief attack followed on the home citadel,where the seashiders were conceded a couple of corners,and then for a period the game was pretty evenly contested,half time arriving with the Wanderers leading by three goals to two.

On re-starting the Wanderers early on attacked,but they were soon forced back,and play being transferred to their own end,Walsh made the game three each.Then ensued some warm scrimmaging in Blackpool territory,which Howarth terminated by registering the home team's fourth goal,after some good play by Struthers.The home team for a time overplayed their opponents,and Davenport,who was well fed by Holden,recorded the fifth point.The game continued exciting in the vicinity of the Blackpool goal,but the custodian exhibited splendid form,and prevented any further scoring,the result being a win for the Wanderers by five to three."

BH:"Winning the toss,Walsh had choice of goals,but there was no wind;the sun,however,was awkward,and Walsh set his men to play with all advantages.Struthers at once commenced.South Shore immediately led on the attack,and by splendid combination Watson got the ball past Trainor;and a few minutes later Hewitson put the ball out of reach of Langley.Both sides had to act on the defensive,and then Watson,getting the ball from the others,again scored-amidst tremendous cheering.Trainor was left standing with a disconsolate look on his

face, and this success aroused the visitors to remarkable things. Their combination was perfect, and for a time they actually pressed the Wanderers. Trainor had shots to clear from each side, Jefferson, Parr, and the two Elstons doing splendidly. Before half-time Davenport again made the score equal. Corners for both sides followed. Heaton had a nasty fall. Dakin and Moore defended stoutly, but Struthers put his side in front once more. Half-time: Wanderers, three goals; South Shore, two.

Again South Shore pressed the Wanderers. Elston passed the ball to his brother, who had a close thing. Trainor had to clear away, and then Watson almost scored. The Bolton team were forced back, and from a corner kick Walsh equalised again. Then Langley had a turn, and for twenty minutes his goal was kept intact. Moore missed his kick - his only one - and Howarth, getting past him, scored a fourth goal, and shortly after Holden got a fifth. No more scoring took place, though towards the finish the South Shore pressed, and the match ended - Bolton Wanderers, five goals; South Shore, (three)"

+AN P.7: "(Bolton were) ..weakened by two absentees, these being their best back, Parkinson, and their most go-ahead forward, the burly Brogan." "Parkinson sen. filled Brogan's place, and did uncommonly well, although he lacks the Irishman's speed and screwing powers."

Bolton Evening News 1/11/86 P.3 "The Wanderers ....were without Jim Parkinson and Brogan."

Bolton: J. Trainor (Goal); J. Holden, J. McKernon (Backs); P. Bullough, W. Steel, R. Roberts (Half Backs); J. Parkinson, J. K. Davenport, W. G. Struthers, J. Hewitson, P. Howarth.

N.B. Doubt persists about spelling Trainor/Trainer

South Shore: Langley (Goal); Dakin, Moore (Backs); Walsh, Heaton, Sharples (Half Backs); Jefferson, Watson, Robert D. Elston, Parr, Richard Elston (Forwards).

Referee: J. Duxbury (Darwen/Lancashire Association).

OSWALDTWISTLE ROVERS 2 (Not traced) WITTON 3 (Not traced)  
(H.T. 1-2) (At Oswaldtwistle) (Sat Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Blackburn Standard 30/10/86 P.2 / Manchester Courier 25/10/86 P.3 (No teams):

BS: "Played at Oswaldtwistle. The Rovers won the toss, and played down hill with the sun at their backs. Witton kicked off, and in five minutes from the start the Rovers scored amid great cheering, the match being played before about 2,000 spectators. In about ten minutes the visitors equalised. This roused the home team, who were playing with great dash, and, passing splendidly, Witton scored again before half time. State of the game at half time: -Witton two; Rovers one.

When ends were changed the Rovers led the pace, the backs and forwards playing in splendid fashion. Ten minutes before "Time" the visitors scored an easy goal, and the Rovers scored before "Time", thus leaving Witton to pass into the second round by three goals to two."

Oswaldtwistle: J. Savage (Goal); Bibby, J. Hargreaves (Backs); R. Wardle, Gregory, Roberts (Half Backs) Wilkinson, Hacking, W. Whittam, J. Kirkham, F. Fallon (Forwards).

Witton: Sharples (Goal); Smith, F. Shorrocks (Backs); Whiteside, W. Almond, R. Pickering (Half Backs); Duckworth, T. Grimshaw, Strachan, Thompson, Monk (Forwards).

Referee: Bramham.

THIRD LANARK 5 (W. Thomson, J. Marshall 2, D. McIntyre, W. Park) HIGHER WALTON 0 (H.T. 5-0) (At Cathkin Park, Glasgow) (Sat Oct 16<sup>th</sup>)

Glasgow Evening Post 16/10/86 P.3/Blackburn Standard 23/10/86 P.2/  
Glasgow Herald 18/10/86 P.10:

GEP/BS: "This, the first of the English Cup ties played in Scotland, was decided on Saturday at Cathkin Park, Glasgow. The weather was all that could be desired, and despite the recent rain the ground was in capital order. The Waltonians lost the toss and kicked off. The Volunteers' left wing ran the ball up close to the visitors' lines, but the right back of Walton, with a strong kick, placed the ball in mid-field, and a splendid run up the stand side compelled the Volunteers to concede a corner, which, though well placed, came to nothing. The home team got a corner, which was also landed nicely in front of goal. The ball was dribbled to mid-field by the visitors, but Weir sent it up to his forwards, and, after a short dribble in front of goal, Thomson scored the first goal for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lanark after exactly five minutes play. A goal and two corner kicks in five minutes shows how even the game was so far. The kick-off was taken down to Campbell, but Flint, by a very good piece of tackling, obtained possession, and passing to Marshall, the latter made more ground. The visitors left drove the ball down the field, and the Walton forwards had an open goal, but the final shot was wide. The Volunteers, working along a strong kick from the goalkeeper, were at the English goal in a minute, and Marshall, seeing an opening, placed a second goal to the credit of the home team. After some twenty minutes' play, during which the visitors' custodian turned out several high shots, McIntyre put on a third point for the home team, which was followed not long afterwards by a fourth, which Park scored, although there was some diversity of opinion whether Park was off-side or not. The Walton forwards had a look in, and caused Campbell a little uneasiness, but the backs were equal to the occasion, and the scene of operations was again in English territory, and within a few minutes of half time Marshall notched a fifth point. No further scoring took place in this period.

In the second half the game was a very poor exhibition, and the Waltonians had quite as much of it as their opponents. Higher Walton obtained a couple of corners, and Campbell had to strike out twice. The right wing of the visitors (Doyle and Iddon) were always noticeable, and from that quarter the Volunteers experienced much trouble. The game proceeded at a very slow pace, and in the whole of the second half there were very few incidents of note. Towards the close the Volunteers had a couple of corner kicks, and the visitors' custodian played a very good game, several times footing out several good shots. Neither team could score further, and the game ended in a win for the Volunteers by five goals to none."

GH: "The 3<sup>rd</sup> L.R.V., who have entered this season for the English Cup, played off their tie in the first round of the competition, at Cathkin Park, their opponents being Higher Walton, a club hailing from the Midlands, but comparatively unknown in Scotland. The home side had their strongest eleven, while the strangers were fully represented. The Englishmen, having lost the toss, kicked off against a slight breeze, but the Volunteers at once ran the ball up. The Walton men, however, came down slowly in a body, and obtained a corner, from which the home forwards got the leather, and made off, the run resulting in a scrimmage, in which Auld, a half back, all but scored from a long high kick. The Walton custodian was in grand form, and saved quite a number of hard shots, for which he was repeatedly cheered. Thomson obtained possession and dribbled nicely through his opponents, finishing up by a pretty low shot, which no goalkeeper could have stopped. Following up their success, the home men kept up the pressure, but the Walton backs, although having a hard time of it, frustrated all attempts to score. Naylor and Jackson came away in a nice left wing run, and very nearly lowered the Volunteers' colours. Again the Cathkin men were busy in front of Collings's charge. After a lot of general play, Marshall was successful in sending the leather home for the second time. Up to half time the Volunteers had the game in hand. With the exception of the occasional breakaway, the Waltonians could not emerge out of their own ground. The home forwards kept peppering away, and managed to put on three more goals—M'Intyre, Park, and Marshall being the performers respectively.

The second half was more evenly contested than the first. Iddon and Doyle, on the visitors' right, put on a lot of hard work, while the back division, in which Sharples, Coulston, and Rose were most conspicuous, kept the Volunteer forwards from having too much their own way. Nothing more in the way of scoring was effected, and the game ended—3<sup>rd</sup> Lanark 5; Higher Walton, 0. The best men in the Walton ranks were Jackson, Iddon, and Doyle, forward; and Sharples, Dailey, and Rose behind. Collings is a good goalkeeper. The Third did not play up to what is expected of them. The play was loose considering their experience and reputation. Taking advantage of the occasion, the whole eleven, especially the rear division, did not exert themselves."

Third Lanark: Collie Campbell (Goal); A. Flint, W. Hamilton (Backs); J. Weir, J. Auld, C. Weir (Half Backs); J. Marshall, W. Thomson (Right Wing), W. Park (Centre), D. M'Intyre, W. Johnstone (Left Wing).

Higher Walton: Jos. Collins (Goal); T. Sharples, T. Daley (Backs); Robert Ward, W. Rose, T. Coulston (Half Backs); J. Doyle, T. Iddon (Right Wing), W. Mather (Centre), W. Jackson, T. Naylor (Left Wing).

Referee: Walter Crichton (Rangers F.C.)

DARWEN 7 (Slater, Nightingale 4, Broughton, Rostron) HEARTS 1 (McKay)  
(H.T. 4-1) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>) (At Barley Bank Meadows, Darwen)

Glasgow Herald 1/11/86 P.9 / Cricket & Football Field 30/10/86 P.4 /  
Blackburn Standard 6/11/86 P.3 / Athletic News 2/11/86 P.2 / Sportsman  
1/11/86 P.4 / North British Daily Mail 1/11/86 P.6 (Very short report with teams  
but no scorers):

GH: "These teams met at Darwen in the presence of 2,000 spectators to play off their tie in the above competition. The Hearts were the first to put in an appearance, Darwen following shortly after. The ground was in a heavy condition, which rendered play rather less interesting. Hearts won the toss, and Rostron kicked off five minutes after the advertised time. A temporary visit to the Darwen goal was cut short by the magnificent play of Owen and Leach, and the Scotchmen were put on their mettle, Gibson being called upon to stop a swift low shot from Owen, which he did in a splendid manner. After ten minutes' play, McKay scored a good goal for the visitors, and two minutes later a pass by Haresnape to Slater, ended in the latter beating Gibson, making the game equal. A splendid run on the right by Haresnape was kicked behind. Henderson headed in but Marsden cleared, and the ball was put outside. Hands off Fairweather ended in a corner for Darwen. Ashton put the leather nicely in but Fairweather got away luckily. The game was fought in real earnest, Darwen having the best of the play. The home team now forced Gibson to kick out, and the ball being nicely put in, Nightingale scored the second goal with a splendid screw shot amid tremendous applause. Keeping up the pressure, "Tot" (Rostron) caused Adams to concede a corner, but the ball was kicked over. Jenkinson now raced down the field, but kicked past the post. The home forwards now worked up, and Rostron would certainly have scored, but was fouled in front of goal. The free kick was got away, but Nightingale retaliated shortly after with a good shot, which Gibson failed to stop. Fairweather saved three beautiful shots in succession from Nightingale, Rostron, and Owen respectively. Broughton defeated Gibson for the fourth time. Ashton next put in a good shot, which Broughton headed out, but the whistle sounded for half time.  
(H.T. 4-1)

A scrimmage in front of the Hearts' goal, and Nightingale scored from a pass by Haresnape two minutes after the interval, whilst Owen shot over the bar just afterwards. Darwen continued to press, but the grand defence of Adams and Fairweather kept them from scoring further. The Scotchmen now had hard lines. Play was now more even. The visitors became dangerous, but Marsden kicked away in the nick of time. Gibson was again called upon, and a minute later Leach was forced to give a corner. Hands in front of the Scotch goal looked bad, but Ashton kicked behind. The visitors next scored from Henderson, but that player

was palpably offside, and the goal was disallowed. The Hearts were again to the fore, and a good header would have been successful had Henderson (who was offside) not touched the ball. The home team pressed heavily and were awarded a free kick through Whyte handling. A minute afterwards Henderson sent in a beauty, and Nightingale put a final touch to it, thus scoring goal No 6. Gibson next stopped two hot shots in succession, Darwen fairly pressing the visitors. Ashton was now disabled for a few minutes by a kick from M'Kay, and play was stopped. Gibson now did some splendid work. Owen hit the crossbar, and Rostron scored the seventh goal from an overhead kick. This proved to be the last point of interest and the game ended in a splendid victory for Darwen by 7 goals to 1."

+English papers give Jenkinson as the scorer(see below)

BS/AN:"On the Barley Bank Meadows, before 2,000 spectators. Heavy rain fell in the morning, causing the ground to be very heavy. Rostron kicked off at 3.20 for the home team, and the forwards rushed down the field. Owen essayed the final shot, which proved futile. The play was transferred to the other end, and \*Jenkinson scored for "The Hearts" ten minutes from the start. Immediately after, from a miss-kick by Fairweather at back, Slater equalised. This was followed by two more in quick succession from the foot of Nightingale. The home lot at this period were playing a "demon game". Several times the Scotchmen broke away, but their final shots were sent too high above the bar. The score at half time was four goals to one in favour of Darwen.

On re-starting the Scotchmen worked up, and pressed for some time, but the backs repulsed them time after time. Darwen still kept up their fine play, and notched three more goals, the Scotchmen having two goals disallowed for offside. Final result: Darwen, seven goals; Hearts of Midlothian, one goal." (No teams) \*C&FF gives the same scorer

Darwen: Isherwood (Goal); J. Marsden, Leach (Backs); A. Thornber, D. Owen, R. Ashton (Half Backs); Haresnape, Broughton, T. Rostron, Nightingale, Slater (Forwards).

Hearts : Gibson (Goal); Adams, Fairweather (Backs); Whyte, Aitken, Fraser (Half Backs); Jenkinson, McKay, Henderson, Brackenridge, Wood (Forwards).

Referee: J. Lewis (Blackburn Rovers)

RENTON 1 (J.M. Campbell) ACCRINGTON 0 (H.T. 0-0) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>) (At Renton)

Glasgow Herald 1/11/86 P.9/Blackburn Standard 6/11/86 P.3/Athletic News 2/11/86 P.2 and P.6/British Northern Daily Mail 1/11/86 P.6/Cricket & Football Field 30/10/86 P.4:

BS/AN:"At Renton on Saturday. Renton kicked off and Accrington at once took up the pressure. A hard shot from Malpas went a clear yard through the posts, but the referee did not see it, and gave the defenders the benefit of the doubt. The "reds" still kept pressing, but at length Renton broke away, and the leather was

put past Horne;but "offside" had previously been whistled,and neither side had scored up to half time.

The second half was hotly contested,but Renton had the best of it,and Campbell defeated Horne close on time.Accrington were,of course,handicapped by having +McClennan,Bryce,and Bonar off-the two former ineligible,and the latter, although he went with the team,was in no fit condition to play.McBeth,though indisposed,took his place.Result:Renton one goal; Accrington,none."

GH:"..At this point-10 minutes from the start-M'Intyre,a Renton centre,was injured ,and his team thereafter had to play without his services."

"At half time neither side had scored.With the change of ends the strangers followed up their kick off with a rush,and secured a corner,but it was futile. Renton now showed improved play,and during the remainder of the game kept play very much in Accrington territory.Several dangerous shots were smartly punted out by Horne,and the backs made a strong defence.The game looked as if to end in a draw,but at ten minutes from time Renton had a corner which was entrusted to J.M'Call,who placed the ball with great accuracy,and McNee headed it into goal,and Campbell rushing in scored for Renton amid great cheering.At call of time the game was unchanged."

BNDM:"When ten minutes were played a combined run was made by the Accrington forwards,and a capital shot was made by Malpass.Lindsay was charged,and before he succeeded in throwing away the ball,it was claimed that it was through.To many the goal appeared to be a fair one,but the referee decided against the strangers.Both teams fought with renewed energy,and for a time the game was exceedingly fast,the strangers,however,showing more science.Twenty minutes from the close of the first half M'Intyre had to retire hurt.Five minutes later Campbell scored a goal for Renton,but it was a clear case of off-side,and the point was not allowed."

"For the first few minutes of the second half the Accrington men showed up well, but after that matters took a sudden turn,and the Rentonians,hemming in the Englishmen,forced them to act for the most part on the defensive.Their defence and goalkeeping was simply magnificent,and it was not till ten minutes before the finish that Renton scored a clever goal,Campbell doing the needful."

Renton:J.Lindsay(Goal);A.B.Hannah,A.McColl(Backs);R.Kelso,A.McKechnie(Half Backs);McNee,J.Kelly,A.Barbour,J.McColl,McIntyre,J.M.Campbell(Forwards).

Accrington: Johnny K.Horne(Goal); J.Stevenson,S.Singleton(Backs);G.Haworth, Malpass,Chippendale(Half Backs);Mackereth,J.Whittaker(Right Wing), Conway(Centre),Macbeth,Jack Yates(Left Wing).

Referee:Phillips(Newcastle)

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) 0

PRESTON NORTH END 3 (J.B.Gordon,F.Dewhurst,J.D.Ross(jun.))

(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)(At Hampden Park,Glasgow)

Glasgow Evening Post 30/10/86 P.2/Glasgow Herald 1/11/86 P.9/British Northern Daily Mail 1/11/86 P.6(Very long report)/Blackburn Standard 6/11/86 P.3/Preston Herald 3/11/86 P.3(No teams)/Sportsman 1/11/86 P4/Field 6/11/86 P.684/Athletic News 2/11/86 P.2/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 1/11/86 P.4/Cricket & Football Field 30/10/86 P.4/Sporting Life 1/11/86 P.4:

GEP:"This match,postponed from the 16<sup>th</sup> inst.,was played this afternoon at Hampden Park.The tie was to have been played a fortnight ago,but Preston North End,owing to some of its players being required for an inter-association match by the Lancashire Association,had to request the Queen's Park to consent to a postponement.This the Scotch premier club willingly agreed to do.In this way the decision of the tie was unavoidably left over until the last day.The rules of the English Association expressly stipulate that clubs leaving the settlement of their tie to the last day must take the risk of disqualification,unless the reason for the delay be satisfactory.The clubs engaged at Hampden Park have no reason to be anxious on this head,but preparations had been made for an extra half an hour being played should the match stand drawn at the end of the stipulated hour-and-a-half.The Preston team arrived in Glasgow yesterday evening,and put up at the Bedford Hotel.Special trains conveyed to Glasgow from Lancashire some 800 enthusiasts who manifested their presence by encouraging shouts to their favourites.The match had during the last month excited the greatest possible interest.Indeed,the interest taken in it was international.This was due to the fact that the professional team had on September 25<sup>th</sup> inflicted a very severe defeat on the Queen's Park,a defeat unparalleled in its history.No other team had ever defeated the Queen's Park by such a majority as six goals to one.This defeat took the football world by surprise,and drew attention anew to the professional question,and made it very apparent that amateurs cannot hold their own against "pros".The Preston North End and Queen's Park had met at the end of last season immediately after the legalisation of professionalism,and with a very weak team the Scotch club were within an ace of defeating the Lancashire cracks, who managed to make a draw in the very last minute to the no small chagrin of the supporters of the home team.Thus,the clubs have only previously met on two occasions.The present is the third game played.The Queen's Park on September 25<sup>th</sup> were found in a very weak condition,but had in the interval paid attention to training,and their condition on entering the field gave every satisfaction to their friends,who felt that,whatever the result,the Queen's Park team on this occasion would do credit to itself,and should defeat come its way,the defeat would not be an ignominious one.It is surprising what amount of interest was taken in the match.Crowds of people wended their way in the direction of Hampden Park early in the afternoon,determined to be in time;while the procession of vehicles usual when a match of international importance is down for decision,was to be found on the road leading to the splendid ground of the Queen's Park.The accomodation at Hampden Park was taxed to the uttermost,and both stands were filled to overflowing.The many points of 'vantage within and outside were early seized on,and the whole appearance of the place and its surroundings

proved, if proof were necessary, what a hold the Association game has on the Scottish public. The Queen's Park had a couple of changes in their team from the one that has previously done duty against North End, and the team was slightly rearranged forward. A. Hamilton and W. Harrower reappeared in the team, and Lambie partnered the former. The North End had also two changes in their team. Wharton, the well-known sprinter, kept goal, vice Rose, who had not the necessary registration qualification, and Goodhall too, being in the same position, had to step aside, his place being filled by Thomson. The weather during the past few days has been dull and wet, but had not much effect on the splendid turf, which was in the best possible order. When the game commenced there could not have been less than 8,000 people present. Punctually at the advertised time the teams entered the field in the following order-(teams)

"The Queen's Park having lost the toss kicked off. Arnott, who captained the team for the day, set the ball in motion. The North End came up on the left, but Arnott, and then Smellie, drove them back. In the minute or two, by some excellent play on the part of J. Allan, Sommerville, and D.S. Allan, the ball was brought along the pavilion side, and a well-judged pass to J. Allan enabled him to send in a stinger to Wharton, who stopped it, but had to give a corner. Though the ball was well placed by D.S. Allan it was got safely away. The visitors dashed up along the left wing, headed by Drummond, and in their turn also had a corner, but it, too, was fruitless. A foul occurred in Queen's Park territory, which landed right in front of Gillespie's charge and after a short scrimmage the ball went through, the Preston men drawing first blood after some eight minutes' play. The point was a very lucky one. The battle went on, the play being very fast, the Queen's Park forwards making a very fair appearance at this early period of the game, their passing being particularly good. Preston so far had not shown that combination which had led them to victory in the last match. Their backs, however, made ample amends, as they played very steadily indeed. The play so far had been very even, and the ball travelled all over the field, hanging pretty-much about the middle-line. The Queen's Park backs were playing as steady as rocks, and were preventing the well-known shooting powers of the North End finding play. The best forward in the Q.P. team was undoubtedly Harrower, who at one time roused the enthusiasm of the Queen's Park followers by a brilliant piece of dribbling right down the field, for which he was loudly cheered. Ross, however, stopped him, and the Queen's Park were now forcing the pace, the ultimate reward being a corner, Wharton touching the ball on the line. D.S. Allan took the corner, but the ball was worked away, and Gordon and Ross rushed up to Arnott, whom they eluded, and Gillespie's charge had a very narrow escape. Hamilton next got the ball into North End territory, but off-side was given against Sommerville. He, however, soon afterwards, made a grand shot, which, however, was just a little too high. When half an hour of this exciting play had passed, the visitors had an opportunity of scoring, and Thomson, lying off-side, put the ball past Gillespie, but the point was disallowed on appeal. Half-time was now rapidly approaching, and the game, so even was the play, might still be anybody's. The Q.P. had at this period somewhat the best of it, and made the visiting backs show what they are made of. The home team came up on the English goal, but could not pass Ross. Thomson and Drummond raised the siege, and the former gave Gillespie a hot one to hold, while the custodian did his job cleanly. The Queen's Park were

again in the visitors' territory, and they were baulked by a foul. Still the professionals would not be denied, and Gillespie had a few anxious moments just before the whistle sounded the right about. The game in its opening period, had been very exciting, and there was really not a pin's point of difference between the two teams. Gillespie got the most to do, it is true, which is entirely due to the form displayed by the North End backs. If the Q.P. could only keep it up the day might be theirs. Nothing further was done before the teams changed ends with Preston North End leading by one goal to none.

After a few minutes' interval, the Preston North End restarted the game, and the ball was at once past the home lines. The Q.P. made a little ground but soon lost it, and a splendid shot from the post of Thomson hit the top of the bar and went over. The North End had for the first few minutes the best of the play, the Queen's Park forwards losing ground solely through a slowness in getting rid of the ball. This dallying proved a dangerous game against such professors of the art as Preston North End. After a few minutes general play the visitors obtained a couple of corners, from the second of which Dewhurst headed through a second goal for North End ten minutes after crossing over. Shortly after one of the North End forwards got hurt, and the game was stopped a minute or two. Just before this Gillespie had twice to save his charge. The professionals had decidedly the best of the game, and gave the home backs plenty to do. There was no falling off in that department, however. For the first time in this period Wharton had to strike out the home forwards at last making an impression on Ross and Howarth. There was a decided lull in the game, and the play became less exciting. The home team got a foul from a free kick and Wharton had again to use his hands a corner falling to the Queen's Park. The ball was, however, taken out of danger by Ross, junior. The Lancastrians now showed a disposition to trip, and once or twice the crowd expressed their disapproval of the kicking-out tactics displayed. When closely pressed by the Queen's Park, another foul was given for a trip. Wharton's charge was in great jeopardy, but the backs did all that was necessary. Each team now pressed in turn, and the visitors about ten minutes from the close had another corner. Hamilton and Lambie, however, changed the field of operations to North End ground, and some open play happened there. The play was, however, far from exciting, but all the same the attention of the enormous crowd, was riveted on the game, and the supporters of the home team held their breath as the ball hung on the English goal. It was not to be, however, and the Queen's Park had in their turn to act on the defensive. The right and left wings of the Queen's Park were always noticeable. Little fault could be found in their play. Within a few minutes of time, the North End came down on the home goal, and a slanting shot from the foot of Ross, jun., placed North End in a majority of three goals to none. The play for the last few minutes was decidedly slow, the professionals evidently relaxing their efforts to some extent. There was one very pressing attack on Gillespie's charge, but a foul gave a little relief. Long before this the crowd had commenced to disperse, all interest in the game having ceased. The score remained unaltered, and at the finish the victory rested with Preston North End by three goals to none."

F: "Although Saturday was a busy day in Association circles, all other fixtures sank into insignificance in comparison with this, and no match, not even an

international, ever excited anything approaching to the interest now engendered. To every football follower the whys and the wherefores of the enthusiasm are well known and need not be repeated. The fact itself was apparent, and "the gate" was the bearer of eloquent testimony. It was unparalleled—a best on record for Scotland, however it may stand south of the Tweed. No fewer than 15,200 actually paid for admission, in addition to which the dead-heads were out to a man, and, as the surrounding heights were crowded, upwards of 20,000 spectators must have viewed the play. Ground and stands were closely packed, and by those privileged to witness the sight it will not be readily forgotten."

BS: "The great Cup tie between the above named clubs came off on Saturday, before above 15,000 spectators, at Hampden Park, Glasgow. The ground was in good condition notwithstanding the recent rain, and there was only a slight wind, which blew across the ground from the pavilion side. All the preliminaries having been arranged, the home team kicked off. Drummond and Dewhurst at once made headway, but Arnott and Smellie returned, and the home left rushed down, J. Allan getting near Wharton, who had a shot to stop close to the upright. The result was a corner, which, though well placed, was of no use, for the ball was quickly taken up the visitors' left, and a corner won. A free kick for hands next fell to North End on the left, which was well put in by Ross, and after a short scrimmage Gordon kicked the ball under the bar, well out of the reach of Gillespie, thus scoring for North End. This was seven minutes from the start and was heartily cheered by the spectators from Preston. Queen's Park now played up vigorously, and fully tested the visitors' defence, which was, however, fully equal to the occasion. The Queen's won a corner, and had a free kick for hands not far from Wharton, but Graham headed away, and the visitors' forwards once more went up the field with a good display of passing, but Gow, Smellie, and Arnott were very smart in tackling. After some dodging play by J. Allan on the one side and Dewhurst on the other, free kicks were given in turn to both clubs for fouling the ball. Nothing, however, was gained by these advantages, and North End showed better play than their opponents, and ultimately the ball was passed over the home goal line. A combined run in which J. Allan, Somerville, and Hamilton took part, terminated in a similar manner at the other end of the field. This was followed by excellent defensive kicking on the part of Smellie, who was ably assisted by Stewart and Gow at half back, and the pressure on the Queen's goal was ultimately relieved by Harrower with a fine run. A corner kick here fell to the Queen's Park, but although the ball was centred by D. Allan, the Preston left came away in a body, and from a pass by Dewhurst, Gordon sent in a difficult shot which Gillespie barely succeeded in saving. A corner kick next fell to the visitors, and some exciting work in front of goal was followed by a run along the right by Hamilton. On being tackled he passed the ball to Somerville, who was in a favourable position for shooting, but being offside a free kick was given to the North End. The game at this stage was of an open character. A swift shot by Lambie resulted in the ball passing over the Preston bar, while almost immediately a splendid run was started by the North End forwards, and the ball being passed to Thomson, that player experienced no difficulty in placing it beyond the reach of Gillespie. The score was, however, on appeal, disallowed on the ground that Thomson had infringed the offside rule. The home team played hard, Harrower, Hamilton, and J. Allan trying desperately to make progress but the

grand tackling of Graham,Russell,with Ross and Howarth behind,effectively prevented any danger.Once J.Allan and his partner dashed up the left,and Howarth,in tackling,fell but held possession of the ball between his knees.Amid cries of “kick him”,the forwards tried to get the ball loose,but Howarth stuck to his charge like a bulldog until Ross ran across,and scattering his opponents,got the ball and kicked it to his forwards,amid considerable applause.The North End forwards were again near scoring,and Gillespie had to clear a shot from Ross, jun. A free kick shortly fell to the Prestonians,but though both teams worked hard,half-time arrived without further scoring,and with the record in favour of North End by a goal to none.

The second portion of the game started with a run led by the North End left,on the Queen’s Park goal,and during the first few minutes the play was in front of the home posts.A temporary relief was afforded from a long kick by Smellie,but almost immediately the ball was returned,and Ross,jun. grazed the home crossbar by a very clever shot,while Arnott luckily stopped a scorcher from Gordon.The Queen’s Park then showed good play,but North End overmatched them at every point,and the second of two corner kicks in succession was converted into a goal,Dewhurst cleverly heading the leather beyond the reach of Gillespie.This score for the North End was obtained after about ten minutes’ play.Dewhurst was just afterwards winded through attempting to charge Gillespie.The Queen’s Park subsequently made occasional appearances near their opponents’ goal,chiefly through the exertions of Hamilton and J.Allan,but although encouraged by cries of “Play-up,Queen’s”,they seldom caused the Preston goalkeeper,Wharton,any anxiety.The opinion at this stage of the game was freely expressed that had it not been for the capital defence of Smellie at back,the score against the Queen’s would have been much heavier.The Queen’s, however,pulled themselves together,and Wharton was called upon to save his charge.After this both goals were in turn visited,and for some time the play was of a more open nature.Preston again bore down on the Hampden Park goal,and just as Gordon was steadying for a shot,Gow came to the rescue,although his timely assistance gave a corner to North End.The ball was well centred,but after some hard work the goal was relieved.This was followed by one of the most exciting passages of the game,the home forwards having surrounded Wharton, and on a couple of occasions the ball was all but forced through the Preston uprights.One of a series of attacks on the Queen’s goal ultimately resulted in a third point being registered for North End,the final kick being taken by Ross,junr. Queen’s Park tried all they knew to break through the visitors’ defence,and once Lambie let an excellent chance by,putting the ball over the bar.Thomson put the ball past Gillespie just as the whistle was sounded for hands against Drummond.  
\*An interruption was caused by Ross,junr. fouling Harrower,a free kick being awarded to the home team,and Ross,jun. cautioned by the referee.Directly afterwards the game ended with the result –North End,three goals;Queen’s Park,none.”

\*This caused a problem at the end of the game(see GEP Report and P.114-115 of Queen’s Park History)

Queen’s Park :G.Gillespie(Goal);W.Arnott,R.Smellie(Backs);A.Stewart,J.J.Gow(Half

Backs);J.A.Lambie,A.Hamilton(Right Wing),G.Somerville,W.Harrower(Centres),  
J.S.Allan,D.S.Allan(Left Wing).

P.N.E. :A.Wharton(Goal);N.J.Ross,R.Howarth(Backs);A.Robertson,D.Russell,  
J.Graham(Half Backs);J.D.Ross,J.B.Gordon(Right),S.Thomson(Centre),  
G.Drummond,F.Dewhurst(Left).

Umpires:Suddell for Preston and Marton for Renton.  
Referee:W.H.Jope(Wednesbury).

#### NORTHERN:SECOND DIVISION:

Everton .v. Glasgow Rangers  
Darwen Old Wanderers .v. Cowlairst(Glasgow)  
Fleetwood Rangers .v. Newton Heath  
Blackburn Park Road .v. Cliftonville (Belfast)  
Blackburn Olympic .v. Partick Thistle  
Church .v. Rawtenstall  
Bootle .v. Great Lever  
Rossendale,a bye

EVERTON 0 RANGERS 1(C.Heggie)  
(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)(At Anfield Road,Liverpool)

(Everton scratched before the game so not in fact a Cup Tie)

Liverpool Mercury 1/11/86 P.7/Sportsman 1/11/86 P.4/Cricket & Football  
Field 30/10/86 P.4/Glasgow Herald 1/11/86 P.9/British National Daily Mail  
1/11/86 P.6:

Everton Complete Record p.174:"Entered for the first time and drawn against  
Glasgow Rangers but scratched because +some of the players used in the  
eventual 1-0 defeat by Rangers would have been ineligible for the F.A. Cup."(No  
lineup) +"three of the leading home players"(Athletic News)

LM:"Lawrie again menaced the Everton citadel,and after Joliffe had made a grand  
effort to avert disaster,Heggie gave him no chance with a shot at a yard distance."

GH/BNDM:"This match was played at Anfield Road,Liverpool in the presence of  
6,000 spectators.The ground was in bad condition,but the enclosure presented a  
very animated appearance,the alterations which have been effected inducing to  
increased comforts all round.The Rangers played their strongest eleven,and  
Everton,being desirous of measuring their strength with the famous Scotch team,  
scratched at the commencement,playing their full strength.Richards kicked off  
for Everton,and the Rangers at once took up the attack.Lawrie made a fine  
dribble down the left,his shot being finely repelled by Joliffe,the Everton  
custodian.For a time the home team were hard pressed,and after some beautiful  
play by Fraser,Heggie,and Lawrie,the centre forward scored very cleverly for the

Rangers fifteen minutes from the start. Everton were for a time disorganised, and with difficulty got into their opponents' territory. Briscoe and Fleming came out prettily once or twice, and Farmer essayed several long shots to no purpose. For a long time severe pressure was brought to bear on the home citadel, numerous corners falling to the Rangers. Everton, however, gradually improved, and towards the end of the first half play became more even. Briscoe, after a neat dribble, passed most judiciously to Costley, that player's shot being with difficulty negotiated by Chalmers. The attack on the Rangers' goal continued unpleasantly persistent, and Costley struck the corner of the upright with a scorcher. At half time the Rangers were a goal to the good.

The latter half of the game was if anything in favour of Everton. The Rangers' defence was far more severely tested, and almost gave way on numerous occasions. To commence, the Rangers got down to the home goal, where play remained for a period. Farmer and Costley several times ran down the Everton left, but for a time their efforts were easily frustrated by the powerful opposing defence. They gradually wore the visitors down, and nothing but sheer hard luck prevented Everton from equalising. Costley missed a grand chance, which had been brought about by the joint efforts of Fleming and Briscoe. Fraser was exceedingly active on the Rangers' left putting in some grand runs, but the Everton defence improved, Dobson and Dick being very watchful. Heggie came clear away once, but Joliffe with fine judgment, prevented what appeared a certain goal. Higgins, on the other hand, put in a shot which was only dealt with by the exercise of brilliant play by Chalmers. Lawrie sprinted at a great rate towards the finish, and again the Everton goal was menaced. No further score occurred, and a well-fought game ended in favour of Rangers by 1 goal to 0." (No lineups)

C&FF: "The visit of the crack Glasgow team to Anfield Road has been looked forward to with great interest. During the week there have been rumours that Everton intended to scratch and play their full team, Dobson, Gibson, and Farmer being ineligible."

"Everton scratched and played their full team. Everton started and immediately Lawrie ran down grandly, his shot being splendidly stopped by Joliffe. Briscoe then took the play into the Rangers' quarters, but Heggie and Fraser quickly returned, and two corners fell to the visitors, who continued to have the best of it, Heggie scoring the first goal 15 minutes from the start. Everton played better now, and obtained two corners, splendidly placed by Costley, and excellent play on the right, menacing the Rangers' goal. A beautiful dribble by Briscoe ended in Costley shooting hard at Chambers, who gallantly responded, but Everton immediately had the hardest lines. At half-time the Rangers were one goal to Everton nil.

The Everton men commenced well in the second half, and for a time had the best of it. The forwards passed well but shot badly, and experienced hard lines. The Rangers then played up better and faster, putting in splendid runs, and once Heggie got clear away, but Joliffe managed to save. The Rangers claimed for a goal off a free kick, but it was disallowed, and an even game ended in favour of the Rangers by one goal to nil."

Everton:C.Joliffe(Goal);G.Dobson,A.Dick(Backs);E.Corey,A.Gibson,M.Higgins(Half Backs);G.Fleming,W.Briscoe(Right Wing),Richards(Centre),G.Farmer J.Costley (Left Wing).

Rangers:W.Chalmers(Goal);D.R.Gow,J.McCartney(Backs);J.Cameron,J.McIntyre, J.Muir(Half Backs);R.Fraser,A.Peacock, C.Heggie(Centre),J.Buchanan,M.Lawrie (Forwards) .

Referee:J.J.Bentley(Bolton).

DARWEN OLD WANDERERS 1 (Wilds) COWLAIRS 4 (A.Bishop 2,Small, McPherson) (H.T. 1-2)(Sat Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>)(At Sudel Side Ground)

Cricket & Football Field 23/10/86 P.4/Blackburn Standard 30/10/86 P.2/  
Preston Herald 27/10/86 P.7/Northern British Daily Mail 25/10/86 P.6/  
Glasgow Herald 25/10/86 P.9(No detailed report)/Athletic News 26/10/86 Ps.3  
and 7(No teams)/Sporting Life 25/10/86 P. /Lancashire Evening Post 25/10/86  
P.4(No teams)

C&FF/BS/PH:"Played on Sudel Side Ground,on Saturday,before 600 spectators. Clelland kicked off for the visitors at 3.20.Bishop essayed the first shot,which proved futile.Shorrock and Hamer on the left wing then put in some neat play, and the Wanderers pressed,but the ball was got away and some fierce play took place at the other end.The Scotchmen were robbed of a clear goal by Moor(house) stopping a hot shot close in.The free kick was well got away,and play was kept in mid-field for some time.At length Bishop broke away and scored the first goal. This was followed soon after by another,Small on the left heading it through.The Wanderers now woke up and played a more dashing game,and from a good run and centre by Eccles,Wild(s) scored,and the half time result being Cowlairs,two goals,Old Wanderers,one.

On resuming the Cowlairs men played a dashing game, penning the home team in their goal,and scoring two more goals.Bury,by his smart play,saved his side from a still heavier defeat.Towards the close,the Scotchmen were pressed,but the defence was intact,the final result being-Cowlairs,four;Old Wanderers,one."

NBDM:" These two clubs met in the first round of the National Cup competition, but it was universally voted as an easy thing for the Scotchmen,and,although the weather was delightful,there were less than 1,000 spectators present.The Wanderers won the toss,but there was no advantage with the wind,and M'Clelland kicked off for the visitors at 3.20,when Almond received,and the home team got dangerously close to the visitors' citadel.M'Leod returned and forced two corners.The visitors continued to press,and Bury saved a high shot.Caws(on) and Eccles raced down the field,Grey just clearing in time.From a foul in front of the Wanderers' goal a hot scrimmage took place,but the ball was worked away. Cowlairs pressed again,and scored 17 minutes from start,Bishop putting the leather through.Keeping up the pressure,the second goal was scored two

minutes later,+Small on the left heading it through.(McCorquodale) raced down, and caused Bury to save,and Dunbar kicked over the bar.Moorhouse gave Cowlairs two corners,both of which were useless.The home team now played well,but M'Leod kept them at bay,his clean kicking being greatly admired.Hands in front of the Wanderers' goal was got away be Eccles,and a run up the field by Wilde ended in that player scoring the best goal of the day just before the interval,so that at half time Cowlairs were two goals to Wanderers one.

After the change of ends the Wanderers fairly pressed the visitors,but were unfortunate.Bishop scored for Cowlairs seven minutes from interval.The home team were again to the fore,causing Carphin to run out with the ball in order to save,but the Wanderers did not claim a free kick,and the leather was got away luckily.M'Pherson made a long shot,which took effect through Moorhouse getting in front of Bury.Play from now on was very even,without further score,although the home team had bad luck.Cowlairs,therefore,won a good game by four goals to one.M'Leod and M'Pherson played a splendid defence for the Cowlairs,and Pearson,Wilde,and Cawson worked hard for the Wanderers."(No teams).

+Not M'Call

Darwen O.W. :Bury(Goal);Pilkington,Moorhouse(Backs);Black,Pearson,Almond (Half Backs);Eccles,Cawson(Right Wing),Wilds(Centre),Hamer,Shorrocks(Left Wing).

(GH/SL/AN P.7 have Waring for Black)CHECK BLACKBURN TIMES HAS BLACK AS IN BS

Cowlairs:R.Carphin(Goal);J.Grey,J.M'Leod(Backs);E.Russell,P.Gallacher, J.McPherson(Half Backs);A.Bishop,McCorquodale(Right Wing),M'Clellan(Centre), Dunbar,Small (Left Wing).

Initials added from later rounds?Galachiel AN 26/10/86 P.7

Umpire :Miller .

Referee:Mr Evans(Liverpool and District Association)

FLEETWOOD RANGERS 2 (+W.Wright,H.P.Fisher)NEWTON HEATH 2 (J.Doughty 2)(H.T. 1-1)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)(H.T.1-1)

+BH has W.Bennett scoring the first goal(see below) (Newton Heath scorer from MUCR)

N.B. :Fleetwood Express and Fleetwood Chronicle at BML both in Poor Condition

Blackpool Herald 5/11/86 P.3/Manchester Courier 1/11/86 P.3(No lineups)/ Athletic News 2/11/86 P.6:

BH: "Ever since it became known that the Copse favourites were drawn against the fast rising team representing the railway works at Newton Heath great interest and speculation has been centred in the event, and, as was to be expected, Fleetwood enthusiasts turned out in strong force to witness the match. Fortunately the afternoon was fine, but with their usual luck on cup days rain had fallen heavily during the early part of Saturday morning, a fact which had caused the ground to be in a very greasy state and totally unfit to play such an important match on. Mr Fitzroy Norris, one of the best authorities on football, was the referee appointed, and at the time of kicking off not less than 2,000 persons must have been present. The visitors winning the toss, elected to defend the Copse end, and at eight minutes past three o'clock the teams faced each other as follows : (See below). "

"Previous, however, to commencing the game, the visitors scratched to the Rangers, owing to their having put their full team on the field, several of whom were not eligible. Bennett kicked off, and Robinson and Sandham shot at goal, but without effect. After a goal kick had been allowed the home team, Bennett headed in a beauty, but Powell averted all danger, with a long kick, which, owing to the home backs having gone too far up the field, let in Doughty, but Anderton cleared in time. Robinson then raced up the field with the ball, and when near his opponents' goal Burke very foully charged him in the back, and Robinson, flying on his face received an accidental kick on the head from the foot of Powell. This piece of horse play was totally disapproved of by the spectators, who freely demonstrated their indignation by hooting, much to the chagrin of the visitors. Robinson left the field for a few minutes, and during his absence Bennett sent in a hot one, which Powell very cleverly headed out. The visitors then became dangerous, but Anderton saved at the expense of a corner, which Roskell put out of all dispute by lifting the leather down the field. About now Robinson reappeared on the field, when he received quite an ovation. At the other end Powell gave a corner, which Robinson put behind. The home team continued to hold the upper hand, but the slippery state of the ground and the fine back play prevented them from scoring. Making a desperate attempt the visitors broke away, and with some good passing, scored, when the game was only ten minutes old. An abortive corner was then acceded to the Rangers, after which Fisher neatly centred, but without effect. Bennett, not to be denied, sent a stinger into Backett's hands, and Wright shot over. A well-meant shot from Patterson enabled Bennett to equalise (Powell missing his kick) amid tremendous cheering. After Yates had cleared a dangerous shot play for a time was transferred to the visitors' territory, but Davies and Gotheridge breaking away forced Anderton to fist out. About now the visitors' half back kicked Stirzaker on the thigh, and he had to be carried off the field, and remained off for the rest of the "first half". Playing with ten men, the Newton Heath men had a look in, but Anderton saved a good shot, by giving a corner, which eventually was put into touch. After the leather had been put over the bar at each end, Anderton fisted out a shot which Roskell almost put through his own goal. Wright missed a golden opportunity of scoring, and Powell gave a corner, but before the kick could be placed the referee sounded half-time, score "one all".

After about five minutes rest Doughty started the ball, which was run down to the visitors' end, but Powell eventually saved, and at the other end Anderton had to use his hands to a shot which Butcher kicked into his own goal. Roskell gave a corner, and after Wright had cleared, Robinson dribbled the length of the field, but was fouled at the finish, and thus lost a good chance of shooting. A few minutes later, however, Fisher placed his side first amidst vociferous cheering. Seven minutes later Gotheridge neutralised the point, and from now to the end of the game the home team did all the pressing, and on one occasion Wright and Bennett had the goal at their mercy but failed to shoot in time. Bennett put the ball through a third time, but none of the home players claiming for a point it was not allowed. During the last twenty minutes the visitors were simply "not in it", as the Rangers forwards completely outplayed them at every point, but their stubborn defence prevented any further scoring, and the game was left drawn - two goals each. Newton refused to play any extra time, and thus the Copse men comfortably pass into the second round of the competition."

Manchester Courier 1/11/86 P.3 (No lineups): "Played at Fleetwood on Saturday before 2,000 spectators. Newton brought Powell and other (in)eligible men, and scratched to the Rangers, but played a friendly game. The first half was very even, each side scoring only once, though one of the Rangers was incapacitated early in the second half. The Rangers scored early, and for a time looked like winning, but before the finish Newton equalised, and the game ended in a draw - two goals each."

AN: "The visitors took a full team, intending to win, playing Powell, who was ineligible, at full back. Newton Heath, by good passing, scored in ten minutes, and Powell missing his kick, enabled Wright to equalise a few minutes later. At half time the score was one goal each. Fisher then scored a second goal for the Rangers in ten minutes. The visitors immediately equalised, and the Rangers pressed hard up to "Time", but were unfortunate in shooting. Score: - Two goals each. Newton Heath refused to play an extra half hour, scratching to the Rangers on account of the ineligible player." (No teams)

Fleetwood: M. Anderton (Goal); W. Butcher, J. Roskell (Backs); F. Yates, J. Sandham, G. Stirzaker (Half Backs); J. R. Robinson, W. Wright (Right Wing), W. Bennett (Centre), J. Patterson, H. P. Fisher (Left Wing).

(Initials taken from same team in 2<sup>nd</sup> Round match)

Newton Heath: T. Beckett (Goal); A. Powell, J. Mitchell (Backs); T. Burke, + Joe E. Davies, E. Howells (Half Backs); J. Earp, Longton (Right Wing), J. Doughty (Centre), J. Gotheridge, ++ L. Davies (Left Wing).

+ J. E. Davies and ++ L. Davies respectively in MUCR P.376 and/or career records but ++ H. Davies in AN and E. Davies in BH

Referee: Fitzroy Norris.

BLACKBURN PARK ROAD 2 (Nuttall,Reynolds)  
CLIFTONVILLE(Belfast) 2 (Dobbin,Turner) (H.T. 1-2)(Sat Oct 9<sup>th</sup>)(At Blackburn)

Blackburn Standard 16/10/86 P.2/Belfast News Letter 11/10/86 P.7/Northern Whig 11/10/86 0.7/Cricket & Football Field 9/10/86 P.4(Short Report No teams)/Athletic News 12/10/86 P.3/Sporting Life 11/10/86 P.4/Sportsman 12/10/86 P.4:

BS/BNL:"The only Irish club entered in the National Cup competition visited Lancashire on Saturday,and played Blackburn Park Road,on the ground of the latter before four thousand spectators.It was arranged to play 40 minutes each way,and as the appointed referee was late,a start was made with a substitute.At 3.20,Cliftonville having won the toss,Green kicked off,and only ten minutes elapsed before the home team scored,Nuttall shooting the ball past Gillespie. Almost immediately afterwards Park-road lost Oddie,who fell awkwardly and broke his left arm.With 10 men,however,they played well,though 20 minutes after the start Dobbie,with a low shot,made totals equal,and before half time Turner got a second for the Irishmen,Miller charging the goalkeeper over.In the second half the Englishmen had all the best of the play,but Gillespie played wonderfully well,and was lucky in the stoppage of certain goals.

About ten minutes after half time Park-road got a free kick for hands in front of the Irish goal,and Grimshaw took the kick,but only moved the ball a few feet to Reynolds, who shot the ball in,making the score two all.From now to the finish the Park-road had all the best of the contest,but could not score,and the result was a draw,the game having to be replayed at Belfast on or before Oct. 30."

C&FF:"Played at Blackburn before 2,000 spectators.Nuttall scored just after the start for Park Road.Then Oddie(Park Road right wing player)fell and broke his left forearm,which left the home team with ten men.Dobbin and Turner scored for the Irishmen,who lead by a goal at half-time.Eight minutes after the change Reynolds equalised the game,which was exciting to the finish.Gillespie(Irish goal keeper) performed wonders."

Blackburn P.Rd. :Bradley(Goal);Readhead,Frankland(Backs);Isherwood, Reynolds,Grimshaw(Half Backs);Oddie,O'Hare(Right Wing),Greene(Centre), Nuttall,Riding(Left Wing).

Cliftonville :R.Gillespie(Goal);F.Browne,Stewart(Backs);A.Rosbottom, T.B.Molyneaux,R.A.Baxter(Half Backs);A.R.Elleman,J.Barrett(Right Wing),Miller (Centre),Turner,Dobbin(Left Wing).

Referee:T.Hindle(Lancashire Association).

REPLAY:Sat Oct 23rd

CLIFTONVILLE (Belfast) 7 (Turner 4,Grimshaw(o.g.),Barry 2)  
BLACKBURN PARK ROAD 2 (Greene 2)(H.T. 3-1)(At Belfast)

(No report found in Belfast News Letter but teams for the match in 23/10/86 paper)

Belfast News Letter 23/10/86 P.3(Preview and teams only)/Blackburn Standard 30/10/86 P.2/Manchester Courier 25/10/86 P.3/Athletic News 26/10/86 P.3/Sporting Life 25/10/86 P.4/Referee 24/10/86 P.6:  
BNL: ".....each side is playing its strongest XI"

BS:"This match was played at Belfast on Saturday.The home team won the toss, and Reynolds kicked off.The play was very even for the first fifteen minutes, when Cliftonville came with a rush,and from an exciting scrummage in front of goal,Turner scored.Although Cliftonville had by no means the best of the play, two more goals were added,one by Turner,and the other by a miskick by Grimshaw.Shortly before half time Greene scored for the visitors.Result at half time,Cliftonville three goals,Blackburn,one.

In the second half Cliftonville added four more goals-Turner two,and Barry two;and Greene scored a second for Blackburn,leaving the home team winners by seven goals to two.The teams dined together after the match."

Cliftonville:R.Gillespie(Goal);F.Browne,Stewart(Backs);A.Rosbottom, T.B.Molyneux,R.A.Baxter(Half Backs);A.R.Elleman,McPherson, J.Barry, Dobbin,Turner(Forwards).

Blackburn Park Road:Bradley(Goal);Frankland,Redhead(Backs);Isherwood, Grimshaw,Catterall(Half Backs);Dunne,Green,Reynolds,Riding,Haydock (Forwards).

Referee:F.Sinclair(Irish Football Association).

BLACKBURN OLYMPIC 1(J.Hunter) PARTICK THISTLE 3 (A.Johnson,W.Paul 2) (H.T. 0-3)(At the Hole-i'th-Wall Ground,Blackburn) (Sat Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Blackburn Standard 30/10/86 P.2/British Northern Daily Mail 25/10/86 P.6/  
Glasgow Herald 25/10/86 P.9(No detailed report)/Lancashire Evening Post 23/10/86 P.3/Athletic News 26/10/86 P.3/ Cricket & Football Field 23/10/86 P.4/Sportsman 25/10/86 P.4/Sporting Life 25/10/86 P.4:

LEP:"Exactly 12 minutes after the kick off Johnstone scored the first goal for the visitors,with an easy low shot.The event surprised everybody as it was seemingly obtained without any effort.Immediately after the re-start a hot scrummage took place in the very mouth of the Scotch goal,and the Light Blues had hard lines in not scoring.Five minutes later Paul secured a second goal for the visitors,which caused as much surprise as the previous one.He took a straight shot from a distance of about 30 yards and,shaving the grass,the ball skimmed through one corner of the goal without a foot being lifted to stop it.Another five minutes elapsed,and Paul scored a third goal.This was splendidly got,the ball being worked up by short passing,and suddenly jerked into the goal."

“Within the first quarter of an hour after the change of ends Duff had twice to scoop the ball out of his citadel pretty smartly, and on the second occasion Hunter returned it through the goal amid cheers, and great enthusiasm prevailed. The home team tried hard to retrieve their position, but the game was pretty even, and neither side could score.”

BS/C&FF: “Played at Hole-i’th-Wall on Saturday. The weather was fine, but the attendance only moderate. The Thistle kicked off at 3.10, and the Olympic at once gained a triplet of throws, but the ball went out. Then the Scotchmen returned, winning a corner, followed by another, but these proved futile, and pressing, the Olympic forced the ball over the opposite line. The Olympic had the best of the game for a long time. Hothersall missed a couple of chances, but shot each time over the bar, and Carlyle followed by shooting just outside. The Scotchmen seemed partially lost, but woke up by and by, and after a smart run down, Johnson shot past Noble, securing their first goal. This was followed by a corner, and shortly after Suter shot over, and then Paul obtained the second goal. The Thistleites were now playing up better, and after a clever run on the right, Young centred, the Olympic backs mullied, and Paul screwed through the posts the third goal for the visitors. The Olympic not at all disheartened played up pluckily. The Thistle showed fine combination, and Suter made a splendid run and shot, Noble putting out two shots in fine style. Half time came with the game standing: Thistle, three goals; Olympic, 0.

The Thistle put the leather through soon after the re-start, but being offside it was disallowed. Then the Olympic ran down, Gill shot, and a goal was claimed, the Light Blues alleging Duff to be over the line in repelling. Soon after, however, the ball was centred from the right, and Hunter shot clean through. The Olympic now played up, but the backs’ play was strong and the Scotchmen had the upper hand. Final result: Partick Thistle, three goals; Olympic, one.”

BNDM: “A rush was made by R. Marshall and Young, just fifteen minutes after the start, which resulted in Johnson shooting the ball past the Olympic goal keeper.” “A brief respite was effected by the Lancashire, and then Paul and J. Marshall made a nice run, which ended in a stiff scrimmage taking place in the mouth of the Olympic goal. The ball was got out of danger, but a quick return was made, and Paul, with a sharp low shot, registered the second goal for Partick. Only a few minutes elapsed before Paul got the ball again after a throw-in, and he had no trouble in registering a third goal for his side.”

“The game was not very old in the second half when Johnson got the ball from R. Marshall, and passing to Suter the latter shot the ball through the Olympic goal, but the point was promptly disallowed, Suter on the right wing being clearly offside. After this the Olympic had hard lines in not scoring, as Gill sent the ball into the hands of Duff, who fumbled it on the ground, and then rolled it away. It was claimed that the ball had gone through the posts, but this was not contemplated by the referee, and the game proceeded. Carlisle next shot the leather into Duff’s hands, and though he knocked it out, Hunter from half back, sent it back straight, and the Scotch goal keeper being charged over, the first goal was registered for the Olympic. After this the Partick adopted defensive tactics,

and although the Olympics several times broke down the defence, M'Lean and Duff could not be beaten, and Partick left the field winners by three goals to one. The Scotchmen played a grand game, the backs being cool and strong, and the forwards were always well on the ball, and passed neatly. The Olympics were weak in goal and at the back." (No teams)

Blackburn Olympic : Noble (Goal); Fletcher, James Southworth (Backs); (J.) Cook, Jack Hunter, T. Gibson (Half Backs); Marshall, Carlisle (Right Wing), W. ("Tich") Parker (Centre), Jack Hothersall, Gill (Left Wing) + "Tich"

(AN/GH/SM/SL/LEP have Garner for Marshall: Shooting Stars Olympic History P.74 gives Marshall)(BS gives Marshall)

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Partick Thistle: A. Duff (Goal); John Hendry, Walter McLean (Backs); Robert Robertson, Andrew Milliken, Half Backs); Robert Marshall, John Young (Right Wing), William Paul, John Marshall (Centres) + Jervis Suter, A. Johns (t)on (Left Wing). + Brother of Fergie Suter, of Blackburn Rovers

Referee: Tom Hindle (Darwen) (Hon Treasurer Law Association).

CHURCH 1 (Beresford) RAWTENSTALL 1 (Not traced)  
(H.T. 1-0) (F.T. 1-1) (After Extra Time) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>) (At Church)

Blackburn Standard 6/11/86 P.3/Athletic News 2/11/86 P.2:

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BS/AN: "At Church before 2,000 spectators. Directly after the kick off Rawtenstall took the ball down, and had hard lines in not scoring. The home team then had a good run down the left, but (Holden's) final shot went wide. The play was very exciting, the Church forwards shooting very bad, and losing many easy chances through their dribbling. From a good centre by Gregson, Beresford shot the first goal for Church. During the remainder of the first half Church pressed Rawtenstall, but without avail.

Going off with a dash, Rawtenstall nearly scored at the beginning of the second half, but Robinson relieved in time. Not to be denied, the visitors came on again, and amidst a scene of wild excitement, equalised. This raised their hopes, and they played up with spirit. Church now played up desperately, Gregson and Holden sending in some stinging shots. Then the visitors' goalkeeper had to repel four fast shots in succession. The game ended in a draw, though an extra half hour had to be played."

Church: Thorpe (Goal); B. Robinson, J. Wood (Backs); W. Wood, Taylor, Gastall (Half Backs); Beresford, Smith, Fielden, Gregson, Holden (Forwards).

Rawtenstall :Kay(Goal);Barnes,Lord(Backs);Spencer,Harper,Entwistle(Half Backs);Pickup,Andrews,Crawford,Kirk,Riley(Forwards).

REPLAY :Sat Nov 13<sup>th</sup> :

RAWTENSTALL 1 (Andrews) CHURCH 7(Holden 3,Beresford,Walker,Smith, Another) (H.T. 1-1)(At Haslingdon)

Blackburn Standard 20/11/86 P.3/Preston Herald 17/11/86 P.3/Sportsman 15/11/86 P.4:

BS:/PH"Played at Rawtenstall on Saturday before 2,000 spectators.The weather was miserable and the ground in such a fearful condition that Church lodged an objection.During the first half Rawtenstall played down the hill,and kept up a warm attack on their opponents' goal.Church played with spirit,and Holden scored,the ball rolling just inside the post.Nothing of importance occurred for some time,but in about 25 minutes Andrews equalised,amid great cheering.The game became very exciting,and Lord robbed Beresford in the nick of time,while Fielden shot over the bar,and at the other end the ball was put offside the post. The play was very fast;Walker missed an easy chance and half-time was called with the game one each.

On the resumption Church made a vigorous attack on the Rawtenstall goal,but the danger was averted,and the play was confined to midfield.One of the Rawtestall backs missed his kick,and Holden again scored.Four more goals followed in quick succession,the points being scored by Beresford,Holden, Walker,and Smith. Result-Church seven goals,Rawtenstall one goal."(1 goal "missing")(No teams)

SM:"This match was played at Haslingden on Saturday before one thousand two hundred spectators in showery weather.+Crawford kicked off for Rawtenstall shortly after three o'clock,down the incline.The play was very quick throughout, and each goal was alternately attacked.After fifteen minutes' play Holden scored for Church,and in thirty-five minutes,Andrews for the home team.The ball was now shot over by both sides several times,and at half-time the score stood one goal each.Soon after play was resumed Church secured a corner,but it availed nothing,and their opponents had a free kick with the same result.The ball was kept in the vicinity of the Rawtenstall goal,and in fifteen minutes Holden scored a second time.Subsequently Walker and Beresford scored,the result at the finish being Church,seven goals Rawtenstall,one."

Rawtenstall:Kay(Goal);Lord,Barnes(Backs);Harper,Entwistle,Spencer(Half Backs);Andrews,Pickup,Crawford(+Centre),Riley,Kirk(Forwards).(SM)

Church:Thorpe(Goal);B.Robinson,J.Wood(Backs);W.Woods,Taylor,Gastall(Half Backs);Fielden,Smith,Beresford,Holden,Walker(Forwards).(SM)

Referee:L.Fish(Darwen).

BOOTLE 2 (W.Routledge,F.Woods) GREAT LEVER 4 (Hall,Fairhurst,Barnes, Unknown)(H.T. 2-3)(At Hawthorne Road,Bootle) (Sat Oct 16<sup>th</sup>)

Liverpool Mercury 18/10/86 P.7/Athletic News 19/10/86 P.3 and P.7/Cricket & Football Field 16/10/86 P.4(No teams):

LM: "Neither Galbraith, Wilding, nor Roberts was qualified, through some technical informality, and the younger Veitch could not get away from his work, so that Francis, Eyton Jones, and Macgowan were called upon to occupy the vacant positions." (Under "Football Notes")

LM: "This match was played at Hawthorne road on Saturday, in the presence of some 3,000 spectators. The incessant rain of last week had rendered the ground soft, and the Stanley-road goal proved very difficult to reduce owing to the state of the ground in front. Great Lever kicked off, and the home team, getting the advantage, came away well; but the visitors took up the running until stayed by Heys. Then the Bootle forwards got right out, and took a couple of corners to no effect. Play now became fast and exciting, the visitors showing some neat passing and fine defence. Both goals were in turn assailed, but in each case the final effort was wild. Then Lever came out prettily and won a corner. Nicely placed, the ball was sent home by Hall five minutes from the start. Encouraged by this early success, Great Lever played up finely, but Bootle had several excellent chances and much hard luck. Again going down in a pretty concerted run, the ball was sent in from the visitors' left, and in his attempt to head the ball away, the Bootle captain impeded the sight of his custodian, who was again beaten. Bootle next strained every nerve, and considerable pressure was brought to bear on their opponents' goal. Anderson at this time dribbled splendidly, and sent in some fine centres from the left wing, one of which Routledge turned to account. Aided by the wind, Bootle continued to have the best of the argument, and a strong attempt of the visitors to break through was foiled by Veitch, who returned the ball with a huge kick. Play became fast and exciting once more, each goal being again in turn assailed. The visitors won a corner and were hardly driven back, when Bootle again took up the attack, but were singularly feeble in front of goal. A splendid combined run of the visitors brought danger to the Bootle citadel, and though Roberts made a gallant effort to save his charge, the ball passed for a third time under the bar. The home team did not appear disconcerted by the serious aspect of affairs, and made several determined assaults on the Lever goal, which Unsworth defended grandly. Morris twice hit the crossbar, and two corners fell to Bootle, but the weakness in front grew more pronounced. It was, for a time, a sort of practice in "kicking in" so far as Bootle was concerned; and they certainly showed a need for this particular practice. Anderson again attracted notice by his close dribbling, and from one of his centres a hot scrimmage in front of the Great Lever goal ended in Woods rushing up, and at last notching a second goal for Bootle.

The second half was greatly in favour of Bootle, for the visitors' forwards fell off sadly, their efforts contrasting greatly with their efforts in the first half. The assault on the Lever goal was constant, but Smethurst, at full back, and Unsworth, in goal, were not to be beaten; and although the bar was twice struck, and the ball

on one occasion hit the inside of one of the uprights,it rebounded into play.Ten minutes from the finish Holt was badly hurt,near his own goal,and after his retirement the home team "threw up the sponge",and Great Lever scored a fourth goal,and won by 4 goals to 2.Had Bootle exhibited a fraction of their usual skill in attack they must have won,but the visitors deserve every encouragement for their victory,as they were decidedly cleverer than their opponents in front of goal."

AN(P.3):"Played at Bootle before three thousand spectators.During the first half of the game Great Lever scored three goals,to two.Afterwards play was very even. Bootle were unable to score,but Great Lever notched another point,leaving the result:-Great Lever,four goals;Bootle,two goals."

AN(P.7):"In the first half of the game the Leverites showed such strong play that no fewer than three goals were registered,the performers being Hall,Fairhurst, and Barnes.Meanwhile,however,the home team were by no means inactive,as Bootle twice successfully besieged the visitors' fortress.Subsequently,the play ran in similar grooves,but while the Lever added a further goal,every effort of the Bootle men was successfully repulsed,and thus the latter were defeated by four goals to two."

Bootle:R.Roberts(Goal);T.Veitch,D.Francis(Backs);J.Holt,F.Woods,E.Heys (Half Backs);R.Anderson,A.Eyton Jones,D.Macgowan,W.H.Routledge, T.Morris(Forwards).

(Initials from AFS but AN has O.Francis for D.Francis and A.Heys for E.Heys).

Great Lever:Unsworth(Goal);Casey,Smethurst(Backs);Dawber,Lomax,Fairhurst (Half Backs);Barnes,Richardson,Standish,Livesey,Hall(Forwards)

ROSSENDALE,bye.

NORTHERN: THIRD DIVISION:

Burton Swifts .v. Crosswell Brewery(Oldbury)  
Wolverhampton Wanderers .v. Matlock  
Derby Junction .v. St George's,Wellington(Salop)  
West Bromwich Albion .v. Burton Wanderers  
Small Heath Alliance .v. Mitchell St George's  
Aston Villa .v. Wednesbury Old Athletic  
Aston Unity .v. Derby County  
Birmingham Excelsior .v. Derby Midland  
Derby St Lukes .v. Walsall Town

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BURTON SWIFTS 0 +CROSSWELLS BREWERY (OLDBURY) 1(Bunn)(H.T. 0-0)  
(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)(At Burton-on-Trent)

+Langley Maltings Factory,Western Road,Oldbury

NO LINEUPS TRACED

Burton Chronicle 4/11/86 P.3:"This match was played on the Swifts' Ground, Shrobnall Street.The game was well contested and it was not until about half a minute before the call of time that the visitors scored,thus winning by one goal to none."(No lineups)

Lancashire Evening Post 1/11/86 P.4/Nottingham Evening Post 30/11/86 P.3/  
Athletic News 2/11/86 P.2:"Played at Burton-on-Trent today in front of 1,500 spectators,and in rather drizzling weather,which made the ground rather slippery.Two teams were never better matched,and an intensely exciting game was played,without any point resulting until ten seconds before the call of time, when Crosswell's scored a goal,amid great applause,and won by one goal to nil."(No lineups)

Birmingham Daily Post 1/11/86 P.7/Lichfield Mercury 5/11/86 P.7:"This English Cup tie took place at Burton,before a good assemblage.The Swifts kicked off,and each side obtained fruitless corners.The ball was taken to the visitors' goal,and a rattling shot proved too high.Afterwards excellent play was exhibited by both teams,and it looked as if it would end in a draw until a couple of minutes from the close,when Bunn rushed the ball through for the visitors. Result: Brewery 1 to Burton 0."(No lineups)

Burton Swifts:(Not traced)

Crosswells Brewery:(Not traced)

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 6 (H.Allen,T.Hunter,B.Griffiths 2,J.Brodie 2)  
MATLOCK 0  
(H.T. 3-0) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup> )(At Dudley Road Grounds,Wolverhampton)

WOLVERHAMPTON EXPRESS AND STAR AND MIDLAND COUNTIES EXPRESS  
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CHRONICLE HARD COPY AVAILABLE AT BML

N.B.Midland Counties Express not available for years concerned

Athletic News 2/11/86 P.8 "Gossip" gives a critique of the game

Lichfield Mercury 5/11/86 P.7:"This match was played on Saturday at the Dudley Road Grounds,Wolverhampton,before a moderate attendance of spectators.In the first half the home team,playing downhill,had altogether the best of the game.Within ten minutes of commencing play,Allen obtained their

first goal, and T. Hunter soon after headed the ball through from a \*corner kick, and gained a second point for the same team. The succession of narrow escapes for the Matlock citadel which followed culminated in a third goal for the Wanderers, kicked by B. Griffiths after a capital run down the field.

The resumption of play after half time was marked by no interruption of this one-sided game. Immediately after the recommencement a fourth goal was obtained, Hunter passing, and J. Brodie putting through the ball. For the ensuing quarter of an hour the contest was carried on almost exclusively in the Matlock's quarters; but the good defensive play of their opponents prevented during that time another addition to the Wanderers' score. Finally, however, two more goals were obtained against the Derbyshire team, put through by Brodie and Griffiths respectively. Towards the conclusion of the game the visitors broke away once or twice, and carried the ball to the vicinity of the Wanderers' posts, but without scoring. The game therefore concluded - Wanderers, six; Matlock, nil." (No lineups)

\*AN: "Allen scored directly for the home team, another being added from a magnificent corner by Lowder."

Sporting Life 1/11/86 P.4: "This match, in the first round, was played at Wolverhampton on Saturday, and proved to be of a very one-sided character. The Wanderers soon commenced scoring, and had placed three goals to their credit by half-time. A like number were scored in the second half, and the game ended in their favour by six goals to none." (No teams)

Sportsman 1/11/86 P.4: "Played at Wolverhampton on Saturday before one thousand spectators. Brodie scored three of the goals."

Wolves: I. Griffiths; R. Baugh, C. Mason; A. Lowder, H. Allen, A. Pearson; T. Hunter, T. Knight, J. Brodie, H. Wood, B. Griffiths.  
(The Wolves P.129) (Complete Record P.142)

Matlock: (Not traced).

N.B. Derbyshire Times regularly has Matlock reports with teams but Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Nov edition on line has page 4 in 2 different versions (all adverts) and no page 2: investigate further. Brief mention of game in following Saturday edition

WELLINGTON ST GEORGE'S 0 DERBY JUNCTION 1 (J. Radford)  
(H.T. 0-1) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>) (At Oakengates, Wellington)

Wellington Journal & Shrewsbury News 6/11/86 P.6 / Athletic News 2/11/86 P.2:

WJ: "Played on the ground of the former on Saturday, in the presence of nearly 2,000 spectators. The weather was all that could be desired, and had it not been for the fact that the ground was rather slippery, owing to the recent rains, a better day could not have been selected. The home team won the toss, and Bradley

started the ball for the Junction. Simultaneously with the kick off Derby made a combined attack on the Saints' goal, but a foul near the citadel, off one of the visitors, gave the home team a free kick. From it J. Pickering and Jones ran the leather along the left, but Potts returned, and then Luter saved his charge, amid cheers. Murphy then became conspicuous, making a splendid dribbling run in the centre, but Bromage threw the ball away, and the Saints shortly after obtained a corner, a determined attack on the Junction goal ensuing. The Derby left wing, however, came out with the ball and spoiled a good run by kicking over the line. The mistake proved of no consequence, as the Derby team began once more to assume the offensive for several minutes keeping up the pressure, and obtained a corner, but Luter saved under the bar. A good passing run by the Saints' forwards relieved the backs, but the final shot went wide. Along the field again went the Derby man, Bentley missing his kick, but Roden, who was playing magnificently, appeared on the scene and prevented the visitors' left wing taking an accurate kick for goal. Eventually, however, Hensen shot and Luter, who scarcely ever kept goal in better form, again saved. Roden then started a run on his own account along the left, cheers greeting his performance, but he ultimately kicked the ball out, and shortly afterwards both he and Bentley were cheered for brilliant play. Murphy next was conspicuous for a good run, he crossing over to Williams, but the latter's shot was thrown out by Bromage. Again the Saints returned to the attack, but nothing resulted, and another visit was made to Luter, but he, for a time at least, proved impassable, returning the ball to his left wing. Jones and Pickering had a capital run, but the leather was shot just over the bar—a beautiful screw, which really deserved a better fate. From the goal kick Junction replied, but Pearce passed over to Williams, the latter spoiling a good run by otherwise kicking out. Pearce again returned the leather a minute later, Jones getting possession on this occasion, but again too hard a final kick was administered, and once more the ball was sent over the bar. The Saints had two unproductive throws-in near the corner, and then Roden missed his kick, a good run on the Derby left ensuing, but nothing came of it. Eventually in a combined rush Derby were successful in registering a capital goal, and thus the first point was scored for Derby. From now until half-time the Saints made most strenuous efforts to equalise, and on two occasions the ball was shot only a few inches past the post, the majority of the spectators appearing to think that goals had been registered, and enthusiastic cheering indulged in, but great was the disappointment of the onlookers on seeing the ball in each instance being kicked from goal. Derby afterwards retaliated, but to no purpose, and when the referee's whistle announced the arrival of half time, the teams crossed over with the score standing at one to none in favour of the Junction.

On recommencing, Murphy passed to Williams, and a short run resulted, but Derby returned, and made an attack on the Saints' stronghold. J. Pickering made a smart run on the left, and for several minutes the Saints had very hard lines, almost every member of the team sending in shots, but Bromage and his citadel appeared charmed, and try as they would the home team could not score. The Saints secured a foul right in goal, and the spectators awaited the issue with silent excitement, but their fond hopes were not to be realised, and the ball was kicked out. From the throw-in the pressure was resumed, but the ball went behind. After this the visitors had much the best of the encounter, but no

additional goals were scored by either side,the game eventually ending in a win for the Junction by one goal to none.”

Derby Daily Telegraph 1/11/86 P.3:”This match was played at Wellington, today(Saturday),when Jackson kicked off,and took the ball into the home quarters,but as the defence was strong nothing was done for some time.After twenty minutes’ play the Derby men put on a point through Radford at half back. After this the “Saints” played up,but the combination of the Junction was too much for them.As nothing further was done the Derby team left the field victorious by one goal to none.”(No lineups)

AN:”Junction kicked off at three o’clock and the ball was at once taken into the St George’s quarters,but the defence was too stubborn,and nothing was done until after twenty minutes,Radford scoring a beauty from half back.St George’s played better after this,but the combination of the Junction told upon the “Dragons.”The last half was very fast,but nothing was scored.”

Wellington:Luter(Goal);Bentley,Pearce(Backs);J.C.Pickering,Phillips,Roden(Half Backs);W.Williams,J.Cartwright(Right Wing),Murphy(Centre),J.W.Pickering, R.Jones(Left Wing).

Derby Junction:E.Bromage(Goal);J.Potts,J.Matthews(Backs);R.Smith,I.Siddons, J.Radford(Half Backs);J.Bromage,S.Smith(Right Wing),S.Bradley (Centre), J.Henson, G.Henson(Left Wing).

Umpires:E.Edkins for Wellington and Eley for Derby Junction.  
Referee:W.H.Moon(Wednesbury Old Athletic.)

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 6 (T.Green 2,J.M.Bayliss 2,G.Holden,W.Paddock)  
BURTON WANDERERS 0 (H.T. 2-0) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)

KR Source :Birmingham Saturday Night/Sporting Life 1/11/86 P.4:

CHECK SAT NIGHT TO FIND REPORT AND TO CHECK SCORERS(WBA HISTORY GIVES ABOVE SCORERS)

Manchester Courier 1/11/86 P.3:”Played at West Bromwich before a limited number of spectators.The Wanderers won the toss,and selected to play downhill. But this advantage availed them little,as the Albion kept up a continuous siege upon the Burton goal,scoring twice in the first half and four times after changing over,the game ending in a victory for the Albion by six goals to love.”(No lineups)

Burton Chronicle 4/11/86 P.3:”In this match at West Bromwich on Saturday,the Albion had considerably the best of the first half,their forwards being remarkably combined,and Aldridge played magificently at back.Tom Green scored first goal,Bayliss adding a second.On reversing positions the Albion pressed severely,and a fine centre by Woodhall was headed through by

Bayliss.Green added a fourth,and the Albion eventually won by (+six) goals to none." (+Not five) (No teams)

SL:"Played at West Bromwich in the first round,and the Albion scored soon after the start.The Albion continued the attack,and soon placed a second goal to their credit.A run by Smith and Bancroft looked dangerous,but Roberts saved,and the play was transferred to the opposite end of the field.Green,from a centre of Holden's,scored a third goal.The remainder of the play was almost entirely in favour of the Albion,who won by six goals to nil."

Athletic News 2/11/86 P.8:"By six goals to nil,West Bromwich Albion defeated Burton Wanderers,at Stoney Lane,before about 2,000 spectators.The result of this match,of course,was looked upon as a foregone conclusion,and no surprise was therefore evinced at the state of the poll.Indeed,the greatest surprise is that the Burton representatives made such a good show.I am told that they played an exceedingly good game,and at times attacked the Albion goal in a manner that compelled the Throstles to act on the defensive on many occasions.For the losers,T.Bancroft,+Soar,and Nurfin,of the forwards,and Scattergood,in the half-back division,were the most valuable performers." +Not Lear

W.B.A. :R.Roberts(Goal);A.Aldridge,H.Green(Backs);E.Horton,C.Perry, G.Timmins(Half Backs);G.Woodhall,T.Green(Right),G.Holden(Centre), G.Holden(Centre),W.Paddock,J.M.Bayliss(Left).(SL specified order)(Albion P.157)

Burton Wanderers:Sheffield(Goal);Chandler,Black (Backs);Scattergood, Tunnicliffe,Fellows(Half Backs);W.Smith,J.Bancroft(Right),T.Soar(Centre) , T.Bancroft,M.Murfin(SL specified order).

SMALL HEATH ALLIANCE 1 (J.Price)  
MITCHELL ST GEORGE'S 3 (H.Meaking 2,W.Harrison)  
(H.T. 1-3)(At Coventry Road)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup> )

Birmingham Daily Post 1/11/86 P.7/Athletic News 2/11/86 P.8(No teams)/  
Sporting Life 1/11/86 P.4:

BDP:"These teams met in the above cup competition on the ground of the Small Heath Alliance,at Coventry Road.The interest manifested in the match was very great,and when the ball was kicked off fully 4,000 persons were present.The play throughout was rather slow,this being due to the sodden state of the ground.The Alliance won the toss,and elected to defend the Coventry Road goal.Arthur Brown started the ball,and the Alliance were first to attack,a fine run and centre by Hill causing Stansbie,the St George's custodian,to give a corner kick.Hill took the corner,and Figures headed well into goal.Stansbie threw out,but the Alliance claimed a goal.The referee,however,only gave a corner kick,labouring under some misapprehension,as the ball never went over the line..The kick proved abortive,and \*Meaking,the visitors' right wing,dashed away and scored a good goal for the St George's.Both teams then played up well,and each goal was in turn endangered,but neither fell until Brown,dodging the half backs,passed the ball to

\*Meaking, who was enabled to notch the second point for his side after fifteen minutes' play. From the kick the Alliance rushed the ball into the St George's goal-mouth, and Price put in a shot which Stansbie failed to stop, and a goal was thus credited to the home team. The Alliance, flushed with this success, returned to the attack, but the visitors' goal was kept intact through the fine defensive play of their backs. The St George's forwards were not idle during this time, for they repeatedly worked the ball into the Alliance territory, but they failed to add to their score until shortly before half time, when Richards shot for goal. The ball struck the crossbar and dropped into play, and Harrison rushed it through the posts for the third time. The game remained unchanged when the interval was called.

During the second portion of the game play was in favour of the Alliance, who time after time swarmed round their opponents' citadel; but they were kept at bay by the fine defensive play of the visitors, who, in the second half, strengthened their back division considerably. On several occasions the visitors' forwards dashed away and became very dangerous, but Charsley saved his charge in fine style. When time was called the game remained the same as at half time: the St George's winning by 3 goals to 1."

Small Heath: C.C. Charsley (Goal); J. Lovesey, J. Hare (Backs); J. Price, C. Simms, F. Barlow (Half Backs); W. Stanley, H. Morris, (Right Wing), A.E. Stanley (Centre), W. Figures, E. Hill (Left Wing).

Mitchell St Georges: H. Stansbie (Goal); +F. Stevenson (Capt.), T. Hawkins (Backs) E. Barton, J. Richards, A. Bailey (Half Backs); H. Meaking, J. Rogers, (Right Wing), Arthur Brown (Centre), Wilbert Harrison, J. Breeze (Left Wing).

+AN refers to him as Captain George Stevenson.

ASTON VILLA 13 (D. Hodgetts 2, J. Loach 2, Archie Hunter 3, R. Davis, Albert Brown 3, J. Burton 2) WEDNESBURY OLD ATHLETIC 0 (H.T. 5-0)  
(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>) (At Perry Barr)

Birmingham Daily Post 1/11/86 P.7/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 1/11/86 P.4/  
Lancashire Evening Post 1/11/86 P.4/Athletic News 2/11/86 P.8 (No teams)/  
Sporting Life 1/11/86 P.4/Sportsman 1/11/86 P.4:

BDP: "Only a few hundred were present at this match, which was played at Perry Barr, and the result was a foregone conclusion. Archie Hunter led off, and the Athletic right wing got the ball dangerously close to the home goal. Simmonds and Robertson got the ball speedily away to the left wing. From the centre Davis headed to Loach, who was just too late to prevent the ball from going outside. Malpass stopped a smart shot from Brown, and a few seconds later it was as much as he could do to avert a downfall from two corner kicks. In mid-field Hunter took charge of the ball, and turned it over to the left wing men. Upon being returned near goal Hodgetts had a capital chance of scoring, but failed. Directly after a scrimmage occurred in the Athletic quarters, and resulted in Loach putting

the ball through the goal. This was disallowed on the plea of offside. The Villa continued to press their opponents and Hodgetts very cleverly scored the first point with a high shot. This was immediately followed by a second from Loach, who received the ball from Brown. Only a short time elapsed ere Hunter added the third. Hodgetts made the fourth. The game, dull at first, now became wholly interesting, and the spectators looked upon the rapid scoring in a matter-of-fact sort of way. The fifth goal was registered by Davis, while the sixth point was the result of a good shot from Brown, and the seventh from Loach. At this stage Morley officiated in goal in place of Malpass, and although the change failed to prevent further scoring, he was decidedly superior to Malpass. The eighth goal came from Brown, and the ninth from Burton. Albert Brown caused the addition of the tenth. Davis, whilst offside, put the ball through the posts, and consequently it did not count. Archie succeeded in making goals number eleven and twelve, and Burton the thirteenth."

LEP: "Played at Perry Barr, before 3,000 spectators. For fifteen minutes the game was well contested, the Old 'uns exhibiting a defence which it seemed impossible to break through, but eventually Hodgetts found an opening, the ball passing through at a terrific pace. Almost immediately following Loach scored a second goal, and from this point the "Villans" kept up a perfect bombardment, and Hunter got a third point. Just before half-time Hodgetts scored a fourth, and Davies a fifth.

After change of ends the "Villans" playing down hill, completely penned their opponents in, Brown registered the sixth, and Loach the seventh goal. Malpas, who had performed wretchedly in goal, was at this point taken off, and Morley substituted. The change proved a wise one, as shot after shot was showered in, all of which Morley intercepted. From a corner kick Brown scored goal number eight, followed by successful shots from Burton, Brown, + Hunter, and Burton, in the order named, the game resulting in favour of the Villa. Score:- Aston Villa 13 goals; Old Athletic nil." +2 in succession

Aston Villa: J. Warner (Goal); F. Coulton, J. Simmonds (Backs); H. Yates, R. Robertson, J. Burton, (Half Backs); R. Davis, Albert Brown (Right Wing), Archie Hunter (Centre), J. Loach, D. Hodgetts (Left Wing). (BDP)

Wednesbury : W. Malpass (Goal); R. Morley, F. Mitchells (Backs); Cartwright, M. Byrne, M. Knight (Half Backs); R. Board, T. Tonks (Right Wing), R. Powis, (Centre) J. Roberts, J. Heath (Left Wing).

Umpires: M'Gregor (Aston Villa) and Taylor (Old Athletic). Referee: J. Adams.

DERBY COUNTY 4 (L. Cooper, J. J. Knox, G. Evans 2) ASTON UNITY 1 (J. Devey)  
(H.T. 3-0) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>) (At Derby)

N.B. Dixon of Aston Unity had to leave the field after 20 minutes.

Derby Daily Telegraph 1/11/86 P.3/Sportsman 1/11/86 P.4/Sporting Life  
1/11/86 P.4/Nottingham Journal 1/11/86 P.6:

DDT: "This match in the first round of ties for the English Challenge Cup was played at Derby today, in dull weather, before some 2,500 spectators. The County team played as announced, with one exception, this being the substitution of Evans for Spilsbury. The Cantab was detained at Cambridge, where he was captaining his University against the Crusaders. The Unity played as advertised, but despite the weakness of the home eleven, the "Brums" could not have hoped to beat the "County" on their native heath.

The County having won the toss elected to kick in the direction of the rifle range goal, though there was no wind to give either side an advantage. The ball was soon taken into Aston quarters by Cooper and Plackett, but nothing transpired though a long shot by Latham was got rid of with difficulty. A mistake by one of the half backs then let in Evans, but Cohn again saved by kicking out. Good centres by Cooper and Bakewell were neutralised by Thomas and Pallett; whilst Latham and Williamson soon afterwards spoiled a diversion at the other end by Morley. A foul by Aston succeeded, and Latham planted well into goal without anything coming. The County then conceded a corner, but it came to nothing, and Bakewell retaliated with a brilliant run and centre, which Evans failed to utilise. Soon afterwards one of the left wing shot right across the mouth of the goal, but there was no one up and a good chance was missed. The County were playing far from well, and as the visitors were playing most spiritedly, the spectators became rather excited. A fine run by Cooper and Plackett was prematurely closed by the referee's whistle blowing to stop the game. It transpired that one of the visitors' half backs had been hurt in a collision with Evans, and after a brief delay he left the field. On returning Latham gave another unproductive corner, and then the ball was run down by the whole of the forwards, but nothing could be done in the shape of scoring, though shots went all round the posts. From a centre by Evans, Cooper at length breasted the ball through, but was ruled by the referee to be offside, and the point was disallowed. A free kick for a foul near the Aston goal ensued, and Devey, getting a clear opening, ran the ball down the field unopposed. He spoiled the effort, however, with a shot that went outside. More free kicks for fouls went to the County, and at length Bakewell centred well to Cooper, who scored the first legitimate goal. (One to the County). Inspired by their success, the County worked away with a will, but their shooting continued very tame. Knox soon followed with a second goal, which he secured after some pretty dribbling in front of the uprights, whilst a third came in a short space of time, Evans heading through from Bakewell's centre. The County were now having matters all their own way, and the forwards were doing all the work, though Cohn had really very little to do, apart from saving one tall shot by Clifton. Half time arrived with the game standing at three to none in favour of Derby County.

When play was resumed the County again assumed the aggressive, Knox and Bakewell having a run down, which terminated by the latter kicking out. A prolonged scrimmage followed after a free kick in front of goal, but Plackett eventually fouled, and a brief incursion was made into Derby territory, where Bestwick had to deal with a long shot by Devey. Knox soon returned the attack, and made a pretty run down the field. He had not a clear chance, and gave the ball to Evans, who easily put the ball through a fourth time. A couple of corners to the

County were the next events of importance, and after Cohn had saved one shot the ball travelled to the other end, where Bestwick had to throw out a shot from the centre. He was, however, surrounded by opponents, and Devey got the ball past him at the second attempt. (Derby four goals, Aston one). Play hereabouts was of a very third-rate and uninteresting character, and the spectators could be fairly excused for not exhibiting any enthusiasm. A succession of corners now fell to the County, and Bakewell managed to strike the crossbar once from an overhead kick. No more goals were scored by either side, and one of the tamest and unexciting matches ever witnessed resulted as follows: Derby County 4 Aston Unity 1."

NJ: "Played on the County Ground at Derby, the Unitarians having been offered terms which induced them to waive the right to have the match played on their own ground."

"The Derby Club were advertised to play their full qualified team, Lawrence, the new left full back, not having been registered sufficiently long to enable him to play in cup ties. Warmby accordingly went back with Latham, and his place at half-back was taken by F. Hutchinson, of Liverpool Ramblers. Spilsbury did not turn up, and consequently Evans was in the centre, and Knox went on the wing with Bakewell. Derby did a lot of attacking in the first half, and Dixon, one of the Unity half-backs, was hurt in a collision with Evans, and had to retire. Cooper, Knox, and Evans each scored in the first half, and Evans in the second, though in this portion the visitors had a fair share of a slow game. They scored once, but the match ended in a win for Derby by four goals to one."

Derby County: T.H. Bestwick (Goal); A. Latham, W.H. Warmby (Backs); A. Williamson, G. Clifton, F. Hutchinson (Half Backs); G. Bakewell (Capt.), J.J. Knox (Right Wing), G. Evans (Centre), L. Plackett, L. Cooper (Left Wing).

Aston Unity : G. Cohn (Goal); M. Thomas, A. Wollaston (Backs); A. Dixon, G. Waldron, H. Pallett (Half Backs); J. Barton, J. Green (Right Wing), J. Devey (Capt.) (Centre), T. Morley, A. Smith (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Shaw (Derby County) and C. Durban (Aston Unity). Referee: R.A. Daft.

BIRMINGHAM EXCELSIOR 3 (F. Marshall, F. Warren, W. Dixon)

DERBY MIDLAND 3 (J. Flowers 2, C.A. Ward)

(H.T. 1-1) (F.T. 2-2) (After Extra Time) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>) (At Fentham Road, Birchfield)

Birmingham Daily Post 1/11/86 P.7 / Derby Daily Telegraph 1/11/86 P.4 / Sportsman 1/11/86 P.4 / Sporting Life 1/11/86 P.4:

(KR Source: Birmingham Saturday Night: presumably full scorers from that paper):

BDP/DDT: "These teams met at Fentham Road, Birchfield, and played an exciting match in the presence of a good number of spectators. Marshall kicked off for the Excelsior down field, and for a quarter of an hour the game was well contested,

neither team being able to gain the advantage. At length the visitors succeeded in working the ball well into their opponents' quarters, and Flowers, from a well directed shot, scored the first goal. From this point both teams played well, the game being very fast and exciting. After a time the home team began to press the Derby, and sent in several good shots, which were well stopped by Salt, who kept goal in fine style. But Excelsior were not to be denied, and from a repeated attack, during which they were given a couple of corner kicks, they equalised matters. The play continued to be very fast, but neither side added to their score, and at half time the game stood at 1 goal each.

On recommencing, the Excelsior began to give the defence of the visitors plenty to do to save their charge. Burton sent in a splendid long shot which just missed scoring, the ball striking the crossbar. About half a dozen corners fell to the lot of the Excelsior, but all were futile. The Excelsior had the best of the game, but ten minutes before time the visitors made a rush down field, and Ward scored a second goal. On the kick off being taken the home team headed for the Derby's goal, and Warren scored, thus making the game equal again. Neither team were able to score the winning point in the interval remaining till the call of time, so they had to play an extra half hour. Both sides again scored 1 goal each, thus the game ended in a draw, 3 goals each."

Birmingham Excelsior :G.Jenks(Goal);H.Hunt,L.Lamsdale(Backs);W.Farley, H.Devey(Capt.),F.Lee(Half Backs);F.Burton,W.Dixon(Right Wing),F.Marshall (Centre),F.Warren,E.Genever(Left Wing).

Derby Midland:G.Salt(Goal);L.G.Wright(Capt.),J.Wildsmith (Backs); R.A.Hind,J.Flowers,D.Ratcliffe(Half Backs);W.J.Parry,C.A.Ward(Right Wing), E.Hickingbottom(Centre),J.Wood,J.Shannon(Left Wing).

REPLAY:Sat Nov 13<sup>th</sup>

DERBY MIDLAND 2 (J.Flowers,E.Hickinbottom)  
BIRMINGHAM EXCELSIOR 1 (C.Breeze)(H.T. 1-1)(F.T. 1-1)(After Extra Time)

Derby Daily Telegraph 15/11/86 P.3/Birmingham Daily Post 15/11/86 P.7/  
Sportsman 15/11/86 P.4/Sporting Life 15/11/86 P.4/Referee 14/11/86 P.6:

DDT:"In dull and threatening weather the above teams met on the Midland ground this (Saturday) afternoon, to play off their undecided tie in the first round of the English Cup competition. Their first encounter took place at Birmingham a fortnight ago, and on that occasion they played a drawn game of three goals each. Owing to the recent heavy rains the ground was rather soddened, but at the same time the going was rather better than one would have anticipated. The Excelsior were the first to make an appearance, but they were quickly followed by the Midland and at that time a capital muster of spectators lined the ropes.

At 2.15 Hickingbottom started the game. For a few minutes play was confined to the centre and then the visitors' right got down. Wright cleared and the Mids. broke away, and Jenks was compelled to throw out. Hall and Warren then essayed

a run, but Wright returned splendidly. Wood next ran up the left, and centring well, Ward had a fine opening, but shot over the bar. Even play followed, but eventually the Midland began to attack, but Hunt and Chinn were equal to the occasion. Hall again dribbled down the left, and the Midland stronghold was placed in jeopardy. Wright gave a foul close in, but danger was averted, and the play was once more in the centre. The Excelsior were now having a bit the best of it, but their shooting was weak, and several chances were thrown away. After a short, sharp scrimmage in front of the Midland goal, during which time Wildsmith and Wright had all their work cut out to keep their charge intact, Shannon and Wood ran up the left. The latter put in a long pass, but Jenks threw away. The Excelsior came down, and Devey shot over the Midland crossbar. Not to be denied, they came again, and whilst Salt and one of the Excelsior forwards were "scrapping", came up and put the ball through. On kicking off again, the Excelsior again began to press, and the game became very exciting. The Excelsior half backs, Farley, Lee, and Devey, continued to put in some grand work, and they were very difficult to pass. Hickingbottom eventually dribbled by them, and tried a shot, which Chinn headed away, but gave a corner in doing so. The Mids. made good use of this, as before the ball could be got away they shot a capital goal, and made the game even just before half time.

On resuming the game became very fast, and each team strove to gain the ascendancy. Tarlton and Flowers dodged cleverly, and the latter tried a shot which went just outside. Walker had a similar try, but put over the line, and from the kick off Warren and Hall broke away, and the Excelsior gained a corner. This was splendidly put in, but nothing came of it, and Flowers, Hickingbottom, and Ward made a combined run. Ward had a nice opportunity, but his final effort was weak. Each goal was then attacked smartly in turn, but the defences were excellent on both sides and no impression could be made. Two corners fell to the Excelsior in quick succession, but nothing resulted, and after a long spell in front of the Midland goal, Wood and Shannon broke away, and the ball was run over the line. Play was then transferred to the opposite end again, and for a long time the home team were hard pressed. At length the siege was raised, and Wood shot into the goalkeeper's hands. The latter threw out, and Ward next sent in a shot which travelled right across the goal mouth without anything accruing. From this period the Midland improved their play and they began to make matters warm for the Excelsior. Meanwhile the visitors were not idle, and on one occasion the left wing had a capital chance, but he shot wide. Five minutes from time Flowers gave a foul, and the Excelsior gained an unproductive corner, and when the whistle blew the game stood at one goal each.

This necessitated an extra half hour's play, and Hickingbottom again started the leather. After five minutes' play the Midland right sent in a rattling shot, but Jenks was on the alert, and he had no sooner got rid of the ball than it came again from the left, and Hickingbottom scored a second goal amid loud and prolonged applause. Nothing further took place during the first quarter, though both teams had several narrow shaves of scoring. On reversing ends the Excelsior strove manfully to draw level, but failed, and the Midland were declared the winners of one of the most exciting matches ever played on their own ground, with the following result: Midland 2, Excelsior, 1."

"As will be gathered from the above remarks, the match was splendidly contested. Both teams played a rattling good game, and the defence on both sides was excellent. For the Mids. Wright played a superb game, and the same remark applies to Wildsmith. Flowers was the best of the halves, and of the forwards Hickingbottom, Wood, and Ward played a rare game, though the latter missed several good chances. For the Excelsior the half-backs played grandly, and on the whole were superior to the Midland. The full-backs were very safe, and of the forwards the left wing did most service. The Excelsior have lodged an objection against Shannon. Breeze scored the goal for the Excelsior, and Flowers the first for the Midland."

BDP: "Pleasant weather favoured this tie, at Derby, and a large number of spectators witnessed an exciting match. The Birmingham club had rather the best of the play at starting, but at half-time the scores were equal-1 goal each. Afterwards neither side could break through the defence of the other, and an extra half-hour had to be played. In this time Derby Midland succeeded in obtaining a goal, and thus gained a victory by 2 goals to 1." (No teams)

SM: "A very close game was again witnessed, Breeze scoring first for the visitors, +Salt having temporarily left his charge undefended. Just before half-time Flowers equalised from a corner. In the second portion the game was closely contested, but neither side made the most of their advantages. An extra half hour had to be played, and when the game had been in progress five minutes Hickingbottom shot a goal for the Midland, which proved to be the winning point."

+In fact he had been punched in the face by an Excelsior forward! (Derbyshire Times and Chesterfield Herald 20/11/86 P.6: "...before Salt was aware of his intention, had planted a cowardly blow on the Midland goalkeeper's face. Before Salt could fairly assume his position between the sticks, a more peaceably inclined "Brummite" had shot the ball through, and thus scored the first goal to the visitors, the point being permitted.")

Derby Midland: G. Salt (Goal); L. G. Wright, J. Wildsmith (Backs); R. Tarlton, D. Ratcliffe, J. Flowers (Half Backs); C. Ward, J. Walker (Right Wing), E. Hickingbottom (Centre), J. Wood, J. Shannon (Left Wing),.

Birmingham Excelsior: G. Jenks (Goal); H. Hunt, +G. Chinn (Backs); W. Farley, H. Devey (Capt.), F. Lee (Half Backs); F. Marshall, W. Dixon (Right Wing), +C. Breeze (Centre), E. Hall, F. Warren (Left Wing). (DDT specified positions)

+Check initials: Could be J. Breeze (P.119 Midlands ) and O. Chinn (DDT)

Umpires: E. Gather and Nicholls. Referee: R. S. Smith.

DERBY ST. LUKE'S 3 (G.Halksworth 2,J.Wilde)  
WALSALL TOWN 3 (S.Bradbury 2,Eli Davis)  
(H.T. 2-1)(F.T. 3-3)(After Extra Time) (At Peet Street Ground)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)

Derby Daily Telegraph 1/11/86 P.3/Nottingham Journal 1/11/86 P.6:

N.B No report in Walsall Observer. AFS Scorers

DDT:"This match in the first round of the Association Cup competition was played on the Peet-street ground,Derby,this (Saturday) afternoon before a large number of spectators.Both teams were well represented,and a hot contest resulted.A minute or two past three o'clock,St Luke's,having lost the toss,kicked off up hill.They immediately rushed up the field.and after some hot play,the home team,through the agency of Halksworth,scored a goal amidst loud applause.On the ball being kicked off Walsall,who did not commence well, went down and got a corner,which was fruitless.The visitors then had the best of it for a short time,but the home backs were on the alert.Smith and Wilde then went on the right,and the latter sent in a good shot,which took effect.(Two to none in favour of St Luke's).Immediately after this Halksworth got charged in the face with great force by one of the visitors' backs.The play was stopped for some minutes while Dr Moon operated on a nasty wound just over the left eye.After this with a bandage round his head he did not keep up the good form he had opened with.On resuming Walsall settled down to form,and had considerably the best of it up to half time,scoring from a good shot just before half time,when the score was two to one in favour of the home team.

After ten minutes' play in the second half,which was pretty much in favour of Walsall,the last-named,by the aid of Bradbury,scored a point,which made the game equal,amidst great excitement.Walsall continued to press,but the home team got down and scored a third goal, the final touch being put to it by one of the Walsall backs.The visitors immediately rushed up,and after putting in a couple of good ones,Bradbury scored a third point,which again made the game even.Walsall had hard lines from now to the finish,one shot just going over, whilst another struck the side of the goal post and rebounded into play.When the whistle was blown the game was three goals each,and the referee ordered an extra half hour to be played.

In the first fifteen minutes St Luke's kicked downhill,and although they succeeded in preventing their opponents scoring,they could not get the ball away.During the last portion of the "extra half "the Saints had the best of it,and put in two or three good shots from the feet of H.Wright and Wilde,which, however,did not have the desired result,and the match ended in a draw of three goals each.It would be unfair to make any special mention,as all played a good hard game,and both sides did their best to win.After Hawksworth was hurt he could not judge the ball,and consequently was of little use."

Derby St Lukes:W.E.Parsons(Capt.)(Goal);W.Dolman,H.Bassano(Backs);  
F.Harvey,A.Wheatley,T.Curtis(Half Backs);J.E.Renshaw,G.Halksworth(Right  
Wing),R.Wright(Centre),J.Wilde,J.Smith(Left Wing).(DDT specified positions)

Walsall Town:E.Osborne(Goal);Alf Jones,S.Reynolds(Backs);G.Heys,J.Brittle,J.Lee (Half Backs),G.Cox(Capt.),C.Shaw(Right Wing),S.Bradbury(Centre),Eli Davis, B.Cope(Left Wing).

NJ has W.Bird for B.Cope.

Referee:Cook(Long Eaton)

REPLAY:Sat Nov 13<sup>th</sup>

WALSALL TOWN 6 (S.Bradbury 3,C.Shaw,T.Wilson,Eli Davis)  
DERBY ST LUKE'S 1 (J.E.Renshaw)(H.T. 3-0) (At Chuckery)(SI/BDP:see below)

Walsall Observer 20/11/86 P.3/Birmingham Daily Post 15/11/86 P.7/Derby Daily Telegraph 15/11/86 P.3:

WO:"These teams,who made a draw at Derby,three goals each,three weeks ago, met at Walsall last Saturday,before about 1,000 on-lookers.The visitors kicked off up-hill,and the home forwards were soon at work,giving Parsons any amount of shots to repel.Bradbury scored three minutes from the start,and still pressing Shaw scored the second point,and Wilson the third.Half-time-Town, 3;St Luke's, 0.

The second half was a repetition of the first,as the home team completely outplayed their opponents,and scored three more goals-Eli 1, Bradbury 2;and just before call of time the visitors scored.Osborne fell or could have saved.Cope excelled himself,and Parsons displayed fine form in goal and saved some stinging shots."(WO has all names but no initials )

BDP:"These teams met at the Chuckery,Walsall,Saturday,to play off their drawn tie.The home team won the toss,and chose to play down the field.They ran the ball down to the visitors' goal at once,and compelled the goalkeeper to punch out.Keeping the upper hand,in four minutes they called on him again,and after they had played the ball back Bradbury put it past him and secured the first point.During the next twenty-five minutes the play continued very fast,and was so much in favour of the home team,that Parsons was called upon seven times (his great skill as a goalkeeper being severely tried)and the backs of his team also finding plenty to do,and doing it well.Two or three times the visitors succeeded in breaking away and shooting for goal,which twice they just missed. Then the ball was shot into the hands of the visitors' goalkeeper,who got it away, falling in the effort,and Shaw met it and passed it between the posts over Parsons before the latter had time to regain his feet.An attempt upon the home goal was forced by the backs,a brief spell of give-and-take play followed,and then the visitors' goal was again hotly assailed,and brilliantly defended by Parsons, who at one period kicked or punched out the ball four times as rapidly as it could be sent in,and within a couple of minutes afterwards punched out twice,and threw out once.Then from a foul on the left,Wilson put the ball between the posts

from the right, and the first half ended in favour of the home team by 3 to nothing.

In the second half the Town kept the upper hand. In a couple of minutes from the restart Shaw added a fourth goal for Walsall, and after Parsons had coolly thrown out twice, and kicked out once, and Osbourne had as coolly thrown out, Davis cleverly headed the ball between the posts, the last two goals having been got in ten minutes. Later on Bradbury put on the sixth, and just before the finish Renshaw obtained one for the visitors. Result: a win for the home team (who having a bye in the second round will pass into the third) by 6 goals to 1." (BDP has all names but no initials)

DDT: "This undecided tie was played at Walsall today (Saturday) before a limited number of spectators. St Luke's kicked off down hill, but from the commencement the visitors showed poor form, and after an uninteresting game Walsall were left victorious by six goals to one." (No teams)

Sheffield Independent 15/11/86 P.4: "These teams met at Walsall after the draw. Walsall had an advantage of the ground in the first half, and scored three times - Shaw, Bradbury, and Wilson doing the needful. In the second half Walsall kept the upper hand, and in two minutes from the re-start, Shaw scored again, and Davis and Bradbury each added. T. Renshaw subsequently scored for the visitors, whose defence by the goalkeeper was splendid. Walsall Town won by six goals to one." (No Teams)

Walsall Town: E. Osborne (Goal); Alf. Jones, S. Reynolds (Backs); G. Heys, G. Cox (Capt.), J. Lee (Half Backs); C. Shaw, + T. Wilson (Right Wing), S. Bradbury (Centre), + B. Cope, Eli Davis (Left Wing).

+ Check initials

Derby St Lukes: W. E. Parsons (Goal); W. Dolman, H. Bassano (Backs); F. Harvey, T. Curtis, T. Hinds (Half Backs); G. Halksworth, J. E. Renshaw (Right Wing), R. Wright (Centre), J. Wilde, J. Smith (Left Wing).

(BDP specified order: have added initials from first match: check T. Hinds)

Umpires: Hall and Smith. Referee: Cooper (Long Eaton Rangers).

#### NORTHERN: FOURTH DIVISION:

Lockwood Brothers .v. Long Eaton Rangers  
Sheffield Club .v. Notts Rangers  
Cleethorpes .v. Mellors Limited (Nottingham)  
Notts County .v. Basford Rovers  
Sheffield Heeley .v. Grimsby Town  
Staveley .v. Attercliffe  
Notts Forest .v. Notts Olympic

Rotherham ,a bye

LOCKWOOD BROTHERS 1 (H.Winterbottom) LONG EATON RANGERS 0  
(H.T. 0-0)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)(At Bramall Lane,Sheffield)

Sheffield Independent 1/11/86 P.3/Athletic News 2/11/86 P.2/Sheffield Daily  
Telegraph 1/11/86 P.4/Nottingham Journal 1/11/86 P.6/Sporting Life 1/11/86  
P.4:

SI: "When this game commenced at Bramall Lane Ground the weather was of the most miserable description, and the rain was falling slightly, rendering the ground somewhat greasy on the top. The long grass again somewhat interfered with the dribbling and passing. Both teams mustered strong, and a capital match was anticipated. The attendance of the spectators was very numerous, and about 3,000 would be present at about 3.10 when the ball was kicked off. Long Eaton won the toss, and Cutts kicked off for the factory team. The ball was at once taken into the visitors' quarters, and a corner kick given to Lockwood, but nothing accrued. Two corners followed to Long Eaton, but both were kicked outside. The Derbyshire men began to press somewhat thus early in the game, and several capital attempts to capture the factory stronghold were only frustrated at the last moment. A foul to the Rangers was easily disposed of, and the home players at last broke away and placed their opponents' goal in great jeopardy, with a foul close to the posts which was, however, unproductive. After a little even play the Rangers secured another corner, and a tremendous scrimmage took place in the portals of the factory citadel, but somehow, when its downfall appeared certain, the custodian relieved by some extraordinary play. After another corner to Long Eaton, shot after shot was sent into the factory goal, and enthusiastic cheering greeted Brookes for the gallant manner he beat the ball away, in fact his goalkeeping was superb. The siege was relieved by Cawley and Sellars, and for a time the Rangers' backs had a hot time of it, and Winterbottom and West were especially busy with good shots. The play again assumed an open character, and as first one goal and then the other was visited, the excitement began to grow. Winterbottom gave Cutts a fine opening, and he certainly ought to have scored, but he headed over the bar. From this to the call of half time both citadels were frequently assaulted, but when the whistle blew for a cessation neither side had scored.

When play was resumed the game proceeded much as before, and so level was the play that neither team held any advantage for long, and as the ball was propelled from goal to goal, the excitement was tremendous. Each bit of good play was cheered to the echo, and as both sides were playing a capital crossing game, the play can only be described in a general manner. After some twenty minutes' play the Rangers worked the ball well up the field, and for a long time the factory players were forced to act on the defensive. Four corner kicks to the Derbyshire men were capitally directed, but all were got away, and a raid was made to the visitors' stronghold, where some first class goalkeeping was shown by Start. The factory citadel was next surrounded, and principally by the aid of Salkeld and Betts, it was kept intact, though the Rangers pressed severely. Time was now fast

expiring and,both teams put forth great efforts to score,and when only five minutes remained to play,Sellars secured the ball on the left,and beating two opponents he crossed right into the goal mouth,and Winterbottom rushing up secured the first goal for Lockwood Brothers.The play after this ruled fast and furious,and almost beggars description.Although almost superhuman efforts were put forth by the Rangers,they were unable to score,and Lockwood Brothers were hailed the victors by one goal to none.”

Lockwood:C.Brook(Goal);F.Salkeld,E.Stringer(Backs);E.Brayshaw,W.Betts (Capt.),L.McLoughlin(Half Backs),F.West,H.Winterbottom,C.Cutts(Centre), T.E.Cawley,J.Sellars(Forwards).

Long Eaton:F.Start(Goal);G.H.Smith,J.Wiseman(Backs);J.Orchard(Capt.), E.H.Taylor,W.G.Newsum(Half Backs);G.C.Winfield,T.S.Vessey,A.Smith, J.Start,T.Hardy(Forwards).

Umpires:B.Bestwick and J.Housley.Referee:J.C.Clegg.

SHEFFIELD CLUB 0 NOTTS RANGERS 3 (W.Hodder 2,F.Geary)  
(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)(At Newhall Grounds,Attercliffe)

Sheffield Independent 1/11/86 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 1/11/86  
P.4/Athletic News 2/11/86 P.2/Nottingham Journal 1/11/86 P.6:

SI:”These clubs met at the Newhall Grounds,Attercliffe.The attendance of spectators was large.Sheffield won the toss and decided to play from the Attercliffe end.Hodder kicked off,and from a foul by Notts,the ball was sent wide over the bar of the visitors’ goal.Play was shifted towards the home end but only for a few seconds,but Topham and Cooke did some good work in the determined attack on the Sheffield citadel which followed.May then got possession of the ball and centred well,but without effect.Geary then landed a shot well on the goal,and Mallinson almost lost his head.Fortunately he kicked it out in time,and play was moved to the centre.Geary at length brought the ball down,and Robinson kicked out.The corner proved abortive,and by some fair passing an attack was made on the Notts goal,but a Sheffield man shot wide.The visitors then made an effort,and Cooke made a fine shot,which Mallinson stopped,and play grew exciting.A scrimmage followed,and Geary made a really splendid shot,which was finely stopped by the goalkeeper,who dropped to his knees.Booker did some good work in the attack on the Brightside end which followed,and Clegg also proved himself of service.For a time there was a lull;but Sheffield at length pulled themselves together,although Aizlewood kicked over.Hodder at last got the ball,but stumbling,nothing came from a fine run.Clegg saved a corner,but play was kept in the Attercliffe end,in spite of several kick outs.A corner fell to Notts, which was taken by Archer,but Liddell was alive,and the ball being taken well down the field a goal was only saved at the expense of a corner.Hodder soon afterwards proved too quick for Mallinson and scored the first goal for the visitors.A corner almost immediately afterwards fell to Notts,through the exertions of Archer.Davy did some useful work,and May made a grand shot at

goal but the centre forward could not get up in time. Mallinson threw out with difficulty. Notts did some fine crossing, and very narrowly escaped putting another goal to their total. A. Shelton then took a corner which fell to the visitors, but nothing came of it, and the visitors' end became the scene of some pretty, though ineffective, play.

On resuming a run was made to the Sheffield end in which Geary made a splendid shot that just went over. Archer then took a corner, but the play became of a give-and-take character. Some fine crossing was shown by the visitors, and several attacks were made on the home team's goal. At length Hodder made a good shot, and Geary nicely headed it through, but the goal was disallowed on the ground of offside. The Notts men did some passing following an attack on their own end; and Archer took a corner, which proved of no service. Hodder then made a fine shot at goal, but it went over the bar. The Sheffield goalkeeper soon after had to stop a hot return, and although Shelton did an effective screw, play was moved towards the centre of the ground. A run was made later to the Sheffield end, and Geary made a shot at goal, which was stopped by the keeper. Hodder, however, was on the qui vive, and kicking it through scored the second goal for the visitors. An appeal on the ground of offside was disallowed, but many held that the point ought not to have been allowed. At length they got away, but their run was prematurely cut short. Geary kicked the ball to Archer, who headed it just over the bar. Again Sheffield got away, but the right wing made a slip, and the Rangers got the ball over the Sheffield men's crossbar. Two corners then fell to the home team in succession, and play became fast. Another corner soon fell to Sheffield, but Clegg made an error, and C. Shelton made an effective kick over his head. Play was transferred to the Brightside end, and a lot of hot shots were stopped by the Sheffield goalkeeper. Notts, however, were not to be denied, and a grand shot by Hodder was only stopped by Mallinson with the greatest difficulty, who had to jump up to save. Immediately afterwards the visitors made a goal through a kick by Geary, which went in off Wood. Sheffield then made a run, and by some pretty passing the visitors' goal was effectually threatened. A corner to the home team, however, proved of no service. Mallinson was then given plenty of work, and the game ended in a victory for the Rangers by three goals (and one disallowed) to nil."

Sheffield: A. Mallinson (Goal); W. F. Beardshaw, W. Robinson (Backs); A. B. Wood, T. E. B. Wilson, L. J. Clegg (Half Backs); D. Davy, G. A. Parker (Right Wing), G. H. Aizlewood (Centre), H. B. Willey, A. C. Liddell (Left Wing).

Notts Rangers: W. Gandy (Goal); H. Knight, W. Topham (Backs); S. Mack, C. Shelton (Capt.), A. Shelton (Half Backs); W. Archer, T. Cook (e) (Right Wing), W. Hodder (Centre), W. May, F. Geary (Left Wing).

Umpires: J. H. Barber and C. Gilbert. Referee: J. R. Watts.

CLEETHORPES 2 (F. Mason, J. Toone (o.g.))

MELLORS LIMITED (NOTTS) 1 (Fred Weightman) (H. T. 2-1) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)

Nottingham Journal 1/11/86 P.6/Lincolnshire Chronicle 2/11/86 P.3 and 5/11/86 P.2:

NJ: "Played at Cleethorpes, on the High-street Ground, before only a moderate attendance, in fine weather. The Nottingham team arrived at 3.15, and, winning the toss, kicked down hill at 3.30. Mabbott and Winters, the visitors' right, secured a run, and passing to Fred Weightman, that player scored two minutes from the start, Cormick making an ill-judged effort to prevent it. This was followed up by another attack, and Appleyard conceded a corner to the Notts men, which was kept out by Firth and Cormick. A couple of throws from the touch-line followed for the visitors, and Mason, the home right, secured a capital run, bad shooting resulting in a goal-kick only. Winters fouled when dangerous, and from the free kick a scrimmage took place, and Plumtree, who had an easy chance, shot over. Notts' Mellors worked hard, and coming down hill, secured a corner, which proved useless. Sadler kicked out, and Mabbott getting a run, kicked into Cormick's hands. The visitors had the best of the play, and Frank Weightman hit the bar, the ball rolling over. The home team played up better. Mason and Hoole ran down, Guttridge could not clear, and Mason scored amidst the greatest excitement after 35 minutes' play. From the kick-off, Cleethorpes combined in a run, and a fearful tussle took place under the bar. Toone ran across the goal, apparently to tackle Dixon, the home left, when his foot touching the ball, he scored the second goal for his opponents three minutes later. Now the Notts. men came up in a body; back play being left to Sadler, Guttridge coming almost forward. The whistle was now blown for half-time, the visitors being in the minority of one goal.

Resuming, pressure was brought on the home goal, and Fred Weightman and Mabbott had a couple of shots, the ball from the former hitting the cross-bar, and dropping the wrong side. However, Taylor and Kelly showed some capital play at half-back for the home team, who commenced to kick out. Play was stopped owing to Pagit having severe cramp. A general scrimmage afterwards, and the Notts. men had hard luck. Cleethorpes got a run, but Guttridge went after Waite and passed him before being dangerous. Semi-darkness now prevailed, and the visitors' backs came up with the object of forcing a goal; Kelly kicked out, and Appleyard followed suit, and the whistle blew on Frank Weightman putting a shot in Cormick's hand. The game was a very hard one, fast throughout, but not rough, only a couple of fouls being given in this respect the whole match. Cleethorpes 1 corner-Notts. 8. The visitors were all in form, Guttridge and Sadler being a capital pair, while the new Cleethorpes men (Mason and Taylor) were the back bone of the team."

LC: "These clubs played off their tie at Cleethorpes on Saturday. The game was not a particularly fast one, but after some give-and-take play in the first ten minutes, Mellor's scored, and working up gradually had much the best of it for a considerable time, pressing their opponents, who played a somewhat rough game. Cleethorpes, however, got the ball just before half time, and making a determined attack on the visitors' stronghold, scored twice within three minutes, one of the goals being obtained by a scrimmage by a sheer rush between the posts. Within about five minutes afterwards the whistle blew for half time.

From the recommencement of hostilities Cleethorpes at once took the advantage, and found the visitors plenty to do for the rest of the game, but although many attempts at scoring were made, the watchfulness of the Nottingham custodian, supplemented by the activity of the backs, prevented the Cleethorpians from making a triplet. No further scoring being made by either team, the match resulted in a victory for Cleethorpes by two goals to one." (No teams)

Cleethorpes: Cormick (Goal); W. Firth, R. Appleyard (Backs); G. Taylor, Plumtree, Kelly (Half Backs), Frank Hoole, F. Mason (Right Wing), Fred Waite (Centre), R. H. Dixon, B. Pagit. (Left Wing).

Mellors: A. A. Hill (Goal); F. Guttridge, J. Sadler (Backs); S. Herrod, S. Machin, J. Toone (Half Backs), W. Mabbott, F. Winters (Right Wing), Fred Weightman (Centre), Frank Weightman, R. Machin (Left Wing).

Umpires: Brooks (Cleethorpes) and Hill (Mellors). Referee: T. Jenkinson).

NOTTS COUNTY 13 (H. B. Daft 5, F. E. Burton 6, H. Jackson, H. A. Cursham)  
BASFORD ROVERS 0 (H. T. 7-0) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>) (At Trent Bridge Ground, Nottingham)

Nottingham Evening Post 30/10/86 P.3/Nottingham Journal 1/11/86 P.6/  
Sportsman 1/11/86 P.4/Sporting Life 1/11/86 P.4/Athletic News 2/11/86 P.2  
and P.7:

NEP: "These teams met in the first round of the Cup on Trent Bridge Ground, this afternoon. About 800 spectators witnessed the game. The ground was a trifle soft, and Notts winning the toss, elected to play from the Pavilion end of the ground. They were without the assistance of Macrae, who was badly injured last week. G. H. Brown played at full back in the place of Morley, and Burton was played on the right wing. Dudson set the ball rolling at 10 minutes past three o'clock, and the wearers of the chocolate and blue at once assumed the aggressive. Three corner kicks were quickly conceded to Notts, but nothing came of them. Jackson made a good attempt to score, and Notts kept heavy pressure. The ball was got away, and after a splendid combined run Jackson shot well, the ball going with considerable force into the Basford goalkeeper's hands. The result of some fine passing play on the part of Moore and Jackson, enabled Daft to get possession, and by a quick, low shot he scored. The Basford men obtained a free kick near the Notts goal, but it availed them nothing, danger being quickly relieved. Notts again pressed, and Daft sent in a shot which went right out of the reach of Slater, and the second goal was registered for Notts amidst applause. The Basford men were completely outclassed, and seldom got the ball into the Notts half. Jackson, Moore, and Daft were seen to fine advantage in a run, and the last-named sent in a low, fast shot, which went through the posts, thus registering the third goal for Notts. From a scrimmage Jackson jumped in and made the fourth goal, and Burton easily scored the fifth goal. Cursham, by a pass by Jackson, kicked the sixth goal. In a minute afterwards Cursham put the ball through, but he was ruled offside.

Burton shot from the right, and the Basford goalkeeper put it through his own goal, making the seventh on behalf of Notts, and a minute afterwards half time was called.

On restarting the game again assumed the one-sided aspect as previously, and Burton sent in a swift low shot, which Slater attempted to kick away, but put it through his own charge. Burton headed the ninth goal for Notts, and out of a scrimmage the same player notched the tenth goal for his side. Burton played splendidly on the right, and centring, Daft headed the ball into the mouth of the goal, and it passed through, striking Slaney's hands. This was the eleventh point scored on behalf of Notts. Burton got the twelfth goal. Holland, the Notts goalkeeper, then handled the ball for the first time during play. After some very hard lines on the part of Jackson, Daft scored the thirteenth goal. After having all the best of the game, Notts thus won by 13 goals to none."

AN P.2: "Played on the Trent-Bridge ground, in the presence of 8,000 spectators. Notts pressed from the start, and at half time had registered seven goals-Daft(three), Burton(two), Jackson(one) and Cursham(one). In the second half Notts scored six more goals-Burton(four), Daft(two), Notts winning an uninteresting match."(No teams)

AN P.7: "Hadyn Morley stood out of the Notts team, and his place was taken by G.H. Brown, ex-Forester and full-back, while, of course, Macrae was an absentee. Harker was once more stationed at half-back, and F.E. Burton, who played remarkably well against Ruddington, was re-introduced on the right. The Basford Rovers have lost so many men that they were very weak, and quite beaten all through. The match needs no comment. Holland only handled the ball once, while Slater, the other goal-keeper, had much more than he could do. Daft and Burton each scored five times, while Jackson and Cursham each did the trick once, while the Rovers themselves gave Notts a goal, and were consequently defeated by thirteen to none. In addition to this several shots struck the posts and the bar, while Cursham put the ball through on another occasion and was ruled off-side."

Notts County: J.H. Holland(Goal); A.T. Marshall, G.H. Brown(Backs); E. Harker, H.W. Emmett, C.F. Dobson(Half Backs); F.E. Burton, A.E. Moore(Right Wing), H.(A.) Jackson(Centre), H.B. Daft, H.A. Cursham(Left Wing).

(NEP/NJ/SL/SM all have D.Holland)

Basford Rovers: J. Slater(Goal); E. Woolley, J. Slaney(Backs); H. Carnell, W.F. Hind, J. Jowett(Half Backs); G. Tarr, W. Fidler(Right Wing), A. Dudson(Centre), C. Squires, E. Middleton(Left Wing).(NEP specified positions)

Umpires: H. Jessop for Notts County and J. Fidler for Basford Rovers.  
Referee: Smith, Derby.

GRIMSBY TOWN 4 (S.Pearson 3,T.Chapman) SHEFFIELD HEELEY 1(A.Jackson)  
(H.T. 1-0)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)(At Clee Park Gardens,Grimsby)(Complete Record P.353  
says played at Grimsby by arrangement)

Lincolnshire Chronicle 2/11/86 P.3 and 5/11/86 P.2/Sheffield Independent  
1/11/86 P.4(No teams)/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 1/11/86 P.4:

LC:"These teams met on Saturday last at the Clee Park Gardens to play off their tie in the English Cup competition.As the day was exceedingly fine,there was a large attendance of spectators,about 3,000 surrounding the ropes.Chapman started the ball for the home team,who had lost the toss,but,as there was little or no wind,the choice of goals was of little consequence.The visitors soon began to show up to great advantage,for within five minutes,they had taken a couple of fruitless,though dangerous,corners,the home custodian saving in rare style.At length the visitors were forced to act defensively,and a free kick fell to Grimsby, but without avail,for Seal kicked too hard and a bye resulted.The same side shortly afterwards took their first corner,and an exciting scrimmage followed J.Taylor's flag kick,but at last the visitors shot away,only,however,to find the ball headed back by H.Taylor,who only just failed to score,amidst applause.A free kick was conceded to the visitors on the plea of "offside".This enabled them to get into the home team's territory,but Mundahl relieved the pressure by a splendid kick,and H.Atkinson,obtaining possession,passed to Chapman,who put the ball dangerously near the visitors' goal,and Pearson rushing up sent it through the posts amidst cheers.On restarting the Heeley forwards,by good combination,got in close proximity to the home goal,and took two futile corners, from the second of which Pearson broke away,but he was checked by Knowlson. Pearson and J.Taylor each had a fruitless corner kick for the home team,who now began to do most of the pressing,which they maintained for several minutes, during which Kelvey displayed some astounding form between the Heeley posts. At length the pressure was relieved by a pretty combined run of the Heeley forwards,and it looked as though they could not fail to equalise,as they were in full force within but a few yards of the home goal,but the goalkeeper kicked the ball away.Just before half time Grimsby claimed a second goal,but,as there was some doubt about it,the referee gave the visitors the benefit of the doubt.

On the resumption of play the visitors quickly got in front of the home goal,where a corner was conceded to them,the danger being averted by J.Taylor,who headed away.The visitors,however,nothing daunted,returned to the attack with redoubled vigour,and,getting right in front of goal,Jackson placed the leather between the posts out of a scrimmage,thus registering their only point. The whole of the home team's forwards now made a splendid run down the field,by means of short passing,when C.Atkinson centred,in fine style,and Chapman receiving it,placed the second goal to the credit of the home team.From a splendid kick by Mundahl,Pearson obtained possession,and made another dashing run down the field,and,from a remarkably swift shot,registered the third goal for the home team.The visitors,from the kick off,returned the attack,but,on getting near the home team's citadel,J.Taylor,amidst great excitement and applause,cleared the lines in magnificent style.The home team now pressed the visitors incessantly,and several good shots by (S).Pearson were got away in

splendid style by Kelvey.H.Atkinson and Chapman now made a good run down the field,and passing over to the left wing,Pearson received,and amidst great excitement and applause,succeeded in obtaining the fourth goal for the home team.Nothing further of importance occurred,and at the call of time the game resulted in a victory for the home team by 4 goals to 1."

Grimsby:G.Atkinson(Capt.)(Goal);H.S.Mundahl,H.Taylor(Backs);J.H.Taylor,J.Seal,W.Hopewell(Half Backs);H.Atkinson,T.Garnham(Right Wing),T.E.Chapman (Centre),S.Pearson,C.Atkinson(Left Wing).

Heeley:C.Kelvey(Goal);W.Moss,T.Moss(Backs);C.E.Knowlson,I.Swallow,T.A.Tomlinson((Half Backs);H.Stokes,G.Sykes(Right Wing),C.Hiller(Centre),G.A.Shaw,A.Jackson(Left Wing).

Umpires:W.T.Lammin and J.Tomlinson.

Referee:J.R.Harvey.

STAVELEY 7 (W.Needham 4,J.Hay 3) ATTERCLIFFE 0  
(H.T. 4-0)(At Recreation Ground,Staveley)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)

Sheffield Independent 1/11/86 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 1/11/86 P.4/  
Notttingham Journal 1/11/86 P.6/Sportsman 1/11/86 P.4/Sporting Life  
1/11/86 P.4:

SI:"This tie attracted a large attendance at the Recreation Ground,Staveley.The ground was rendered very greasy by the heavy rains which had fallen,but in spite of this disadvantage the play was exceedingly good.Hay,the home captain, won the toss and defended the top goal.The play was very even at the outset,but Staveley gained an advantage after ten minutes' play,as Needham,dribbling with great precision,shot the leather through with great force.A second point was shortly afterwards secured by Hay,and then the Attercliffe forwards exhibited some excellent passing.Pashley caused Wagstaffe to handle,and a few minutes later the home men gave a foul close to their goal,but the visitors were unfortunate in sending the leather just outside.The Staveley forwards again assumed the offensive,and Needham lowered the Attercliffe colours a third time.The Attercliffe backs played a sterling game,and Stevenson and Hockley several times saved their goal when it appeared certain to be captured.

Just prior to half time Needham added a fourth point,and after change of ends,both Pashley and Platts made strenuous efforts to score,Wagstaffe being compelled to concede two corners.The ball was accurately centred on each occasion,but the Staveley backs cleared the danger,and the leather was quickly conveyed to the opposing goal,where a desperate onslaught was made resulting in a fifth goal by Needham, while Hay secured the sixth a few minutes later.Again the Attercliffe forwards got away,and Platts tried hard,but Young relieved,and another point for Staveley was got by Hay,who pulled the ball over his head.The Staveley men thus won easily by seven goals to none.The winners played

excellently;and Stevenson, Hockley,Platts,Pashley,and Marr showed capital play for the Attercliffe team.”

Staveley:F.Wagstaffe(Goal);W.Young,H.Kendall(Backs);S.Wilshaw,S.Hay, J.Rice(Half Backs);R.Meakin,I.Potter(Right Wing),Jack Hay(Captain)(Centre), W.Needham,W.Marshall(Left Wing).

Attercliffe:C.Beardshaw;(Goal),R.Hockley,R.Stevenson(Backs);+D.Beech,J.Briggs, J.Smith(Half Backs);T.E.Ellis,W.J.Pashley(Right Wing),W.Platt(Centre),T.Bailey, J.Marr(Left Wing). +SM/SL have Day but no other trace as player

Umpires:G.Hay for Staveley and J.Beardshaw for Attercliffe.  
Referee:Fox,Darnall.

NOTTS FOREST 3 (G.Unwin,T.Danks,J.E.Leighton) NOTTS OLYMPIC 0  
(H.T. 1-0) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>) (At the Gregory Ground)

Nottingham Evening Post 30/10/86 P.3/Nottingham Journal 1/11/86 P.6/  
Sportsman 1/11/86 P.4/Sporting Life 1/11/86 P.4:

NEP:”These teams met in the first round of the National Cup Competition,on the Gregory Ground this afternoon.There was an attendance of about 1,500 spectators.Fox kicked off for the Forest shortly before three o’clock,and a fast game at once commenced,the Forest having slightly the best of it.The Olympic, however,played exceedingly well,and their defence was excellent for a considerable time.The Forest then began to press severely,and the Olympic goal had several narrow escapes.An interesting scrimmage ensued in dangerous proximity to the stronghold,and Unwin scored the first point for the Forest after 25 minutes’ play by heading through.Unwin made a fine run along the left,but his final shot was weak,and Pilkington easily kicked away.The Olympic then got into close quarters,and a near shot was made.This pressure was soon relieved,and Pilkington had to clear several shots,and more than once it was a marvel how the goal escaped.Up to half time no further scoring took place.

On recommencing Jeffries and Danks put in some capital work,and Fox took a fruitless corner.Dunncliffe,for the Olympic,became conspicuous for some clever runs,and a foul occurred not far from the Forest goal.A couple of corners followed,but the Olympic failed to break through the defence,and the Reds relieved.Danks got possession,and sent the ball through,but he was palpably offside.The decision of the referee was received with hooting.The Olympic again attacked,and after pressure Walker shot just over the bar.At this time the Churchville players were having all the best of the game,but Forest got away,and the other goal became endangered.Danks made a shot which Pilkington only just saved.The Reds made a quick return,and from a centre by Unwin,Danks secured the second goal for the home team.Pilkington had again to save,which he did splendidly,and Heath and Dunncliffe then gained the advantage,and were within an ace of scoring on two occasions.The Forest again went to the front and after several good attacks,they obtained a corner,but no use could be made of it. Just

before the call of time Leighton got the third goal from a scrimmage, and Forest won an interesting game by three goals to none."

Athletic News 2/11/86 P.7: "With a reduced charge for admission, some 1,500 people assembled on the Forest ground and watched an interesting tie between Notts Forest and Notts Olympic. The latter were fully represented, but the "Reds" were without Ward and Tutin, who were injured in the match against Accrington, while Lindley was also not available. The first half was fairly even, Unwin scoring the only goal that was registered, but afterwards the record was converted into three to none.

The Olympic played a capital game, and in Pilkington they have a smart goal-keeper. Twice the ball was in a scrimmage right against the Olympic posts, but it was got away in some marvellous manner. Luntley repelled one shot with his hands, whilst once he kicked the ball away. An incident of the match was the treatment afforded Jeffreys by a certain section of spectators. Jeffreys, we believe, is not in the Lacemakers' Union, and every time he got the ball a crowd of stupid unionists howled at him. In spite of this he played a fair forward game, although the best on his side was Danks. Hancock and all the Forest half-backs, Billyeald, Norman, and Pike, did well. In addition to Pilkington, Stevenson, and Edwards, were very sound defenders, while Dunncliffe was the trickiest Olympian forward."

Notts Forest: J. Luntley (Goal); C. J. Caborn, W. T. Hancock (Backs); H. Billyeald, Harry Pike, S. Norman (Half Backs); T. Danks, E. Jeffries (Right Wing), F. Fox (Centre), J. E. Leighton, G. Unwin (Left Wing). (NEP specified positions)

Notts Olympic: H. Pilkington (Goal); V. Stevenson, H. Edwards (Backs); A. Harvey, H. James, A. Jackson (Half Backs); R. Hammond, J. Walker (Right Wing), J. R. Smith (Centre), W. Heath, J. Dunncliffe (Left Wing). (NEP specified positions)

NJ has H. Adcock (he was a player and is referred to by name in the NJ Report) for A. Jackson (who was Listed for the game in Sat's NJ. P.7).

Umpires: J. Sands for Notts Forest and A. G. Hines for Notts Olympic.  
Referee: G. Robinson, Basford Rovers.

ROTHERHAM, a bye.

NORTHERN: FIFTH DIVISION

N.B, Some from KR Original sources: No Wrexham Advertiser for 1886 on line

Wrexham Olympic .v. Crewe Alexandra  
Leek v. Druids  
Goldenhill .v. Macclesfield

Chirk .v. Hartford St John's  
Davenham .v. Burslem Port Vale  
Bollington .v. Oswestry  
Northwich Victoria .v. Furness Vale Rovers  
Stoke upon Trent .v. Caernarvon Wanderers  
Chester,a bye

WREXHAM OLYMPIC 1 (T.Roberts)  
CREWE ALEXANDRA 4 (G.Price,J.Pearson 2,A.Payne)  
(At Wrexham)(H.T. 1-2)(Sat Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Sporting Life 25/10/86 P.4/Athletic News 26/10/86 P.3 and 7/Referee  
24/10/86 P.6/(Wrexham CR P.398/Crewe Definitive P.17)(Not in Crewe  
Guardian 27/10/86 P.5 Football Section nor in Crewe Chronicle 30/10/86 as P.2  
Football missing probably due to reports on the Municipal Elections):

WREXHAM ADVERTISER AT BL HARD COPY UNFIT:NOT ON LINE AT BL NOR  
AT WELSH PAPERS ON LINE

SL:"The home team were without their best forward,A.Lea,who had the tendons  
in his right foot ruptured on the previous Saturday,and also without H.Edwards,  
the International half back.W.Roberts kicked off for Wrexham,and the ball being  
well returned,Crewe began to press the home team.A corner soon came in favour  
of Crewe,and this was entrusted to Wycherley.It was well sent in but got away,  
and Wrexham took it to the opposite end of the field.A capital shot was sent to  
the Crewe goal by R.Lewis,but stopped by Osborn.Crewe once more got into their  
opponents' quarters,and R.Roberts gave a corner.This was taken by Pearson,and  
the Wrexham defenders mulling the ball,another corner resulted.A few minutes  
after another shot by G.Price eluded the Wrexham custodian,and a second goal  
was scored almost directly by Pearson.This success of the visitors seemed to  
enfuse a little more life into the Wrexham forwards,and Crewe had to give them  
a corner.R.Davies nicely placed the ball and T.Roberts scored for the home team.  
Nothing else was done up to half time.

In the second half Crewe had much the best of the play,and Pearson and  
Payne,who play a very pretty passing game, increased the visitors' score to  
four.This was the state at the call of "Time!". Crewe thus won the match by four  
goals to one."

North Wales Chronicle 30/10/86 P.7:"In the above association (match) Crewe  
Alexandra carried the day with Wrexham Olympic .Price,Pearson (2),and Payne  
scored the goals for Alexandra,and T.Roberts for the Olympic."(No teams)

Lancashire Evening Post 25/10/86 P.4:"Played at Wrexham.Crewe soon  
assumed the offensive,and after five minutes' play Price scored for them.Pearson  
added a second,and then Wrexham had a turn,T.Roberts doing the needful.In the  
second half Pearson again scored for Crewe and Payne added a fourth."

AN P.3: "Owing to the late arrival of the referee (Brown, Stoke) the match was three-quarters of an hour late. W. Roberts kicked off for Wrexham. Crewe soon assumed the offensive, and after five minutes' play Price scored for Crewe. Pearson added second, and then Wrexham had a turn, T. Roberts doing the needful. In the second half Pearson again scored for Crewe, and Payne added a fourth."

Wrexham: S.G. Gillam (Goal); R. Roberts (Capt.), S. Jones (Backs); R.E. Turner, W. Fisher, +E. (M') Carty (Half Backs); R. Davies, B. Lewis (Right Wing), W. Roberts (Centre), T. Roberts, W. Turner (Left Wing). +For H. Edwards :E. Carty in SL

+AN: "M' Carty the Wrexham centre half back endeavoured to stem the tide by brute force" (see "On the Ball" foot of page 7)

+SEE CHESTER 87/88 v Davenham: E. Carty was playing for Chester in that match

Crewe: Cross (Goal); E. Osborne, C. Conde (Backs); W.S. Bell, F.W. Halfpenny, G. Wycherley (Half Backs); J. Pearson, A. Payne (Right Wing), G. Price (Centre), J. Ellis, A. Vickerman (Left Wing).

Umpires: T.M. Abraham (Crewe) and John Taylor (Wrexham).

Referee: Brown (Stoke-on-Trent) ("who delayed the game by nearly three-quarters' of an hour by not turning up on time": SL)

LEEK 2 (Not traced) DRUIDS 1 (Not traced) (H.T. 0-1) (Sat Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>) (At Leek)

LEEK TIMES REPORT: Microfilm at BM

Football in Leek Book 1870-1892 (Charles Diehl) P.70: "On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Leek played the Welsh Druids in the first round of the English Cup competition at Leek. Leek having been successively beaten by Burnley, Crewe Alexandra, Northwich Victoria, Birmingham Excelsior, and Walsall Town, many of the admirers of the team thought that they would have great difficulty in overcoming the powerful Welsh organisation." (Both teams listed) "At the close of the first half the visitors lead by a goal to nothing, but Leek soon put on two goals in the second half and won their first game of the season by two goals to one."

Sportsman 25/10/86 P.4: "The visitors' goal was a result of a foul by the opposing custodian."

Lancashire Evening Post 25/10/86 P.4: "At Leek, the home team winning a very exciting game by two goals to one. During the first half Leek, who had played with the wind, only had a slight advantage. In the second half the ball was in the Leek quarters only once, and Hassall, the goalkeeper, never had to touch it, but, owing to the number of backs in the Druids' goal, Leek only scored twice. Result:- Leek, 2 goals; Druids, 1 goal."

North Wales Chronicle 30/10/86 P.7:"The well known Welsh Club,the Druids, played in the first round of the English Cup with Leek,the game resulting in a victory for the latter club by two goals to one."

Leek: E.Hassall(Goal);J.Lowe,G.C.Wardle(Backs);G.Tudor,J.Smethurst,Nea (Half Backs);W.Vickerstaff,M.Rider,H.Stonehewer,Keates,W.E.Allen(Forwards).

Druids:J.H.Williams(Goal);Bowen,R.Jones(Backs);Humphreys,S.Thomas, W.Williams(Half Backs);Green,Williams,Richards,Doughty,Vaughan(Forwards).

GOLDENHILL 4 (Not traced)MACCLESFIELD 2(Not traced)  
(At Cobridge)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)(H.T. 2-1)  
(No details in Staffordshire Sentinel)

N.B. :No teams found in Macclesfield Courier at Colindale in 1993 :editions now declared unfit by BM Library.All Macclesfield information for this and the replay obtained from Macclesfield Library Microfilm on visit in 2013

Lancashire Evening Post 1/11/86 P.4:"At Goldenhill.The former won by \*five goals to two-a fast and exciting game."(This must include the goal before Macclesfield team arrived).

\*4-2 in AFS and MC (see below report).5-2 in Athletic News 2/11/86 P.2

Goldenhill:NOT TRACED

Macclesfield:"INFORMATION UNAVAILABLE BUT TWO PREVIOUS GAMES HAD FOLLOWING 11 PLAYERS (as per Macclesfield Silkmen Archives Match Information Section of Macclesfield FC on line):

Bailey(Goal);Bancroft,Goodfellow,Millington,Banner,Downie;Pickford,Wright, Howarth,Hindley,Whittaker(Speculative order of last 10 names)

Macclesfield Courier 6/11/86 P.2 (No lineups):

"The Macclesfield team arriving late the home club +kicked the ball through and claimed the match.To this the visitors objected and play at once commenced. Goldenhill scored twice to the visitors' once in the first half .This was repeated in the second half the home team winning by 4 goals to 2 .The game was very rough and play was stopped some minutes before time,Downie getting badly kicked. The visitors protested against the state of the ground as being too small for a Cup Tie."(No teams)+This explains extra goal in 5-2 score

Macclesfield History (Saga of the Silk Men P.18/19)(No lineup) confirms this report and states that the F.A. upheld the protest and ordered a replay on a neutral ground .

(Liverpool Mercury 1/11/86 P.7 :Macclesfield protested against the size of the ground and Goldenhill claimed the match due to the late arrival of Macclesfield: Replay ordered)

“REPLAY”:Sat 13<sup>th</sup> November (At Leek):

MACCLESFIELD 2 (Banner,Downie) GOLDENHILL 3(Stranton,2 Untraced)  
(At Leek)(H.T. 1-1)(F.T. 2-2)(A.E.T. )

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EMAILS IN 2013) MACCLESFIELD EXPRESS??

Alderley & Wilmslow Advertiser 19/11/86 P.6:Played at Leek.The kick-off took place at 2.45.Macclesfield overplayed their opponents,and scored first,keeping up the pressure for some time.Goldenhill broke away and scored,equalising matters.In the second half Macclesfield had still the best of it,and scored again.Hindley,of Macclesfield,then got hurt and retired.For half an hour in the second half Macclesfield played ten men. Goldenhill again equalised matters,and it was agreed to play an extra half-hour.Macclesfield still played ten men,and Goldenhill scoring again,won by 3 to 2.”(No teams)

Manchester Courier 15/11/86 P.3:“This undecided first tie was played at Leek.When time was called the score was two goals each,and during the extra (half) hour Goldenhill scored again.Hindley of Macclesfield was hurt during the second half,and had to retire.Goldenhill won by three goals to two.”

Macclesfield:.....;Bancroft,.....;Millington,Downie,Banner;.....  
Hindley, J.Bates, Lee,Howarth,.....(Taken from narrative report in Macclesfield Courier 20/11/86 P.2 and also in Macclesfield Silkmen section referred to above):Morton was regular goalkeeper from November onwards after Bailey played in first 2 October games :no particular order for names)

Goldenhill:Higginson;Rob.Whittington,J.Wooliscroft;T.Cooper,C.Farrell,  
(W.Beresford?); Stanton,J.Turner,W.Clare,R.Litherland,A.Nixon.

N.B. All 10 Goldenhill names taken from report in + Staffordshire Sentinel 20/11/86 P.3(1886 not in on line newspapers so far) :same as AFS team v Chester in next round except F.Slater for Stanton (latter scored a goal in this game)

Macclesfield Courier reporting on extra time “Darkness was descending but it was decided to play an extra half hour.There was no good play.In the gloom Goldenhill scored to win by three goals to two.”

+Available on Microfilm at BML ALSO STAFFORDSHIRE ADVERTISER ON MFM

CHIRK 8 (T.Williams,C.Bolas 2,W.Owen 2,G.Owen 2,G.Griffiths)  
HARTFORD ST JOHN’S 1(W.Dickins)(H.T. 5-0)(Sat Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Northwich Guardian 27/10/86 P.5 /Crewe Chronicle 30/10/86 P.4/Sporting Life 25/10/86 P.4/Athletic News 26/10/86 P.3/Wellington Journal 30/10/86 P.6/Referee 24/10/86 P.6/Eddowe's Shrewsbury Journal 27/10/86 P.7:

WJ/ESJ:"Played at Chirk on Saturday.The weather was fine but cold.Chirk won the toss,and Morgan kicked off.Chirk at once began to press,and T.Williams soon scored their first goal.C.Bolas and W.Owen soon added the second and third,and before half time G.Owens and C.Bolas brought Chirk's score to five,Hartford not having scored.

On crossing over Chirk still had the best of the play,and G.Griffiths added a sixth.Dickins then scored for Hartford,but Chirk renewed the pressure,and W.Owens added the seventh and Griffiths the eighth."(No teams)

SL:"These teams met at Chirk to play off their tie in the first round on Saturday. The weather was fine,but cold.Chirk won the toss,and Morgan kicked off for Hartford.Chirk at once began to press,and before the game was three minutes' old,T.Williams sent the ball between the Hartford's uprights,thus scoring first goal for Chirk.The pressure was kept up by Chirk,and C Bolas notched a second goal,W.Owen added a third,and G.Owen a fourth.Hartford now paid a visit to Chirk's goal,but Dickins shot outside.Chirk then returned to the attack,and C.Bolas added a fifth goal.The score thus stood at five to nil at half-time.

On crossing over,Hartford played with more dash,and after G.Griffiths had got a goal for Chirk,W.Dickins,from a corner,scored the first and only goal for Hartford. Chirk then scored again,W.Owen getting a seventh,and G.Owens an eighth. "Time!" was then whistled,,and the game thus ended in a victory for Chirk by eight goals to one."

REF:"Played at Chirk on Saturday.Chirk won the toss,and Morgan kicked off for Hartford.Williams scored the first goal for Chirk, and four others were shot by Bolas,G.Owen,and W.Owen,and at half time the score stood at five to none in favour of Chirk.

In the second half Hartford scored once and Chirk thrice.Chirk thus won by eight goals to one."(Also in Manchester Courier-but that paper has no teams)

Chirk:E.Povah(Goal);D.Jones,T.Wynne(Backs);H.Owen,J.Owen,J.Jones(Half Backs);W.Owen,C.Bolas(Right Wing),T.Williams(Centre),G.Owen,G.Griffiths(Left Wing).

Hartford:James Prest(Goal);J.Moss,W.Saunders(Backs); J.Bisbrown,S.Forster, T.Bolley (Half Backs);W.Dickins,A.Webb(Right Wing),G.Morgan(Centre), J.Malam,S.Davies (Left Wing).

NG/SL/REF have H.Brest

Thomas(Chirk) and W.Colley(Hartford).Referee:G.Tagg(Wrexham).

BURSLEM PORT VALE 1 (W.Reynolds)DAVENHAM 1 (L.Stringer) (H.T. 1-0)(F.T. 1-1)(After Extra Time)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)(At Cobridge Ground,Burslem)

Crewe Guardian 3/11/86 P.5/Northwich Guardian 3/11/86 P.5/Crewe Chronicle 6/11/86 P.4:

NG/CC:"A match between these two clubs took place on Saturday,in the presence of 3,000 spectators,on the Corbridge Ground,at Burslem.The match was peculiarly interesting,as these clubs were the two clubs in this division who fought their way into the second series of English Cup Ties last year.Reynolds kicked off at three o'clock.The leather was at once taken to the quarter defended by the visitors,where it remained for some seconds.It was,however,at length conveyed to the other end of the ground in a creditable manner,a goal kick resulting.Both sides were playing energetically,and each man had evidently made up his mind to do his utmost to help his respective side.A throw in by the visitors almost ended in a goal.Heath was again obliged to kick out,and conceded a corner.Vernon took the kick,and his judgment was so accurate that the ball passed between the posts.A claim for a goal was made,but the referee overruled it.From the goal kick the ball was carried into the visitors' quarters,and a smart shot from Aston,under difficulties,went wide.The ball next found its way in front of the home goal-within half a yard from the line-when a hot scrimmage for possession ensued,which Heath held manfully.It resulted in a corner.The passing tactics of the Davenham team at this stage were more effectual than those of the Valeites,with the inevitable result that,while they failed to score,they succeeded in keeping the leather in their opponents' quarters,and made it hard work for the home forwards.Close upon half time Aston received the ball and passed to Rhodes,who was thought to be offside;he,however,centred,and Reynolds headed it through.An appeal for 'off-side" was made,but disallowed.This was really the only good opportunity the home team had of scoring.At half time the score stood, Port Vale one,Davenham none.

On the resumption of play a foul occurred in the Port Vale quarters,but nothing came of it.Heath was immediately called upon to fist out,which Plant returned, and the ball hit the cross-bar.From this point the ball was passed in a capital manner by the home men,and Aston from the right wing made a splendid attempt to add to the score,but the ball passed over the goal-line.The visitors again had the game slightly in their favour,and Heath was obliged to watch very closely the movements of the leather.May next got possession,and by a pretty piece of play,did his utmost to score.Then followed a determined effort on the part of the visitors to equalise.Heath,by a slight error in judgment,fisted the ball when he should have kicked it,it being again returned just under the bar.This was followed by another close shave,but the home team relieved.A few minutes afterwards the Davenhamites were more fortunate,for out of a scrimmage, Stringer sent the ball over Heath's head.The game which hitherto had been fast,now became very fast.Neither party were,however,able to add to their score,and when the whistle blew for time,each side was credited with a goal.It being necessary to continue the game for an extra half hour. Simpson made a slight change in the position of his men,May taking the inside. The game still

continued to be remarkably well-contested.but again time was called without any change,the game,therefore,ending in a draw.For the home team,Bettany, May,Aston,and Farrall(Goldenhill),played remarkably well.The visitors' play was good throughout.Altogether the match was probably the most stubbornly contested one that has ever been seen on this ground."

Lancashire Evening Post 1/11/86 P.4:"This tie was played at Burslem before about 2,500 spectators.The Vale scored one goal in the first half,and Davenham scored one in the second half.An hour extra was played,but no more goals were scored."

Burslem:A.Heath(Goal);W.E.Powell,Farrall(Backs);W.Poulson,C.Simpson(Capt.), F.Bettany(Half Backs);T.May,Owen,W.Reynolds,B.Rhodes,H.Aston(Forwards).

Davenham:F.Leather(Goal);H.Goulding,R.Riley(Backs);D.Dalton,W.H.Dalton, G.Vernon(Half Backs);L.Stringer,G.Plant,+A.Pye,+G.H.Cross,H.Holland (Forwards).

+Initials to be checked

Umpires:Earlam and Olliver.Referee:S.Ormerod(Accrington).

REPLAY:Sat November 13<sup>th</sup>:

BURSLEM PORT VALE 3 (W.Reynolds 2,B.Rhodes)  
DAVENHAM 0 (At Burslem)(H.T. 0-0)(F.T. 0-0)(After Extra Time)

NO TEAMS TRACED IN PAPERS : DAVENHAM NEWS??

Northwich Guardian 16/11/86 P.5/Crewe Chronicle 20/11/86 P.6/Crewe Guardian 16/11/86 P.5:"This undecided English Cup tie was played at Burslem on Saturday,in the presence of about 3,000 spectators.Davenham lost the toss and Pye kicked off at 2.50 against the wind.The play during the first half was in favour of the home team,but the whistle blew for change of ends without any score.

The second 45 minutes found Davenham to the front,shot after shot being repelled.Again time was called, neither side being able to notch a point.At 4.35 both teams met again for an extra half hour,which was played in semi-darkness, and the home team,knowing the ground,were enabled to score three goals. Davenham have lodged a protest to the effect that it was too dark to play football during the extra time.+The matter will be brought before the English Association Committee on Monday,the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Inst."(No teams)

+ F.A.Meeting on 22/11/86 :protest "not sustained":Nottingham Evening Post 23/11/86 P.4)

Athletic News 16/11/86 P.3:"This undecided tie in the first round was played at Burslem.Davenham kicked off against a strong wind,and defended their goal

successfully during the first half, no goals being scored. Port Vale scored one in the second half, but it was disallowed as being offside. There was an extra half hour's play, in which Reynolds scored twice and Rhodes once. Port Vale played ten men. Bettany retired hurt." (No teams)

AN P.7: "During the "regulation" hour and a half neither side held any material advantage. Vale put the ball through once, the point being disallowed on the plea of off-side. An extra half hour had to be played, and at it they went faster than ever, Vale now beginning to assert their superiority, and when Reynolds dashed one through for the Vale, a tremendous cheer went up. Davenham now played a desperate game, every man except the goal-keeper swarming round the Vale goal, but the "boys" were not to be done, and they broke through, and Reynolds scored again from a long, low shot, which went through the goal-keeper's legs, and shortly afterwards Rhodes scored a third, the Vale securing the victory by three goals to none. The game throughout was stubbornly contested, and the Vale are to be complemented on achieving this hard-fought victory. The Vale really played ten men, Bettany, before the game had fairly commenced, straining his leg, and being obliged to retire."

Burslem : A. Heath, W.E. Powell, Farrall, H. Hodgkinson, F. Bettany, W. Poulson, T. May, B. Rhodes, W. Reynolds, C. Simpson, H. Aston. (PVR P.25)

Davenham: NOT TRACED

BOLLINGTON 2 (J. Egerton, J. Jackson)  
OSWESTRY 8 (T. Davies, J. Roach, T. Bryan 4, J. E. Davies, G. Evans)  
(H.T. 0-4) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>) (At Macclesfield)

FIND Oswestry Advertiser REPORT SCORERS: AND TEAMSONLY 1889 SEEMS TO BE AVAILABLE AT BML ON LINE

Manchester Courier 1/11/86 P.3: "Played at Macclesfield before a large number of spectators. Oswestry scored in two minutes from kick off. At half time Oswestry were leading by four goals to none. Final Result-Oswestry, eight goals; Bollington, two goals." (No lineups)

Lancashire Evening Post 1/11/86 P.4: "At Macclesfield before 700 spectators. After three minutes' play Oswestry scored, and before half time added three more goals. After the change of ends play was more even, and after some fast and good play Bollington scored. Oswestry then scored two goals in quick succession. Shortly before time both sides scored. For Oswestry \*Davies played well at back, but Bryan on the outside left was the pick, scoring four. For Bollington Egerton and Jackson scored. Result-Oswestry eight goals; Bollington, two goals." (No lineups) \*Davies was a forward (see below)

Bollington: W. Goodwin; J. Plant, G. Unwin; J. H. Mason, J. Grattan, J. Jackson; T. Wordsworth, J. T. Walton, J. Egerton, J. Bettany, W. Bettany.

Oswestry:R.Harris;S.Powell,W.Howell;J.Morris,T.Ellis,G.Plimsey;  
J.E.Davies,J.Roach,T.Davies,T.Bryan,G.Evans.

Referee:Darley,Blackburn.

NORTHWICH VICTORIA 10(F.Hickson 3,J.Scowcroft 2,E.W.Bostock 2,J.Brookes,  
E.Cross,J.Maddock)  
FURNESS VALE ROVERS 0 (H.T. 6-0)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)(At Drill-field,Northwich)

Northwich Guardian 3/11/86 P.5/Crewe Chronicle 7/11/86 P.4:

NG/CC:"A large number of people assembled on the Drill-field,at Northwich,on Saturday,to witness the playing-off of the English Cup tie between the above clubs.The weather was fine,and the ground in good condition."

"Northwich had to call in the services of two second team players.Lever was unfortunately prevented from taking part by an illness,which it is feared will incapacitate him from further work in the football field.The hope is universally expressed that the fear will not be realised.The Rovers had made many changes in their team,and stated that they had brought five of their second best men.An easy victory for Northwich was regarded as a foregone conclusion,and so it proved.So completely penned were the visitors during the first half,that Harper, the home goal keeper,kept up circulation by helping the home forwards.Exactly ten minutes after the start,Northwich scored their first goal,and when the whistle sounded for the cross-over they had increased the number to six,while their opponents had scarcely enjoyed a run into the Victoria territory.

After change of ends the Rovers' citadel was subjected to an almost incessant bombardment,and but for the really brilliant goal keeping of Scholes,the Victorias must have made a "record" score.An entirely one-sided game ended in a victory for Northwich by ten goals to nil.Hickson obtained three goals; Scowcroft,two;Bostock,two;Brookes,Cross,and Maddock,one each ."

Lancashire Evening Post 1/11/86 P.4:"This match was played at Northwich before a fair number of spectators,and in fine weather.The visitors played pluckily,but were no match whatever for the Victorians.The latter had an easy task,and won by ten goals to nil.Maddock and Cross of the Victoria back division, each scored."(No teams)

Northwich Victoria:Harper(Goal);J.Maddock,J.Hughes(Backs);W.H.Hughes,  
E.Cross(Half Backs); J.Brookes,T.Hankey, J.Malam,J.Scowcroft,F.Hickson,  
E.W.Bostock(Forwards).

Furness Vale Rovers:A.Scholes(Gaol); W.Allen,J.Cooke (Backs);S.Drinkwater,  
J.Blamey,D.Sleigh(Half Backs);J.H.Pearson,J.N.Taylor,T.Cooper,C.Johnson,  
J.Smith(Forwards).

Umpires:J.Sanders(Northwich) and J.Southern(Furness Vale).  
Referee:J.Collier(Crewe).

STOKE 10 (E.Bennett 3,A.Edge 5,T.Clare 2) CAERNARVON WANDERERS 1  
(R.J.Roberts)(H.T. 5-0)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)(At Stoke)(Scorers from Encyclopedia of  
Stoke City)

North Wales Express 5/11/86 P.3/Sporting Life 2/11/86 P.4/Field 6/11/86  
P.684:

NWE:“Stoke,like Bangor F.C.,has a favourite goal for scoring at,and,winning the  
toss,they decided to attack that goal.Forbes kicked off for the Wanderers and  
R.J.Roberts dashing in made a nice pass to Harry Owen,who crossed the ball  
grandly to the left wing pair.Hope and Thomas,with a nice dodgy bit of play,ran  
the ball down between them,and Hope watching his opportunity shot in.He  
missed his mark,however,and from the goal kick the home team worked the ball  
to the visitors goal,and a grand cross shot was sent in,which Davies speedily  
saved.For the first half hour the Wanderers had,if anything,a shade the better of  
the game,and the spectators grew anxious,and shouts of “Play up Stoke or these  
Welshmen will give you a surprise if you don’t mind”sounded from the  
grandstand.A nice passing game was then initiated by the Stoke forwards till  
they got within stabbing distance and the ball was shot in.Davies,who had his  
right arm almost paralysed by a kick a short time before,was on the spot,but was  
practically helpless,and a goal was scored amid tremendous cheering half an  
hour from the kick off.Then a most inexplicable change came over the  
Wanderers’ play.The half back line suddenly became ineffective.They neither  
attacked nor defended.They appeared to have lost their heads entirely,and a  
tremendous amount of work was showered on the backs and goalkeeper.Davies  
considering himself powerless with his injured arm,became quite funky,and Ned  
Peters,being only just recovering from a serious illness was not of much use,  
hence all the work fell on Griffith Davies.And grandly the old Hero worked  
against overwhelming odds,so grandly indeed,that at the close of the match a  
large number of spectators pointed him out as the best man on the field that day,  
and he was asked to play for Stoke against Preston North End next Saturday.But  
it was all in vain,and goal after goal was piled on,till at half time the score stood,  
Stoke five,Wanderers nil.

The second half was simply a repetition of the latter part of the first half,Stoke  
adding five more goals to their score within half an hour of change of ends.So  
much was the game in their hands,that their goalkeeper,tired of doing nothing,  
joined their forwards and amused himself with trying to kick a goal.But,chiefly  
owing to Griffith Davies and Edward Peters,no more were put on,and Davies,  
making a final effort,broke through the whole Stoke team and with a parting kick  
passed the ball to Harry Owen who at once sent it to R.J.Roberts.Roberts then  
raced down the right wing and shot into goal. The goalkeeper,being away from  
his goal as stated above,the ball went through,just after which “time” was  
called,leaving Stoke the winners of an absurd game by 10 to 1.”

F:"In the presence of two thousand spectators the above tie was played off on the ground of the former.The game itself was of a one-sided character,the Welshmen being no match for the home team,who simply played them off their legs,as the result,of ten to one in favour of Stoke,clearly shows.Stoke were short of +Lawton, Smith,and Holdford."

+G.Lawton(Forward),W.Holford(Half Back),E.Smith(Half Back):see Encyclopedia of Stoke City P.83)

SL:"This match was played at Stoke in the presence of 2,000 spectators,on Saturday.The game itself calls for no comment,it being in favour of the home team throughout.Stoke were playing without three of their best players,Lawton, Holdforth and Smith."

Stoke:W.Rowley(Goal);T.Clare,H.R.Brown(Backs);R.Chadwick,G.Shutt,G.Bateman (Half Backs);J.Sayer,L.Ballham,E.Bennett,A.Edge,W.Owen(Forwards).

Caernarvon:John Davies(Goal);Griffith Davies,Edward Peters(Backs); D.Moreton Jones, R.G.Jones,H.Vincent(Half Backs);Henry Owen,R.J.Roberts (Right Wing),R.C.Forbes(Centre),Edward Ll.Hope,Richard Thomas(Left Wing) .

CHESTER,a bye

#### NORTHERN SIXTH DIVISION

South Bank .v. Gainsborough Trinity

Sunderland .v. West End,Newcastle

Redcar .v. Tyne Association

Lincoln Lindum .v. Grantham

Bishop Auckland Church Institute .v. Middlesbrough to substantiate the objection."

Horncastle .v. Darlington

Lincoln,a bye

SOUTH BANK 0 GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY 4 (Sharman 3,Watkins)(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)(At Linthorpe Road,Middlesbrough) (YH Scorers)

Northern Echo 1/11/86 P.4/York Herald 1/11/86 P.7/Newcastle Daily Chronicle 1/11/86 P.7/Lincolnshire Chronicle 5/11/86 P.2/Grantham Journal 6/11/86 P.3(No South Bank team)/Stamford Mercury 5/11/86 P.3:

NE:"Played at Middlesbrough.South Bank kicked off,and the ball was at once returned by Gainsborough,who rushed it quickly up the field,\*Sharwin scoring from a rattling shot,made from almost midfield.South Bank put in a lot of good work in a plucky endeavour to equalise matters,but were overmatched at every point,and appeared rather shy of tackling their big opponents.\*\*Beadle and Rowlands played a smart game,dodging finely,but the passing of the home team

generally was rather slow and uncertain, whilst that of their opponents was a treat to see, being marvellously quick and sure. Their shooting was hardly so good, probably on account of the wet and slippery ground. A good screw shot from the South Bank right wing struck one of the visitors' backs in goal; Priest catching it sent it in again, the ball striking the goalkeeper and passing just within the posts, but the goal was disallowed on the ground of offside. Gainsborough secured several corners, and made some most determined assaults on the home team's goal, but Harrison and Knox succeeded in saving. Shortly before half time Gainsborough secured another corner. The ball was promptly centred, and a scrummage ensued close in on goal. Knox again and again fisted out, but was overcome by numbers, and Walker registered the second goal. The play in the second half was less exciting. Booth and Bown, two of the Gainsborough forwards, persistently played offside, the former having two goals disallowed. South Bank appeared to play better in the second half, Palliser particularly distinguishing himself. Beadle made a well directed shot from the right, the ball passing just over the crossbar. After a foul had been allowed against South Bank, Sharwin made another of his clever low shots from centre forward, registering the third goal about ten minutes before the call of time. A fourth goal was obtained a few minutes later by the same player from a pass by Bown, the South Bank backs being out of the way. The game thus resulted in a win for Gainsborough by four goals to none." \* Sharman \*\*Bradley for Beadle in line-up \*\*\*Watkins in YH Report but Walker in line-up (but Walker was the Umpire)

YH: "Gainsborough Trinity kicked off in the direction of the west goal, and after some give-and-take play, Sharman got possession, and after a smart run up the centre, scored a goal by a long and capially directed shot. The ball was soon afterwards got to the front of the Gainsborough goal, and sent between the posts by Priest, but the goal was disallowed on the ground of offside. After this Gainsborough Trinity pressed the South Bankers, and showed some beautiful crossing play, but three or four attempts they made to capture a goal were cleverly frustrated by Rudge and Peacock and Knox, particularly the latter, who showed himself a splendid custodian, and nothing further was scored up to half time.

On changing ends the Lincolnshire men played a grand game, and at times completely non-plussed the Teesiders. The ball was got past the goal-keeper no less than five times, but two of the goals obtained by Brown and Booth were properly disallowed on the ground of offside. The second goal for Gainsborough Trinity was scored by Watkins, out of a scrummage, and Sharman, the Lincolnshire forward, registered the other two, both from long shots, and the game terminated in favour of Gainsborough Trinity by four goals to nil."

South Bank: R. Knox (Goal); Peacock, S. Rudge (Backs); Cooper, F. Rowlands, Harrison (Half Backs); Priest, G. Knox, A. Palliser, Sivil, Beadle (Forwards).

Gainsborough: C. H. Howlett (Goal); Tweed, C. Jubb (Backs); Vamplew, W. Brown (Capt.), W. Cator (Half Backs); Smith, A. Watkin (Right Wing), Sharman (Centre), G. H. Bown, C. Booth (Left Wing).

(Initials from elsewhere)

Umpires:Skinner for South Bank and Walker for Gainsborough.Referee:Wardle

SUNDERLAND 2 (J.Lord 2) NEWCASTLE WEST END 1 (A.Campbell)  
(H.T. 1-1)(F.T 1-1)(A.E.T.)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)(At Newcastle Road,Sunderland)

Newcastle Daily Chronicle 1/11/86 P.7/Morpeth Herald 6/11/86 P.2/  
Sunderland Daily Echo 1/11/86 P.4:

NDC/MH:"Fully four thousand spectators assembled to witness this match on the Sunderland ground.Rain fell during the morning which made the ground in a slippery condition.Local players have for some time past looked forward to this game with interest,and by constant practice the opposing teams were well prepared for the fight.Sunderland had the advantage of playing on their own ground,but the West End team were certainly the stronger,and had the services of Aitken,now one of their most active members,and one of last year's Scottish International forwards,who has made a name for himself in football circles.The game played in full time,45 minutes each,was stoutly contested from first to last. The kick off was timed for three o'clock,and almost punctual to time Smith kicked off for Sunderland from the high end of the ground with a slight wind against him.The ball was immediately taken by the visitors' forwards up the field, but a kick from Smart sent it to the West End territory,Sunderland obtaining a corner.The visitors' right wing now took possession of the ball and drove it up the field,but again Smart returned it,and from the goal kick Elliott put the leather into the goal mouth,but the keeper fisted it well out,and the ball was lodged in the centre.Shortly afterwards Sunderland claimed hands,McMillan kicking off, and passing to Smart,the latter made a capital shot for goal,but the ball was well returned.Elliott then passed to the right wing,and after some smart play a corner was obtained by the Tynesiders,which resulted in Campbell heading the ball through the posts,scoring the first goal for West End.Being again in play,the visitors' forwards took the ball up the ground,and Aitken getting possession, made a splendid run for goal,but was brought down by McMillan.Soon after another corner was secured by the visitors,but nothing came of it.Play for some time was now exceedingly fast,but shortly before the expiration of the first half, McMillan passed to +W.Lord,who scored a goal for Sunderland,making matters even.

In the second period,no score resulted on either side,and when time was called the teams were one goal each.The referee then decided that the game must be closed that day.This the West End men objected to,and left the field,but after some discussion,and darkness setting in,it was agreed to play two quarters of an hour longer,and within two minutes of the time,the ball was put close to the West End posts,Sunderland gaining a corner,but the ball being kicked out,it was immediately returned,and put through the posts by Lord,scoring the second goal for Sunderland.Time was then called when Sunderland were declared the winners by two goals to one.After the match a knife and fork tea was partaken of

at the invitation of Sunderland,at the Royal Hotel,which was done ample justice to.” +J.lord

SDE:”...Mr Reed,the referee,then ordered that the regulation extra quarter of an hour should be played each way.The West End players played under protest on account of the failing light.When the cross over took place no further point had been scored.Seven minutes before the close of the second half a loud shout indicated that Sunderland had apparently secured a goal.The referee,however, could not see the work,and disallowed the claim.Soon after Lord for Sunderland again scored,and no further point being notched,Sunderland,amid a scene of wild enthusiasm,left the field victorious with the score two goals to one.The game was one of the hardest ever contested in Sunderland,and the local club are to be congratulated on having beaten a team which was strengthened by the addition of several strange players.West End have entered a protest against having to play in darkness,urging that,if Sunderland had not decided to play on the last possible day for the encounter there would have been no cause for the extra half hour’s play.”

AN:”At Sunderland,before 5,000 spectators,and in fine weather.”

NDC:”We are informed,on the best authority,that the Newcastle Club have protested against the decision,in ordering them to play extra time,that the fee has been forwarded to the English Association,and that a representative from Tyneside will proceed to London this morning to substantiate the objection.”

MH:”The Protest of West End against Sunderland has been sustained,and the teams have been ordered by the English Association to play over again on the West End ground on Saturday next.”

Sunderland :W.Kirtley(Goal);+Isaac Elliott,W.Oliver(Backs);F.Dale,J.Smart, J.McMillan(Capt.)(Half Backs);W.Erskine,P.Rooney(Right Wing), R.Smith(Centre),A.Davison,J.Lord(Left Wing). +Also listed as J.E.Elliott

Newcastle West End:R.A.Oldham(Goal);J.Waggott,J.Duns(Backs); A.Campbell,J.A.Mather(Capt.),J.Chalmers(Half Backs);T.K.Dobson, J.Welford(Right Wing), J.Angus(Centre),R.Aitken, J.Barker(Left Wing).

Umpires:John Graystone for Sunderland and T.Morpeth for Newcastle West End.  
Referee:J.Reed,Cleveland Association

“REPLAY:Sat Nov 13<sup>th</sup>:

The Morpeth Herald 20/11/86 P.7 states at the beginning of the Report on the Replay in respect of the extra time played in the first match:  
“Darkness having set in before the termination of the match,the West End,who desired to play in the week previous,protested against the match being given to Sunderland,and the English Association,upholding their protest,ordered the match to be replayed over again.”

NEWCASTLE WEST END 1(J.Angus) SUNDERLAND 0  
(H.T. 0-0)(At St James's Park,Newcastle)

Newcastle Daily Chronicle 15/11/86 P.7/Sunderland Daily Echo 15/11/86  
P.4/Morpeth Herald 20/11/86 P.7/Sportsman 15/11/86 P.4:

NDC/MH:"This important contest,in the first round of the National Cup,was played on the West End ground,St James's Park,Newcastle.The same teams played at Sunderland a fortnight ago,and after playing an extra half-hour, Sunderland were adjudged to have won by two goals to one.Darkness having set in before the termination of the match,the West End,who desired to play on the week previous,protested against the match being given to Sunderland,and the English Association upholding their protest,ordered the match to be played over again.Ever since the draw was made,great interest has been shown in the match, and the fact of this being a second contest,still further increased that interest.

With heavy rains,the ground was in a very holding condition,and against fast play;but it was much more suitable than last week.The game was played in two periods of 45 minutes each.There was a very large number of spectators, including a strong contingent of Sunderland players.Sunderland won the toss, and elected to play down the hill.At twenty minutes to three o'clock the ball was kicked off by Smith,and some brisk play took place in the middle of the field.The ball was soon sent to the top of the field,and West End obtained a corner.Amid some excitement,Davison dribbled the ball down to the bottom end,and Sunderland secured a corner.The ball was next brought up the field by Aitken, who was in good form.Some more give-and-take play took place,and on the ball nearing Sunderland's line Aitken made a shot.Once more the ball was sent to the bottom end,and some fast play took place in the visitors' territory,Taylor being conspicuous.The ball was then sent to the top end,but by a bad shot West End missed a golden opportunity of scoring.Each team played hard amid the excitement and shouts of the spectators.West End then had another chance at goal,but again missed.West End was once more given a chance to score,but would not take it.Their shooting was defective.Sunderland once more pressed the home team,and would certainly have scored but for the brilliant saving of Oldham.Shortly afterwards,Sunderland sent the ball through but the goal was not allowed,the umpire calling "off-side".The ball was sent up and down the field several times,Davison,of Sunderland,making some good runs.From a throw in out of touch the ball was sent in down West End's line,but Oldham saved again. After some give-and-take play West End were again put on the defensive,where some exciting play took place.Shortly after,Aitken took the ball up the field,amid loud cheers,West End secured another corner.The ball was again brought down, and Oldham once more averted his opponents scoring.Aitken next got possession and ran up the field.Some more give-and-take play took place,and Sunderland, putting on the defensive,defended their goal well.Again the visitors' goal was in danger,but Macmillan was all there.Several attempts were made at the West End's goal,but Oldham was too much for them,his goalkeeping being excellent. The whistle was blown for half time,but West End went on and scored a goal,which,of course,was not allowed.At half time nothing had been scored.

On change of ends Angus kicked off for West End, and within a minute Kirtley had to save by giving a corner. Sunderland then rushed up the field and made an attempt to score, but Oldham again was on the alert. Sunderland shortly after had to resume the defensive, the goal-keeper having plenty of employment. A rush was made by Erskine and Smith for Sunderland, the latter putting the ball over the bar. Again Aitken made a good shot at the visitors' goal, but Kirtley saved well. Sunderland made two or three good breaks away, but the brilliant defence of Duns and Taylor prevented their scoring. Play now became very exciting near Sunderland's goal line, and a good shot was saved in splendid style by Elliott. Again play was exciting near the visitors' goal-line, and Smart saved a sure goal. Here West End obtained several corners in succession, but the good defence of Elliott, Smart, and Kirtley prevented any scoring. As the time was drawing to a close the excitement of the spectators increased. From a splendid corner by Aitken, Angus headed an excellent goal, amid loud applause. Smith kicked off for Sunderland, but play raged in the visitors' quarters. During the latter part of the game Sunderland played one man short, Oliver having got his collar-bone hurt. The game continued fast, but West End were unable to increase the score."

SDE: "These association football clubs again met each other on Saturday, in the first round of the National Cup, on the West End ground, St. James's Park, Newcastle. The same teams antagonised at Newcastle a fortnight ago, when, after an extra half hour had been played, Sunderland won by two goals to one. West End, however, appealed, and the English Association ordered the match to be played again at Newcastle. The second meeting of the teams naturally excited the greatest interest, and there was a splendid "gate", a very strong contingent of Sunderland people being present. The weather was fine, if cold, but the ground was rather sodden, and in a holding condition, which militated against fast play. The game was played in two periods of 45 minutes each. Sunderland won the toss, and chose the higher end of the ground. The game was to have begun at 2.30. Ten minutes after, Smith kicked off for Sunderland. Angus returned into the middle of the field, and after some even play the ball was taken towards the Sunderland goal by Dobson, a corner resulting. Campbell was entrusted with the kick, but no score resulted. A capital dribble by Davison took the sphere to the other end of the field, and Sunderland obtained a corner without, however, any further result. Aitken was then conspicuous for some first class dribbling and dodging, but his play, as at Sunderland, excited the strong disapprobation of some of the spectators. Kirtley cleverly fisted out several hot shots, which were sent in by Aitken. Up to half time the state of the game remained unchanged, though just after the whistle blew West End got the ball through the posts. Play on the whole had been in favour of Sunderland. Once the forwards put the ball through the West End posts, but the goal was disallowed on the call of "hands". A golden opportunity was missed by Lord kicking the ball over the bar instead of keeping it low down. Shortly before half time Oliver, a Sunderland back, was badly injured by being heavily cannoned against by a West-ender, with the result that he had his collar-bone broken. The poor fellow had to be helped off the field. He was taken to the hospital, and after his injuries had been temporarily attended to was conveyed home.

The loss of Oliver's services seriously weakened the Sunderland team, and their chances of success were further minimised by having to play up hill and against the wind with only ten men during the second half of the game. McMillan brought Smart to full back and played two half backs. West End at once assumed the aggressive and the ball was mainly kept in Sunderland territory for the remainder of the time. The Sunderland forwards, however, got the ball up the field several times, but their efforts to score were neutralised by the good defence of Duns and Taylor at back. At length a corner fell to West End. Aitken took the kick, and landing the ball in the mouth of the goal, Angus headed it through. No further point was made, and the match thus ended in a victory for West End by one goal to nil. The Sunderland men are to be congratulated on the gallant fight they made with one player short. But for the accident to Oliver the game would in all probability at least have resulted in a draw."

N.B. There was a special benefit match for W. Oliver at Sunderland on 27/11/86 against Newcastle West End. Result Sunderland 1 West End 0

Newcastle West End: R.A. Oldham (Goal); J. Taylor, J. Duns (Backs); J. Waggott, J.A. Mather, J. Chalmers (Half Backs); T.K. Dobson, A. Campbell (Right Wing), J. Angus (Centre), W. Tiffin, R. Aitken (Left Wing).

N.B. NDC/MH/SDE all give all exact positions for both teams

Sunderland: W. Kirtley (Goal); W. Oliver, \*J. Elliott (Backs); J. McMillan, J. Smart, F. Dale (Half Backs); W. Erskine, P. Rooney (Right Wing), R. Smith (Centre), J. Lord, A. Davison (Left Wing).

(\*ISAAC ELLIOTT ?) (Have seen J.E. Elliott and J. Elliott and I. Elliott)

REDCAR 4 (Taylor, Fidler, "rush through by Fidler and Taylor", H. Alvey)  
TYNE ASSOCIATION 0 (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>) (At Redcar)

Northern Echo 1/11/86 P.4/York Herald 1/11/86 P.7:

NE: "Played at Redcar. The visitors kicked off. At first the play was in the Redcar quarters, but Alvey and Bradbury prevented a too near approach to the home goal. Matters remained thus for twenty minutes, when the Redcar forwards made a splendid rush into their opponents' quarters. Several corner kicks fell to them in succession, but were all cleared; and it was not until a half an hour had elapsed that Taylor, after a quick run down the field, made a long shot for goal. Oliver ran out to meet it, but the ball slipped off his fist and passed between the uprights.

Nothing of note took place until after half time, when Redcar played more determinedly, and the ball was kept continually close to the visitors' goal. Subsequently Fidler, by a capital shot from the left, scored a second goal, the ball passing immediately under the crossbar. From the kick off the Redcar forwards, by some clever passing, carried the ball at once up the field to opposite their opponents' goal, from whence it was rushed through by Fidler and Taylor. The

visitors followed this up by pressing the home team, and had it not been for the splendid dodging of Agar, and the gallant defence of Alvey and Bradbury, they would certainly have scored. Shortly before time was called the ball was secured by H. Alvey, who, after a long run up the centre, landed the fourth goal. Redcar, therefore, won by four goals to nil."

Redcar: G. Farndale (Goal); T. Alvey, J. Bradbury (Backs); H. Stickereth, R. Agar, G. Macree (Half Backs); J. Preston, H. Alvey, Taylor, H. Fidler, G. Hikeley (Forwards).

Tyne Association: Oliver (Goal); Ferguson, Douglas (Backs); McNab, Dingle, Stanton (Half Backs); Wardall, Arnold, Muir, Burn, Bryant (Forwards).

(YH has Wardle)

LINCOLN LINDUM 0 GRANTHAM 1 (N. Orson) (H.T. 0-1) (Sat Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>) (At Wragby Road, Lincoln)

Lincolnshire Chronicle 26/10/86 P.3/Grantham Journal 30/10/86 P.3/  
Nottingham Journal 25/10/86 P.7:

LC: "These teams met on the Wragby-road Ground, Lincoln, on Saturday to play off their tie in the first round of the National Cup Competition. The day was beautifully fine, and consequently there was a good attendance of spectators. The home team was weakened by the absence of Cole and Tweed, while Grantham had drawn considerably from Rovers and Victorias to make up an eleven. Grantham won the toss, and elected to play with the hill and sun in their favour; and from the kick off Lindum ran some distance up the field until stopped by Segar, who commenced a journey down the field to the other end, until relieved by H. Williams. Grantham returned to the attack, but Curtis was all there. A free kick to the visitors did not secure them any advantage, as the leather was sent out and a goal kick resulted. There was a sharp return, and Porter was first called upon to use his hands. The ball was handed over to Oliver and S. Williams, and they quickly changed the venue of the game, but they did not succeed in becoming dangerous. The home left wing was then busy, and Lowe had an opening, but he hesitated and eventually kicked out. From the kick Hutchinson was conspicuous for a good run, but his career was cut short by Curtis. The ball, however, was not got clear away, and a hot scrimmage in front of goal was witnessed. The anxiety of the home partisans was relieved when Lowe was seen flitting up the wing. He handed the leather over to S. Williams, and that player, assisted by Oliver, rushed up to the goal mouth, and the attack became so warm that the visitors had to save at the expense of a corner kick. This was very badly placed, and after a brief scrimmage, the ball was kicked out. Chambers met the goal kick, returned sharply to Richardson, and an appeal for "hands" close in goal against Grantham was decided favourably to Lincoln. The home forwards, however, could not force the defence, although a very sharp shot was put in, and almost immediately a Grantham player again handled the ball, and the free kick was well taken, but without result. Hutchinson got away, but Wilson returned. The Grantham Captain again secured, and passing over to Orson, that player kicked a

simple goal for Grantham after a quarter of an hour's very fast and exciting play, in which the Lindum had had slightly the best of the game. From the kick off Grantham made the play, but Richardson secured, and was coming up the wing when he was met by Segar, and a heavy collision ensued. He played for a minute or two after this, but it was then found that he had fractured his collar bone, and he had, of course, to retire. This considerably weakened the home team, and all present felt that the issue of the conflict was now no longer in doubt. "Hands" was given against Grantham, but a well timed kick by Jarrett gave the ball to Hutchinson and Sutton, the latter sending in a shot which danced along the cross bar, but was got away out of the scrimmage. A good centre by Hutchinson was ineffective, owing to the want of a man in the right place, and the home right wing got away. Jarrett was not found napping, and hereabout Grantham appealed, and obtained a free kick. From this Curtis secured, and passed to Lowe, who had a good opening, but dallied too long. Lincoln obtained a free kick for "hands", but the sphere was landed too far, and shortly afterwards half time was called, with no further addition to the score.

On resuming play was for a time in the vicinity of the Lincoln goal, and "hands" against the home team caused considerable anxiety. Lindum, however, cleared their lines and transferred play to the other end. Hutchinson was again getting away, but Wilson could not be passed, and the attack was repelled. For some time, now, with but few intervals of relief, there was a series of warm attacks on the home goal, and Porter saved in good style on many occasions, and the efforts of the visitors were thus reduced to naught. On one occasion Grantham secured "hands" about six yards from the goal, but they could not again reduce the fortress. A corner which they secured was kicked behind the bar, and then, five minutes before time, Lindum woke up. Curtis, leaving his post at full back, was seen dribbling the ball up the left wing, and ended by landing it in front of goal. A scrimmage ensued, out of which Saddington emerged successfully, but the ball was instantly returned by H. Williams. Again was two sharp shots saved at the expense of a corner. From this nothing accrued, although the attack was an uncomfortable one for the Grantham custodian. The ball was got clear away, and then the whistle blew leaving Grantham the winners by one goal to nil. Of the Grantham players, Saddington, Shannon, and Jarrett were the most conspicuous of the backs, Hutchinson and Orson being the best of the forwards. For the Lindumites, the backs all played a good game, and Porter in goal was a success after that one fatal shot. The forwards did not show up to advantage."

Athletic News 26/10/86 P. : "Played at Lincoln. Grantham scored, after 15 minutes' play, with a shot which the home custodian ought to have easily kept out. This proved the only point scored, as, although both teams worked hard, and both goals were repeatedly in jeopardy, the defence of each team was superb. Richardson, one of the home forwards, had the misfortune to dislocate his collar-bone about 20 minutes from the commencement of the game." (No teams)

Athletic News 26/10/86 P.7 : "The English Cup tie at Lincoln between Lindum and Grantham, in which the former were beaten by one goal to none, was not a very taking spectacle. The play shown was of a crude, elementary character, chiefly remarkable for wild kicking and reckless charging. The game was a very

rough one, and Richardson, one of the Lindum forwards, had his shoulder dislocated. This was bad enough, but two players, one on either side, would have met with their just deserts if the referee had ordered them off the ground."

Lincoln Lindum: A.B. Porter (Goal); H. Curtis, Wilson (Backs); J. Hobday, H. Chambers, H. Williams (Half Backs); S. Williams, Oliver (Right Wing), W.E. Cocks (Centre), L.H. Lowe, T.E. Richardson (Left Wing).

Grantham: J. Broadbent (Goal); F.R. Shannon, J.G. Saddington (Backs); Rev. B.G. Jarrett, C.E. Clements, J. Segar (Half Backs); A. Hutchinson (Capt.), G. Sutton (Right Wing), G.F. Curtis (Centre), N. Orson, W. Sanders (Left Wing).

Umpires: G.F. Wells-Cole and F.B. Williamson. Referee: A.J. Bates, Notts Forest.

BISHOP AUCKLAND CHURCH INSTITUTE 0 MIDDLESBROUGH 1 (F. Dennis)  
(H.T. 0-0) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>) (At Bishop Auckland)

York Herald 1/11/86 P.7/Northern Echo 1/11/86 P.4/ (Middlesbrough Complete Record gives Borrie as scorer but no team)

NE: "Played at Bishop Auckland in the first round of the English Challenge Cup. There were upward of 3,000 spectators present. Auckland won the toss, and elected to play downhill. Middlesbrough kicked off, but the ball was returned into their quarters, and two shots which were made for goal went wide. Middlesbrough broke away, and Dennis on the left ran close up, but was stopped by Theakstone. Auckland followed up with some good rushes, but were unable to pass Miller and Wynn. Fast play in the centre ensued, and although the Middlesbrough forwards succeeded in passing the Auckland halves several times, their shooting at goal at this point was somewhat erratic, the result being several good chances were lost. After this Auckland worked into the Middlesbrough quarters, passed Miller, and obtained a corner. Nothing came of it, but the Church Institute playing up kept the ball in the Middlesbrough territory and were only through the fine heading of Wynn, and the splendid kicking and tackling of Miller, prevented from working into the mouth of their opponents' goal. Middlesbrough eventually got away with the ball, and for a time pressed their opponents hard. Theakstone relieved his goal, and Pallister took a shot, but failed to score. Middlesbrough then had the best of the play for some time, keeping the Auckland backs busily employed, until Strachan and Pallister secured the globe, and Dawkins was obliged to defend his goal twice in succession. Play became very fast and the ball was all over the field. Both lots of forwards made several rushes, but the backs played splendidly, and the ball was always returned into the centre of the field. This was the general character of the game till the end of the half.

Half time supervened, when Middlesbrough kept the ball in front of their opponents' goal. Several shots were made, but they all went wide of the goal. Fairless rushed out, but was stopped by Miller, who returned the ball into the Auckland territory. Dobinson, however, dodged the visitors' forwards, and

obtained a corner for Auckland. The shot was well placed, but Wynn cleverly headed away, and it was sent into the centre. Both teams played exceedingly well, the general character of the play being give and take until five minutes of the call of time, when Middlesbrough secured the ball. It was worked up the left wing and passed to the centre. Dowling sent it back, but it was again returned, and Dennis, with a good high kick, sent it into goal, amid loud cheering, and secured the first goal for Middlesbrough. After the kick off, it was secured by the home forwards, and with a good rush, in which they were well supported by the half backs and backs, they took it right up to the visitors' goal. A splendid shot was made, which struck the crossbar. It dropped in front of the goal, close to the upright, and one of the Auckland forwards kicked it just outside. Auckland claimed a goal, as they said the ball went through after touching the bar, but the referee said that it was not behind the posts, and disallowed the goal. Just before the whistle blew, Pallister received an injury to his leg, and had to be assisted off the field. Middlesbrough thus won by one goal to none."

King's of Amateur Soccer P.14: "A crowd of 3,000 watched a game that was played at a fast pace, but produced few chances. There were only five minutes remaining when Dennis scored the winner for Middlesbrough. Strachan then hit the underside of the crossbar, but the home appeals for a goal were turned down. Pallister had to leave the field in the last minute with a leg injury." (Bishop Auckland Team as below)

Bishop Auckland: W. Strachan (Goal); J. Dowling, R. Theakstone (Backs); J. Buchanan, T. Dobinson, W. Waters (Half Backs); G. W. Pallister, J. G. Strachan, Rev. E. F. Every, J. G. Slack, E. Fairless (Forwards).

Middlesbrough: J. Dawkings (Goal); G. Millar, T. H. Wynn (Backs); S. Cruse, O. H. Cochrane, T. Bach (Half Backs); R. Wilson, F. Dennis, A. Borrie, W. Fox, J. Ewbank (Forwards).

Referee: Hall, Treasurer of the Northumberland F.A.

HORNCASTLE 3 (J. Turner 3) DARLINGTON 1 (R. H. Mallett) (H. T. 1-0) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>) (At the Wong, Horncastle)

Northern Echo 1/11/86 P.4 : No Horncastle team/Lincolnshire Chronicle 2/11/86 P.3 and 5/11/86 P.2/Grantham Journal 6/11/86 P.3: No Darlington team/Stamford Mercury 5/11/86 P.3:

LC: "This match in the English Cup ties, was played on the Wong, Horncastle, on Saturday afternoon. Horncastle had secured the services of Brelsford (Lincoln) as goalkeeper, and \*Allin (Boston) as centre forward, and they were assisted by E. Tweed and A. Freshney. The visitors were minus J. R. Babley and G. Taylor (half backs). We do not mention these facts with the intention of minimising the amount of credit due to Horncastle for what followed upon it, but simply desire that the truth shall be known to our readers, as a guide as what might be expected of the Wongites on future occasions. So sanguine were some of the

shining lights as to the ultimate outcome of the struggle that they were willing to accept any odds that were laid against them. Four pounds to one against Horncastle was the substantial bet that one well-known individual offered, and he was accepted immediately by one of Horncastle's best forwards. This, at any rate, will serve to show the state of feeling that existed at the outset. The toss was won by the captain of the home team (W. Turner), and the ball was set in motion at about 2.45pm, being a quarter of an hour after the advertised time. A very large number of persons were drawn together to line the ropes, and they soon gave signs of the amount of enthusiasm with which they viewed the encounter. The visitors, who were a heavy set of men, indulged in a good deal of pressing for the first five minutes or so, but it soon became patent that the majority of them were not to be compared, in point of speed, with the Horncastle lightweights. Their backs played a remarkably good game for some time, and kept the enemy well in the distance, but at length "our boys" warmed to their work, and showed their antagonists a little play that completely astonished them. The manoeuvre was first started by the half backs, who, upon being pressed, sent the leather over to the left wing, where it was taken possession of by E. Tweed. This player, notwithstanding repeated obstacles, took it up the field, and "middled" whence it was passed to J. Turner, who immediately did the needful amid great cheering. The Darlington men could not believe their own eyes, for they actually disputed the point on the grounds that the ball did not pass between the poles. The referee (Mr F. Banks of Spilsbury), however, at once pronounced against the disputants. Upon the battle being continued Darlington put forward a continuation of praiseworthy exertions, and the series were ended by the ball being landed safely by one of their right wings. It now became Horncastle's turn to offer objections to the legitimacy of the kick, in which they were successful—although opinions clearly differed—in obtaining a decision of "offside". Thus encouraged Horncastle played up well; the brothers Turner, Allin, and Hatcliffe, particularly so. But nothing further demanding chronicling occurred up to the blowing of the whistle for the change of positions.

This done, hostilities were resumed in downright earnest and the game proceeded in the most creditable fashion for some considerable time until at length an exciting event occurred in the mouth of Craven's goal, between the keeper and J. Turner, but the latter failed at the critical moment to hold his feet, whereupon the ball was sent flying into neutral ground. Turner was not long in atoning for this mishap. He soon brought the ball down again, and made a splendid shot for goal. Craven ran out to meet it with his fist, but as he was in the act of striking, he was charged by \*Allin; the ball rolled on its course, and thus a second goal was scored. Again the point was disputed, but only to be justly upheld by the referee. After this the losers became desperate and buckled to with great spirit. They soon obtained a "corner", but the kick in itself was a "mull". Then another corner was secured, but nothing came of it either. Still they pressed; and continued to keep the ball well in the fortress of their opponents, until at last Jeffrey "missed his kick"; and in a manner almost precisely similar to what had been done at the other end, Brelsford was charged after a good kick had been obtained and goal "number one" was registered for the visitors. Thus encouraged Swedde's men worked hard to equalise affairs, but their great failing was want of speed, and Horncastle continued to have the best of it during the remainder of

the game. They kept the ball well down for two or three minutes, when eventually the list was completed by Tweed putting in a splendid kick, and J. Turner heading the ball through. The match altogether was the very best-bar none-we have ever witnessed on the Wong-and the victory redounds to Horncastle's credit in every sense of the term."

\*Not Allen as printed in these 2 places only.

NE:"Three goals were obtained by Horncastle. The first one, it is alleged by the Darlington umpire (T.W. Dixon), and supported by the members of the team, passed over the crossbar, and was not a goal. The referee, however, declared it to be one. The second goal obtained by Horncastle is said to have been offside, but was allowed by the referee. The first of two goals obtained by Darlington was disallowed for offside play. The second, and the one only goal allowed for the visiting team, was gained by R. Henry from a pass by Buckton. The game was of a very rough character, and did not excite much interest."

SM:"The tie between these two teams was played on the Wong, Horncastle, on Saturday. It was one of the best and most exciting games ever witnessed at Horncastle. The leather was in the possession of the half backs, who transferred it to Tweed on the left wing. Tweed ran up the field and then middled it, whence it was shot to J. Turner, who scored. After the change of positions Darlington worked hard to equalise, and managed to send the ball through, but they were ruled off-side. Horncastle shortly afterwards obtained another goal, and this was soon followed by a point from the foot of Mallett for Darlington. Horncastle won by three goals to one."

Athletic News 2/11/86 P.2:"Played before 2,000 spectators at Horncastle.."

Horncastle: W. Brelsford (Goal); A. Langley, W. Jeffrey (Backs); A. Freshney, C. Hatcliffe, J. Green (Half backs); W. Turner (Capt.), J. Turner (Right Wing), W. H. Allin (Centre), R. Turner, E. Tweed (Left Wing).

Darlington: C. S. Craven (Goal); J. H. Smeddle (Capt.), J. W. Moore (Backs); G. Paylor, R. T. Stabler, T. Waites (Half Backs); L. Thackeray, R. H. Mallett (Right Wing), J. T. Hutchinson (Centre), H. Hope, R. B. Buckton (Left Wing).

(LC/SM have R. H. Mallett for R. Henry in NE) (Darlington Definitive has Smeddle: correct)

Umpire for Horncastle: H. Tweed. Referee: F. Banks (Spilsbury).

LINCOLN, a bye

SOUTHERN FIRST DIVISION

Chatham .v. Bournemouth Rovers

Crusaders(Brentwood) .v. Clapton  
Old Wykehamists .v. Hanover United  
Luton Town .v. Hotspur  
Hendon .v. London Caledonians  
Old Carthusians .v. Reading  
Swifts .v. Luton Wanderers  
Cannon(Tottenham) .v. Old Foresters  
Watford Rovers .v. Swindon Town

CHATHAM walked over BOURNEMOUTH ROVERS scratched.

Lancashire Evening Post 1/11/86 P.4:"This match did not take place the Rovers having scratched."

Rochester & Chatham Journal 30/10/86:"Chatham Lines will be today (Saturday) the scene of another battle in the first round of the Association Cup ties,the Chatham Club,who showed such good form last Saturday,having to meet the Bournemouth Rovers.

The Chatham team will consist of:

W.Salisbury(goal), J.Albert,A.Jenner(backs),R.Conquer,T.R.Timms and H.Blake(half backs),C.Hibbard(centre),W.Campaign,and W.McLeod(right wing),H.Hobart and (Go?)ldie(weft wing)

CRUSADERS (Brentwood) 5 (G.S.Sherrington,T.J.Britten 3,A.W.Lemarchand)  
CLAPTON 0(H.T. 0-0) (At Essex County Cricket Club,Leyton) (Sat Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Essex Times 29/10/86 P.2 and Chelmsford Chronicle 29/10/86 P.7 (Only Crusaders team)/Referee 24/10/86 P.6/Sporting Life 25/10/86 P.4/Sportsman 25/10/86 P.4:

ET/CC:"The above-named teams met in the first round of the English Cup competition at Leyton on Saturday last.Though the weather in the earlier part of the day was anything but propitious,it cleared up somewhat in the afternoon,and about 300 persons assembled to witness the contest.Getting the best of the spin of the coin, the visitors elected to play,with the slight wind in their favour, towards the pavilion end of the ground.In the first half the game was very evenly contested, and though both goals were assailed alternately,such was the bad shooting at close quarters that neither side had notched a point when the time for crossing over arrived.

On change of ends,however,the home players assumed the aggressive,and as the Claptonians became pumped out and disorganised,the Crusaders had pretty much their own way during the remainder of the game.The second half of the game had lasted ten minutes when from a throw in dangerously near the visitors' fortress,the sphere was nicely centred,Sherrington succeeding in non-plussing Baker and getting the first goal.From the centre the Clapton men managed to work down towards the home citadel,but Turner averted all

danger. A trio of corners shortly afterwards fell to the Crusaders, two of which were forced by Sherrington. From the third, which was nicely put in by Turner, Britten notched the second point for his side, the defence of the Claptonians at this stage being of the most meagre description. Matters now became exceedingly warm for Clapton, their stronghold being literally besieged. Hogarth was the first to make a desperate attempt at scoring; but the effort proved futile due to his falling right in the mouth of the goal. Britten relieved the last-named player, and he and Pike had a try at getting the leather past Baker for the third time. In a double attempt the sphere rebounding from the goalkeeper, Britten did the trick amid cheers. About two minutes after this player scored a fourth point, Lemarchand notching the fifth and last point of the game, the Crusaders thus winning by five goals to none."

SL: "On the change of ends it was soon clear that the Clapton men had shot their bolt in their efforts to force the game in the first half. They tired and fell to pieces, and the Crusaders, playing a far better game than at the outset, had matters pretty much their own way, their goal only being threatened on two or three occasions. The first point was obtained from a beautiful centre by Pike from a throw in, Baker being twisted round by a rush by Sherrington as he attempted to fist out. A foul was claimed on the ground that when thrown in the ball was not delivered over the head, but the claim was not allowed. From a finely placed corner kick by Jobson, Britten scored a second goal by a pretty shot, and then from a pass by Sherrington another point was added by Britten. A little later Britten carried the ball up the centre half the length of the ground in dashing style and again sent it between the posts, and shortly before the call of time Lemarchand added another point by a capital shot. The Crusaders therefore won by five goals to love. For the Crusaders Anderson played a stout defensive game at full back, Nickisson did excellent work at half back, and, with the exception of Hogarth, who was off colour, the forwards played a capital game in the second half, while in the first half Cooper kept goal admirably. For Clapton, Clark was the pick of the forwards, and put in some pretty work, and the back division played a good defensive game."

SM: "In the second portion the Clapton team fell to pieces, and the Crusaders, playing up better, had matters all their own way, goals being put in by Pike, Britten (three), and Lemarchand with the result already stated."

Athletic News 26/10/86 P.4: "Brentwood, or I beg pardon, The Crusaders, did not have such an easy task with Clapton, no goals being scored in the first half, and only one for a long time afterwards. The wind had a little to do with it. However, as the victorious forwards joyously related on their return to Liverpool-street, they almost achieved a record in snatching four goals in the last seven minutes, Clapton utterly collapsing when it came to the finish. Lemarchand, of St Bartholemew's Hospital, put in plenty of honest work on the right wing, and Brentwood have a perfect gem in R.G. Hogarth (also of St Bartholemew's) who partners T.M. Pike, the Cantab. on the left side. R.J. Turner made his first appearance in southern colours in an English Cup tie, and I believe the ex-Rover is saying "good-bye" to Lancashire this week, and will settle permanently in the great smoky metropolis. Richardson, of Charterhouse and Cambridge, was in

capital form at half-back. Britten scored three goals from the centre in his usual style. The losers played a very fair game, but were overmatched."

Crusaders: L. Cooper (Goal); E. P. Anderson, R. J. Turner (Backs); J. L. Nickisson, W. S. Jobson, F. J. Richardson (Half Backs); A. W. Lemarchand, G. S. Sherrington (Right Wing), T. J. Britten (Centre), T. M. Pike, R. G. Hogarth (Left Wing).

Clapton: W. Baker (Goal); C. Whyte, C. Munro (Backs); A. B. Mayes, P. Read, J. M. Barclay (Half Backs); J. Cowan, W. G. Connell (Right Wing), R. H. Clark (Capt.) (Centre), J. Bryson, A. J. Earchy (Left Wing).

Umpires: A. G. O. Kennedy (Brentwood) and J. J. Holdsworth (Clapton).  
Referee: A. W. Ramsey (Pilgrims)

OLD WYKEHAMISTS 3 (F. M. Ingram, P. L. Canning, H. Chitty)  
HANOVER UNITED 0 (H. T. 2-0) (At Merton Hall, Wimbledon) (Sat Oct 30th)

KR Source: Pastime/Sporting Life 2/11/86 P.4/Sportsman 1/11/86 P.4:

SM: "After a one-sided game the Old Wykehamists won this game at Merton Farm, Wimbledon, on Saturday, by three goals to none. The score would have been much heavier had not the shooting of the winners been weak. Ingram and Canning scored in the first half and Chitty in the second."

SL: "Old Wykehamists won by three goals (Ingram, Chitty, and Canning) to none. Two goals were scored in the first half and one in the second. Throughout the game was one-sided, the ball seldom being in the Wykehamists' quarters. The winners shooting was bad."

Old Wykehamists : B. E. Nicholls (Goal); L. T. Thring, A. J. Mackarness (Backs); W. H. Edgar, J. F. Bowen, J. S. Watney (Half backs); P. L. Canning, H. Chitty (Right), F. M. Ingram (Centre), C. L. Hickley, J. A. Fort (Left).

Hanover: A. Hunt; (Goal); Q. Hogg, E. Staples (Backs); L. Harris, W. Potter, A. Gray (Half Backs); G. Turk, P. Dakin (Right), C. Stanning (Centre), T. Totman, E. C. Ravani (Left Wing).

Umpires: T. B. Hughes (Old Wykehamists) and W. Tipton.  
Referee: F. Barnett (Upton Park).

LUTON TOWN 1 (E. Ellingham) HOTSPUR 3 (F. J. Johnson, J. Sutton 2) (H. T. 1-1) (Sat Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>) (At Dallow Lane, Luton)

Luton Reporter 30/10/86 P.5/Sporting Life 25/10/86 P.4/Sportsman 25/10/86 P.4/Referee 24/10/86 P.6/Herts Advertiser 30/10/86 P.2:

LR: "The Luton Town Club, who were drawn against the Hotspur, a noted London club, in the first round of the Association Challenge Cup Competition, played off their match on Saturday afternoon, the game taking place on their ground at Dallow-lane. The weather was dull and the ground somewhat damp, but fortunately it remained dry while the game was in progress. The attendance was large. The match proved a very slow one, and on the whole was remarkably equal, though the Luton team had certainly the worst of the luck. The Hotspur kicked off, playing down the hill, and during the first half the ball was several times in dangerous proximity to both goals. The first goal was scored by the strangers, Johnson sending the leather with a fine long shot from the left wing clean through the posts. It was only a few minutes thereafter when the ball was got up the field by Charlie Lomax, Taylor, and Deacon, and after it had been centred Ellingham managed to put it through. Several hot assaults were afterwards made upon the strangers' goal, notably a splendid shot by C. Lomax, but these were effectually repulsed by the watchfulness of the goalkeeper, who defended his charge in a most admirable manner. Numerous corners fell to both sides. After one of these the Hotspurs claimed a "hand" almost directly in front of their opponents' goal, and in the scrimmage that followed the ball was driven up and struck the cross-bar. Luton after this had twice a good chance of scoring. On one occasion when Bower and Deacon ran the ball up the field, a shot by the latter passed the post by only 3 feet, and on another the ball hit it and rebounded. At half time the game was thus level, each side having obtained a goal.

It was thought that after ends were changed Luton would show up better by making the play hotter, but instead of this both teams visibly fell away, and the game became slower than ever, so that for a long while after the teams had changed positions the proceedings were very uninteresting. The Luton goal was again warmly besieged, and at one time the fact of the ball striking the post only saved it. About this time a beautiful shot from the toe of C. Lomax appeared full of hope for the local interests, but the goal-keeper was again equal to what was required of him. Bower also got hold of the ball, but his effort was wide of the mark. The play did not, however, confine itself exclusively to the Luton territory. The leather travelled pretty much over all the field, and the Hotspur had once or twice quite as much to do as they could in defending their citadel. When about ten minutes or so from the call of time the ball was carried well into the Luton ground and J. Sutton for the visitors succeeded in scoring. An exciting piece of work followed in front of the Hotspur goal, which was repeatedly in great danger. Shot after shot was aimed at it, only to meet with a repulse. In a few moments afterwards the ball was again carried up the field, after being centred from the strangers' right, and bobbing about on the top of heads, Sutton managed somehow again to get it between the posts. After this the game resumed its give and take character, nothing further being scored. The match thus ended in a win for the Hotspur by three goals to one—a result which was without doubt achieved solely by the splendid play of Hardisty at the strangers' goal, and of which the spectators showed their appreciation by a hearty cheer at the close."

SL/REF/HA: "This tie was played at Luton on Saturday before 2,000 spectators. The ground was very slippery. Luton won the toss, and the ball went to the Hotspur end, but it was worked back, and +Johnson scored by a long shot. The

home team then equalised matters. After changing ends, the visitors worked hard, and Sutton scored twice, the Hotspur thus winning by three goals to one." +J. Sutton is missing in SL lineup. +Also Johnstone

SM: "Played at Luton on Saturday before 2,000 spectators, Hotspur winning by three goals (Johnson and Sutton two) to one (Ellingham)." (No teams)

Luton Town: H. Boxford (Goal); D. A. N. Lomax, A. Martin (Backs); A. Taylor, T. Lawrence, A. Barrett (Half Backs); E. Ellingham, E. H. Lomax (Right), P. Bower (Centre), G. Deacon, J. C. Lomax (Left).

Hotspur: E. Hardisty (Goal); G. G. Landragin, G. Pottinger (Backs), T. Latimer, J. T. Gaymer, F. R. Johnson (Half Backs), J. Buckley, G. H. Quint (Right), E. Walters (Centre), C. Sutton, J. Sutton (Left). (All initials checked)

Referee: Capt. Fulger R. E.

HENDON 1 (O. E. Kingdom) LONDON CALEDONIANS 2 (W. E. Fry, H. B. Miller)  
(H. T. 1-0) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)

Hendon & Finchley Times 5/11/86 P.3/Sportsman 1/11/86 P.4/Sporting Life  
1/11/86 P.4/Buckinghamshire Advertiser 6/11/86 P.6/Uxbridge & West  
Drayton Gazette 6/11/86 P.6/Middlesex & Surrey Express 6/11/86 P.6:

H&F T: "This Cup tie was decided at Hendon on Saturday last in the presence of a large company of spectators, who were rewarded for their attendance by seeing a thoroughly fast and good game. The home team, winning the toss, played uphill for the first "forty-five", and completely penned their Scottish opponents for some time. Fry and Miller, however, occasionally broke away, but not playing in their usual places did not shine so advantageously as usual. After some twenty minutes' play Kingdom took a long shot to the left, and Barbour, misjudging his kick, sent it through his own goal-posts. No further score was made before half time.

In the second half the Caledonians warmed to their work, and the half-backs feeding the forwards in first-rate style, a series of attacks were made on the Hendon citadel. The shooting was, however, very indifferent, several first-rate chances being missed. After some twenty-five minutes' play Goodliffe passed to Fry who equalised the score, putting in a very hot shot from the left. Both teams were now fairly on their mettle, and repeatedly incursions were made in either territory. Graham and Prior some five minutes before call of "Time!", broke away, the latter passing to Miller, who made the winning shot, the Caledonians winning by two goals to one."

Athletic News 2/11/86 P.2: "The London Caledonians won a fine game by two goals to one, after a hard fight. Hendon scored in the first half, then Fry put the ball

through, and Miller (late Queen's Park) won the match for the Caledonians with a splendid goal."

SM/BA/U&WDG/M&SE: "Played on Saturday on the ground of the former at Hendon. In the first half Kingdom scored for the home side, but on changing ends the Scotchmen soon equalised matters, Fry making the successful shot from a nice return by Scott. Ten minutes before time Miller kicked the second goal for the visitors, who thus won by two goals to one."

CHECK HENDON HISTORY for Henry Seddon, A. Bedford, H.A. Redford, R.N. Seddon (Right Wing)

N.B. Hendon initials, CHECK G. Barton and J. Seddon

Hendon: G. Hannaford (Goal); C.G. Broadhurst (Capt.), H.F.A. Smith (Backs); W. Buchanan, E.B. Perry, W.J. Barton (Half Backs); E.H. Kelly, W. Seddon (Right Wing), H.A. Redford (Centre), C.A. Evors, O.E. Kingdom (Left Wing). (H&FT)

London Caledonians: J.E. Munro (Goal); R. Haldane-Stewart, J.G. Scott (Backs); H.M. Lennan, J. Barbour, Dunlop Foster (Half Backs); E.S. Graham (Capt.), J.S. Prior (Right Wing), H.B. Miller (Centre), G. Goodliffe, W.E. Fry (Left Wing).

Referee: J. Henderson (Pilgrims FC).

OLD CARTHUSIANS 2 (R.L. Escombe, C.A. Smith) READING 1 (K. Murdoch)  
(H.T. 0-1) (At Kennigton Oval) (Sat Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Reading Observer 30/10/86 P.2/Field 30/10/86 P.645/Sportsman 25/10/86 P.4/Sporting Life 25/10/86 P.4/Referee 24/10/86 P.6:

F: "This important match in the first round of the Association Cup competition was played at Kennigton Oval on Saturday last. The attendance was not so large as might have been expected, owing no doubt to the unfavourable weather. Play commenced punctually at 3.30, when Turner kicked off for the visitors, who started from the gasometer end. The Carthusians at once assumed the aggressive, but, just as they were getting dangerous, were well stopped by Cripps, who returned the ball to the centre. A good run by Smith and shot at goal again gave some uneasiness to the visitors, who then rallied, and made an incursion into their rivals' territory. A decision of hands against Reading again gave the Carthusians the advantage, and, after an unsuccessful shot by Smith a corner was given. This was well placed by Amos, and some close play was followed by hands being again given against Reading, this time in front of goal. The danger was averted but Reading were still hard pressed by some good passing between Smith and Escombe, and a hard shot by the latter, which went over the bar. The visitors then roused themselves, and on Skurray and Fry taking the ball down it glanced off P.M. Walters and gave Reading their first corner. This proved

ineffectual, and Smith, obtaining possession, had a chance of shooting, but passed instead, and, on again receiving the ball, was ruled offside. Some very good back play was here shown by Cripps and Field, but a constant peppering was kept up at the Reading fortress, the shots of Escombe and Smith, however, being very faulty. Good combined play by the Reading forwards gave Murdoch a chance, which he was not slow to utilise with a lofty shot, which just went under the bar. Nettled by this the Carthusians rushed the ball into their opponents' territory, and kept it there until half time.

On resuming the Reading forwards played up well, and very nearly succeeded in gaining another point. For the remainder of the game the ball was chiefly kept in the visitors' quarters, with an occasional breakaway on the right by Walker and Egerton. The shooting of the Charterhouse forwards was still very erratic but presently, after a good middle by Smith, Escombe sent the ball through. A very hard, low shot by the latter was then splendidly saved by Hayward, but soon after a side shot by Smith gave the Old Boys their second and last point. As will be seen from the sides below, the most notable absentee was W.N. Cobbold."

N.B. The following Sportsman Report was reproduced in The Carthusian (See The Carthusian Volume 67-129 P.502-503):

SM: "The football season at Kennington Oval opened with the above tie on Saturday last, when, in spite of the dirty weather, a capital attendance assembled to witness the match, which was played on the portion nearest the pavilion, the part usually reserved for the winter game being returfed. The contest, on paper, seemed a moral for the Old Boys, who, though deploring the absence of the crack dribbler, W.N. Cobbold, put a strong team in the field, but so well did the Berkshire representatives play that almost up to the close the issue hung in the balance, while about fifteen minutes before the finish it looked very much as if the Old Carthusians would fail at the first time of asking. Half past three was the time fixed for the start and P.M. Walters having won the toss and taken the Crown Baths goal, Murdoch started the game from the opposite end without the slightest delay. Although the Old Boys acted almost entirely on the offensive, they were unable to lower the opposing fortress, their shooting being exceedingly erratic. Amos and O. Hayward were entrusted with the corner kicks for their respective sides, but nothing came of them. Smith on the home right wing was especially prominent, while Escombe made several good dribbles, which, however, he spoiled by miskicks. On the visiting side, Cripps, Walker, Fry, and Murdoch were most active, and about five minutes before change of ends the last-named put in a grand shot, the ball passing just under the crossbar, safely out of reach of Locker.

After crossing over, the Carthusians woke up considerably, but could not get the ball past S. Hayward, the Reading backs also rendering able service. A shot from midfield by P.M. Walters hit the bar and then bounced over, while Owen and Smith both made dashing but ineffectual attempts to score. A couple of particularly warm rushes on the part of Reading all but ended in a further success for the visitors, but disaster was staved off, and after Escombe (twice), and Blenkiron, had lost splendid opportunities, the former, from a pass on the right by Smith, equalised the scores amid deafening applause. Twelve minutes more

remained for play,during which the Carthusians maintained the advantage,and midway through this period,the Sussex cricketer(Smith)got the ball past Hayward,who just previously had effected a grand save from a warm shot by Escombe.This proved the deciding point,and after Hardman had put one up dangerously close to the visitors' uprights,"Time" was called,leaving the Carthusians victorious,after a capital game,by 2 goals to 1."

RO:"On the whole,though,the play of the Carthusians was not up to their best form,and they sadly missed the help of W.N.Cobbold,their final shots being very faulty.As the game advanced the Reading forwards showed considerable improvement,and Murdoch,Skurray,and Fry several times got past the Charterhouse full backs."

Athletic News 26/10/86 P.4:"It seemed all over bar shouting,the Carthusian forwards were dribbling and trying passes but not showing much dash.Amos was painfully slow at half-back,and the team looked fairly beaten.At length a high shot by R.L.Escombe passed obliquely under the left corner of the goal,and there just remained sufficient time for the Charterhouse players to get another goal. The ice being once broken,their success was assured.S.R.Arthur at half-back was indefatigable,and showed that youth will be served.

Sluggish play like that shown by the winners will never bring them within moderate reach of the Cup.A.J.Last has gained in weight,but lacks practice. C.A.Smith did a host of work on the right wing,but was perpetually shouting for a "pass",and the presence of Cobbold is absolutely needed for the forward division to maintain its customary strength."

Old Carthusians:W.A.Locker(Goal);P.M.Walters(Capt.),A.M.Walters(Backs); A.Amos,T.W.Blenkiron,S.R.Arthur(Half Backs);R.L.Escombe,C.A.Smith(Right Wing),A.J.Last(Centre),L.M.L.Owen,E.T.Hardman.(Left Wing).

Reading:Stanley Hayward(Goal);+Edgar Field(Capt.),A.J.Cripps(Backs); O.O.Hayward,W.Salter,T.H.Turner(Half Backs);H.E.Walker,G.Egerton(Right Wing),E.Murdoch(Centre),T.Skurray,A.Fry(Left Wing).

+Formerly full back of Clapham Rovers Cup winning team of 1880

Umpires:Seymour Owen(Reading) and W.A.Evelyn(Old Carthusians).

Referee:J.Armstrong(Union).

SWIFTS 13 (G.Brann 4,R.Playford 3,E.C.Bambridge 3,F.W.Pawson 2,J.B.Challen)  
LUTON WANDERERS 0 (H.T. 8-0)(Sat Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>)(At Dolphin Ground,Slough)

Luton Reporter 30/10/86 P.5/Sportsman 25/10/86 P.4/Sporting Life 25/10/86 P.4/Reading Observer 30/10/86 P.2/Referee 24/10/86 P.6/Herts Advertiser 30/10/86 P.2:

LR:"These clubs met at Slough on Saturday afternoon to engage each other in the first round of the Cup competition.The match proved to be a very one-sided

affair, the Swifts outplaying their opponents at all parts of the game. In the earlier half of the contest the Swifts' score was eight goals. After changing ends the play continued to be almost wholly confined to the Wanderers' territory. Indeed, throughout the game the visitors only secured one corner kick, whilst before the finish five more goals were added to the Swifts' score. The home team thus won by 13 goals to none." (No teams)

SM: "Some very heavy scoring was witnessed in this tie on Saturday at the Dolphin Ground, the "birds" never giving their rivals a look in. Prior to half time eight points were scored, and finally the Swifts won by thirteen goals (Brann four, Playford three, E.C. Bambridge three, Pawson two, and Challen) to none."

SL: "This tie in the first round was decided at the Dolphin Ground, Slough, on Saturday, when a one-sided game ended in a victory for the Swifts by thirteen goals to nothing. Peile's berth was a perfect sinecure."

Sheffield Independent: "These clubs met at Slough. The visitors were thoroughly outmatched throughout, and previous to half time Brann, Playford, Bambridge, and Pawson each scored twice. After the change Brann added two more, and Bambridge, Challen, and Playford were responsible for one apiece, the Swifts ultimately winning by thirteen goals to none."

Athletic News 26/10/86 P.4: "Having left the Swifts to the last it by no means follows that their victory was the least—indeed, we have here the southern club who will be found best able to hold its own against the Lancashire professional clubs. A week ago by a most crushing defeat of twelve goals to love, over the old Lancing boys, the Swifts amply demonstrated their scoring proclivities. In the Cup tie with Luton Wanderers, at Slough, the representatives from the straw-plaiting centre were overmatched, and the Swifts piled up another big total of thirteen goals. Besides such smart men as A.O. Davies and W. Newham for backs, the Bucks club included E.C. Bambridge, Pawson, Holden-White, G. Brann, and Saunders. If G. Cotterill (of Brighton) joins them in the next round, the forwards will be very nearly the strongest in England—quite so for amateur teams."

Swifts: A.B. Peile (Goal); W. Newham, A.O. Davies (Backs); T.W. Cook, C. Holden-White, F.E. Saunders (Half Backs); G. Brann, J.B. Challen (Right Wing), Rev. F.W. Pawson (Centre), E.C. Bambridge (Capt.), R. Playford (Left Wing).

Luton Wanderers: H. Palmer (Goal); G. Humphrey, H. Warboys (Backs); W. Garratt, W. Bird (Capt.), T.B. Knowles (Half Backs); H. Lowe, W. Wright (Right Wing), C. Stock (Centre), F. Smith, G. Smith (Left Wing).

Umpires: A.D. Humphrey and H. Wright. Referee: E.C. Kelly (Hon. Sec. Berks and Bucks Junior Association)

OLD FORESTERS walked over CANNON (Tottenham) "not being eligible to compete" (Lloyds Weekly News 31/10/86 p.1)

Sportsman 1/11/86 P.4 :”not having registered several of their players”

Lancashire Evening Post 1/11/86 P. 4:”Cannon,who are not registered,applied for an extension of time,but could not get it.Old Foresters did not turn up.”

Sporting Life 1/11/86 P.4:”The tie between the above sides should have been decided last Saturday,at Tottenham.It was generally known that a slight hitch had occurred,and upon enquiry at the Football Association Offices,we learnt that the Cannon had applied for an extention of time,that they might be registered in accordance with Rule V,and that no notification of their having scratched had been received.Under the circumstances the Sporting Life representative duly put in an appearance at the should-have-been scene of the action,and found that neither team was present,the Cannon having journeyed to Victoria Park.Under the circumstances the Old Foresters “walk-over”.

WATFORD ROVERS 0 SWINDON 1(R.L.Jones)  
(H.T. 0-0)(At Rose & Crown meadow,Watford)(Sat Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Watford Observer 30/10/86 Supplement P.1/Herts Advertiser 30/10/86 P.2/  
Sporting Life 25/10/86 P.4:

N.B.Nothing in Swindon Advertiser

SL:”In anything but pleasant weather on Saturday afternoon last the above Association teams met at the Rose and Crown,Watford to decide their tie in the Association Cup.Owing to the recent rains the turf was in bad condition,being both heavy and greasy,and though the price of admission to the enclosure was but 2d each,there were but comparatively few onlookers.”

WO:” This match was played at Watford on Saturday last,the attendance being fairly good considering the showery weather.Watford won the toss and the visitors kicked off,the ball being immediately taken down by the home left forwards,and for some ten minutes it seemed any odds on the Rovers winning, shot after shot being sent in,but no point scored.The visitors then warmed to their work,and the forwards working well together carried the ball to the other end,and Bennett gaining possession got clear of the home backs,but was splendidly stopped by the goal keeper,a corner being the result,which although well placed came to nothing.The home forwards then attacked,and Valentine got clear of both backs and seemed certain to score,when he was handled,a foul being given,which,however,came to nothing.From now till half-time Swindon had the best of it,but were unable to score.

After restarting,the game was very fast and even,each side pressing in turn,but the good combination of the visitors told,and after a fine combined run of their forwards Bennett shot the ball between the posts,but the score was not allowed, hands being claimed and given.Not to be daunted,however,the visitors continued

to have the best of it, and about a quarter of an hour before time scored the only goal of the match. From the kick off till the end of the game Watford made repeated attacks, and tried hard to equalise, but were unable to get through the fine defence of S.J. Thomas and White, and when time was called the home team retired beaten, after a finely contested game, by one to nil. Considering the state of the ground the visitors' forward combination was excellent, and the back play, although erratic at times, was fairly safe. The home forwards, evidently feeling the loss of their Captain (who is suffering from a sprain), were individually good, but there was little or no combination."

HA: "A match in the first round of the Association Challenge Cup Ties was played in the Rose & Crown meadow, Watford, between elevens representing Swindon Town and Watford Rovers. The match had been looked forward to with a great deal of interest, and despite the somewhat inclement weather, there was a large gathering of spectators. The play throughout was of an interesting character, each side making strenuous efforts to obtain the mastery, but ultimately the visitors proved too good for the home side, and retired with a well earned victory of one goal to nil. It should be mentioned, however, that the Rovers were deficient of the services of two of their best players - W.A. Sargent and F. Sargent - the latter of whom was sadly missed when shots had to be made at goal. Although the home team were not victorious, they certainly deserve to be complimented upon the excellent fight they made, the only fault being a want of activity when near the goal posts, as if the chances which had presented themselves, had been availed of, it would have been our pleasure to chronicle a win for the Rovers. Play commenced at 2.30, the following comprising the teams:-

Immediately upon play commencing, the Rovers assumed the aggressive, and it seemed very probable that they would be successful in registering a point, but the shot made by Wheeler went just at the side of the posts. Upon the ball being kicked off, the home team resumed the attack, and after a fine run Waterman centred to Wheeler, who failed to make a good shot. The visitors now altered the look of matters by some combined play, time after time determined efforts being made to score, but the fine back play of the Rovers, in conjunction with the excellent goal-keeping of Sargent, proved too good for their opponents, and at last when it appeared that a goal must be secured a relief was effected by some dashing play on the part of Capell. Again returning to the attack the visitors made some pretty warm work for the Rovers' goalkeeper, as shot after shot was made in rapid succession, neither of which Sargent allowed to go through the posts, although some were very difficult. Valentine now secured the ball which he took the whole length of the field, finishing up with a good shot for goal, which did not take effect, the ball being sent behind. From a corner a scrimmage resulted in front of the visitors' goal, but being alive to their work, they got the leather away, and aided by some good forward work, transferred the play to the home quarters, several attempts being quickly made to score, all of which were effectually neutralised by Sargent, whose goalkeeping at this time was perfection. Some concerted play on the part of the home forwards again brought them in close proximity to the visitors' goal, and although they tried very hard to score, their efforts were rendered futile, consequent upon the fine defence exhibited by the Swindon backs. Play of an even character now followed, but subsequently

Swindon made matters more lively by a combined attempt to score, running the ball close to the home goal. A shot was made but just went at the sides of the posts. Upon the leather being kicked off Valentine got possession and made a splendid run. Having cleverly eluded the backs, it seemed absolutely certain that he would score as being only a few yards distant from the goal he simply had to put the ball between the posts. Just as he was about to shoot, however, he was fouled in a cowardly fashion by one of the visitors' backs, the spectators making their sense of such conduct by expressions which were anything but complementary to Swindon, all of which, however, were thoroughly deserved, as the foul was of a disgraceful character, and certainly prevented the Rovers obtaining a goal. From the kick no definite advantage was gained, and at the call of half-time neither side had been successful in obtaining a goal."

SL: "Immediately after the changing over the Swindon forwards commenced a grand combined attack, and a shot by J. Thomas compelled Sargeant to run out and fist away. Waterman then obtained the ball and put in a splendid run down the right, but being totally unsupported, he was unable to get past Everitt and S.J. Thomas, and the latter returning the ball to midfield. Halsey next broke away and became so dangerous that White kicked behind and the corner was well placed by Poulton. Gibbs, however, cleared the lines, and Lewis and Jones worked the ball up field a corner resulting, but was unproductive. Another general attack by the visitors' forwards resulted in Bennett sending the sphere between the uprights. The point was, however, disallowed, one of their forwards having touched the ball with his hands previous to turning it over to Bennett. Not to be denied the visitors still kept up the attack, and some quarter of an hour before the call of "Time", from a long pass by Joe Thomas, Jones, with a high shot, secured a goal. After this Halsey and Waterman on the opposite wings, endeavoured to equalise the score but, although several chances presented for so doing, they were so badly supported that at call of "Time!" Swindon Town were victorious by one goal to none. The state of the ground was decidedly against the dribbling game, consequently at times the play was of the loosest. The visitors, however, played fairly well together, but their kicking was somewhat erratic. With practice, however, they should certainly get beyond the next round. For Watford, Halsey, Waterman, and Cappell played well, but as a team combination was at a discount, hence their defeat."

Watford: A.A. Sargent (Goal); H.J. Capell, H.W. Grover (Backs); S.J. Poulton, C.H. Peacock, W.J. Pickin (Half Backs), S.J. Valentine, G. Waterman (Right), H. Wheeler (Centre), E. Halsey, W.H. Wellings (Left).

Swindon: W. Povey (Goal), + Tom White, H.O. Thomas (Backs); F. Gibbs, G. Everitt, S.J. Thomas (Half Backs); R.T. Horsington, J. Thomas (Right), + S. Bennett (Centre), R.L. Jones, E. Lewis (Left).

+ Changed to second round initials from F. White and T. Bennett

Umpires: O. Beauland and A. Christmas. Referee: E. Sergeant.

## SOUTHERN SECOND DIVISION

South Reading .v. Maidenhead  
Chesham .v. Lyndhurst  
Rochester .v. Great Marlow  
Casuals .v. Dulwich  
Upton Park v 1<sup>st</sup> Surrey Rifles  
Clapham Rovers .v. Old Brightonians  
Old Etonians .v. Royal Engineers  
Old Harrovians .v. Old Westminster

SOUTH READING 0 MAIDENHEAD 2 (A.Lamb 2)(H.T. 0-1)  
(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)(At Caversham Cricket Ground(the "Oval"),Nr Reading)

Reading Mercury 6/11/86 P.5/Berkshire Chronicle 6/11/86 P.3/  
Reading Observer 6/11/86 P.3/Maidenhead Advertiser 3/11/86 P.3/Sportsman  
1/11/86 P.4/Sporting Life 1/11/86 P.4/Middlesex & Surrey Express 6/11/86  
P.6:

RM:"At Caversham on Saturday a well-contested game was witnessed between these teams in the above competition.Rain fell somewhat heavily during the morning,but the ground was in very good condition,and a hard and fast game ensued.For the first few minutes the game was very even,but the visitors soon showed themselves the better team.Their "passing" abilities were particularly good,and it was not long before a combined run ended in A.Lamb securing the first goal for Maidenhead.The home team now played with a little more of their old dash,but they could make no headway against their opponents' backs,who played a splendid defensive game throughout.Half time arrived with the game one goal to love in favour of the visitors.It was now thought that the Southerners would wipe out the score against them,but instead of this Maidenhead put on another point and as South Reading failed to respond they were beaten by two goals to none."

MA:"After ten minutes' play,however,A.Lamb scored the first goal,after an excellenet piece of play on the part of Wakerill." "...finally Wakerill had a good run,and,passing his opponents,sent the ball well into the centre,and A.Lamb lowered the Reading colours once more."

BC:"Played at the Caversham Cricket Ground on Saturday,in favourable weather, and before a large and enthusiastic number of spectators.Mackie won the toss, and Cooper+set the ball in motion on behalf of the holders of the Reading Challenge Cup.Ten minutes after the start A.Lamb supplemented some clever play on the part of Mackie by scoring for the visitors,and a quarter of an hour later Maidenhead obtained a second point,but it was disallowed on the plea of offside.Even play followed,and when half time was called the score remained unaltered.

After change the South put extra energy into their efforts, and looked like equalising matters, but their opponents soon settled down to their work again, and half an hour before the close A.Lamb brought the second downfall of the Reading posts. Despite the strenuous efforts of both teams nothing further occurred of a definite character, so that the wearers of the "red and black" retired victors by two goals to none, after a stubbornly fought game. Wakerill made several noteworthy runs on behalf of the winning team." +RO: "in the direction of the Steam Laundry"

RO: "Maidenhead..... are playing very much better this term than we ever remember to have seen them before. We regret we cannot apply the same remark to South Reading, who, although they have a capital team of individual players, give way by far too much to the pernicious habit of "gallery" play. By this we refer to the old (and we had wished) worn-out "dribbling" code, by which so many matches in the present day are lost, and which was so conspicuous with the Southerners on Saturday afternoon. We have before warned them of this miserable mistake, the cure of which is so easy, and we trust we shall not have to again point out this error."

South Reading: W.West(Goal); E.Steward(Capt.), W.George(Backs); H.J.(Harry)Maxwell, E.Woodley, F.Haydon(Half Backs); G.de Vise, A.West(Right Wing), F.Cooper(Centre), J.Chard, C.Smith(Left Wing).

Maidenhead: J.P.Rookley(Goal); F.Lamb, A.E.Haggis(Backs); F.Bradley, G.Drewett, S.Edwards(Half Backs); W.Mackie(Capt.), G.Wakerill(Right Wing), A.Lamb(Centre), H.W.Morris, W.Badcock(Left Wing).

Umpires: W.J.Dance(Hon Sec Maidenhead FC) and G.Barley(South Reading FC).  
Referee: Mr E.C.Kelly(Hon Sec Berks and Bucks Junior Association and Hon Sec Windsor FC).

CHESHAM GENERALS 4 (Read, C.G.Ford, J.Culverhouse, S.Aris)  
LYNDHURST 2 (W.E.Seldon, H.G.Stevenson)(H.T. 3-1)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)

Bucks Herald 6/11/86 P.8/\*Source South Bucks Free Press/Sporting Life  
1/11/86 P.4/Sportsman 1/11/86 P.4(No teams):

\*Was this Fri 29/10/86 "for the match" (SBFP?/SM have Reed 2, Ford, Aris as scorers): WAIT FOR ONLINE VERSION

N.B. Nothing found in South London Press nor South London Chronicle

BH: "This match in the first round duly came off at Chesham, on Saturday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> in the presence of a large concourse of spectators, amongst whom were several of the fair sex. Ford won the toss, and the visitors kicked off from the Beechwood end. Settling to business at once, and by good combination in passing, they had much the best of it, as in twelve minutes from the start Seldon captured the Chesham stronghold. Upon resuming operations the game became more even, and

excellent all round play was witnessed. A good run by the Lyndhurst forwards once more placed the Chesham goal in jeopardy, but Hobbs was on the spot and averted the danger. "Hands" presently called and allowed did not serve the visitors, but they continued to considerably harrass Webb in goal. However, after a few minutes the game assumed a new complexion as the Cheshamites playing with great determination took the ball to the other end, and Read getting well out of a scrimmage succeeded in lowering the Lyndhurst colours, thereby causing much excitement as even chinks were registered. A great treat now ensued to see both teams exert themselves to top the score. A grand run by Lyndhurst was well stopped by Madder and Payne, and a few minutes later Sear nearly scored a second notch for Chesham. A "corner" now fell to the visitors, but did not serve them, and getting away again the Chesham captain, who had been very busy, went to the front, and his efforts were rewarded by scoring the second goal. The home team, now "feeling their toes", made repeated onslaughts upon the enemy's citadel, and eventually Culverhouse added the third notch. "Half time" was then called, allowing a breather for three minutes, which was welcomed by all.

Upon changing ends two corners quickly fell to Chesham, but the score was not increased. Lyndhurst now recovered themselves, as H.G. Stevenson got well away, and appeared certain to score, but unfortunately for his side he came to grief in trying conclusions with Ruggins and Baines. Later on, however, the same player eluded the vigilance of all, showing a clean pair of heels, and finishing up with a capital shot at goal, which took effect. For this excellent display he was greeted with much applause. Some further good play ensued, and for the remainder of the game Lyndhurst were almost compelled to act on the defensive, only at intervals indulging in a rush, to relieve the monotony of the Chesham goalkeeper. Considerable amusement was caused by the efforts of Dr Stevenson to upset the equilibrium of Aris (who all the game through had been working like great guns), but the big "Dr." did not always succeed in stopping this useful little forward, as "Sammy" on one occasion caused the gallant "Dr." to embrace "Mother Earth", and rushing to the front would not be denied, thereby crediting Chesham with a fourth goal. A corner at each end was not productive for either team, as was the case of "hands" allowed for the home team in front of goal. Nothing of further importance occurred, so that at the call of "time" Chesham had won a fast, well-contested and exciting match by four goals to two. For Lyndhurst, in addition to the names already mentioned, Winstanley, Bristowe, and Forman were useful throughout. For the winners, where all did so well, it would be invidious to particularise. Suffice it to say that every man worked hard, and exerted himself to the utmost in carving out another niche in the temple of fame for Chesham and Chesham footballers." + Barnes

SM: "The home team played the passing game remarkably well, and were eventually returned the victors after an interesting contest by four goals (Read 2, Ford, and Aris) to two (Seldon and Stevenson)." (No teams)

SL: "Played at Chesham. The home team exhibited their very best form, and were eventually returned the victors by four goals (Read 2, Ford, and Aris) to two (Seldon and Stevenson). Umpires S.T. Brandron and a member of the Lyndhurst Club." (No specified positions)

Athletic News 2/11/86 P. 5:"Lyndhurst had the ill-luck to lose the choice of venue to Chesham, and a journey to Buckinghamshire did not improve their chances. Chesham won by four goals, Reed (two), Aris, and Ford (one each) to a couple (H. Stevenson and Seldon). Had the match been played at Denmark Hill, I fancy Lyndhurst would have gained it."

Chesham Generals: F. Webb (Goal); A. Hobbs, G. Payne (Backs); C. Madder, A. Ruggins, J. Barnes (Half Backs); C. G. Ford (Capt.), W. Sear (Right Side), S. Aris (Centre), J. Culverhouse, Read (Left Side).

(Initials from Second Round Match)

Lyndhurst: W. A. Gilligan (Goal); A. G. Forman, L. Stevenson (Backs); B. A. Bristowe, P. Keeps, W. E. Seldon (Half Backs); S. J. Spurling, H. G. Stevenson (Right Side), E. R. Sturgeon (Centre), H. Vigers, A. J. Winstanley (Left Side). (BH specified positions order)

(SL (unspecified order) and SM (for the match) both have W. de Sulle, H. Spurling and J. F. Smith but are missing W. A. Gilligan, P. Keeps, H. G. Stevenson) (SBFP has W. de Sulhi) (Neither SL nor SBFP have Gilligan or Keeps)

H. Spurling (Back) and S. J. Spurling (Forward) played for Lyndhurst in Jan 86

\*SBFP (KR Source) has : W de Sulhi, H. Spurling, P. Spurling,

Umpires: Chesham: R. Beckley; Lyndhurst: F. J. Smith.  
Referee: Nicholls (Dreadnought Football Club)

ROCHESTER 0 GREAT MARLOW 2 (R. H. Lunnion, W. Wise) (H. T. 0-2)  
(At Chatham) (Sat Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Rochester & Chatham Journal 30/10/86 P.4/KR Source: South Bucks Free Press/Sporting Life 25/10/86 P.4/(Marlow team only)/Reading Observer 30/10/86 P.2:

WAIT FOR SOUTH BUCKS FREE PRESS REPORT FOR SCORERS

R&CJ:"This tie was played on Chatham Lines, on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for the visitors by two goals to nil. The Marlow team came with a good reputation having defeated the Royal Engineers two seasons ago in this competition by ten goals to love and it was expected that the local team would suffer a severe defeat, however such was not the case, and had not Rochester lost the services of E. J. D. Mitchell at the eleventh hour, the result of the game would most probably have been reversed. The first goal was unfortunately kicked by one of the Rochester team from a corner kick. This seemed to discourage the home eleven, and their play fell off in a most marked manner until half-time, during which the Marlow men scored again.

After ends were changed the aspect of the game altered and it looked as if Rochester would equalise matters but though they had repeated shots at the goal not once had they been fortunate enough to score when time was called. For the winners the forwards played very fast and well together and were well fed by the half backs. The goal-keeper too saved some hot shots. The pick of the team was the three Lunnon. For Rochester, Sid Woodhams, H. Prall, and the two Roberts were the most conspicuous, the first-named never played better. Smith played well in his new position."

RO/SL: "This tie in the first round was played at Chatham on Saturday. The holders of the Berks and Bucks Cup were without doubt the better team, and a fast and pleasant game terminated in their favour by two goals to nil. The brothers Lunnon, Wise, and Mellett, were the pick of the winning team, and the Rochester backs put in a lot of hard work, otherwise the balance against them would have been much larger."

Rochester: F.F. Smith (Goal); A.C. Roberts, S. Roberts (Backs); H. Moore, Sid Woodhams, H. McCance (Half Backs); H. T. Holman (Centre), R. Bathurst, H. H. Prall, E. F. Prall, G. W. Prall (Forwards).

Great Marlow: F. Plumridge (Goal); W. Mellett, T. Paine (Backs); J. T. Flint, R. H. Lunnon (Half Backs), R. A. Lunnon (Capt.), J. Bailey (Right Wing), W. Wise, E. Lunnon (Centre), H. Walker, T. Walker (Left Wing).

N.B Have changed Payne to Paine in all games, but spelling not confirmed

RO has J. Lacey for E. Lunnon

Umpires: J. H. Prall (Rochester) and R. Shaw (Marlow). Referee: R. P. Bells.

UPTON PARK 9 (A. Mitchell 2, E. R. Ross 2, H. Hewett 2, T. G. Thompson, A. K. Holt, \*P. M. Evans) 1<sup>ST</sup> SURREY RIFLES 0  
(H. T. 5-0) (At Headquarters of 1<sup>st</sup> Surrey Rifles, Flodden Road, Camberwell) (Sat Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>)

\*Goalkeeper, who played forward for a while when Inglis was hurt (see F report below)

Field 30/10/86 P.645/Sporting Life 25/10/86 P.4/Sportsman 25/10/86 P.4/  
Referee 24/10/86 P.6:

F: "Played at the headquarters of the 1<sup>st</sup> S.R.V. on Oct 23. After five minutes' play a goal was kicked by Mitchell for Upton. The attack, being well sustained, Tearoe had much difficulty in saving his charge from some warm shots from his opponents at close quarters. Inglis dribbled up at the expiration of twenty minutes' play, and passing well to Ross, the latter secured a second goal for Upton. A few minutes later Ellis lobbed the ball well in front of the Rifles' posts, and

Hewett kicked a goal. Two minutes later Hewett muddled well, and Thompson notched another success for the visitors. Shortly before change, Holt dropped the ball from a long distance into the mouth of the goal, and the Rifles' backs and goalkeeper all being charged by Uptonians, a fifth goal was secured.

Half time now arrived and Inglis tried his hand at goalkeeping for a few minutes, having received a sprain which incapacitated him as a forward. Evans, therefore, went forward, and, from a centre by Hewett, he rushed another goal for his side, and then returned to goalkeeping, as Inglis had to retire. Out of a scrummage Ross again scored. Mitchell followed suit with a good shot directly afterwards, and before time was called Hewett again put the ball through out of a scrummage, the Uptonians thus proving victorious by nine goals to none. Evans, Ayles, Smith, Barnett, Mitchell, and Ross were all in good fettle for the winners; and, although the Rifles were so overmatched, fair form was shown by Tearoe in goal, and by the brothers Lock and the brothers Preston."

Chelmsford Chronicle 29/10/86 P.7: "In this match, decided at Camberwell on Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> October, the Volunteers were greatly overmatched, and in spite of the excellent play of the Locks and the Prestons, and the good goalkeeping of Tearoe for the Rifles, the Uptonians won by no fewer than nine goals—kicked by Mitchell, Hewett, and Ross (two each), and Evans, Holt, and Thompson (one each)—to love."

SM: "This match, in the first round, was decided on Saturday last at Flodden-road, Camberwell, in favour of the visitors by nine goals to none. Upton winning the toss chose the canteen side of the ground to commence from, and at 3.20 P.M. Preston made a start from the opposite end. After playing for about five minutes Mitchell gained the first event for Upton, and a quarter of an hour later, out of a strong attack by the visitors, Ross scored with a second. Shortly afterwards, Hewett, from a pass by Ross, was credited with a third, Thompson a fourth, and Holt a fifth. On changing ends Evans soon gained a sixth, Thompson another, Mitchell the eighth, and Hewett the last."

REF: "The visitors were rather too good for their young opponents; and in spite of good play by the Prestons and the Locks, and the good goalkeeping of Tearoe for the Rifles, Upton won by nine goals—kicked by Mitchell (two), Hewett (two), Ross (two), Evans, Holt, and Thompson one each to none. Inglis got hurt early in the game and had eventually to retire. Good form for the winners was shown by Ayles, Holt, Smith, Barnett, Mitchell, and Ross."

Upton Park: P.M. Evans; (Goal), C.H. Ayles, A.K. Holt (Backs); E.D. Ellis (Capt.), S. Smith (Half Backs); H.R. Barnett, A. Mitchell (Right Wing), A.M. Inglis, T.G. Thompson (Centres), H. Hewett, E.R. Ross (Left Wing).

Ist Surrey Rifles: J. Tearoe (Goal); A.E. Allen, C.G.W. Lock (Backs); R.H. Lock, H. Preston, L.H. Whitehead, (Half Backs); E.J. Robinson, G.B. Godsland (Right Wing), E. Preston (Capt.) (Centre), J. Dunsmuir, H. Dunsmuir (Left Wing).

Umpires:R.Mossop(Upton Park) and J.E.Tidd(First Surrey Rifles).  
Referee:C.E.Hart(Hon.Tresurer London Football Association)

CASUALS 2 (J.Petrocochino,C.E.Currie)  
DULWICH 4 (W.Raybould 2,F.S.Mayo,E.M.Soulby)(H.T. 0-3)  
(At Upper Tooting Cricket Ground,Balham)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)

KR Source:Pastime/Sportsman 1/11/86 P.4/Sporting Life 1/11/86 P.4:

SM:"These clubs met to contest at Upper Tooting on Saturday afternoon in seasonable weather.The ground was in capital condition,and some very fast play took place.Dulwich had fairly the best of it in the first half of the game,scoring three goals to love,but their opponents,on changing ends,gained two in quick succession,but could not equalise matters,as before the whistle sounded, Dulwich placed another to their credit,thus winning by four goals to two,those kicked for Dulwich being by Raybould(two),Mayo,and Soulby,one each,for the Casuals by J"Peter",and Currie."

SL:"Contrary to expectations,the Cup tie between the above clubs was decided on Saturday last at Upper Tooting in favour of the Dulwich team.The play throughout was fast and exciting.Immediately upon the ball being started the visitors rushed it down on the left,but were repulsed for some little time,the Casual back division repeatedly clearing their lines.The Dulwich forwards were not to be denied,for from a fine centre Raybould put in a shot which completely baffled the opposing goal-keeper.Again,within a few minutes,the ball was taken down on the right,Morris middling to Mayo,who obtained a second point for the visitors.Shortly before half-time Raybould,with a long shot,secured a third goal.

After changing over,the Casuals were seen to better advantage,and some fine passing dribbles were rewarded by Petrocochino and Currie each crediting their side with a goal.Soulby,however,from a pass by Denny,secured a fourth goal for Dulwich,who thus won by four goals to two."

Athletic News 2/11/86 P.2(Report):"A weak team of Casuals was defeated after a close game by four goals to two.There was combination,though little brilliancy among the Dulwich team,for whom Denny(left wing) was best.For the Casuals Currie (forward),Harrison and Boustead (backs),and Bickley(in goal) were really good."

AN P.5(Southern Notes):"This game was played at Balham,on the Upper Tooting cricket ground,where the fine combination of the Dulwich men soon told in their favour,three goals being taken by Raybould(2),and Mayo in the first half.The Casuals were a strong scratch team of Harrow,Eton,Westminster,and Charterhouse boys not claimed by their respective clubs,only one of their London Cup team(Harrison)playing.Currie and +Peters got a goal each for them, and Soulby added a fourth for Dulwich in the second half,the latter winning by four to two."

## CHECK KR SOURCE PASTIME

Casuals:+F.P.Buckley(Goal);R.N.Boustead(Capt.),E.C.Frere(Backs);H.Harrison, F.G.Thorne,J.E.Howard(Half Backs);++J.Petrocochino("Peter"),K.H.Eddis(Rights), C.E.Currie(Centre),H.M.Holman,F.J.Cooper(Lefts).

+W.J."Notes" was listed as in goal and ++W.M.Crowdy was listed on right wing in SL/SM on 30/10/86 for the match(so could be his pseudonym) but Buckley in both SL/SM match Lineups and full name Petrocochino in SL Lineup,but J."Peter" in SM Lineup

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

Umpires:F.J.Wall(Rangers) and Sir James Kirkpatrick,Bart(Dulwich).  
Referee:C.E.Hart(Pilgrims).

CLAPHAM ROVERS 0 OLD BRIGHTONIANS 6 (J.H.Bennett 2,G.H.Cotterill 4)  
(H.T. 0-3)(At Clare Lawn,East Sheen)(Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)

Field 6/11/86 P.684/Sportsman 1/11/86 P.4/Sporting Life 1/11/86 P.4:

F:"This match,in the first round of the Association Challenge Cup Competition, took place at Clare Lawn,East Sheen,on Saturday last.The ground was very heavy ,rendering accurate kicking extremely difficult.The Old Brightonians were better represented than their opponents,and had considerably the best of the match throughout.Soon after kick off Bennett effected a good run on the left,ending up with a shot which scored.Cotterill soon added two more goals by magnificent shooting,and,at half time,the game stood at three to none in favour of the O.B.'s.

The second portion of the game was a repetition of the first,although Keeley, Humphrey,and Scott at times gave the Brighton backs a little work.Cotterill,who was in fine form throughout,again placed two more points to the credit of the Brightonians,and Bennett put the ball through once more before time was called, the Old Brightonians being thus victorious by six goals to none.Keely,Fischer,and Maude showed to advantage for the Clapham Rovers;and for the Old Brightonians,besides the above-mentioned,J.P.Muspratt,Mellursh,and Harris were conspicuous for good play."

SM:"Played on Saturday in miserable weather,on Clare Lawn,Mortlake.The Rovers won the toss,and took the road goal.Cotterill started the ball for the Old Brightonians.Within a few minutes of commencement he rushed the ball through.An appeal was made,and the referee disallowed on a claim of hands.Still keeping pressure up the Brightonians scored a goal from a bully,Shortly afterwards Cotterill kicked a second goal,and just prior to half time the same player added a third.

In the second half the Rovers played up better, but the superior combination of their opponents proved too much for them. Cotterill kicked two more goals, and Bennett a sixth and final point. The Rovers failed to score, and the Brightonians won by six to love."

SL: "Cotterill started the ball shortly after 3.25 p.m. He, sending it on to the left wing, it was quickly carried into the Rovers' quarters, Harris centring the ball to Cotterill, but in so doing touched the leather with his hands, and the goal scored by the latter was consequently disallowed. However, within a few minutes Bennett secured the first goal with a fast screw shot from a bully. Keely next broke away, but being badly supported, was quickly deprived, and, after give-and-take play, Keely again broke away, a couple of corners falling to the Rovers, but both were unproductive. The Brightonians went down the left, and after a clipping run, C.D. Muspratt centred to Cotterill, the latter putting in a very hot shot, which Darbyshire could not get at, and scoring the second goal for them. Within a few minutes the Rovers had a grand opportunity of scoring, but muffed the ball close to goal, Humphrey passing instead of shooting. Close upon half time Cotterill went away down the centre, and passed to Mellish, who in turn repassed, the former gaining the third goal, the score at the change of ends standing at three to none in favour of the Brightonians.

After recommencing the pace was still kept up, but the Rovers who were minus some of their best men, were completely outplayed, Cotterill obtaining two, and Bennett one more goal. Consequently, the Old Brightonians, who had played a good, combined game throughout, were victorious by six goals to none."

Clapham Rovers: F.D. Darbyshire (Goal); S. Fisher, F.W. Danby (Backs); D.E. Coles, T. Maude (Half Backs); S.W. Poulton, E.J. Humphrey (Right Wing), C.P. Rathbone, H. Scott (Centres), E.R. Keeley (Capt.), R.S. Devonshire (Left Wing).

Old Brightonians: A.C. Stone (Goal); J.P. Muspratt (Capt.), W. Leete (Backs); C.H. Bond, P.C. Muspratt, F.C. Lingard (Half Backs); C.E. Mellersh, W. Harris (Right Wing), G.H. Cotterill (Centre), C.D. Muspratt, J.H. Bennett (Left Wing).

Referee: R.E. Hetherington.

OLD ETONIANS 1 (A.T.B. Dunn) ROYAL ENGINEERS 0 (H.T. 0-0) (At the Oval) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)

Field 6/11/86 P.684/Sportsman 1/11/86 P.4/Sporting Life 1/11/86 P.4/  
Referee 31/10/86 P.6/Berkshire Chronicle 27/11/86 P.2 (No teams):

F: "On Saturday these clubs, both of which have, in the years that have flown, earned much fame in connection with the Cup competition, met at Kennington Oval. Their match was one in the first round of this season's contest, and, though the weather was by no means pleasant, and there was little to lead one to suppose that the play would be of a brilliant character, a goodly number of onlookers assembled. The game proved on the whole uninteresting. Though from

the score it might be supposed that the teams were evenly balanced, this was not the case, as the Etonians had the better of the situation all through, and, but for the remarkably fine goalkeeping of Hunter-Weston, and faulty kicking at goal on the part of some of their forwards, the Etonians must have scored several times. Only the most moderate attempts at combination were made by either side; but it must be admitted that the efforts of the players were somewhat prejudiced by the heavy condition of the ground.

During the first half of the game the ball was pretty generally in the Engineers' quarters, but no score was made up to change of ends, and so indifferent did the play become afterwards, that there seemed some probability of the second moiety also running its course free of a point of a decisive character. There was less work for Hunter-Weston, and not a great deal for Rawlinson, who made one very fine "save" as the game was drawing to a close. Following this the Etonians made fitful efforts to score, and at last when only five minutes remained for play, Dunn kicked a very good goal, which was the only one gained. The obtainer of this single point played grandly all through; his shots from the side were, in nearly every instance, exceedingly good, but they were not utilised. Dunn's general play, and Hunter-Weston's goalkeeping were the principal features of the game."

SM: "Notwithstanding the foggy, depressing state of the atmosphere in the metropolitan district on Saturday, close upon a thousand individuals witnessed the above tie at Kennnington Oval. It is true that the turf was in a somewhat heavy condition, but this will not account for the mediocre display which seemed wanting alike in energy and combination. Many of the names of the celebrities who a few seasons since were reckoned amongst the crack dribblers of the day, no longer figured in the ranks, but it was especially pleasing to welcome the reappearance in the field of the veteran Association player Von Donop. The Sappers, winning the toss, elected to take possession of the goal nearest the pavilion, and at a few minutes past three Dunn started the game from the Vauxall end. Under the circumstances little less than a summary of the play is practicable. The Old Boys certainly held the upper hand during the opening half, but all attempts to score proved fruitless, a result mainly due to the erratic shooting and the splendid goalkeeping of Hunter-Weston. Hole was one of the chief offenders putting in his shots with a force when close to goal that was well in character with his height but which was certainly ill timed. Dunn made several grand centres, but did not meet with the support he deserved, although Bromley-Martin worked energetically.

When the teams changed ends nothing had been obtained, and as after the resumption of hostilities play became more desultory than heretofore, it seemed highly probable that an extra half hour would be required. A scrimmage, of such a warm character as to partake of the Rugby flavour, was cleared by the "Sappers", while after a corner taken by Dunn the ball was sent over the goal-line. Towards the close the Etonians fell away, but after the Engineers had obtained a free kick near their rivals' goal, but without effect, Rawlinson only just managed, by extremely brilliant play, to stave off a very sharp attack. Less than five minutes remained for play when, after some loose scrimmaging in the visitors' quarters,

Dunn sent the ball under the cross-bar, and in the end the Etonians gained what must certainly be considered a lucky victory by one goal to none."

Athletic News 2/11/86 P.5 "Southern Association Football Notes": "Precedence must be claimed for the two former holders of the Cup, the Old Etonians and the Royal Engineers, who met at the Oval, the event reminding one of the old days of Association football, when the game was hardly known far from London, the Sheffield Association playing a different set of rules of their own, and when the professional and paid player was a thing unheard of. Times are not what they were, and very few of the present day Etonians or Sappers would qualify for the great matches of the year.

At Kennington, Paravicini was once more in the Eton ranks, Dunn, B. Farrar, of Oxford; F. Marchant, and Rawlinson, the goalkeeper of the old team, were also donning the colours. The Sappers were nearly all fresh faces, Von Donop, once the demon wing player of his day, alone remaining. A close game ensued, the play being, however, of a moderate and unexciting character. About four minutes before "Time" a smart bit of strategy and brilliant shot by A. T. B. Dunn gave the Old Etonians the victory - no other points having been scored, and the Royal Engineers take a back seat." (No lineups)

Old Etonians: J. F. P. Rawlinson (Goal); C. F. Dickinson, P. J. de Paravicini (Backs); G. E. Preston, T. C. Weatherhead, B. Farrer (Half Backs); A. T. B. Dunn (Capt.), F. E. Ashton (Right Wing), F. Marchant (Centre), E. G. Bromley-Martin, S. H. Hole (Left Wing).

Royal Engineers: A. G. Hunter-Weston (Goal); H. N. Dumbleton, A. Walpole (Backs); B. A. James, J. A. S. Tullock (Capt.), F. (M.) Medlicott (Half Backs); E. H. de V. Atkinson, W. M'Adam (Right Wing), E. M. Loring (Centre), Capt. P. G. Von Donop, O. H. Stoehr (Left Wing)

Umpires: Major Marindin (President Football Association) and P. M. Walters (Old Carthusians). Referee: J. Armstrong (Union).

OLD HARROVIANS 0 OLD WESTMINSTERS 4 (J. Paul 2, R. T. Squire, F. W. Bain)  
(H. T. 0-1) (Sat Oct 30<sup>th</sup>) (At Harrow)

Sporting Life 1/11/86 P.4/Harrow Notes 16/11/86 P.136/Sportsman 1/11/86 P.4:

SL: "These old public school representatives being drawn together in the first round of the competition, fought their battle out on Saturday last. The ground of the latter, which is situated conveniently close to the Harrow Station of the Metropolitan Railway was the chosen venue. Both sides were well represented, and played the teams as advertised, with the exception of J. E. Paul, who took the place of O. Scoones in the Westminster team, while M. Kinloch took the place of H. T. Grundvig, who we were sorry to learn had met with an accident during the week while playing in a college match at Cambridge.

The old Vincent-square representatives, having won the toss, H.G. Kinloch kicked off for the Old Harrovians a few minutes after three from the Harrow end. For the first few minutes the play was very even, but then the Old Westminster, pulling themselves together, compelled their opponents to act on the defensive. A corner kick entrusted to Squire went behind, and this was quickly followed by another, the result of a well-placed free kick, right into the Harrow goal. This also proved futile owing to the wild play of the O.W.'s in front of goal. Still acting on the offensive, it was not long before Heath had a good opportunity given him of lowering the Harrow colours, but he missed his chance, and then the old Harrow boys, who had been playing up hard, broke away and twice in quick succession got the ball over their opponents' goal-line. They had soon, however, to fall back again, as Bain, getting possession, made a brilliant run on the left side, finishing up with a grand shot at goal, but not hard enough to evade the vigilance of the O.H. goalkeeper, who, we may here remark, kept goal throughout the match in quite his old form. Soon after this Squire put in a hot one, which fortunately for Harrow, struck the bottom of one of the goal-posts, and rebounded into play. A clever pass by Kemp to his left wings enabled the latter to assume the offensive by a good run on the Pavilion side, but their career was stopped by Bedford, who returned to mid-field. A fresh assault by the Westminster forwards ended in Jenner missing a very easy chance right in front of goal, but he quickly compensated his side for this failure by a shot that Rendall only just stopped, and slipping down in attempting to clear his charge, Paul was enabled to rush up and put the leather through after about forty minutes' play. On the kick-off the Old Harrovians played up harder than ever, and for the remainder of half time forced their opponents to fall back, a corner kick falling to them just as the referee's whistle sounded half time.

In the second half the previous hard work seemed to tell its tale on more than one of the Old Harrovian boys, but they stuck manfully to their work, and though they lost three more goals, they were by no means disgraced. The O.W. forwards played much better in this half of the match, and were well supported by their half-backs, more especially by Squire, who we were glad to see in such excellent form so early in the season. The second goal fell to him about seven minutes from half time with a shot that no goalkeeper could have got to, and this was soon followed by another by Paul out of a scrummage close to goal. Play slacked off somewhat after this, the close weather telling its tale, and nothing more of special interest took place until six minutes of time, when Bain, getting away from the centre of the ground, finished up a good run by a clever goal. The match was a most pleasant one throughout, and seemed to be much enjoyed by a fairly good number of past and present Harrovians, as well as past representatives of Westminster. The best team undoubtedly won, those already mentioned being well supported by Wetton, Ingram, and Heath. For the Old Harrovians Law worked as hard as he was accustomed to do ten years since, and to his and Kemp's exertions, backed up by Rendall in goal, and his brother at half back, the smallness of the score against them is chiefly due."

HN: "The Old Harrovians were unfortunate in drawing in this, the first round of the national Cup Ties, such formidable opponents as the Old Westminster, they

being considered the second strongest team in the South. However, a very good fight was made, the visitors winning eventually by four goals, kicked by Paul (two), Squire, and Bain, to nil. Some very good individual play was shown by Law, Rendall, Kinloch, Kemp, and Hext, while the visiting Eleven showed excellent combination. The match was played at \*Harrow."

\*"The New Club Ground at Harrow is on the Town Recreation Field, two minutes' walk from the Metropolitan Railway Station. Trains leave Baker Street Station (Metropolitan Railway) for Harrow at 1.29 and 1.59. Return Trains leave Harrow at 6 and 36 minutes past each hour." (Harrovian 16/11/86 P.134)

SM: "These teams met at Harrow on Saturday afternoon in the presence of but a moderate number of spectators. The play for the first half-hour was very even, and nothing was scored until five minutes before half-time, when Paul obtained the first goal for the Old Westminsters out of a scrimmage in front of the Old Harrovians' goal. Five minutes after crossing over Squire added a second goal for the Old Westminster boys, a third by Paul following shortly afterwards. A fourth by Bain was scored within ten minutes of call of time, and the match resulted in favour of the Old Westminsters by four goals to none."

Old Harrovians: M.J. Rendall (Goal); Rev W. Law, A.G. Topham (Backs), M.C. Kemp, M. Kinloch, B.H. Rendall (Half Backs), A.R. Cox, J.H. Farmer (Capt.) (Right Wing), H.G. Kinloch (Centre), C.E. Broughton, G.K. Hext (Left Wing).

Old Westminsters: W.R. Moon (Goal); A.E.R. Bedford, R.A. Ingram (Backs); R.T. Squire, H. Wetton, F.W. Janson (Half Backs); J.E. Paul, C.R.W. Heath (Right Wing), A.C.W. Jenner (Centre), F.W. Bain, C.F. Ingram (Left Wing). (SL forward order)

Umpires: C. Colbeck (Old Harrovians) and A.J. Heath (Old Westminsters).  
Referee: M.P. Betts (Old Harrovians).

SECOND ROUND DRAW (Drawn by the F.A. Committee on Monday November 1<sup>st</sup> 1886)

NORTHERN CLUBS:

First Division:

Darwen .v. Astley Bridge or Burnley

Third Lanark R.V. .v. Bolton Wanderers

Renton .v. Blackburn Rovers

Preston North End .v. Witton

Second Division:

Rossendale .v. Cowllairs

Great Lever .v. Cliftonville (Belfast)

Partick Thistle .v. Fleetwood Rangers

Glasgow Rangers .v. Church or Rawtenstall

Third Division:

Derby Junction .v. West Bromwich Albion  
Burton Swifts or Crosswell Brewery .v. Wolverhampton Wanderers  
Aston Villa .v. Birmingham Excelsior or Derby Midland  
Mitchell St George's .v. Derby County(Missing from Morning Post Draw 2/11/86  
P.3)  
Derby St Luke's or Walsall Town,a bye

Fourth Division:

Staveley .v. Rotherham  
Notts County .v. Notts Rangers  
Cleethorpes .v. Lockwood Brothers or Long Eaton Rangers  
Notts Forest .v. Grimsby Town

Fifth Division:

Chester .v. Goldenhill or Macclesfield  
Leek .v. Oswestry  
Crewe Alexandra .v. Stoke-on-Trent  
Northwich Victoria .v. Chirk  
Davenham or Burslem Port Vale,a bye

Sixth Division:

Middlesbrough .v. Lincoln City  
Grantham .v. Redcar  
Sunderland or Newcastle West End .v. Gainsborough Trinity  
Horncastle,a bye

SOUTHERN CLUBS:

First Division:

Old Carthusians .v. Crusaders  
Old Wykehamists .v. London Caledonians  
Swifts .v. Swindon Town  
Chatham .v. Hotspur  
Old Foresters,a bye

Second Division:

Old Brightonians .v. Old Westminster  
Maidenhead .v. Dulwich  
Great Marlow .v. Upton Park  
Chesham .v. Old Etonians

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“The matches are to be played on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> inst and the drawn games in the first round are to be decided on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst.”

NORTHERN FIRST DIVISION:

DARWEN 2 (Slater,Another)ASTLEY BRIDGE 2 (L.Scholes,Shepherd)  
(H.T. 1-1)(Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>)(At Darwen)

DARWEN walked over ASTLEY BRIDGE who scratched before the game.

Cricket & Football Field 20/11/86 P.4/Manchester Courier 22/11/86 P.3:

Athletic News 23/11/86 P.1:"Astley Bridge scratched before the match,owing to the letter they received from Mr Alcock re playing their umpire-an unregistered professional."(In the previous tie against Burnley)

C&FF:"The tie was played at Barley Bank this afternoon,the following being the teams:-Astley Bridge:J.Thompson,goal;Sleigh and Hamer,backs;W.Thompson, Greenwood,and Ainsworth,half backs;Sheppard,Shorrock,L.Scholes,J.Scholes,and E.Ainslie,forwards.Darwen:Haddow(2<sup>nd</sup> team),goal;+(No backs listed);Hamilton, Owen,and Ashton,half backs;Shorrock,Haresnape,Broughton,Rostron,and Slater, forwards.Referee:Mr J.J.Haworth,Turton.

+MC/BT:Leach,Marsden MC wrongly lists Holden in goal and KR Source BT wrongly lists J.Sherwood as No 1

As will be seen,Holden,the home custodian,was displaced in favour of Haddow,of the second team,in consequence of the poor form he has lately exhibited.A great amount of interest was taken in the encounter,the spectators appearing to be of the opinion that the two teams had equal chances of victory,and the gate numbered close to 1,500.It will be remembered that in the tie with Burnley the Bridgeites played a wrong man,for which a protest was entered,and which the Association have yet to consider.However,to settle matters,the Bridgeites scratched to Darwen previous to starting the game.The visitors started the leather,and at once ran to their opponents' end,but they were driven back,and their own goal jeopardised.Hamer and Sleigh defended in grand style,and for a short time prevented any scoring.At length,Slater shot through,thus drawing first blood for Darwen,amidst enthusiastic cheers.The home team kept up the pressure,but owing to the sterling defence on the part of the Bridge backs they could not score.Soon after,by plucky play,the visitors ran the ball to the home fortress,where,after gaining a couple of abortive corners,they all but scored, Haddow clearing with the greatest difficulty.Resuming the attack the Darweners gained a free kick for hands in front of goal,but the ball was got safely away,and then ensued some even play in mid-field,.At the end of it the Bridge right wing kicked up the field in grand style,and L.Scholes sent in a beauty,which fairly beat Haddow,the game thus being equalised.The Darweners then bore down on the visitors' citadel,where Thompson saved three times on running in superb style. Half-time soon after sounded with the game one each.In the second half the Bridgeites had to play ten men,Shorrock retiring through being kicked in the side. Five minutes from the restart Shepperd scored for the visitors with a fluky

shot.Darwen pressed hard and shot through,but the score was disallowed for off-side."

Blackburn Standard states:"Astley Bridge scratched before the game because the F.A. had ordered them not to play another game until the Committee had considered a report of them playing an ineligible player in the previous match."

Blackburn Standard 27/11/86 P.3/Athletic News 23/11/86 P.3:"Played at Darwen on Saturday.Astley Bridge scratched,the tie resolving itself into an ordinary game.

Shepherd kicked off for the Bridgeites,Scholes essaying the first shot,Haddow making a grand save.Rostron,with a good run,transferred play to the Bridge end,and Slater scored the first goal for Darwen,who kept up the pressure,but their other efforts to score were futile.Scholes broke away for the visitors,and equalised 21 minutes from the start,the score at half time being one goal each.

On resuming Shepherd scored a fluky goal for the visitors,and this was followed by another,which was disallowed.The last twenty minutes of the game was played in darkness,and the Bridgeites continually kicked out to avert a draw.Darwen,however,scored amidst loud cheering.Final result-Darwen,two goals;Astley Bridge,two goals."(No teams)

CHECK TEAMS IN BT AND BOTH SHORROCK(S)

Darwen:W.Holden(Goal);Leach,J.Marsden(Backs);R.Ashton,D.Owen,A.Thornber (Half Backs);Haresnape,Broughton,T.Rostron,Nightingale,Slater(Forwards).

(MC specified defence positions but forwards order unspecified)(BT has J.Sherwood as No 1 and a different order)

Astley Bridge:J.Thompson(Goal);R.Sleigh,R.Hamer(Backs);W.Thompson, J.Ainsworth, J.Greenwood(Half Backs);E.Ainslie,Shorrocks,L.Scholes,J.Scholes, Shepherd(Forwards).

THIRD LANARK 2 (J.Weir,D.M'Intyre)

BOLTON WANDERERS 3 (W.G.Struthers,J.Hewitson 2)(GH has Howarth,Hewitson,Struthers as scorers)(H.T. 2-3)(At Cathkin Park,Glasgow)(Sat Nov 13<sup>th</sup>)

Glasgow Herald 15/11/86 P.9/Blackburn Standard 20/11/86 P.3/Athletic News 16/11/86 P.3/Cricket & Football Field 13/11/86 P.4/Bolton Evening News 15/11/86 P.3/Sportsman 15/11/86 P.4/Sporting Life 15/11/86 P.4 :

GH: "This important fixture, deciding another stage in the English Cup Ties, was played off on Saturday afternoon on the ground of the Third at Cathkin Park, in the presence of about 3,000 spectators. There was as usual a large number of gratuitous onlookers outside. The weather, though cold, was fine, and the ground in a good condition, with perhaps a tendency to softness. A fairly strong south westerly wind was blowing. Special arrangements were made for the representatives of the press, and these were so satisfactory that it is to be hoped that they will be continued throughout the season. The 3<sup>rd</sup> L.R.V. won the toss, and Struthers of the Wanderers kicked off against the wind. The home side at once began the attack, but the ball was sent behind. They again returned, however, and a smart run along the right by Marshall and Thomson resulted in a hard shot being sent behind. The strangers repelled with a fine combined run, but the final effort was well saved by Collie. Some good play followed on the part of the Volunteers, but the centres of the strangers came away in a rush. Hamilton, however, relieved in time, and the Volunteers' forwards coming up in grand style, the ball was passed to Johnstone, who missed a good opportunity. After ten minutes' play the Englishmen dribbled down in quick style, and scored an easy goal, Howarth doing the needful. Immediately after this the strangers were again almost successful, Steele sending a beauty into the mouth of the goal, but Collie relieved in time. Keeping up the pressure, the Wanderers again lost an opportunity, Hewitson sending a fast slanting shot, which just passed the post. The 3<sup>rd</sup> got possession, and the ball being sent across to M'Intyre, that player sent it behind, and Johnstone soon afterwards followed the example. After some give-and-take play the Volunteers had an excellent pass, and eluding the backs, Trainer ran out to catch the ball, and after tripping, managed to clear his charge. C. Weir, however, took the ball, and sent it to M'Intyre, who again sent it behind. Immediately after this the home side forced the strangers to concede a corner, which was beautifully placed by M'Intyre. The ball was got away, but J. Weir managed to score a good goal, and thus equalised matters amidst enthusiastic cheering, about 25 minutes from the start. After this a corner fell to the lot of the Wanderers. The ball was well placed by Bullough, but the lines were cleared. The play now became more even, runs and counter runs following in quick succession. M'Intyre and Johnstone were conspicuous on the Volunteers' left wing, but the excellent defence of Holden and M'Kernan frustrated all their efforts. Gradually the Wanderers began to assert their superiority, and Davenport passed to Hewitson, who scored the second point for his side. The goal might have been saved had Collie been more watchful. This caused the Volunteers to warm up a bit, and they secured a corner, which, however, resulted in nothing. In turn the Wanderers forced Hamilton to give a corner, but the ball was kicked behind. Shortly after this, the strangers scored a third goal, Struthers, who had been playing a fine game throughout, sending the ball through. From a combined rush made by the Volunteers' forwards, the strangers had to give a corner, but Marshall kicked behind. Another corner was granted the home side, but the ball was headed away. Just about the call of half time, one of the Volunteers sent in a shot to the mouth of the goal, and the custodian rushing out, Holden, one of the Englishmen's backs, was knocked

down, and received a severe kick from one of the Volunteers on the right eye, causing the game to be stopped for some time. Three minutes before the whistle blew, Park, of the Volunteers, missed a clear chance by slipping in front of goal while he was about to send the ball through. Following this, J. Weir sent in a fine long shot, which Trainer fisted away, but at the expense of a goal. The place kick was well taken and M'Intyre was enabled to score the second goal for his side, amidst great excitement on the part of their supporters. Ends were therefore changed, with the score standing- Wanderers, three goals; 3rd Lanark, two goals.

On restarting the Volunteers got a corner, but all danger was averted by the ball being taken along the right. A good shot was sent in by one of the strangers, the ball rebounding off the crossbar. The Volunteers relieved the pressure, and a fine pass by Marshall and Thomson resulted in the latter sending in a beauty, which Trainer fisted away. Thomson had another opportunity, but shot wildly. Again the home side returned to the attack, but some bungling in front of goal caused one of the players to shoot over the crossbar. Some good play followed on both sides, the Volunteers losing several chances. Struthers was always a thorn in the 3<sup>rd</sup>'s side, but he was well watched. After a quarter of an hour's play, a corner fell to the Volunteers, but it came to nothing, and a good shot by M'Intyre just passed the post. During the next five minutes the home side had certainly "hard lines" in not scoring, three fine shots being sent in, but Trainer was always equal to the occasion. The 3<sup>rd</sup> had undoubtedly the best of it, but were very unfortunate when nearing goal. About a quarter of an hour from the close, the strangers secured a corner, but the ball was cleverly headed away. The Volunteers kept at it, and hovered around their opponents' goal. Marshall gave Park a chance of scoring, but he again slipped and missed the ball. With the exception of one or two runs by the Englishmen, the Volunteers had practically the second half in their own hands. Towards the close the Wanderers had to grant a corner, but the ball was got away. Another corner was secured, but do what they could, the 3<sup>rd</sup> were unable to score. Undoubtedly they had by far the best of the second half. For the strangers, Trainer played a grand game, while their backs and forwards were in fine form, and generally showed good training. The Volunteers had all the luck against them, and with the exception of Park, played a rattling good game."

C&FF: "From the above it will be seen that the Wanderers were minus Parkinson (full back) and Brogan, an unfortunate circumstance that, of course, weakened the team. As this was the chief match in Glasgow today, and as the weather was fine, an immense crowd turned out at Cathkin Park. At three o'clock the teams entered the field amidst cheers. Struthers kicked off, and immediately Howarth was at the home goal, which was in great jeopardy, but the custodian saved a miraculous shot, the Bolton men doing everything but putting the ball through the posts. The Third had a fruitless run, and then Bolton scored. The Wanderers were clearly the superior team, and the Volunteers' runs were nipped in the bud. Struthers next had the Third's goal at his mercy, but missed. The warriors gradually wore down the field, and the ball going behind the Wanderers' lines, there was a scrimmage opposite the Wanderers' citadel. The ball came out, and one of the Thirds' backs scored amidst cheers. Davenport scored for Bolton, and then Struthers soon obtained a third for the Wanderers. At half-time the game stood: Wanderers, three goals, Volunteers, two.

Struthers and Howarth played a grand game, and were repeatedly cheered. Johnston bothered Roberts a bit, but the latter was equal to the occasion. The Wanderers' forwards baffled the Volunteers, and the spectators were much annoyed. Holden unfortunately met with an injury, sustaining a severe cut on the eye, and the game was stopped for some time. The Wanderers on re-starting the game gave the Volunteers some trouble, the ball grazing the uprights. Then the home team had two shots, which Trainer saved. The match afterwards was of a give and take nature, the Wanderers, if anything, having the best of the play. Parkinson, Davenport, and Hewitson made pretty combined runs, Hamilton of the Third, however, interposing successfully. The Volunteers now seemed to be rather played out, and their fortress was in continual danger, the ball bobbing about the posts. The home team then made determined efforts to score, but owing to Steel and Roberts' good play, the Volunteers were kept from scoring. Hewitson and Parkinson then broke away, and had a brilliant run, Collie, the Volunteers' keeper, kicking out in the nick of time. The Wanderers had now the best of the match, the Third's backs being busy. The Wanderers' forwards wrought magnificently together, and the spectators, though sorry the Third were losing, could not but admire the Englishmen's play. Trainer had a fair amount of work to do in the second half, but what he did he did well."

BEN: "The Wanderers also laboured under many disadvantages. In the first place they had to take a long journey, play on a strange ground, with the prospect of an hostile crowd—though I am glad to say the spectators were fairly impartial. Then they were without Parkinson and Brogan—two invaluable men—and on the whole the odds were against them. Yet they won, and won fair and square, nothing in the shape of a fluke about it, and their play was very favourably commented upon by the crowd. The team was well looked after from the moment of arriving to driving up the field ready dressed. They were pretty well received by the spectators, of whom there would be about 6,000 on the field, and half as many on the slopes outside. The gate, without the stand, was over £100. The Wanderers started against the wind, but immediately went to the front with some of the prettiest passing I have seen. Struthers drew first blood with a clinking shot, but the Third were not long equalising with a rather lucky one. There was a scrimmage in the Wanderers' goal, from whence the ball was cleared; Weir obtained possession, and returned with a long shot which beat Trainor, and the success was cheered very heartily. The Wanderers again went at it and put on the next two goals, Hewitson and Davenport being responsible—that of Joe's being a real beauty. Not long after this the Third registered their second point, and once in knocking out Trainor gave Holden a severe blow on the eye, which caused the game to be stopped for a short time. In the second half the play was very open, the Wanderers adopting the defensive tactics a little, but there was little to choose between the teams in this portion of the game, and it is well represented in the following paragraph, which I have culled from a Glasgow paper: "The half was fairly contested, and neither side could claim the advantage." (No teams)

Third Lanark: Collie Campbell (Goal); A. Flint, W. Hamilton (Backs); C. Weir, J. Weir, J. R. Auld (Half Backs); J. Marshall, W. Thomson (Right Wing), W. Park (Centre), D. M'Intyre, W. Johnstone (Left Wing).

Initials added from first round

Bolton:J.Trainer(Goal);J.Holden,J.McKernan(Backs);R.Roberts,W.Steel,P.Bullough  
(Half Backs);J.K.Davenport,J.Parkinson,W.G.Struthers,P.Howarth,J.Hewitson  
(Forwards).

Referee:Seddon,Edinburgh Association.

RENTON 2 (J.M.Campbell,James Barbour) BLACKBURN ROVERS 2  
(N.Walton,Another) (H.T. 0-1)(F.T. 2-2)(A.E.T.)(At Hampden Park)(Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>)

Glasgow Herald 22/11/86 P.10/Blackburn Standard 27/11/86 P.3/Athletic  
News 23/11/86 P.3/Glasgow Evening Post 20/11/86 P.2/Cricket & Football  
Field 20/11/86 P.4/Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4:

GH:"The Renton and Blackburn Rovers met at Hampden Park,the home of the Queen's Park,to play off their tie for the English Cup.The weather was not at all favourable for football,a strong south-westerly wind blowing across the field. Considerable interest was shown in the event,but owing to attractions elsewhere,there were only some 3,000 spectators present.Both teams were well represented.The Rovers kicked off punctually to time,and had the ball at the Renton goal in no time,but they were unable,though crowding round the posts,to get the ball through.In turn the Renton players took the ball down the field,but when near their opponents' goal they were as unfortunate as their opponents in their endeavour to secure a goal.Of course the wind interfered with the play of both teams,and when high kicking was indulged in,the ball,in its descent,often fell far wide of the mark intended.Indeed,the wind entirely spoiled the play,and made dribbling and passing a matter of great difficulty.After a lot of play,in which both sides showed to advantage,the Renton forwards worked the ball up,and twice in succession shot wildly at the Rovers' goal,missing the mark by yards.A corner fell to Renton,and the ball was well placed,but Kelso,like his companions who had tried before him,once more sent the ball whizzing over the crossbar. Other corner kicks fell to the Renton,but the Scotchmen were unable to benefit from the advantages.Waking up a bit,the Englishmen,by excellent passing, brought the ball near to the Renton goal.The leather was again well centred,but unfortunately the ball was again sent over the bar.Persevering,however,the Englishmen were once more on the Renton ground.A long low kick was made for the Scotch goal.Lindsay went down on his knees to prevent it going through,the ball rebounded from his knee,and a Rover forward,rushing up in excellent time, sent the leather clean through the Renton goal amid great applause.Thus far the game was a very uninteresting one,there being a great want of "go" among the players,and a decided lack of enthusiasm on the part of the spectators.At the close of a very exciting piece of play in front of the Rovers' goal,one of the Renton forwards,when everything looked inviting to him for scoring,once more,amid derisive laughter,shied the ball over the crossbar.

About three minutes after the change of ends the Renton warmed to their work, and from a pass by Barbour, they equalised matters amidst loud cheering. Some minutes after this the Rovers easily won their second goal, Lindsay again bungling the ball. Following this the Renton had a capital run, and forced the Englishmen to concede a corner, which came to nothing. Continuing the pressure, the Renton came away in grand style, and a fine shot was sent in, but Arthur saved. Another splendid shot by Barbour went over the crossbar. Play for a time remained pretty equal, the Rovers having if anything the best of it, and showed that superior combination which has invariably characterised their play. Again the Renton spoiled another chance given by M'Nee, the final effort being sent over the crossbar. "Hands" were given against the Rovers but the ball was ultimately sent behind. The strangers now began to assert their superiority, and Lindsay had to use his hands to save his charge. A foul was given against the Rovers near goal. The ball was got away, and the Renton returned to the attack, forcing Arthur to concede a corner, which came to nothing. Following this the Scotchmen had a fair chance, but the ball was sent behind. Immediately afterwards it was sent in the same direction. A corner was granted the Renton, but all danger was averted. Chance after chance fell to the Renton, but the ball was always shot several feet wide of the post. Three or four minutes before the call of time the Renton came away in a grand rush, and a rattling good shot from the left fairly beat Arthur, the game being thus equalised amidst the greatest excitement. The Renton men kept up the pressure, and hovered round their opponents' goal, securing a corner, but nothing resulted from it. At the call of time no further scoring took place and it was agreed to play an extra half hour. By the toss the Rovers retained the position they occupied during the second half at the east end of the field. After a few minutes play was resumed, and Renton continued as before, pressing severely upon their opponents, the immediate result being a corner kick for them. This gave them a fine shy at goal, but the ball passed behind. Shortly afterwards M'Nee had a good chance, but sent the ball wide—the first mistake he made during the day. The Renton continued to press hard, and M'Nee had certainly "hard lines" in not getting the ball through. During the second half the Renton secured a corner, but the ball was sent behind, and when the whistle blew the score remained unaltered. The game was finished in semi-darkness, and in a slight drizzling shower. The Renton had certainly the best of the extra time and during the latter part of the match played with their accustomed dash and brilliancy. M'Nee, Barbour, and Kelso played a fine game, and the backs were good. The Rovers played excellently upon the whole, and showed some fine forward play. Renton would not have lost the goals taken from them had it not been for Lindsay, who from his demeanour evidently felt that he had made a mistake."

BS/AN: "From the reputation of these teams, and from the fact of the Rovers being the holders of the English Cup, and Renton the holders of the Glasgow Charity Cup, two trophies to which there are attached much honour, widespread interest was taken in this match—which was played at Hampden Park—the ground of the Queen's Park. Renton had the wind, which at the start was blowing rather hard, and pressed the Englishmen, whose defence, however, was good. Shots were sent in by the Scots, but they were carried over the bar by the wind. Again and again corners fell to the Renton side, but these were badly judged. Lofthouse made a

dashing run down the centre of the field, and all but scored, the ball going over the bar. This was followed by another fine run by Fecitt, whose shot was well saved by Lindsay. In a minute or so Walton scored with a long shot, Lindsay missing. This was well secured. Renton raised the charge and some hot work by the Scots was well stopped by the Rovers' backs. Careful passing by the English brought them to the Scotch goal, which the centre forward almost lowered with a fine low shot, which bounded off Hannah's breast. Renton were able to press the Rovers for a time, but again the play of the home team was very unsteady, and so was that of the Rovers to start with, but they got settled down, and played carefully and well, even pressing Renton, who had the wind in their favour. Half-time was reached, with the score standing-Rovers, one goal; Renton, nil.

Ends were changed, and a start was made at once. Renton made a rush, from which Barbour scored a minute after the start. A fine dribble by the Rovers caused Renton to act on the defensive. A shot was sent in which Lindsay fumbled, and, rushing up, the Englishmen sent the ball under. The Rovers continued to play well, but Barbour again got away, and a shot was just saved by coming into contact with the cross-bar. Open play followed, until a grand rush by Renton resulted in a goal, which equalised matters. "Time" was called, and as each side had two goals, the game was prolonged another half-hour, on account of this being the last day set aside by the Association for playing off ties, and at the end the score stood-Blackburn Rovers, two goals; Renton, two goals."

GEP: "By this time the attendance, which was very scanty at the outset, became more numerous, and the vacant spaces on the stands filled up very quickly. The Rovers had evidently quite enough of this sort of play, and tired of acting on the defensive, varied the monotony of the proceedings by raising the siege, and Lofthouse with Beverley's assistance ran right up to the opposite end, and so closely was Lindsay pressed that he had to rush the ball away to the side. Being well supported by their backs, the Rovers came again in a rush, and a loose piece of play on the part of Lindsay, most unusual for him, gave the Rovers their first goal of the match. The custodian tried to pick the ball off the ground three or four yards out, instead of kicking it away, and before he could realise the fact, Walton was down on him, and sent the ball whizzing through, after some twenty minutes' play."

(2<sup>nd</sup> Half) "Not a minute was lost in restarting the game, the Rovers now having the assistance of the wind, scarcely had the second half been two minutes in progress ere the home forwards were down upon Arthur in a rush, and Campbell had the ball through in a twinkling, enthusiastic cheering heralding the equalisation of the game. Scarcely had the ball been kicked off ere the Renton were down again on Arthur, and, when his charge seemed in extreme danger, Suter came to his relief. The Rovers' left wing were the next to show prominently, and Hannah being safely eluded, the goalkeeper was the only hindrance left. Lindsay, however, was charged down, and, losing the ball, it was rushed through, the second period not being five minutes old."

“At last,however,just about four minutes from the close the spell of ill-luck was broken,a grand run up by M’Call,but sent spinning through by Barbour,making the game equal,two goals having been scored by each side.”

“(Extra time)Though each side played their level best neither could improve its position,and at the end of the extra 20 minutes the game remained a draw-two goals each.”

C&FF:”Twelve players were taken,Whitehead going as reserve man.”(He played instead of J.Sowerbutts)

Renton:J.H.Lindsay(Goal);A.Hannah,A.M’Coll(Capt.)(Backs);R.Kelso,J.Kelly,A.McKechnie(Half Backs);James Barbour,J.M.Campbell(Right Wing),G.Davie(Centre),James M’Coll,J.M’Nee(Left Wing).

N.B.J.Kelly may have lined up as another Centre Forward(as in SL for the game).

Blackburn Rovers:J.W.H.Arthur(Goal);J.T.Ward,F.Suter(Backs);J.H.Forrest,J.Douglas,J.Heyes(Half Backs);J.M.Lofthouse,N.Walton(Right Wing),J.Beverley,(Centre),W.Whitehead,H.L.Fecitt(Left Wing).

Umpires:James Lowie(Renton) and R.Birtwhistle(Blackburn Rovers).

Referee:Arthur Geake(President ,Queen’s Park F.C.).

REPLAY:Sat Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

BLACKBURN ROVERS 0 RENTON 2 (J.M’Nee,J.MCampbell)  
(H.T. 0-0)(At Blackburn)(Scorers as per GH/BS)

Athletic News 7/12/86 P.3/Blackburn Standard 11/12/86 P.3/Glasgow Herald 6/12/86 P.10/Cricket & Football Field 4/12/86 P.4/Glasgow Evening Post 4/12/86 P.3(No teams)/Sportsman 6/12/ 86 P.4/Sporting Life 6/12/86 P.4:

AN/BS:”After playing a draw at Hampden Park,the holders met Renton at Blackburn on Saturday before 4,000 spectators.The Rovers were without Sourbutts.Renton were the first to show up,though playing against the wind,and Ward saved grandly.The Rovers then had the best of it for a few minutes,and Fecitt let a good chance slip.A free kick was allowed to go through the goal untouched.Hannah saved in the goalmouth and Renton went off to the other end,and had a corner wrongly awarded them.Beverley had another chance,Hannah bringing him up in the nick of time,and the Scotchmen got away to the other end.Campbell put in a shot,which seemed to go through after hitting the post,but Mr Slaney disallowed it.The Rovers played up hard after this,and Townley and Fecitt were very prominent.The Renton defence was good,and they stopped the rushes of the Rovers time after time.Renton were awarded another corner,and they again claimed for a goal,but it did not find favour with the referee,who was in a good position to decide.After Forrest had headed out a free

kick,Davie shot wide,and this was followed by an attack on the Renton goal.The Scotchmen played up very strongly,and gave the Rovers any amount of trouble. McColl and Davie each shot over,and the visitors displayed good form both in front and behind.The Rovers had much the best of it,but their forwards were knocked about by the Renton backs,who played grandly.Beverley put in some pretty play,and shot over,while a little later Townley centred,but McColl kicked away.Just before half time Barbour and Campbell ran off to the Rovers' end,and, after the Rovers' backs had saved,Campbell put one in which grazed the post and went outside.

Half time was now called,and on resuming the Rovers burst away,and after a temporary visit to the Scotchmen,they had the best of it for some time.Hannah gave two corners,but both were cleared,and Beverley shot a little on the wrong side.Barbour and Campbell,on the one wing,and McNee and McColl,on the other, paid occasional visits to the Rovers' end,but the defence of the Cup-holders, especially Ward,was very good.At the other end the Rovers sent in a large number of shots,but,here too,the defence was all that could be wished.The game was very even,and both sets of forwards were often dangerous.Townley had a nice chance,but he was offside.Davie had a rare chance at the Rovers' end. Barbour gave him the ball,and with noone in front of him he shot over-a very bad piece of play.The Rovers again went to the front,and nearly put the ball through. Renton retaliated,and after Arthur had once saved,McNee scored out of a scrimmage.The Scotchmen kept up the attack,and the Rovers' forwards played miserably.Eventually they gained two corners,and though capitally placed by Lofthouse,the Renton backs cleared.Barbour and McNee put in some capital work,and so did Kelso and McColl at back.Ward and Forrest also did well,but six minutes from "Time" Campbell scored a second point from a throw in.The Rovers were again dangerous for a short time,but failed to notch a point.The Rovers showed very indifferent form in the latter half,especially the forwards. Ward played a grand game,but the performance on both sides was not up to the mark.Final Result:Renton,two goals;Rovers,none."

GH:"This important tie was brought off on the ground of the latter club before about 4,000 spectators.This is the second meeting between these two clubs,the first match at Glasgow ending in a draw.The Rovers were without Sowerbutts, whilst Renton had their full cup team.After the kick-off Renton were the first to show up,though playing against the wind,Ward saving splendidly.The Rovers pressed for a short time,Fecitt making a grand chance of scoring miss him.The ball was allowed to go through the goal from a free kick,without anyone touching it.Hannah kicked out,and Renton sped off to the other end,a corner resulting. Beverley had a grand chance to score,the visitors' backs tackling him just in time.Campbell here,to all appearances,put the ball through the goal,but the referee disallowed it.The Rovers were now playing up splendidly,and led by Fecitt and Townley,were getting the upper hand,but the Scotchmen's defence was too good,as some grand runs were frustrated.From a corner Renton secured a goal,but this was also decided against them.Forrest saved a free kick,the Rovers immediately attacking the Renton goal,but the backs were equal to the occasion, successfully repelling them.The Scotchmen were now pressing the home team, and several times were within an ace of scoring,the Rovers working hard to keep

their goal intact. The Rovers again made for the Renton goal, but could not pass the Scotch backs, whose play was perfect. Beverley executed a neat run, terminating with a long shot over the bar. A speedy run between Campbell and Barbour resulted in the latter making a splendid shot which grazed the bar, half-time now being called.

Upon resuming the Rovers made desperate efforts to turn the tide, and for some time formed the attacking party, but could not get past Lindsay. Two corners to the Rovers were both well executed, and Beverley made a fruitless attempt at goal. The Renton forwards now assaulted the Rovers' goal, but the defence was too good, especially Ward. (The teams were pressing to score, the back divisions alone stopping the forwards from scoring. Townley missed a chance through indulging in self-sharade.) Davie had the goal at his mercy, but made a miserable attempt to score. Arthur saved, but out of a scrimmage M'Nee scored a goal. The Rovers were very weak in front of their opponents' goal, two corners in quick succession being useless. Six minutes from time Campbell scored again, the game ending in the defeat of the cup holders by 2 to 0."

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C&FF: "The Rovers were without Sourbutts, whose father died this morning. Renton brought their best eleven (Teams listed as below)..."

Blackburn Rovers: J.W.H. Arthur (Goal); J.T. Ward, F. Suter (Backs); J.H. Forrest, J. Douglas, J. Heyes (Half Backs); J.M. Lofthouse, N. Walton (Right Wing), J. Beverley (Centre), H.L. Fecitt, W. Townley (Left Wing).

Renton: J.H. Lindsay (Goal); A.M' Coll, A. Hannah (Backs); R. Kelso, J. Kelly, A.M' Kechnie (Half Backs); James. Barbour, J.M. Campbell (Right Wing), G. Davie (Centre), James M' Coll, J.M' Nee (Left Wing).

Referee: T. Slaney (Staffordshire F.A.).

PRESTON NORTH END 6 (S. Thomson 2, F. Dewhurst 4) WITTON 0 (H.T. 2-0)  
(Sat Nov 13<sup>th</sup>) (At Deepdale, Preston)

Preston Herald 17/11/86 P.3/Blackburn Standard 20/11/86 P.3/Athletic News 16/11/86 P.3/Nottingham Journal 15/11/86 P.7/Cricket & Football Field 13/11/86 P.4/Sportsman 15/11/86 P.4/Sporting Life 15/11/86 P.4:

PH/BS: "The tie between North End and Witton in the second round of the English Cup competition was contested at Deepdale on Saturday, when through the unfavourable weather, there was only an attendance of about 3,000 spectators. At ten minutes past three the visitors kicked off against the incline, with the wind in their favour, and at once made their way within shooting distance of Wharton, when Grimshaw let fly, and the custodian had to fist away. The game was then taken to the Witton quarter, where Robertson soon landed the ball in front, and Thomson shot at Sharples, who fell, but threw away

cleverly, though Drummond and Dewhurst tried to put him through. Smith was applauded for neatly robbing Drummond, and the Witton forwards again reached Wharton, where Grimshaw with a low kick put the ball just past the posts. Up to this the game had been somewhat slow, and it was noticeable that some of the home team were playing very slovenly. Play was in the centre for a minute, and then Ross Jun. shot right into the hands of Sharples, who threw away, and Gordon missed a grand chance from a pass by Drummond. The visitors' backs time after time robbed the opposing forwards, and when the Witton front division got the ball they caused considerable anxiety to Ross and Howarth. Thomson compelled Sharples to clear, and a corner followed to North End, which resulted in a scrimmage, in which Shorrocks and Whiteside defended excellently. Grimshaw and Duckworth on the right threatened, but from a pass Monk missed a chance close to Wharton. So far Witton played a far more correct game than their opponents. Twice Sharples had to save rather soft shots, and Dewhurst, with the goal at his mercy, shot wide. Then Ross Jun headed under the bar, and in the scrimmage Thomson back-heeled the ball through the posts, thus scoring for North End after 24 minutes' play. The visitors now played up, Thomson and Monk getting up the left, and at the other end Dewhurst kicked into the hands of Sharples. A bit of pretty play by Graham and the forwards kept the ball near the Witton goal, but the defence was too good, only a corner resulting. Ross Jun had a shie at Sharples, but the smart tackling of Smith, Shorrocks, and the half backs was too good for the opposing forwards. An attack by Witton was repulsed, though Ross had to kick out, and the home forwards going down Dewhurst got over on the right, and shot past Sharples seven or eight minutes before the interval. Sharples had to stop another shot from Ross Jun, and Dewhurst again shot the ball through, but was promptly ruled offside. Another good shot from Ross Jun forced a corner, Gordon striking the crossbar, but Sharples defended grandly, and after a flying visit by Grimshaw and Duckworth, to near Ross, another corner fell to North End, who were now having more of their own way, nothing more was done before half time.

The second half was one continual assault on the Witton stronghold, the home forwards having the benefit of the wind, and playing a far more correct game than in the first portion of the tie. From the restart Dewhurst and Drummond made their way to near Sharples, and the former sent in a low shot, which Sharples had to clear, a free kick for "hands" just afterwards falling to the home team close to the Witton posts, but it was of no avail. A very good screw off the goal line by Gordon was repelled at the expense of a corner, but the Witton lads were kept continually on the defensive, and soon had to concede two other corners, Smith, Almond, and Sharples doing some grand work for the visitors. Five minutes only had gone when Gordon again got possession, and centred the ball, and Dewhurst, who was exerting himself very much, headed a third goal. A fourth point was quickly recorded by Thomson, from a pass by Gordon, Sharples failing to stop the shot. Further scrimmaging was seen round Sharples, who again had to clear, and Ross Jun shot just by the posts. Grimshaw, Duckworth, and Strachan worked the ball to the other end, but it passed over the goal line, and soon the game was again near Sharples, who stopped a shot from Ross Jun, but the ball was instantly returned by Dewhurst, who scored a fifth point. Only fifteen minutes had elapsed since the restart. The Witton goal had a lot of narrow escapes after this,

both Howarth and Ross coming up among their half backs to assist in the siege. A shot by Thomson was claimed to have been through, but nothing resulted but a corner, and Howarth and Robertson robbing the visitors' left Dewhurst was enabled to score the sixth goal. The remainder of the game was played in semi-darkness, and though the ball was always near Sharples, no other invasion took place, and North End passed into the third round by six goals to none."

AN Report (P.3): "Played at Deepdale on Saturday before 3,000 spectators. Witton kicked off up hill, with a slight wind in their favour, and at once Wharton had to fist from under the bar a good shot from Grimshaw. Very even play was the order for some time, the visitors giving considerable trouble to the home defence. The Witton backs were very smart, and often successfully tackled the North End forwards, who dallied too much in front of goal. The back play of Smith and Shorrocks was first-class. Twenty four minutes elapsed before Thompson scored the first goal for North End, which made the Witton forwards play up better, Duckworth, Grimshaw, and Thompson being very noticeable. Dewhurst scored the second goal before the interval, which found Witton two goals to the bad.

North End showed better combination after the interval, and in a quarter of an hour Dewhurst scored twice and Gordon once, while Sharples kept out some warm ones. Out of a scrummage Dewhurst scored the sixth goal. Semi-darkness now prevailed. Nothing more of interest occurred, and the game ended: -North End, six goals; Witton, none." +NJ also has Gordon as this scorer

AN (P.7 Notes): "Witton played their usual team, and presented a smart appearance. North End were represented by their full cup team, Wharton, the dusky goal-keeper, making his first appearance at Deepdale. Witton started up hill, and at once made tracks, Wharton having to fist out in the first minute. It was soon seen that North End were not playing their usual game, and the Blackburnians soon grasped the situation. They played up grandly, and often threatened the home goal. Strachan once had a glorious chance, but mullied it. North End were more fortunate, for Sharples put the ball through his own posts, and Dewhurst added a second, while a third from the same player was disallowed for off-side. In the second half the home team played in something like their usual form, and Witton had little chance. Sharples and the backs defended grandly, but could not prevent North End doubling their score of the first half and winning by six goals to none."

Preston: A. Wharton (Goal); N. J. Ross, R. Howarth (Backs); J. Graham, D. Russell, A. Robertson (Half Backs); G. Drummond, + F. Dewhurst, S. Thomson, J. D. Ross (jun), J. B. Gordon (Forwards). +Fred (AN P.7)

Witton: Sharples (Goal); Smith, + Shorrocks (Backs); Almond, Pickering, + Whiteside (Half Backs); Duckworth, Grimshaw (Right Wing), Strachan (Centre), Thompson, Monk (Left Wing). +Formerly Blackburn Rovers

+Alston in AN/NJ for Whiteside.

Referee: J. Bentley (Bolton).

## NORTHERN SECOND DIVISION:

ROSSENDALE 2(F.Barnes,F.Heseltine)

COWLAIRS (Glasgow) 10 (J.M'Laughlin,A.Bishop 2,J.Clellan 4, "scrimmage", J.Gray,Ashworth(o.g.))(H.T. 0-6)(Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>)(At Rossendale)

Glasgow Herald 22/11/86 P.10/Blackburn Standard 27/11/86 P.3(No teams)/Athletic News 23/11/86 P.3:

GH:"This second round tie was played at Rossendale before 2,000 spectators,and in very dull weather.The Scotchmen did not bring their full strength,whilst the Lancashire men played a strong team.The ground was very slippery,which went greatly against good play.Clellan kicked off at 3.5 for Cowlairs,and immediately M'Laughlin rushed up and scored the first goal for the Scotchmen.A minute later Bishop notched a second goal after a good run.Rossenadale then showed up a little better and claimed a foul for hands in front of their own goal.Bishop then made a good run down the right,and centring well,Clellan beat Cropper for the third time.After this Rossendale conceded a corner,and Howarth saved well. Cropper next stopped a swift shot from Russell,and the home team rushing down the field,gained their first corner,but nothing came of it.Douglas next ran the ball down the right wing,and centring well,Clellan shot the ball through,and scored the fourth goal for the Scotchmen.Immediately afterwards the same player notched a fifth goal.Rossendale then claimed a foul for offside,the ball travelling down to the home goal,and Douglas kicked over the bar.Cowlairs next claimed hands in front of their own goal when Rossendale were getting dangerous. Douglas next ran the ball well down the right,and passed to Clellan, who beat the Rossendale custodian for the sixth time.Half time was called shortly afterwards and Cowlairs being 6 goals,to Rossendale none.

On crossing over Randall kicked off for Rossendale,and after a minute's play the Scotchmen scored out of a scrimmage.The home team next had hard lines,and Wallis kicked over the bar.Rossendale now began to play much better.Cowlairs then claimed a foul in the centre,and Gray shot the ball through off Ashworth,one of the Rossendale backs,making the eighth goal for the Scotchmen.The Lancastrians after this took a visit to the Scotch goal,and from a tough scrimmage in front of goal Barnes scored the first goal for Rossendale.Keeping up the attack Heseltine scored a second goal a minute later from a splendid screw.This reverse put the Scotchmen on their metal,and,making a rush to the home goal,Ashworth again put the ball through his own goal.Clellan next kicked over,and then the Rossendale men pulled themselves together,and paid another visit to the Scotch goal,but to no purpose,owing to the good defence of the visitors' backs.The game at this time was played in semi-darkness,and Bishop putting on a spurt carried the ball down the right and shot past Cropper for the tenth time.Nothing of any importance occurred up to the call of time,when Cowlairs were left the winners by 10 goals to Rossendale 2.The home team were overplayed at every point of the game."

AN: "Played at Rossendale. Cowlairs soon took the lead, and playing in grand style, scored three goals in as many minutes. Cowlairs next saved a beauty from Bishop, and Clelland scored fourth, fifth, and sixth before half-time, Rossendale scarcely having a look in. The visitors played a splendid passing game, Bishop and Clelland showing to great advantage, the score at half-time being six goals to none in favour of Cowlairs.

In the second half, play became a little more even, but the superior weight and speed of the Scotchmen gave them a great advantage, and Bishop and Clelland scored. The home team now played up, and Barnes scored for Rossendale. Heseltine soon after put a second through, and then Ashworth put one through his own posts. Rossendale could not again score, and Bishop, with a splendid shot, lowered the home colours a tenth time. Final score: - Cowlairs, ten goals; Rossendale, two goals."

Rossendale: J. Cropper (Goal); J. Howarth, W. J. Ashworth (Backs); W. Moorhouse, W. Saunders, J. Ashworth; (Half Backs); F. Haseltine, J. Turner (Right Wing), J. Randall (Centre), F. Barnes, H. Wallis. (Left Wing).

Wallis or Watts as in SL for game?

Cowlairs: R. Carphin (Goal); J. M'Laughlin, J. Gray (Backs); J. Macpherson, P. Gallocher, E. Russell (Half Backs); A. Bishop, J. Douglas (Right Wing), J. Clelland (Centre), J. Boyle, I. M' Luggage (Left Wing).

Umpires: H. Holme (Rossendale) and ??? Referee: Dixbury (Darwen).

GREAT LEVER 1 (Lomax) CLIFTONVILLE (Belfast) 3 (J. Barry, "from a corner", W. Turner) (H.T. 0-1) (Sat Nov 13<sup>th</sup>) (At Bolton)

Belfast News Letter 15/11/86 P.3/Athletic News 16/11/86 P.3/Northern Whig 15/11/86 P.7/Belfast Evening Telegraph 13/11/86 P.3/Freeman's Journal 15/11/86 P.7/Cricket & Football Field 13/11/86 P.4/Sportsman 15/11/86 P.4:

BNL: "At the advertised time both teams entered the field..." "The weather was wet and the ground slippery. Great Lever kicked off against the wind and the hill, but the play was very loose. Dalton soon got a fair chance, but he kicked very badly. Cliftonville had the best of the play, but could not do anything on the slippery turf. However, Rosbottom nearly scored with a clever shot, and then Great Lever got up. Browne having missed his kick, Gillespie ran out and saved the Irishmen. They next had hard lines a grand shot from Elleman going just over. Great Lever retaliated with a good run, and Livesey ought to have scored, but passed back. The Irishmen had several openings, but seemed lost on the slippery field. Later on the home players missed two easy chances, after which the play became more even, but uninteresting. The Irishmen shortly afterwards, however, began to play better, and just before half time, Barry scored for them. The game thus stood at the commencement of play in the second half: Cliftonville, one goal; Great Lever, nil.

After the change of sides,Elleman shot for a goal.The keeper putting up his hands failed to defend his fortress,and Cliftonville claimed goal.The referee ruled one past the post,and they did not get the goal,but immediately afterwards they obtained the succeeding corner kick,and notched their second point.The Leverites now began to play up,and Lomax shot the ball past Gillespie and secured their first and only goal.Cliftonville put another point to their credit fifteen minutes past the call of time.The last point was gained by Turner.The Irishmen were consequently declared the winners by three goals to one.”

AN:” The weather spoiled the game at this Cup tie at Great Lever,only about 1,000 spectators braving the heavy showers.Cliftonville,who threw Park-road out of the first round,arrived at Bolton at nine o’clock in the morning.Great Lever kicked off,but for the first few minutes the Irishmen repeatedly acted on the offensive,Unsworth knocking out several warm shots.One from Dobbin dropped just over the bar.The home forwards were then dangerous,but weakness in front of goal spoiled their final effort.Hall had a golden chance but lifted the ball over. The Leverites missed another chance,the ball being sent outside.Cliftonville then had a look in,but seemed unable to get the ball into the goal mouth.A bad miss by Casey let the Belfast men in,and Dobbin scored an easy goal.

At half-time the score was:-Cliftonville,one;Great Lever,none.After the change of ends,Cliftonville rushed the ball down,and it was sent against the goal post.The Leverites then woke up,and going down with a dash,Hall shot the ball through, but the goal was disallowed for “off-side”.Smart passing took the Cliftonville to the other end,where,after Unsworth had saved cleverly,a second goal was added by the visitors.Lomax scored for Lever,and a third fell to Cliftonville just before the finish.Final result:-Cliftonville,three goals;Great Lever,one goal.”

Great Lever:Unsworth(Goal);Casey,Smethurst(Backs);Fairhurst,Lomax,Dawber (Half Backs);Hall,Standish(Right Wing),Richardson(Centre),Livesey,Barnes(Left Wing).

Cliftonville:R.Gillespie(Goal);F.Browne,Stewart(Backs);T.B.Molyneaux, A.Rosbottom,R.A.Baxter(Half Backs);W.Turner,W.Dalton,Dobbin,J.Barry, A.R.Elleman(Forwards).

Referee:R.P.Gregson.

PARTICK THISTLE 7 (Wm.Paul,John Marshall 2,J.Suter,J.Young,2 others)  
FLEETWOOD RANGERS 0  
(H.T. 3-0)(Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>)(At Inchview,Whiteinch,Partick,Nr Glasgow)

Glasgow Evening Post 20/11/86 P.2/Glasgow Herald 22/11/86 P.10/Blackpool Herald 26/11/86 P.7/Blackburn Standard 27/11/86 P.3(Short report)/ Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4:

GEP:"The above clubs played off their tie in the English National Cup Competition,at Inchview,Whiteinch,this afternoon.The attendance at the start was small,but just before half-time the crowd was fairly large.The ground was a little soft,but fortunately it was dry overhead.When the Rangers entered the arena they were greeted with a cheer.Dressed in yellow striped jerseys they appeared a likely lot that would require some beating.Partick Thistle won the toss for choice of ends,and Fleetwood started the game,the local club defending the west goal.In a minute "hands" were given against the strangers.Paul,of the Thistle,started a run,and grazed the bar with a fine shot.The Englishmen retaliated,and the ball travelled to the west goal,where Duff had to use his hands smartly in getting the leather out of danger.As it was,a corner flag kick was conceded to the Rangers.About ten minutes from commencing a combined run by the Thistle front division resulted in Paul sending the ball under.Continuing to press their opponents,the local club succeeded in notching the second point.In three minutes Young sent in a beauty,but Anderson saved.The next instant John Marshall rushed the ball through,amid cheers.From the centre the left wing of the strangers had a look in at Partick ground,but Hendry was equal to the emergency,and gave the leather an impulse to the other end.Rangers conceded a corner,which came to nothing.Johnston had a shy at the English post,but the ball went past.Paterson,for the Rangers,made some progress on the right,and succeeded in passing Hendry,but his passage was impeded by Duff.A good return by Hendry made matters lively at the east goal.The defenders lined up in front, and disputed the ground inch by inch-but subsequently Fleetwood sent behind. The corner kick was well taken,and Suter did some good head work,but, ever on the alert,Anderson sent the ball behind.The next minute the Thistle front division ,headed by Suter and Johnston,came away with a rush,and the former kicked a splendid goal.The game was now considered a win for the home team,as the Rangers were kept pretty much on their ground,rarely did they break away,and when they managed to get near their goal the home team backs kicked with coolness and precision.Paul and Johnston proved a thorn in the side of Anderson. On one occasion he had to throw the ball away like a hot potato,and on another he caught the ball between his legs.One of the strnagers' backs received an injury,but kept the field,although he remained in proximity to the posts.Half time was called:-Partick Thistle,3 goals;Fleetwood Rangers,nothing.

A minute from the start in the second half,John Marshall kicked a splendid goal for the Thistle.Paterson for the Rangers had a beautiful run the whole length of the field.He centred well,but the leather was sent behind.Fisher of the Fleetwood was indefatigable in his efforts to reach the Scotch goal,but M'Lean watched his man well.Play became a little loose and uninteresting.A combined run by the left division of the Thistle looked deadly,but Marshall sent behind at the critical moment.Johnston aimed well,and then Young had a high kick,but both were fruitless.Jerry Suter made a good attempt,but the leather was to the wrong side a couple of inches.Fleetwood conceded a corner,but the leather got behind.A series of attacks on the Fleetwood posts caused uneasiness to Anderson.At last J.Young beat the custodian with a high slanting ball.The ball was no sooner in motion again than the Scotchmen invested English ground,and they had hard lines in not scoring.Suter headed the ball into touch,when he had a grand chance to score. Three corners were conceded the Thistle,but nothing resulted,and a free kick a

minute afterwards did not improve matters. Robinson, of the Fleetwood, had a hopeless task before him when he made tracks for Duff's charge, as Hendry slipped the ball when he was twenty yards from the uprights. The game was now decided, for with ten minutes to play, the Scotchmen beat their opponents at every point. Dusk set in, but in the last five minutes the Thistle increased their score by two goals. When the whistle blew at time the game stood - Partick Thistle 7 goals, Fleetwood Rangers 0 goals."

BH: "On Friday afternoon the team left the Fleetwood station in one of the L.&N.W.'s splendid saloons, accompanied by their president (Mr Marginson), Mr J. Dixon (the hon. sec.), Mr Mason (the umpire), and last, but not least, a most ardent supporter in the person of Mr H. Leadbetter. No less than 300 persons assembled in the station to witness their departure, and as the engine steamed away from the platform, three hearty cheers were sent up, which might almost have been heard at the other end of Fleetwood. Being well provided with refreshments and all the requisites such a "jolly crew" need, a pleasant and quick run was made to Glasgow, at which place they arrived about eight o'clock. The team were at once provided for at the Waverley Hotel, which they made their headquarters. Having refreshed the inner man, they paid a visit to the "Gaiety", after which they returned for the night. Next morning, under the superintendence of their President and Secretary, &c., they had a peep at the scenery of Bonnie Scotland, a sail down the Clyde, and many other pleasant experiences, which, it is needless to say, were fully enjoyed by one and all. Dinner over, a move was made to the great arena. At the contest there were not a very large crowd, but the reception the Fleetwoodites received was one which they will not in a hurry forget, everybody welcoming them in the most hearty manner. Before half-time the spectators numbered between fifteen and sixteen hundred people. A few minutes before three the referee, Mr Hay (secretary of the Staveley club), gave the signal for the commencement, the teams facing each other as follows:-

The weather was fine, but the ground was rather soft. Losing the toss, the visitors, defending the east goal, started the leather, and a minute from the kick-off "hands" were given against them. Nothing came of the place kick, and Paul started a run, his final shot grazing the bar. The Englishmen retaliated and (Duff) was called upon to save a hot shot, he smartly getting the leather away by giving a fruitless corner. Ten minutes having elapsed Paul scored for the Scots with a stinging shot which it was impossible for Anderton to stop. About now Butcher, the Fleetwood captain, by some means or other, unfortunately got his back hurt, and was not able to do very much for his side after. The home front division ran up in one mass, but their efforts were frustrated. Anderton now became conspicuous for some clever saves he made against Young and J. Marshall, but eventually the latter player breasted the sphere through, putting a second goal to their credit. At the other end Fisher and Patterson had a look in, but Hendry was too good for them, and gave the ball an impulse towards the other end of the field, where the Rangers conceded an abortive corner. Robinson then made a brilliant run almost the length of the field, and, passing to Hendry, had no one but Duff to face, but ere he could give his final impulse to the ball the Scotch keeper rushed out and upsetting both man and ball, cleared his line amid cheers. Hendry made matters lively at the other end for the Rangers, but by good play on the part

of the half-backs and a good run by Wright, play was transferred, but the ball was finally put behind. The Thistles getting a corner, which was very well taken, Suter did some clever head work in the Rangers goal, Anderton smartly cleared the ball by giving a corner, which proved of no avail. Play having been temporarily transferred to the other end, the Thistles' forwards made off with a rush, and from a pass by Johnston, Suter scored a third point with a splendid shot. Half-time shortly arrived with the score, Thistle three, Rangers nil.

A minute after the re-start J. Marsden added a fourth goal. Then Patterson with a run nearly the length of the field, had a shy at Duff, but the ball went a few inches on the wrong side of the post. The Rangers left pair were still on the alert, and strained every nerve to score, but with a back like M'Lean in front of them, their task proved a fruitless one. Sandham at half-back worked like a Trojan and frequently stopped the raids of the opposing forwards. Play for a time became uninteresting. The Thistles then got three corners in quick succession, all of which proved of no value to them. Dusk now set in, and the home lot continued to add to their score, and when time was called the Fleetwood lads were in the minority by seven goals to nil.

After the game both teams sat down to an excellent tea at the Waverley Hotel, when Mr Joseph Halley, president of the Partick Thistle, presided. The utmost good feeling was manifested, and the usual loyal and friendly toasts were drunk, after which the visitors left by train, arriving at Fleetwood early on Sunday morning.

Partick Thistle: Arthur Duff (Goal); John Hendry (Capt.), Walter M'Lean (Backs); Robert Robertson, Andrew Miliken (Half Backs); John Young, Robert Marshall (Right Wing), John Marshall, William Paul (Centres), Jervis Suter, Andrew Johnston (Left Wing).

Fleetwood: M. Anderton (Goal); W. Butcher (Capt.), J. Roskell (Backs); F. Yates, J. Sandham, G. Stirzaker (Half Backs); J. W. Robinson, W. Wright (Right Wing), W. Bennett (Centre), H. P. Fisher, James Patterson (Left Wing).

Umpires: James Robertson (Rossendale) for Partick and R. Mason (Rangers) for Fleetwood. Referee: Hay (Secretary, Staveley F.C.).

GLASGOW RANGERS 2 (M. Lawrie 2) CHURCH 1 (\*Beresford) (H.T. 1-1) (Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>) (At Kinning Park, Glasgow)

Glasgow Herald 22/11/86 P.10/Blackburn Standard 27/11/86 P.3/Athletic News 23/11/86 P.3/Glasgow Evening Post 20/11/86 P.2/Cricket & Football Field 20/11/86 P.4/Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4:

GH: "Another stage of the English Cup ties was decided at Kinning Park, when the Rangers met the Church, another rising young professional team from Lancashire." "Considering the recent heavy rains, the ground at West Scotland Street was in very fair condition, although it was rather slippery in the vicinity of

the goal, which the Rangers held at the start. The bright scarlet pants and white jerseys of the Englishmen made a striking contrast to the light blue jerseys and white pants of the Rangers. There was a good attendance of spectators. The Church kicked off, the wind blowing in rather strong gusts, from the south west across the field, if anything in favour of the home team. At once the Rangers went into hostile territory, but a foul gave the visitors a chance to run down the field and only Charmers's smartness in heading out prevented them from scoring. After some centre play the Englishmen made a united run, securing a corner, from which the ball went behind. Following this the leather passed to the other end, the "scarlets" getting a kick from goal which sent the ball after a little field play, close to the "light blues" posts, and Chalmers had again to hand out. The Church played up but the ball getting behind a kick from goal sent it once more up field. A foul against the visitors followed, but with a rush they carried the leather forward and secured a corner. After a brief tussle at the "light blues" goal, and a few minutes' wild kicking, the ball was sent through the window of an adjoining house. When play was resumed Heggie made a beautiful shot from midfield, narrowly missing the posts. His team followed with a corner kick, but the ball passed over the bar. Immediately afterwards, Fraser shaved the post, and following his effort, a scrimmage took place out of which Church got a kick from goal. This relief was neutralised by a foul against them and their antagonists continued to press them home, Thorpe having to use his hands. The Rangers got another corner, from which, however, nothing resulted. On the ball getting away a foul was given against the Rangers, but, notwithstanding, they still kept within the opposition bounds. When the Englishmen did cross the border they got behind, and the Rangers' passing having improved, Fraser centred the ball to Lawrie, who put it through, thus securing the first goal for his side. Animated by their success, the Scotchmen pressed forward, and nearly secured another point, getting, however, instead two corners shortly afterwards. The "scarlets" rallied and got down the field, but sent the leather past the uprights. When it was again set a-rolling, the visitors were getting an easy run down, when M'Intyre sent the ball out, and a kick from goal followed almost immediately afterwards. Out of some centre play the ball was worked down, and \*Walker, with a swift shot, sent it through for the Englishmen just before half time was called.

On changing ends Fraser did a neat pass to Heggie, who slipped, but Lawrie taking the ball sent it through for the second time. A foul followed against the "scarlets" close to their goal, out of which the leather was sent behind. The play that followed was pretty much of a give-and-take character, Chalmers and Thorpe being frequently called upon to defend their posts. For some time before the whistle blew the "light blues" struggled to score another point, and kept their opponents very busy; but their efforts had no material success, and though it may be said that they had the best of the game throughout, they only secured a victory by the narrow margin of 2 goals to 1."

BS/AN: "These teams met at Kinning Park, Glasgow, on Saturday. The weather was mild and sunny, but the ground was a trifle soft, owing to recent rains. There was a good turnout of the public, despite the great attraction of the Renton and Blackburn Rovers at Hampden Park. The Rangers won the toss, and the Church kicked off against a strong breeze, but had a great deal the best of the first ten

minutes' play. The Rangers soon began to press Church, however, and after twenty-five minutes' play they scored. A minute from half-time Beresford scored a neat goal with his head for Church, and the teams crossed over on equal terms.

The second half started with renewed vigour. The Rangers pressed, and Laurie scored a second goal for the home team in two minutes, and narrowly escaped scoring a third a minute later. The Rangers continued to have the best of it, Thorpe saving repeatedly. Holden, Beresford, and Walker broke away several times, but Chalmers was always equal to the occasion. The Rangers almost scored from a miss by +Robertson."

Rangers: W. Chalmers (Goal); A. Nicol, J. McCartney (Backs); J. Cameron, J. M'Intyre, J. Muir (Half Backs); R. Fraser, A. Peacock (Right Wing), C. Heggie (Centre), J. Buchanan, M. Lawrie (Left Wing).

(BS/AN/AFS all have D.R. Gow for A. Nicol)

Church: Thorpe (Goal); B. Robinson, J. Wood (Backs); W. Wood, Taylor, Gastall (Half Backs); Fielding, Smith (Right Wing), Beresford (Centre), Holden, Walker (Left Wing).

+Robertson in AN/BS Report and line up CHECK FIELDEN /FIELDING AND FIRST ROUND

#### NORTHERN THIRD DIVISION

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 2 (G. Bell, R. Roberts: see below)  
DERBY JUNCTION 1 (A. Peach)  
(H.T. 2-0) (Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>) (At Stoney Lane, West Bromwich)

N.B. Sporting Life 20/11/86 P.3: "This tie will be played on the Throstles' Ground, at West Bromwich, and not at Derby as announced."

(WBA History P.157 states: "Roberts, the goalkeeper, punted the ball downfield and, following a scrimmage in the Derby goalmouth, the ball suddenly passed between the posts")

Derby Mercury 24/11/86 P.6 / Derby Daily Telegraph 22/11/86 P.4 / Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4 / Sporting Life 22/11/86 P.4 / Athletic News 23/11/86 P.3:

NB. There are no lineups in Birmingham Daily Post, Nottingham Evening Post, Sheffield Independent, Sheffield Daily Telegraph, or Manchester Courier.

DDT: "A moderate number of persons assembled to witness the meeting of these teams at Stoney Lane, West Bromwich. The match was perhaps the most one-sided that has been played on this ground this season, and it was only on account of the Derby forwards being kept close to their goal that the Albion total was not much larger. Shortly after the kick off a run was made down the left wing by

George Bell, which had the desired effect. The home team continued to press, but it was a difficult matter to pass the six or eight men who hovered round the visitors' goal. As half time drew near the Albion obtained a foul within a few feet from the Derby goal line, and Roberts, the home goalkeeper, came down to assist in rushing the ball through. The kick was taken, but the Albion eleven were far superior as regards strength, and the result was that the ball, with about half a dozen of the Derby men, were sent rolling through the goal. The score at half time stood two goals to none.

The apathy which was exhibited by the home team, however, vanished, when within a minute or two from the change of ends, Derby scored from a splendid shot by Peach. Nothing further was obtained. The Albion forwards played in a wild manner and showing no combination whatever, made two or three weak attempts to increase their score, but these were repelled. The game ended – Albion, 2; Derby Junction, 1.”

SL:”There were about 2,000 people present to witness the contest. The home team had the choice of ground and elected to play downhill, with the wind in their favour, and after five minutes' play, Bell from a corner kick splendidly placed by Woodhall, scored the first goal for the Albion. The visitors now played on the defensive, so much so, in fact, that at times the majority of the team were officiating between the sticks or in front of goal. Shortly before half-time a goal fell to the Albion right in the mouth of goal, and a most interesting and novel occurrence transpired, wherein Roberts, the Albion custodian, assisted his side in obtaining a goal, by helping to push the Derby players through their own citadel.

Changing over, with the slope in their favour, the visitors played a much better game, and within a few minutes from the change, Peach put in a stinger which got the best of Roberts, and registered the first goal for the Derby team. Play then fell away considerably, the home team showing very poor form indeed, and for some moments it looked as if the Albion were going to get the worst of the encounter but they ultimately rallied, and towards the end played up in capital style, several attempts to score being within an ace of the desired mark, Paddock especially distinguishing himself by his shots from the left, several of which were well saved by the Derby custodian. No addition to the scores was made, and the game ended in a win for the West Bromwich Albion by two goals to one.”(No teams)

DM:”This match was played at West Bromwich on Saturday. Junction kicked off against the wind and after five minutes' Bell headed through from a corner. The Juncs acted strictly on the defensive from this till half-time, Bromage in goal saving his stronghold finely. A few minutes before the interval the Albion had a foul in front of the posts. A regular tug of war ensued and Albion scored by sheer force. Junction pressed on resuming, and Peach scored with a beautiful shot. When time was called nothing else had been done, the result being : West Bromwich 2 Albion 1 .”

W.B.A. :R.Roberts(Goal);A.Aldridge,Walker(Backs);E.Horton,J.Horton,J.M.Bayliss (Half Backs);G.Woodhall,G.Holden(Right Wing),Tom Green(Centre),G.Bell, W.Paddock(Left Wing).(DM)

Derby Junction:E.Bromage(Goal);G.Potts(Capt.),J.Matthews (Backs);W.Cotton, I.Siddons,R.Smith (Half Backs);S.Smith,J.Bromage (Right Wing), ("A.N.Other")(Centre),J.Radford,A.Peach(Left Wing).(DM)

(WBA order is confirmed by the WBA Complete Record with J.M.Bayliss as half-back)

Umpires:W.M'Gregor(Aston Villa) and C.Gathers(Derby Junction).  
Referee:W.Nicholls(Birmingham Excelsior).

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 14(T.Hunter 4,J.Brodie 3,B.Griffiths 2, H.Allen,"scrimmage",T.Knight 3) CROSSWELL BREWERY 0  
(H.T. 9-0)(Sat Nov 13<sup>th</sup>)(At Dudley Road Grounds,Wolverhampton)

MEN:"Last 3 goals in darkness"

KR Source :FIND REPORT IN Midland Evening News:

Birmingham Daily Post 15/11/86 P.7/Lichfield Mercury 19/11/86 P.7(Both Reports the same but no lineups):"Played at the Dudley Road Grounds, Wolverhampton,before a sparse attendance,doubtless due to the heavy rains, which further militated against the form shown.The Crosswells started the ball uphill,and after five minutes of even play T.Hunter scored the first goal for the Wanderers.Two more goals for the same side quickly followed,J.Brodie and Hunter respectively scoring.A fourth point was obtained from a shot by B.Griffiths.The goalkeeper caught the ball with his hands,but with it in his possession was hustled through the goal before he could throw it out.Brodie soon afterwards secured the ball,and after a good run down the field,passed it to Hunter,who scored again.These five goals had been obtained by the Wanderers well within half an hour.Brodie and Allen headed in two more goals,and Hunter kicked an eighth.Just before half time another success for the home team was obtained from a scrimmage in the mouth of the goal,the result of a foul by one of the visitors' backs.

Crosswells displayed more vigour in their tactics on resumption of play and once or twice carried the ball in dangerous proximity to their opponents' quarters. Nevertheless,T.Knight soon obtained another goal,and immediately after B.Griffiths scored again.Play of a not very exciting character followed,and then Brodie secured a twelfth goal for the home team.Knight soon after kicked in the ball,which cannoned off one of the Crosswell backs and went between the posts.The same player made another addition to the score just before the conclusion of play,leaving the result of the game-Wanderers,14; Crosswells,nil. The gathering gloom in which the concluding portion of the game was played rendered the operations of the teams almost indiscernable at the further end of the field."(No teams)

Wolves:I.Griffiths;R.Bough,C.Mason;A.Lowder,H.Allen,A.Pearson;  
T.Hunter,T.Knight,J.B.Brodie,H.Wood,B.Griffiths.

(Wolves Complete Record)(MEN reverses Half Backs and also 10/11)

Crosswell Brewery:Matthews;Bradbury,Dyke;F.Bunn,Powell,Stanton;  
Bradley,W.Bunn,A.Bunn,Neale,Southall(MEN)

ASTON VILLA 6 (J.Loach 2,D.Hodgetts,Albert Brown 2,Archie Hunter)  
DERBY MIDLAND 1 (C.Ward)(H.T. 3-1)(Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>)(At Perry Barr)  
(Aston Villa History wrongly gives 6-0)(+AVCR gives 1<sup>st</sup> goal to Loach)

Derby Daily Telegraph 22/11/86 P.4/Birmingham Daily Post 22/11/86  
P.7/Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4/Sporting Life 22/11/86 P.4:

DDT/BDP:"These teams met at Perry Barr.The afternoon was dull,but about 4,000 persons assembled.Both teams were well represented.From first to last the game was in favour of the home team,who were victorious by 6 goals to 1.For the winning team,Archie Hunter,Loach,Hodgetts,Brown,and Yates showed the best form,whilst for the visitors,their goalkeeper,Salt,and their backs played splendidly.Winning the toss,Archie Hunter decided to kick downhill,towards the Wellington Road goal.Walker kicked off for the visitors,and after a bit of midfield play the Villa rushed to the attack,and a corner fell to their lot.The kick was well taken,and from a +scrimmage which ensued the ball was sent between the visitors' posts about two minutes from the start.On the ball being restarted the Villa again attacked,and after several unsuccessful attempts,D.Hodgetts scored again,about seven minutes after the ball had been kicked off.The Derby men then plucked up a bit and transferred the play into the vicinity of the Villa's goal;but Coulton and Simmonds were equal to the occasion,and removed the danger.A pass by Burton to Albert Brown gave the latter a chance to score,and he put in a good shot,but the goalkeeper punched out the ball.Continuing the pressure several more shots were put into goal by the Villa forwards,but they were all kept out by the fine play of the Derby custodian.At length,however,Rich Davis centred across the goal,and Loach knocked the ball through with his head.Stung by these reverses the visitors played up with more spirit,and after a time Ward got within shooting distance of the Villa goal,and sent the ball well in.Warner in running across the goal,fell down and the ball passed between the Villa posts.Up to half time the game was all in favour of the Villa,who kept the Derby goal in a state of siege.No further points were,however,obtained,and when half time intervened the game stood-Villa 3,Derby Midland 1.

On recommencing play after the change of ends, Loach got to work on the Villa left,and put in a good shot,but Salt amidst cries of "well saved" kept the ball from going through goal.Not to be denied,the Villa returned to the assault,and Dawson, putting the ball to Brown,gave the latter a chance,which he speedily availed himself of,and lowered the colours of the Derby men for the fourth time.The removal of the ball to the centre of the field scarcely afforded the visitors' backs and goalkeeper breathing time,for a moment after the kick off the Villa forwards

were again "shooting in", and a corner fell to them, which proved abortive. The next noticeable feature of the game was a fine run and shot by R. Davis, who was heartily applauded, as was the goalkeeper for stopping the shot. The visitors' forwards then broke away, and passing Simmonds and Coulton, the Villa backs, seemed to have the goal at their mercy, but Warner rushing out in the nick of time, sent the ball spinning up the field, where Loach and Hodgetts obtained it, and took it into the rear quarters of the visitors. Hodgetts sent in a shot, which was punched out, but Loach got possession of the leather, and put it to Albert Brown, who scored the fifth goal for the home team. An appeal for offside was made, but was disallowed. About ten minutes from the call of time Archie Hunter scored a sixth goal, and the Villa thus won a one-sided game by 6 goals to 1." +Goal attributed to J. Loach

Aston Villa: J. Warner (Goal); J. Simmonds, F. Coulton, (Backs); J. Burton, F. Dawson, H. Yates (Half Backs); Rich Davis, Albert Brown (Right Wing), Archie Hunter (Capt.) (Centre) D. Hodgetts, J. Loach (Left Wing).

Derby Midland: G. Salt (Goal); L. G. Wright, J. Wildsmith (Backs); D. Ratcliffe, J. Flowers, E. Hickingbottom (Half Backs); G. Strutt, C. Ward (Right Wing), J. Walker (Centre), J. Wood, J. Shannon (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. McGregor (Aston Villa) and C. Gathers (Derby Junction).  
Referee: W. Nicholls (Birmingham Excelsior).

DERBY COUNTY 1 (G. Bakewell) MITCHELL ST GEORGE'S 2 (J. Rogers, Another)  
(Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>) (H.T. 1-1)

Derby Daily Telegraph 22/11/86 P.3 / Derby Mercury 24/11/86 P.6 /  
Birmingham Daily Post 22/11/86 P.7 / Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4 / Sporting Life  
22/11/86 P.4 / Referee 21/11/86 P.5:

DDT: "The St George's men arrived in the town at one o'clock bringing their full strength, every man being confident of success. There was a big attendance round the ropes when the match commenced, the special trains to the town being well filled, and at the kick off there could not have been less than 3,000 persons present.

There was a rather strong wind blowing across the ground in the direction of the Rifle Range goal, and the Dragons, who won the toss, elected to defend the Nottingham-road citadel during the first portion of the game. Cropper kicked off at 25 minutes past two, and after smart returns by Clifton and Bailey, smart work by Williamson against the St George's left was duly applauded. Plackett and Cooper then came down, and after being deprived by Hawkins, Cooper shot low and hard into Stansbie's hands, but the Dragons' custodian managed to clear. Good defensive work by each side followed, though Stansbie made one bad miskick, from which Cooper ought to have scored. A long shot by Plackett was then cleared by Stansbie, whilst Knox created some excitement a minute later by a splendid run and centre, but nothing resulted. Breeze and Rogers now broke

away, and a corner resulted, from which the ball was headed over the bar. However, the visitors soon returned to the attack, and one of the Derby men missing his kick at a critical moment, Rogers had no difficulty in crediting the Birmingham team with the first goal. Encouraged by this success, the visitors played up strongly, and after Breeze had shaved the cross bar, Rogers again put in a low shot, which very nearly took effect. A fine run and centre by Cooper was duly cheered, but Cropper was too well looked after to turn it to good account. Breeze and Brown next made a good run, but passed to Meakin, who was ruled offside. The defensive powers of both teams were then severely taxed for a time, and on one occasion Cropper looked extremely dangerous, as Stansbie falling with the ball only cleared with difficulty. A corner to the visitors was splendidly placed, but Bestwick saved by jumping up to the ball and fisting it away. Plckett ran the ball down from the scrimmage, but was tripped as he was passing Hawkins, and the ball went over the line. The visitors then went away at a rare pace, but Latham and Williamson stopped them before they could shoot, though subsequent long shots from the right and centre were easily got rid of by Bestwick. Cropper and Knox then brought the ball down the field, but Cooper screwed just over the cross bar amidst some excitement. A smart attack in which Albert Brown was again prominent, was then made on the Derby goal but Latham relieved, and the whole rank of Derby forwards came down in a body. Cropper, however, headed outside. The Derby men, however, were not yet done with, and Plckett again breaking away brought the ball down the field without assistance. He centred to Knox, who shot into the goalkeeper's hands. Stansbie cleared, and immediately after repelled a second shot, but Bakewell getting possession, put in a low one which was out of everyone's reach, and managed to equalise. (One goal all). This point was hailed with great cheering, which had scarcely died away, when the whistle blew for half-time.

On play being resumed the County quickly had a second go, Cooper and Plckett taking the ball down the left wing, whence the former screwed grandly over the cross-bar. The home team had another opening a minute later, but Cropper could not steady himself to shoot while Stansbie was on the floor. The visitors then ran down, but Harrison was too hampered to shoot with precision, and Latham got the ball away. Brown next headed into goal, but Beswick threw away very coolly. Midfield play followed, the half-backs on either side showing up very creditably. An attack by the County caused a lot of trouble, and Bakewell tried a good long shot without effect. The pressure was maintained, and the St George's goal had a warm time from a corner, but although numerous scrimmages took place in front of goal, nothing could be done in the way of scoring. Rogers at length had an opening, but Latham stopped him, though he failed a minute later against Meakin. The latter then crossed to the left, and Bestwick managed to save one shot, though he was at once surrounded, and the ball pushed through by several of the forwards (St George's two goals, County, one)."

BDP/REF: "As Junction Street had decided to go to West Bromwich, and the Midland were away contesting against Aston Villa, the County had the field all to themselves. But in fairness to the Peakites it is only fair to state that their team was not by any means a representative one. Lawrence and Spilsby were absentees, and Wharmby, who played, was at the time suffering from a quinsy in

the throat. The County kicked towards the entrance, and Cropper started the fray, the attendance being about five thousand. The visitors came down the field, and before a quarter of an hour had transpired Rogers shot through. Hawkins played well in the back division, and prevented the Derby left from becoming dangerous. A run by Cropper and Knox gave the County a look in. Stansbie, however, succeeded in clearing, whilst in a very short time Bestwick had to throw out, whilst Brown shot over the bar. Then Derby had a look in, Cooper being given the ball by Cropper. The former's shot was a little elevated. Shortly before half time Bakewell shot through, the ball having been hovering round the Birmingham goal several minutes previously. An objection by the visitors' umpire was properly set aside, and the point was allowed.

The second half was most stubbornly contested, and several narrow shaves were experienced by the County, who were having the worst of the luck. A shot by Cooper just skimmed the bar, and Cropper, a little later, shot into Stansbie's hands. A rush by the visitors was partially stopped by Bestwick, who caught the ball, instead of striking, thus letting in a Brum, who sent the ball through amidst cheers. The visitors strengthened their back division, and kept their goal intact, thus winning by 2 goals to 1." (No lineups)

DM: "...Cropper shot, and Stansbie having thrown away, a corner was given. Cooper put it too far, and the visitors' left wing coming away Bestwick had to use his hands. He could not throw far, however, and one of the Birmingham forwards breasted the ball through close to the post, the game being two to one for the visitors with twenty minutes to play."

Derby County: T.H. Bestwick (Goal); A. Latham, A. Williamson (Backs); T. Bower, G. Clifton, W.H. Warmby (Half Backs); G. Bakewell (Capt.), J.J. Knox (Right Wing), W. Cropper (Centre), L. Cooper, L. Plackett (Left Wing).

Mitchell St George's: H. Stansbie (Goal); T. Hawkins, F. Stevenson (Capt.) (Backs); A. Bailey, J. Richards, E. Barton (Half Backs); H. Meaking, J. Rogers (Right Wing), Arthur Brown (Centre), J. Breeze, W. Harrison (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Shaw (Derby County) and A. Cheetham (St George's).

Referee: J. Bentley (Bolton).

WALSALL, a bye.

#### NORTHERN FOURTH DIVISION

STAVELEY 4 (J.C. Potter, J. Hay, W. Needham, W. Marshall)  
ROTHERHAM 1 (G. Medley)  
(H.T. 3-0) (Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>) (At Recreation Ground, Staveley)

Sheffield Independent 22/11/86 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 22/11/86 P.4/  
Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4/Sporting Life 22/11/86 P.4/Derby Mercury 24/11/86  
P.6/Referee 21/11/86 P.6:

SI: "This match in the second round of ties for the English Cup was played on the Recreation Ground, Staveley. Both teams were strongly represented, and a capital match resulted, the Rotherham men playing a fast game throughout, but they lacked the combination which the Staveley men possessed. Hay, the home captain, won the toss, and Medley kicked off for Rotherham against a strong wind. Staveley gradually got the upper hand, Needham and Marshall led an attack on the Rotherham goal, which Micklewaite repelled, and the Rotherham left wing assayed a run into the opposing lines, but Wilshaw dispossessed Thomas of the ball, and returned it to midfield. H.P. Marples made a judicious pass to Meakin, who in turn passed over to Potter, and so severe was the pressure on the Rotherham citadel that Micklewaite was compelled to throw out. Needham made excellent use of the corner kick, and Potter shot the first goal for Staveley amid cheers. On resuming Musson and Gummer dribbled along the right, and the latter caused Wagstaffe to handle. Then Wilshaw and Young transferred the play to the other end and again Micklewaite was compelled to concede a corner, which Needham took in charge. He directed the ball splendidly, and a severe scrimmage followed right in the mouth of the Rotherham goal, which Hay eventually lowered for the second time. The visitors' backs were now playing a grand game, and but for their brilliant defence, the Staveley men would have secured several goals. Bennett, Damms, and Bone kicked and tackled exceedingly well, and gave their forwards several chances, but they shot at goal recklessly. On the other hand, Staveley took advantage of nearly every opportunity, and Needham making a splendid dribble, got within shooting distance, and sent the leather spinning through with great force, the ball just grazing the crossbar in its course. Shortly afterwards a fourth goal was disallowed, and then half time was called.

The change of ends gave Rotherham the hill and wind, and they at once became the aggressors, Wagstaffe having two most dangerous shots to stop, one of which he got away in a wonderful manner. S. Hay and Rice, in the half back division, were, however, playing a strong game, and repelled several rushes by the Rotherham forwards. The Staveley front rank again got away, and good play was shown by Hay and Marples, the latter shooting into goal, and Marshall headed a fourth point. For some little time the visitors swarmed round the Staveley stronghold, but it was defended grandly, and then a change in the play occurred. Damms and Thomas on the left wing effected a dashing run, and gave Medley an excellent opportunity, which he made good use of, and scored the only goal obtained by the Rotherham team. The play after this was of a most determined character, each goal in turn being severely threatened, and Staveley again scored, but the referee decided that the player was offside. Nothing further was done up to the call of time, when Staveley left the field winners by four goals to one. Musson, Gummer, Bennett, Damms, and Thomas played a capital game for the losers, while the whole of the winners were in good form."

REF: "The Staveleyites were playing their old opponents of last year. The Staveley team were slightly different to that advertised, Marples playing in centre, Staveley being content with four backs."

Staveley: F. Wagstaffe (Goal); W. Young, S. Willshaw (Backs); S. Hay, J. Rice, (Half Backs); R. Meakin, + Isaac Potter (Right Wing), H. P. Marples, Jack Hay (Capt.) (Centres), W. Needham, W. Marshall (Left Wing). + J. C. Potter?

Rotherham: F. Micklewaite (Goal); B. Bennett, F. Turner (Backs); W. Damms, W. Bone, W. Kelly (Half Backs); W. Gummer, W. Musson (Right Wing), G. Medley (Centre), W. Thomas, J. Damms (Left Wing).

Umpires: T. Chambers and R. Pinder. Referee: J. A. Frost (Sheffield Association).

NOTTS COUNTY 3 (H. A. Cursham, H. Jackson, F. E. Burton)  
NOTTS RANGERS 3 (W. May, W. Hodder, W. Archer)  
(H. T. 3-0) (Sat Nov 13<sup>th</sup>) (At Trent Bridge, Nottingham)

Nottingham Evening Post 13/11/86 P.3/Nottingham Journal 15/11/86  
P.6/Sportsman 15/11/86 P.4/Sporting Life 15/11/86 P.4:

NEP: "This tie in the second round of the National Cup competition took place, today, on the Trent Bridge Ground, before a fairly large number of spectators. Both clubs were well represented, and Jackson kicked off at a quarter to three o'clock. Geary and May brought the ball down the left, and forced it over the goal line. The Rangers continued to press, and although Cursham tried hard to break away he failed to do so. Hands were given against Jackson without any danger, and Cursham dashed away at top speed, with the result that he ran the length of the field, and Albert Moore put in a fine shot, which Gandy cleverly saved. Again Notts attacked, the game being very fast, and although two corners accrued to the home team, both proved fruitless. The Rangers visited the home forwards, but Cursham passed to Daft, and by a splendid combination the leather was carried down, but Burton shot over the bar. Then the Rangers had the best of the exchanges, and by the aid of a foul Hodder was enabled to head over, while directly after he shot wide of the mark. Both goals were assaulted, and the play was both fast and exciting. While Morley splendidly diverted two shots which must have proved fatal, Holland was also very serviceable. A dashing run and centre by Cursham was just spoiled by Knight. Again the Rangers attacked, and Hodder, with a swift lofty shot, sent over the bar. Notts rallied, and from some clever work on the left wing the ball was splendidly centred. It passed right in front of the goal and had Burton just touched the ball, it must have taken effect. As it was Notts secured a corner, which was got away in rare style, but Notts pressed but were not got away with the result that Topham slipped and fell. Cursham pounced upon the ball, and with a swift low shot, secured the first point for Notts amid great applause, 28 minutes from the start. The game was very even afterwards, and although the chocolate and blues attacked vigorously, the Rangers worked to the other end, and Archer, with a fine screw shot, sent just over the bar. Cursham and Daft were once more instrumental in working the ball

down the left wing, but although two corners accrued, and the Rangers goal was severely jeopardised, the Rangers escaped, and acted upon the aggressive. Hadyn Morley upset their plans, and his kicking received well merited applause. Archer missed a very easy chance, and his partner Cooke shot wide of the mark. Daft and Cursham again sped along the left side of the ground, and evading both Topham, Mack, and C. Shelton, Cursham centred, with the result that Jackson scored an easy goal, making the second point for Notts. The Rangers attacked, but they were sent back again, and Topham conceded a corner, which ended in a severe scrimmage, Burton administering a touch to the ball, which proved fatal, Notts thus registering their third point. Before half time there was no alteration, and Notts then led by three goals to none, although the play was by no means so one sided.

On resuming in a very dusky light the game was as fast as ever, but Notts held the upper hand, although the defence of the Rangers was good. Notts took an abortive corner, and directly after Daft was entrusted with another corner kick, which went over the line without result. The Rangers showed better form, and getting in good position Cooke shot over the bar. Owing to one of Cursham's runs and final shots, Gandy conceded another corner, which ended in Jackson heading wide. Whenever the Rangers broke away they were brought up by Morley, who, as in the first half, was playing an excellent game. The match was now waged on more even terms, both teams in turn showing to the best advantage. May sent in a long screw shot, which Holland saved capitally, but directly after the ball fell at the feet of May, standing some 40 yards from goal, and he sent in a lofty shot which passed just under the bar. Encouraged by this success the Rangers played with spirit, but Notts were too strong, and an effort of Jackson's just grazed the bar on the wrong side. A corner was taken by Notts, but Knight headed out. Hodder, May, and Geary tried in vain to break away, Notts holding the Rangers well in their own quarters for some time. The Rangers at last got away and beating Morley on this occasion, Archer sent in a swift shot which went a little wide. The opposing forwards to Notts were not sent away hurriedly, and Hodder notched a splendid goal. The point was appealed against in vain, and the Rangers, encouraged by this, played up desperately pressing Notts severely, and shortly before time, although Cursham had gone back, Archer sent in a long shot, which equalised. Both teams were now put on their mettle, and the ball travelled rapidly from end to end, but no more points were scored, and the tie remained drawn amid much excitement."

Notts County: J.H. Holland (Goal); A.T. Marshall, H.A. Morley (Backs); E. Harker, H.W. Emmett, W.H. Cotterill, (Half Backs); F.E. Burton, A.E. Moore (Right Wing), H. Jackson (Centre), H.B. Daft, H.A. Cursham (Left Wing).

N.B. John H. Holland in goal (he played into the Football League era): his initial was not D. Holland as sometimes listed.

Notts Rangers : W. Gandy (Goal); W. Topham, H. Knight (Backs); S. Mack, C. Shelton (Capt.), A. Shelton (Half Backs); W. Archer, T. Cook (Right Wing), W. Hodder (Centre), W. May, F. Geary (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Marshall for Notts and C. Gilbert for Rangers. Referee: M.P. Betts.

REPLAY:Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>

NOTTS COUNTY 5 (H.A.Cursham 3,F.E.Burton,H.Jackson) NOTTS RANGERS 0  
(H.T.3-0)(At Trent Bridge,Nottingham)

Nottingham Evening Post 20/11/86 P.3/Nottingham Journal 22/11/86  
P.6/Athletic News 23/11/86 P.3/Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4/:

NEP:"The undecided tie in the National Cup competition between these teams was played off this afternoon, on the Trent Bridge Ground. The weather was dull but there was an attendance of about five thousand people. Rangers won the toss, and elected to play from the Pavilion end. Jackson started the ball for Notts, and it was out immediately on the left. Cursham became conspicuous, but Topham relieved. Hodder was next seen to advantage in a good run. Holland left his goal, but quickly returned, and Cook shot wide. May also shot wide, and still the Rangers pressed. Hodder again looked dangerous, cleverly dodged, and finally shot, which Holland kicked away. Cursham and Daft got down, but they were driven back. They were not to be denied, however, and Cursham getting forward again, passed to Jackson, who sent close. Immediately after Cursham sent in a splendid screw kick, which the goalkeeper sent behind. A corner by Daft proved fruitless, and from a capital return by Marshall, Daft headed wide. Morley kicked right into goal, and Knight headed well away. Notts still pressed, and a shot by Cursham, when close to, resulted in a foul. The free kick looked dangerous, but a corner was given, and Archer and Cook went along the right. Cursham returned and he crossed well, but Jackson failed to take advantage. The visitors broke away, and Morley was applauded for some capital kicking. Dobson placed a corner, and after some sharp scrimmaging another corner resulted. Daft planted well, and Cursham scored the first goal, after 20 minutes' play. The Rangers went forward, and Emmett fouled not far away. Notts rushed back, and from a centre from the left Burton easily secured the second goal two minutes from the last score. The Rangers got into close quarters, and Archer headed a good shot by A. Shelton just over. Cook also sent over, and Dobson next gave a corner. Pressure was maintained on the Notts goal, and Archer made a judicious pass to Hodder, but he fouled before he placed the ball through. Notts left were ahead, and centred, and Burton missed a hard chance. C. Shelton had a free kick near to goal, and he sent through, but no one else had touched it. Topham conceded a corner, and Gandy knocked out cleverly. Dobson shot and hit the crossbar, and the ball dropped under, but Gandy got away. A corner followed, but nothing resulted. After another the visitors rushed in, and Holland had to throw away. The game became somewhat monotonous neither side having any advantage. Hodder was noticeable for a clever run, but he lost the ball through not passing. Cursham got down the left and centred. Moore kicked in, and Cursham rushing forward secured the third goal just before the whistle sounded for half time.

On resuming the Rangers got to the front, but they were repulsed, and Burton had a fair opportunity, but he sent wide. The home team now continued to have the best of matters, and Cursham sent in one of his well-known centres. Moore gave to Jackson, and he knotted the fourth point nearly ten minutes from the re-commencement. Give-and-take play followed, and the Notts began to press again.

They were beaten back, and Morley gave a corner, from which another resulted. Geary made a capital shot, but Holland kept out. Cursham raced away. A fine shot by Jackson was kicked out by Gandy, and the pressure on the Rangers' goal was temporarily relieved. A visit was paid to the other end, but Cursham went back, and Jackson got the ball at his foot, but was unable to shoot. Daft took a fruitless corner, and there was slight hooting because the referee did not give Notts another. Directly afterwards Burton sent one behind. Daft made a close shot, and Notts continued to attack. Topham missed and Gandy had to kick out. A bad shot by C. Shelton let in Cursham and Daft, and a corner was gained. From this the visitors went away, and from a free kick there were two close scrimmages, during which it appeared as if the Rangers must score. They were beaten, however, and play was of an open character. Burton at last got away and centred. Gandy fell, and Cursham rushing up secured the fifth goal. He ran in again on restarting, but he shot wide. May and Geary got forward, but they sent wide, and the whistle was then sounded, Notts being the winners by five goals to none."

NJ: "There was only one alteration from the teams of the previous week, C.F. Dobson, who had just returned from his honey-moon, taking Cotterill's place as left half back." "The officials were the same as last week."

Notts County: J.H. Holland; (Goal) A.T. Marshall, H.A. Morley (Backs); E. Harker, H.W. Emmett, C.F. Dobson (Half Backs); F.E. Burton, A.E. Moore (Right Wing), H. Jackson (Centre), H.B. Daft, H.A. Cursham (Left Wing).

Notts Rangers: W. Gandy (Goal); W. Topham, H. Knight (Backs); S. Mack, Charles Shelton, A. Shelton (Half backs); W. Archer, T. Cook (Right Wing), W. Hodder (Centre), W. May, F. Geary (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Marshall for Notts and C. Gilbert for Rangers. Referee: M.P. Betts.

CLEETHORPES 1 ("scrimmage") LOCKWOOD BROTHERS 4 (Not traced)  
(Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>) (H.T. 0-3)

N.B. Cleethorpes is near Grimsby and Lockwood Brothers is in Sheffield

Cleethorpes: NOT TRACED (TRY GRIMBY GAZETTE AND HULL DAILY MAIL (JULY TO DECEMBER NOT ON LINE) AND HULL PACKET (LATE 1886 NOT ON LINE)

Lockwood Brothers: Sheffield Independent 20/11/P.7: "The following team will represent Lockwood Bros at Cleethorpes today: - C. Brook, F. Salkeld, E. Stringer, E. Brayshaw, W. Betts, L.M' Loughlin, H. Winterbottom, F. West, T. Cawley, J. Sellars and C. Cutts."

Lincolnshire Chronicles 23/11/86 P.3 and 26/11/86 P.2 (No lineups or scorers): "These clubs met in the second round of this competition at Cleethorpes on Saturday. It was evident from the commencement that the home team were much overmatched and, before half time, Lockwood's had secured three goals without Cleethorpes having notched a point.

Upon the re-start being made,Cleethorpes at once made an attack upon the visitors' stronghold,but the goalkeeper saved and his companions getting the ball away paid the same compliment to Cleethorpes,whose custodian proved himself quite equal to the occasion.Although repeated assaults were now made,still the backs managed to relieve.At this stage G.Taylor,the Cleethorpes Captain,got a nasty kick on the nose,and had to retire from play.This seemed to dispirit his men,who were now pressed more than ever by their opponents,and shortly afterwards Lockwoods obtained their fourth goal.Cleethorpes played up exceedingly well,and got two or three corners in rapid succession.At length they obtained a goal through a scrimmage near the posts.The home team maintained their good form until the close,but did not succeed in again scoring,the match thus resulting in a victory for Lockwood Brothers by four goals to one."

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 22/11/86 P.4:"The Sheffield team visited Cleethorpes, and opposed the home eleven on their own grounds.Lockwood Brothers had all the best of the play in the first half and scored three goals to Cleethorpes none.In the second half the home team played up resolutely,and obtained several corners ,but,despite their efforts,Lockwoods scored a fourth goal.Just before the call of time Cleethorpes scored,Lockwoods winning by four goals to Cleethorpes one."

(Sheffield Independent 22/11/86 P.3/Manchester Courier 27/11/86 P.3 have same short report as each other but no lineups) (Athletic News 23/11/86 P.3 just has a short report)

NOTTS FOREST 2 (J.E.Leighton 2 )  
GRIMSBY TOWN 2 (S.Pearson,T.Garnham)(H.T. 0-0)(Sat Nov 13<sup>th</sup>)(At Gregory Ground,Nottingham)

Lincolnshire Chronicle 19/11/86 P.2/Nottingham Evening Post 13/11/86 P.3/  
Nottingham Journal 22/11/86 P.7/Eastern Morning News 15/11/86 P.4/  
Athletic News 16/11/86 P.3/Sportsman 15/11/86 P.4/Sporting Life 15/11/86 P.4:

LC:"These teams met at Nottingham on Saturday in the second round of the National Cup competition in the presence of 2,000 spectators.Grimsby having lost the toss,kicked off at ten minutes to three,and the Forest immediately rushed forward.The visitors returned quickly,and H.Atkinson sent in a fine shot from the right,which Luntley fisted out,but Pearson,who was close in,was within an ace of scoring.A corner proved useless,being sent behind.The game,which was of a rough description,was now more evenly contested.The Grimsby men again pressed,and Forest relieved by means of some neat passing on the left,and Unwin missed a rare chance when only a few yards from the goal.The Blues again took up the attack,but Danks again ran up the right and gained a corner, which Ward placed behind.Norman conceded a corner,from which some hard scuffling ensued.The Reds got away and Danks shot wide.Unwin raised the hopes of the Forest supporters by a capital run,but his final shot was rather weak,and it was got away.The game progressed without either side having any particular

advantage,until the visitors had a free kick from a foul not far from goal.It was well planted,but Forest repulsed and in turn attacked.At last the Blues got away, and a splendid scrimmage ensued.The Grimsby players succeeded in getting the ball through after a hard fight,but the point was not allowed on the ground that one of the forwards impeded the goalkeeper.Half time was called no goals having been scored.

Immediately on restarting Grimsby again went ahead,and Pearson making a long shot,Caborn headed through his own goal within one minute from the commencement.The Grimsby goalkeeper had to throw out a shot,and the home forwards got in front again,but Unwin sent high over.The Notts goal was again assailed,and it appeared as if the visitors were going to notch a second point,but Caborn cleared.A rush to the other end was followed by a scrimmage.Atkinson threw out one shot,but he did not get far away,and the ball being returned, Leighton dashed in and equalised.Chapman then sent within a foot of one of the posts,and Atkinson only just got one away at the Grimsby end.The attack was continued,and the ball was grandly centred from a scrimmage on the left, Leighton again rushing up and scoring.Atkinson stopped Tutin well when he was close in the goal.A corner was accorded to Grimsby as the result of a run by H.Atkinson,but it was kicked behind.Danks ran forward in capital style,and Unwin made two or three shots,but all were stopped,and operations were transferred.Another corner was given,but no danger resulted.The Forest had a couple of shots,which the goalkeeper threw out.Hancock kicked into his own goal,and a corner followed.Play was confined to the home team,and at last the ball was carried to the goal.Luntley fell,and while he was on the ground Garnham shot through and equalised amid cheering.Time was called almost immediately after,a most exciting game ending in a tie of two goals each."

EMN:(2<sup>ND</sup> Half)"On resuming,the Grimsby forwards at once placed the leather in front of the Forest goal,and after an exciting scrimmage,Pearson headed the ball between the uprights amidst deafening applause.Grimsby now thoroughly roused,renewed the attack,but,Leighton and Unwin obtaining possession,made a good run,and a shot by the former was saved in capital style by G.Atkinson. A.Atkinson now made a brilliant run down the field,and on centring the Forest goal seemed likely again to fall,but Hancock saved his charge by a well-directed kick, transferring hostilities to the Grimsby territory,where a scrimmage took place immediately in front of goal,out of which Leighton notched the first goal for the home team,thus equalising matters amidst loud applause.The Grimsby goal was now unceasingly attacked,and out of a lively scrimmage,Leighton again lowered the colours of Grimsby amidst applause.This was followed by a lengthy scrimmage immediately in front of the Forest goal,from which great excitement prevailed,and Garnham,rushing up in the nick of time,placed the leather between the posts,amidst tremendous applause.A splendid centre by H.Atkinson was fisted out by Luntley,but Pearson,rushing up,made a good shot which was again repulsed by the goal-keeper.Time soon afterwards was called,the game ending in a draw of two goals each."

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

Grimsby Town:G.Atkinson(Capt.)(Goal);H.S.Mundahl,Harry Taylor(Backs); J.H.Taylor,J.Seal,W.Hopewell(Half Backs);H.Atkinson,T.Garnham(Right Wing), T.E.Chapman(Centre),S.Pearson,C.Atkinson(Left Wing).

CHECK GRIMSBY GAZETTE

Umpires:A.J.Bates for Notts Forest and W.Lamin for Grimsby.  
Referee:J.R.Harvey,Sheffield Association(N.B.Hines of Notts officiated for about the first 10 minutes as Harvey was late)

REPLAY:Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>

GRIMSBY TOWN 0 NOTTS FOREST 1 (G.Tutin)(H.T. 0-0)(At Grimsby)

Nottingham Evening Post 20/11/86 P.3/Lincolnshire Chronicle 23/11/86 P.3 and 26/11/86 P.2/Eastern Morning News 22/11/86 P.3/Nottingham Journal 22/11/86 P.6/Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4:

CHECK GRIMSBY GAZETTE

NEP/LC(Same Report):"This undecided tie was played at Grimsby today,in weather which was fine but dull.Four thousand spectators were present,and great enthusiasm prevailed.The ground was in good condition,but somewhat uneven.The Forest lost the toss,and kicked off against the wind.Danks shot outside one minute from the start,when Jeffries was charged hard against the wire rope surrounding the ground and play was suspended for some minutes.On resuming Forest nearly scored,after a good run by Leighton,and the Grimsby custodian kept out three grand shots in quick succession.Then the home team pressed,and took a corner,and Beardsley twice had to handle.Magnificent goalkeeping by Atkinson prevented the Forest from scoring,notwithstanding that they had the best of the play,and shot accurately.Half time arrived without any goal being obtained.

Directly after changing ends the Forest forwards,helped by Pike,went up together very prettily,and Tutin,receiving the ball from Leighton,shot a clever oblique goal.On resuming,another dashing bit of work by the Forest forwards placed the goal at their mercy,but Danks trod on the ball,and a great chance was missed.Even exchanges followed,the Forest left wing falling off,but 20 minutes before time the Reds came again,and Atkinson fisted away two shots in splendid style.The defence of Grimsby was excellent,but the forwards deteriorated greatly,and only made occasional rushes.Pike,Unwin,and Leighton put in numerous shots without effect.Just before the finish Grimsby came down in a body,and Beardsley averted a grand shot.Grimsby pressed hard,but failed to score,and were defeated by one to none.Mr Harvey,of Sheffield,the referee was roughly handled when leaving the ground."

NJ:(2<sup>ND</sup> Half) "After the usual interval the ball was again kicked off,and Pike feeding his forwards nicely they were enabled to get up almost in a line by some splendid passing,and before the home team realised the danger,Leighton passed the ball to Tutin,who scored first goal for the "reds" with a low oblique shot.The enthusiasm of their supporters at this success was extremely great,and reached a high pitch immediately afterwards,as Norman and Pike got along,and avoided the opposing half-backs.The ball was passed to the centre,and some similar passing to when the first goal was scored took place,and it really loooked as if a second point would be registered.Leighton eluded the vigilance of the home backs,Mundahl and Taylor,and kicked the ball,at the same time going for the goalkeeper.Danks,who was well up,had only to touch it and it would have gone through.He,however,in his hurry,trod upon it,Atkinson dropped upon it,and by strong efforts threw it out of danger.This narrow escape caused the Grimsby men to wake up,and Pearson made a very good run on the left wing,assisted materially by W.Hopewell,who shot into the goal,and Beardsley saved very nicely.The pressure was maintained for some time,the Forest left wing being comparatively inactive,and nothing but the fine defence of Caborn and Hancock, and the equally fine goalkeeping of Beardsley prevented the equalisation of the score.Afterwards,for about fifteen minutes,the lethargy of the Forest forwards passed,and the Grimsby forwards were played to a standstill.Mundahl,Taylor, and Atkinson were,however,hard to beat,although at one time Tutin should have scored.Apparently he was slow,and Atkinson literally picked the ball off his feet. Towards the conclusion the home men played up with great dash and pressed heavily to the finish,but the Foresters playing a defensive game,prevented any score being made,and won a very exciting and fast game by one goal to none."

"After the teams had left the ground the referee was mobbed by the crowd,but no serious injury was done to him,although he was hustled a great deal."

Grimby Town:G.Atkinson(Capt.)(Goal);H.S.Mundahl,Harry Taylor(Backs); J.H.Taylor,J.Seal,W.Hopewell(Half Backs);H.Atkinson,T.Garnham(Right Wing),T.E.Chapman (Centre),S.Pearson,C.Atkinson(Left Wing).

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

Umpires:A.J.Bates for Forest and Lammin for Grimsby.  
Referee:J.Harvey(Sheffield Association).

#### NORTHERN FIFTH DIVISION

CHESTER 1 (Arthur Turner) GOLDENHILL 0  
(H.T. 0-0)(Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>)(At Faulkner Street Ground,Chester)

(Chester disqualified after protest for playing 4 unregistered players: Chester History P.9 states also that F.A. accepted that Goldenhill had posted a letter registering their players).

Crewe Chronicle 27/11/86 P.6/Cheshire Observer 27/11/86 P.2/ Sheffield Daily Telegraph 22/11/86 P.4/Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4/Referee 21/11/86 P.6:

CC: "This match was played on Saturday last, on the Chester ground, Faulkner street, in the presence of at least 1,000 spectators. The kick-off was advertised for 2.45, and the ball was started by the home team only five minutes after that time. The first half of the game resulted in a splendid show of football, the Chester men pressing their opponents at first, but having terribly bad luck. Hughes put in several shots, but was unable to score owing to the splendid play of the visitors' goalkeeper. The ball being taken to the other end of the ground, Tatler was obliged to use his fists several times, which he did capitally. Some very good and even play now took place, Turner, the Chester centre forward, and the left wing showing up well, and shortly before half-time Chester managed to score, but the goal was disallowed on the visitors' umpire claiming hands off Hughes, and at the call of half-time the game stood even, neither side having secured any goals.

On changing ends, the visitors were seen to be pressing the Cestrians, but only for a very short time, when the home team were seen to be warming up to their work, and owing to the grand play of the Chester backs, the ball was soon returned to neutral ground, where Turner, securing the ball from one of Walley's kicks, had a grand run down the field, and with a magnificent shot secured the first goal amidst the cheers of the spectators, within eight minutes from the resumption of play. The Chester team, encouraged by this, played up well to a man, and evidently had the best of the game, Walley being conspicuous for his splendid play. A corner or two fell to the lot of Goldenhill, but nothing came of them, and the ball was seen travelling from one end of the ground to the other with surprising rapidity. Fleming here showed some capital form, centring the ball splendidly on one or two occasions. Turner nearly scored again shortly before the call of time, but owing to the apparent fondness of him by the visitors' halves and full-backs (who stuck to him like leeches) he was not able to put the ball through. Some good play was witnessed on the Chester left wing, Hughes and Clare playing very well together, the first named having several shots, but was rather wide with his shooting, and so the game went on, Chester again having awfully bad luck in kicking at goal. Time was called when the play was in the centre of the field, thus leaving the Cestrians victors by one goal to none. Tatler's cool play cannot be spoken of too highly, while Walley and Tomkinson's play was a treat to witness. The half-backs worked hard, especially Higginson, who was everywhere where wanted. The forwards played well to a man, though McMillan was far from well."

CO: "A large concourse of spectators assembled at Faulkner-street on Saturday to witness the above match. The first half was very evenly contested, both teams doing their utmost to score, but at half time no goals had been registered. After change of ends the game became very fast and exciting, each goal being visited in turn, but owing to the smart play of the backs and goalkeepers of both elevens,

neither team could score. After about twenty minutes' play, however, Turner obtained possession of the ball, and eluding the half backs and backs, scored the first and only goal for Chester. The Goldenhill men now tried hard to equalise matters, but were unsuccessful, the play of the home team's backs and goalkeeper being splendid. The match thus ended in a win for Chester by one goal to nil." (No Goldenhill team)

SM: "Played on Saturday at Chester. A. Turner scored at the opening of the second half, Chester thus winning by one goal to none. Hughes also got the ball through, but the item was disallowed."

Chester: A.A. Tatler (Goal); W.V.J. Walley, J. Tomkinson (Backs); J. Higginson, J. Mercer, T. Jones (Half Backs); A. McMillan, T. Fleming (Right Wing), A. Turner (Centre), G. Hughes, H. Clare (Left Wing).

Goldenhill: L. Higginson (Goal); Rob. Whittington, J. Wooliscroft (Backs); T. Cooper, C. Farrell, W. Beresford (Half Backs); F. Slater, J. Turner (Right Wing), W. Clare (Centre), R. Litherland, A. Nixon (Left Wing).

(SDT specified positions but no initials) (CC/SDT/SM/REF have Woolscroft) (See Staffordshire Sentinel for previous round: NOT YET ONLINE)

LEEK 4 (No scorers given) OSWESTRY 2 (No scorers given)  
(H.T. 2-1) (At Westwood Road Ground, Leek) (Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>)

Wellington Journal & Shrewsbury News 27/11/86 P.6:

#### FIND LEEK TIMES REPORT

WJ: "Played on Saturday at Leek before 2,000 spectators. The leather was started at half past two, and immediately taken into Leek quarters, the goalkeeper being obliged to give a corner to prevent disaster. T. Davies took the kick, and placed the ball well in the mouth of the goal, but it was headed out. J. Evans made an excellent shot, which, however, did not gain any point. A goal was scored for the home team in about half an hour from the commencement of play. Before half time they added another goal, and this was followed by "hands" for Oswestry in the mouth of the Leek goal. A scrimmage took place, out of which the leather was forced between the uprights. Half time was called with the score standing at two to one in favour of Leek.

During the remaining half of the game the home team added two more goals to their score and the visitors one, the match ultimately ending in favour of the home team by four goals to two. The game was fast throughout, and for a considerable time evenly contested." (No teams)

Leek Book P.71: Leek had again the luck to be drawn at home in the English Cup competition, and on November 20<sup>th</sup> they met Oswestry for the first and last time on the Westwood-road ground in the second round of the competition. The

Oswestry team had at that time a good reputation, having won the Shropshire Cup in 1882-83 and 1884-85, and the Welsh Cup in 1883-84. Whittles reappeared for Leek in place of Nean, and the Welsh team was composed of (see below). The home team scored two goals to one in each half and thus defeated their much heavier opponents by four goals to two." + Not Neau

Leek: E. Hassall (Goal); G. C. Wardle (Capt.); J. Lowe (Backs); G. Tudor, J. Smethurst, H. E. Whittles (Half Backs); W. E. Allen, C. Keates (Right Wing), H. Stonehewer (Centre), M. Rider, W. Vickerstaff (Left Wing).

Oswestry: R. Harris (Goal); S. Powell (Capt.); W. Howell (Backs); J. Morris, T. Ellis, T. Davies (Half Backs); J. E. Davies, J. Roach (Right Wing), T. Evans (Centre), T. Bryan, G. Evans (Left Wing).

(Probably from the Leek Times: but not the order in the Leek Book P.71: Leek forwards in exact reverse order and Oswestry 1,3,2,4,5,6,7,11,8,10,9)

CREWE ALEXANDRA 6 (E. R. Payne 3, T. Snelson 2, J. Ellis)  
STOKE 4 (C. Conde (o.g.), E. Bennett, W. Owen, A. Edge)  
(H.T. 0-3) (F.T. 3-3) (A.E.T) (Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>) (At Crewe)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 22/11/86 P.4 / (Crewe scorers as per AFS: Crewe MBM has Pearson 3, Ellis 3) (Stoke scorers as per Stoke Encyclopedia P.83: AFS has Edge 2, Bennett, Conde o.g.)

Crewe Guardian 23/11/86 P.5 / Crewe Chronicle 27/11/86 P.6 / Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4 / Referee 21/11/86 P.6 / Athletic News 23/11/86 P.3 / Birmingham Daily Post 22/11/86 P.7:

CG: "The contest between the Stoke team, and the premier local team took place on Saturday. The match had created a tremendous amount of interest, both at Crewe and Stoke, it being a foregone conclusion that a good game would be witnessed. The weather could not have turned out finer than it did, and the result was that considerably over 4,000 people assembled on the Alexandra ground to witness the match. The stand was crowded, a large number of ladies being present. It is estimated that more than 1,000 spectators came from the Potteries, and party feeling was very strong. In many respects the game bore a resemblance to the one played last year between these two clubs. It will be remembered that upon that occasion the first match was played at Stoke, and ended in a draw after a hard fight. Stoke had then to play off at Crewe, and again at the call of time the game stood drawn, but in the extra time that was played the Crewe men managed to get a goal, the only one scored, and thus win the game. It was scarcely expected that the result would be the same this year. It was pretty generally expected that Stoke would win, though there were not wanting many who placed their faith in the railway men. Unfortunately for Stoke, they were unable to place in the field what was regarded as their best team. Rowley and Batemen have, of course, been forbidden by law to play for Stoke, and Lawton was disqualified, his name having been omitted from the list forwarded to the

Association. They had, therefore, to pick three of their juniors, and Broomhall, Ballham, and Farmer were chosen to fill the vacancies. Crewe also had to dispense with one or two of their more experienced men. A. Payne was unable to play, his foot, which was recently injured, being unable to bear the strain, and F. Hards, who had been invited, also excused himself on the score of sickness. Osborne and Ellis from the Hornets team, filled these vacancies, nor is there any reason to regret the fact. On entering the field the home team were loudly cheered, and the Stoke men, who followed, met with a similar reception. The ground was in good condition, and the teams soon got to work. It must be confessed that the first half of the game was a complete disappointment for admirers of the home team.

At 2.35 Wycherley kicked off in the direction of the cattle market, Stoke playing towards the station end. Scarcely had the ball been started when Owen and Edge got possession, and making a splendid run, succeeded, after one or two ineffectual attempts on the part of the home backs to stop their progress, in putting on the first goal for Stoke. So quickly was this done, that everyone was surprised, and the Stoke partisans cheered loudly at this unexpected coup. Crewe again kicked off, and the play became very fast. The home team were not themselves. Their play was wild and ill-judged, while that of the visitors was, on the contrary, admirable. The Stoke forwards were always just where they were wanted, and their passing tactics were really excellent, quite baffling all the efforts of the home team. It must be conceded by all fair-minded spectators of the game that the Alexandrians were completely outplayed in the first half of the game, and the wonder is how, in the second half, they were able in the face of such splendid concerted play to bear down all opposition and carry the game so completely into the enemies' lines in the brilliant manner they did. In this first half of the game Sayer was particularly conspicuous, never losing his coolness, and always passing to his men with unerring judgment. The play was of a somewhat give and take character, though Stoke had decidedly the best of it. Sayer made a fine run down field, and the home backs were hard put to it to prevent another goal falling to Stoke, but Sayer eventually kicked out. Bayman and Conde at back worked hard, but even their play was inferior to what had been rightly expected. Stoke at last got a foul off Halfpenny immediately in front of the Crewe goal, and matters looked precarious, but the ball passed through the posts from the free kick without being touched, and so nothing was scored. The home team next got a foul in mid-field, and from the kick Halfpenny got the leather and sent in a good shot, but Pearson, who was well up, and who was narrowly watched by his opponents on the right wing, over-ran the ball. Crewe next got a corner, but the ball was got away, and soon after Bell sent in a splendid long shot, which passed across the mouth of the goal. Again the Crewe goal was attacked, and Bayman put in some fair play, and Ellis got the ball and made a good run, and being nicely tackled the ball was sent back again into the home quarters, where Osborne saved beautifully. During this play Cross had to handle once, and also to run out in order to save his charge, and Bennett made two good attempts to score. Sayer made a good attack, and centred nicely to Bennett, who failed in front of the posts. Crewe now returned and attacked the visitors' goal, which was in great danger for a moment, but the ball was nicely got away, and a long kick by Payne went out. Bennett and Shutt both tried long shots at the Crewe goal, but failed, and again the Alexandrian forwards attacked, but their play in front of the visitors' posts was exceedingly bad. Soon

after Conde had to give the visitors a corner for safety, and the ball was kicked onto the cross bar and fell over on the safe side. The next feature of the game was a really fine run by Ellis, and Clare was in turn compelled to give a corner. Halfpenny put in a beautiful shot, the ball dropping in the mouth of the goal, but it was successfully headed out, and taken to the other end, where Conde and Halfpenny were called upon to save. Some rather rough play followed, and the Crewe men were showing signs of being somewhat fagged. Sayer next made a good run, and centred well to his forward men, but a wretched shot in front of goal spoiled the chance. Stoke now got another foul in front of the home goal, Osborne having accidentally handled, and from the scrimmage Bennett was successful in putting the leather through, thus making a second point for the visitors. The ball hit the upright and cannoned into goal. Soon after the re-start Stoke secured a corner but the ball was got out. Another goal nearly followed, for the visitors, Halfpenny just saving, and another corner was secured. Again the ball was dropped before the posts, and after a momentary struggle Owen put the ball through the Crewe posts, making a third goal for Stoke. Loud cheers followed from the pottery visitors. Stoke were now playing a grand game, and a thorough drubbing for Crewe seemed inevitable. Play re-commenced, the visitors returning to the attack. Sayer took the offensive, and centred beautifully to Owen, who again put the ball through, but this was disallowed, Owen being off-side. Crewe now attacked the visitors, and were working hard in front of the Stoke goal when the whistle sounded for half-time. Again the Stoke men were enthusiastically cheered, and they certainly deserved all the praise bestowed upon them. Their combination during the first half had been simply perfect. They were thoroughly under control, always self-possessed, and passed from one to the other in the most easy and accomplished manner. We cannot speak too highly of their play.

Those who had witnessed the first half of the game were totally unprepared for the effect of the second half. The Alexandra men returned to the field like giants refreshed with wine, and soon astonished the spectators of both parties. Stoke resumed the attack, Bennett shooting past the posts, and Conde being called upon to relieve, which he did with a long kick. Snelson then made an attempt, but failed in a very difficult shot. For a minute or two the play of the home team was singularly weak, and Cross had to fist out, which he did grandly. Ellis now made a good run, but he was pressed so hard that he ran out. A good bit of play on the part of the home team was now witnessed. The forwards got the ball, and some sharp and neat passing between Snelson, Pearson, and Payne, resulted in the latter sending the leather through the Stoke posts with a capital shot. A loud shout went up at this success. A minute or two later, the Crewe forwards, who were now playing with unwonted brilliancy, again cut out the play. Dashing down the field in spite of all opposition, the ball went from Payne to Pearson, and from Pearson to Payne, and the latter again put in a magnificent long shot, which Snelson headed through. Payne was now working like a hare for the home team, and the game became exceedingly fast and exciting. Again the Alexandra men got possession, and were within an ace of scoring. They were not to be balked, however. The forwards took the leather down, and Pearson and Payne passed beautifully to each other, Payne was obliged to kick rather hard, however, and the ball travelled in the direction of the goal line. An exciting race ensued between Payne and his opponents, but the former, putting on a splendid spurt, caught the leather close to

the goal line, and, notwithstanding the efforts of the Stoke backs to baffle him, he screwed it splendidly into the mouth of the goal, where Ellis, with excellent judgment, headed it through. The game was equalised, and the cheers which greeted this unexpected development were deafening. Both sides now worked desperately for the winning point. Stoke went away and nearly scored, and again the Crewe men completely penned the visitors. Sayer made one or two good attempts, and one most erratic shot. Cross was obliged to give a corner, and soon afterwards stopped a splendid shot from Sayer. The home team also gained a couple of corners, which were unproductive. Another goal was also scored by the home team, but was disallowed, and the call of time found both teams fairly exhausted, and with three goals each, each also a goal disallowed.

It was now decided to play an extra half-hour. As soon as the game re-started, the home forwards made war, and several good attempts followed. Then a fine bit of play followed between Bell, Pearson, Wycherley, and Payne, with the result that another goal was scored, making four goals to three in favour of Crewe. Stoke now came to the front, and pressed the home men very hotly but the ball was got away, and Stoke soon had to kick out. Again Stoke attacked, and Cross had to rush out and save at a precarious moment. Again Stoke were compelled to kick out, and Pearson soon after got possession, and putting in some of his best play, passed to Payne, and Wycherley centred nicely. A combined rush was then made by the forwards, and the leather was again put through for Crewe amid great cheering. Almost immediately afterwards Pearson obtained possession again after a splendid struggle, and being tackled passed to Payne under great difficulty. Payne took the ball down, and when within a few yards of the posts sent it through with lightning rapidity. This made the sixth goal to Crewe, and the scene that followed may be imagined, but not described. Payne was fairly winded by his exertions, but he continued at his post. Stoke were again hotly pressed, and another goal was just missed, Ellis having worked the leather up to the very posts, where it was kicked out. Ends were again changed, and play was now continued in semi-darkness. Stoke, after some hard play, succeeded in securing one more goal, and after this it became too dark for accurate play, and quite too dark to witness the game. The home team sent most of their men to the back and played solely on the defensive, while Stoke threw all their available strength forward, and attacked vigorously. But it was of no avail. The home team was immovable before the posts, and repelled all offensive operations. Thus after a splendid and hard fought game the Alexandrians remained the victors by six goals to four. Before the finish Snelson, who had worked very hard, had to be led off the ground, being slightly damaged, but not, we are pleased to say, being seriously hurt. Of all the games played at Crewe this will be one of the most memorable in the annals of the Alexandra Club, and one that does them the most credit. So splendid a victory cannot fail to stimulate them to fresh exertion. After Saturday's match let no one say that Ellis can't play. He exhibited some fine dribbling ability, and his speed on one or two occasions was astonishing. The Crewe men were enthusiastically cheered on quitting the field, and also at the pavilion."

CC: "Over 4,000 persons were present, a large number of ladies being present."  
"Both teams had their best available strength. The game was perhaps the finest ever played in Crewe..." "Wycherley kicked off for the home team, and Farmer

returned to Edge and Owen, who ran sharp up, and Conde, of the home team, in endeavouring to clear, kicked through his own goal thus registering within two minutes of the start, the first goal for Stoke."

"The "corner" was unproductive, and Stoke again assumed the offensive, and obtaining "hands" off Osborne, in the mouth of the goal, Bennett secured a second goal for Stoke. To the followers of the local club this rate of scoring was especially disheartening, and their chagrin was greatly increased, when after Bell conceding a corner from which nothing was scored, a similar point was given, to which the visitors were equal, and Owen secured a third goal for the visitors amidst the wild enthusiasm of their supporters, who were there in great force—a special train having been run from the Potteries. "" ....the whistle sounded for change of ends.

Upon the resumption of play a wonderful change came over the game." ....the visitors' backs were now expending all their energies to defend their goal, but from a good shot at goal, which Broomhall failed to get away, Payne scored for the home team. Thus encouraged, the home eleven continued their exertions, and it was evident that the visitors were flagging, and unable to sustain the great speed which they had previously shown. After a few minutes of capital work, during which Conde and Bell were to the front, Pearson and Bell eluded their opponents, and a shot across the goal by the latter, enabled Ellis who was up in good time, to score a second goal for Crewe. The Alexandra continued to press amidst encouraging cheers, and very shortly after Payne with a long shot registered the third goal and equalising point. The wildest enthusiasm prevailed, hats being thrown high in the air, and tremendous applause greeting the home team. The game again became fast and furious, every player straining his utmost to obtain the victory for his side, but the home team still preserved the aggressive, and at call of time the match was even, both sides having scored three times, and it should be mentioned that each side had been disallowed a goal.

It was agreed to play an extra half-hour, and upon re-commencement, Payne and Pearson ran sharply down the ground, and a shot by the former just cleared the bar, but almost immediately after Ellis scored a fourth goal for the home team. This was followed with another goal by the same player, after Payne and Pearson had worked the ball up; and a sixth goal was obtained by Payne after a good run by Pearson, who enabled the former to do the needful. The last three goals were obtained in less than ten minutes. Ends were changed, and immediately Stoke scored a fourth goal. This was the final score, and the match terminated in a victory for the home team by six goals to four."

"At a meeting of the English Association on Monday, the Stoke team failed to sustain a protest on account of the latter portion of the game being played in the dark, and thereupon they lodged another alleging foul play, which is under consideration."

SM/REF: "Played on Saturday at Crewe. In the first half Stoke had the best of the game, and scored three goals, Conde giving them one, and Bennett and Farmer getting one each. After crossing over Payne and Ellis equalised the score. An extra

half hour was played,when Ellis,Snelson,and Payne scored for Crewe,and Edge for Stoke,Crewe thus winning by six goals to four.”

Crewe:C.Crosse(Goal);C.T.Conde(Capt.),J.Bayman(Backs);W.S.Bell,F.W.Halfpenny ,E.Osborne(Half Backs);J.H.Pearson,E.R.Payne(Right Wing),G.Wycherley(Centre), J.Ellis,T.Snelson(Left Wing),

(Check Pearson and Osborne initials)(CG has A.E.Payne)

Stoke:A.Broomhall(Goal);T.Clare,E.Smith(Backs);W.Holford,G.Shutt,+A.Farmer (Half Backs);J.Sayer,L.Ballham(Right Wing),E.Bennett(Centre),A.Edge, W.Owen(Left Wing).

+Stoke History has G.Farmer(only game)with A.Farmer not arriving until 1888.

Umpires:T.M.Abraham for Crewe and H.R.Brown for Stoke.Referee:Jope.

NORTHWICH VICTORIA 0 CHIRK 0(Sat Nov 13<sup>th</sup>)(At Northwich)

Northwich Guardian 16/11/86 P.5/Sporting Life 15/11/86 P.4/Sportsman 15/11/86 P.4/Athletic News 16/11/86 P.3/Referee 14/11/86 P.6:

NG:”These clubs tried conclusions,on Saturday,at Northwich,in the second round of the English Cup.The contest excited much interest,and there was an immense gathering of spectators.Fine weather prevailed,but the ground was heavy and slippery,which greatly militated against good play.The teams were composed as follows(see below)”

“It will thus be seen that each club put its full strength upon the field.Mr R.E.Lythgoe of Liverpool,the nominee of Chirk,was announced as the referee,but shortly before the time fixed for the start-3pm-a telegram was received that he had got into the wrong train,and could not arrive until the train due at Northwich,more than a mile from the ground,at 3.48.There was also a request that someone should be asked to take the duties until he came.Here arose a difficulty,for the Welshmen refused to play except in the presence of the appointed referee.Seeing,however,that there would be no chance of finishing the match if it was not commenced till four o’clock,the visitors eventually agreed to start under the refereeship of Mr C.J.Hughes.It was 3.30 before the teams were set agoing.Victoria kicked off,and both sides at once settled down to their work in earnest .The visitors made a rush into their opponents’ quarters,and an excusable miss by Maddock improved their prospects,but Cross came to their rescue,and the next minute Chirk were vigorously defending their own goal, Malam with a long shot having landed the ball close to the uprights.A cry of “hands” gave Northwich a free kick in a good position,but nothing came of it. Another free kick from a foul accrued to Northwich,and the forwards carried the leather along in eager haste,the final shot sending it over the bar.The Chirk front division now forced their way through the enemy’s lines,and a kick behind goal by Hilditch gave them a corner-a concession that was made almost immediately

by Cross. A beautiful shot placed the ball in the middle of the crowd-but Rose, who worked very hard through the game, and was particularly handy with his head-averted disaster, and a goal kick transferred the scene of operations to mid-field. Hankey and Brookes raced up on the right, and the latter secured a corner kick, of which he made good use, though there was no score. Shortly afterwards, the Victorias made a descent on the object of attack, but were repulsed. The next incident of note was a sharp tussle for possession between Rose and Griffiths near the left corner of the Northwich ground. The Welshman fell with the ball between his legs, and it ultimately rolled off him over the goal-line. For a few minutes after this the strangers were severely pressed, but the backs and the goal custodian were invincible. Griffiths now dashed along the left wing, and centred to Williams, who, getting past Maddock and Hilditch, headed straight for the goal. Harper, however, spoiled his little game. The play progressed, with varying phases, until ten minutes of half-time when an exciting episode occurred. A desperate scramble took place right in the mouth of the Victoria goal. Harper fisted the ball, but it was instantly returned, and Maddock, in the excitement of the moment, struck it with his hand. For this breach of rule a free kick was accorded Chirk. The ball was placed about three yards from the goal, a Chirk player touched it on the top with his foot, and another with a smart kick sent it under the cross-bar. Clearly, the ball had not been turned over by the man who first touched it while "dead", and an appeal was promptly made to the referee, Mr Hughes, who, after consulting the "book," decided in favour of the Victorias, whereat the followers of the Welshmen were greatly agitated, while a cheer went up from the partisans of the home club. At this stage Mr Lithgoe arrived, and Mr Hughes at once gave place to him. After a stoppage of ten minutes, play was resumed, but its state was unchanged when the cross-over took place.

During the second half Northwich had the best of the play, but the Fates were against them, for score they could not. The Chirkites made a few incursions into Victoria territory, but the backs prevented the realisation of their dream. Before the game closed darkness had set in and the ball could not be seen for the distance of many yards. The match ended in a draw, neither side having scored. The undecided tie will be played off at Chirk next Saturday."

SL: "Chirk were without the assistance of Peter Griffiths, who is suffering from a fractured finger, and Northwich were not quite so well represented as they might have been."

Blackburn Standard 20/11/86 P.3" ...Mr Lithgoe, Liverpool, referee, getting into the wrong train, the match was delayed half an hour, and the last twenty minutes was played in the dark." (No lineups)

Northwich Victoria: E. Harper (Goal); J. Maddock, G. Hilditch (Backs); E. Cross, J. Rose, W. H. Hughes (Half Backs); J. Brookes, T. Hankey (Right Wing), J. Scowcroft (Centre), J. Malam, E. W. Bostock (Left Wing).

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

Umpires:G.A.Hughes(Northwich) and Thomas(Chirk).Referee:C.J.Hughes,and then R.E.Lythgoe(see above)

REPLAY:Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup> :

CHIRK 3 (T.Williams,Wm.Owen 2)NORTHWICH VICTORIA 0 (H.T. 2-0)(At Chirk)  
Northwich Gazette 23/11/86 P.5/Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4/Sporting Life  
22/11/86 P.4:

NG:"The Northwich Victoria team travelled into "picturesque Wales"on Saturday, to play off their undecided English Cup Tie with Chirk.The weather was fine and the event attracted a considerable gathering of spectators.The teams were composed as follows:\_ (see below)"

"Illness unfortunately prevented Scowcroft from taking part,and the services of Turnbull were consequently called upon.The Welshmen won the toss,and consequently elected to play with the wind in their favour.Malam,who was posted in the centre,kicked off at 2.50,and from the manner in which both teams promptly settled down to their work,a fast and exciting game was promised. Unhappily,however,the match was clouded before it had been in progress quite fifteen minutes by a serious accident,which befell George Hilditch,one of the Victoria backs.He had just kicked the ball with his right foot,and before he could recover himself,George Owen,a Chirk forward,rushed up,and in trying to get the ball,jumped on the extended leg,smashing both the bones,the "crack" being heard all over the field.Mr Lithgoe instantly stopped play,and poor Hilditch was carried to the pavilion,where some St John's Ambulance students gave him some attention,and carried him on a stretcher to the Chirk Castle Hotel.Two doctors were summoned,and the leg having been set,Hilditch was brought home on the stretcher the same night.

The game was resumed after fifteen minutes' interruption,Northwich,of course, playing with ten men only.As was almost to be expected,the sad accident to their confrère unnerved the Northwich men.The heart was knocked out of them,and they became to a great extent demoralised. Within a minute after the resumption of play,Chirk scored,with the assistance of Maddock,the Northwich back,who felt the loss of his comrade acutely.Before half time Chirk placed another goal to their credit,and in the second period added a third,eventually gaining,by three goals to none,a victory that was shorn of much of its glory by the mishap to Hilditch,and its effect upon the visiting team.At the same time,we should be wanting in fairness were we not to give the winners the credit of being a well-constituted team,in the pick of form,their great strength lying in the goal keeper and the back division.They have not been beaten this season,and have scored 40 goals without losing one.We regret to have to record that the behaviour of a few of the spectators was execrable.From the first they urged the Chirk players to foul play at the top of their voice,and when Hilditch was rendered helpless their language was brutal.The majority of the onlookers, however,exhibited far more civilised and simpatetic conduct,and within a few minutes collected among them a nice little sum for the disabled player."

SL: "Chirk won the toss, and played with the wind in their favour. After the game had proceeded for about twenty minutes, Hilditch, one of the visitors' backs, came in collision with one of the home forwards, and had his leg broken. The game having been recommenced, the home team at once got near their opponents' fortress, and after a little skirmish in front of the goal, T. Williams scored the first goal for Chirk. The home team still pressed their opponents, Griffiths putting in a shot which was got away by the goal-keeper. The Northwich right wing next made a run, but were repulsed. After some capital play in which the home team were most prominent, G. Griffith made a splendid run, and centring well, Wm. Owens placed goal number two. The Chirk still kept the position of masters of the situation, their opponents making several attempts, only to be frustrated by the home back, and when "Half -time!" was announced the game stood-Chirk, two; Northwich, nil.

Williams restarted the ball, and the home forwards directly obtained a corner, which was barren of result. Another attempt by Griffiths caused the Northwich goal-keeper to save. The next interesting point was a run by Brook for the visitors, he placing the ball across the mouth of the goal, and the other forwards not being up, the ball went out of play. After about half an hour's play, W. Owens, for Chirk, exhibited some nice play, and made a splendid shot, which beat Harper. The Chirk still pressed their opponents, who seemed fairly beaten, which, perhaps, was owing to the unfortunate accident which compelled them to play ten men, and when "Time!" was announced, Chirk were winners by three goals to none."

Manchester Courier 22/11/86 P.3: "Played at Chirk. Fifteen minutes from the start \*Hilditch, the Northwich back, had one of his legs broken, through colliding with George Owen, of Chirk. Victoria resumed with ten men. At half time Chirk had two goals to the good. In the second half diminished strength told on Northwich, who were defeated by three goals to nil." (No lineups)

Chirk: E. Povey (Goal); D. Jones, T. Wynne (Backs); J. Jones, J. Owen, H. Owen (Half Backs); W. Owen, P. Griffiths (Right Wing), T. Williams (Centre), G. Griffiths, G. Owen (Left Wing).

Northwich Victoria: E. Harper (Goal); J. Maddock, G. Hilditch (Backs); W. H. Hughes, J. Rose, E. Cross (Half Backs); T. Hankey, J. Brookes (Right Wing), J. Malam (Centre), E. W. Bostock, E. Turnbull (Left Wing).

Umpires: G. A. Hughes (Northwich) and Thomas (Chirk).  
Referee: R. E. Lythgoe (Liverpool).

\*This and other injuries prompted the Committee of the F.A. at its Meeting on Monday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 1886 (at which the Third Round Draw took place) to send out the following Circular to clubs on rough play and the powers of Referees:

"The attention of the Committee of the F.A. having been drawn to the recent numerous accidents at football, arising in some instances through rough and

violent play,wish to impress on all clubs belonging to the Association the necessity for a strict observance of the rules and laws of the game bearing upon this point.Under the provisions of Rule No.15 referees have the power in all cases of violent conduct to order the offenders at once to leave the field of play, without any appeal having been made for foul play and without the previous caution which is necessary in the case of ungentlemanly behavior;and as it is absolutely essential,both for the safety of the players and in the interests of the game,that violent play-easily to be distinguished from fair and legitimate charging-should be put down with a strong hand,the committee trust that referees will not hesitate to use the power conferred upon them by the rule quoted above whenever occasion may arise.”(Grantham Journal 27/11/86 P.3)

BURSLEM PORT VALE,a bye.

#### NORTHERN SIXTH DIVISION

MIDDLESBROUGH 1(A.Borrie) LINCOLN CITY 1 (J.Slater)  
(H.T. 0-0)(F.T. 1-1)(AET)(Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>)(At Linthorpe Road Ground,  
Middlesbrough)

Lincolnshire Chronicle 23/11/86 P.3 and 26/11/86 P.2/Northern Echo  
22/11/86 P.4(Short Report)/York Herald 22/11/86 P.7:

LC:”The above match took place on the ground of the former on Saturday,before a very large number of spectators.The weather was fine,but the ground in a beastly condition.Teesdale won the toss,and elected to play with the wind.Borrie kicked off very soon after the advertised time(2.15),and an immediate rush into the home territory took place,but the Cits failed to score,and Millar relieved in grand style.Directly afterwards the leather was pased by Duckworth to Slater, who made a nice run before transferring to Fox.The latter player made a fine attempt to score,the ball passing just outside the uprights.Play for some time after this was very even,both teams showing excellent work.The Cits eventually worked the ball into their opponents’ territory,but nothing came of it,the home team defending their goal in the most determined and effectual manner,Millar being very conspicuous.Two corners in quick succession fell to the Cits,and from the first,which was beautifully dropped by Duckworth,a goal ought to have been registered,Teesdale by some means missing a grand opportunity.At half time neither side could claim any advantage.

Soon after the kick off Borrie made a splendid run up the centre,and was becoming very dangerous,when he was grassed by Mettam,for which the referee allowed a foul,why,we are unable to say,as it was done in a perfectly legitimate manner.Nothing occurred from the place kick.About twenty minutes from the re-commencement,by a nice bit of combined play of the home forwards,the captain was enabled to register the first goal by a well judged kick,Bayne falling in attempting to stop the ball.This success elicited tremendous cheering from the spectators.Directly afterwards +Dennis,one of the Middlesbrough forwards,who had been playing a very rough game,fell over the ball and sustained an

injury,which necessitated his retirement from the field.From some pretty play on the Cits half backs,Fox was enabled to make the run of the day,and,passing to Slater at the right moment,that player equalised with a stinging shot which no one could have saved.The game from now to the close was very equal,each side doing its utmost to notch the winning point,but without success,and when the referee blew his whistle,as each team had a goal to their credit,it was decided to play an extra half hour.During this the City forwards showed more combination than at any previous part of the game.However,try as they would,it was impossible to break through the Middlesbrough defence,which was truly magnificent,and the game eventually ended in a tie of one goal each."

+ "On Saturday,whilst Lincoln and Middlesbrough were playing in the second round of the English Cup competition,on the Linthorpe Road ground, Middlesbrough,one of the home team Frank Dennis had his collar bone broken by one of the visitors falling upon him.Dennis played a splendid game up to the time of the accident."(Newcastle Daily Chronicle 27/11/86 P.6)

YH:"At last Slater got passed Bach and Millar,and sent in a shot which beat Ransford."

Athletic News 23/11/86 P.3:"in the presence of 3,000 spectators.(No teams)

Middlesbrough:W.Ransford(Goal);T.H.Wynn,G.Millar(Backs);J.Grant, O.H.Cochrane,T.Bach(Half backs);W.Fox,J.Ewbank(Right Wing),A.Borrie (Centre)(Capt.),R.Wilson,F.Dennis(Left Wing).

+LC gives J.Dawkings but NE/YH and SL for the game give Ransford

Lincoln:K.Bayne(Goal);H.Simpson,R.Aspden(Backs);J.Duckworth,A.Mettam, W.Rawlinson(Half Backs);J.Slater,Edward D.Teesdale(Capt.)(Right Wing),W.Fox (Centre),W.Gregson,G.Hallam(Left Wing).

Umpires:F.Hardisty(Middlesbrough) and J.West (Lincoln City).  
Referee:J.Wilkinson(Sheffield).

REPLAY:Sat Nov 27<sup>th</sup>)

LINCOLN CITY 2 ('Scrimmage",W.Gregson) MIDDLESBROUGH 0(H.T. 1-0)  
(At John o' Gaunts,Lincoln)

N.B.Athletic News 30/11/86 P.3 has Duckworth and Hallam as the scorers(No teams).

Lincolnshire Chronicle 30/11/86 P.3/Northern Echo 29/11/86 P. 4:

LC:"After playing a drawn game in the national competition at Middlesbrough,a week ago,the northern club came to Lincoln,on Saturday,to meet the City on John o'Gaunts.The weather was fine and warm,though very dull,and there was an

immense attendance of spectators, over 3,000 persons being present. Middlesbrough set the ball rolling up the incline, and, from a long kick by Aspden, the Cits attacked. Millar saved a hot shot from Slater, and play was transferred to neutral territory. The Middlesbrough forwards got away and forced a corner, but the kick was easily repulsed. A claim for hands was allowed Middlesbrough about 30 yards from the home stronghold, but Wynn, who took the kick, put a little too much steam on, and a goal kick resulted. The ball was returned, and the visitors just shot out. Then the home forwards transferred the leather to the other end, where it remained during the greater part of the first half. Millar had to save by kicking out, but the ball was directly landed in the front of goal, and, after some beautiful head work, the Cits secured a corner, which was very badly dropped, and easily saved. In rapid succession the ball was twice shot out by the City forwards, and from the goal kick the sphere was smartly returned, and there was a hot fusillade on the Middlesbrough citadel. A sharp shot was well repulsed by Millar, but another being sent in immediately, Dawkins had to save at the expense of a corner, from which a goal kick accrued. "Hands" to Lincoln not far from Middlesbrough goal caused Dawkins to again handle, and then he was obliged to concede a corner, which was dropped behind the bar. The Middlesbrough forwards broke away, and obtained a free kick for hands. The ball, however, was immediately returned to the other end, and Dawkins again proved himself a worthy custodian. Middlesbrough again slipped out, and Aspden relieved by kicking out. Slater now showed up prominently, and made a splendid run down the right wing, but his final shot went wide of the mark. The visitors now had an innings, and a fine run on the part of the right wing produced another corner. Slater and Teesdale again got possession, and the former sent in a swift shot, the ball passing just on the wrong side of the post. There was then a spell of hot play in the mouth of the Middlesbrough goal, but Millar, Dawkins, and Wynn defended grandly, and Ewbank, Fox (not "Colley") and Borrie by a bit of nice passing took the ball into less dangerous territory. A free kick from a foul let the visitors in, but Duckworth put the ball over to Slater, who, after flitting up the wing, failed to properly get hold of the globe in his attempt to centre. Immediately afterwards the Cits had a soft chance of scoring, which Teesdale failed to turn to advantage. The Cits still made all the play, and yet they failed to score, principally owing to the wonderful goalkeeping of Dawkins, and the sound defence of Millar. A corner to Lincoln was unfruitful, and then Wilson came heavily into collision with Teesdale, and play was stopped for a few minutes owing to the latter player being winded. On continuing the game Powson and Ewbank carried the ball up the right wing, and the former collided with Mettam, and had to retire for a few minutes. He was soon again on the "job" and two corners fell to Lincoln, which, though well taken, were not improved upon. Dawkins was called upon to save some very sultry shots in quick succession, and another corner was conceded the City. This was beautifully placed, as beautifully saved by Millar, well returned by Simpson, and from a scrimmage the ball was forced through amidst tremendous cheering. After this reverse Middlesbrough played up with renewed spirit, but were outplayed by the Cits. Just before the whistle blew for half time Ewbank ran the ball up, and kicked a goal, but he was palpably offside, and the score was disallowed. Nothing further of note occurred during the first portion of the game, and the Cits crossed over one goal to the good.

With the slight hill in their favour, the visitors made a more even game of it, and almost immediately took an unfruitful corner. The Cits in turn assumed the offensive, and Hallam getting offside, the visitors were allowed a free kick. From this the ball was carried down the field, and Middlesbrough forced another corner which, like many of its predecessors, was very indifferently placed. From a pass out by Fox, Hallam and Gregson were soon busy on the left wing, and "Ponto" treated the spectators to one of his beautiful centres. This was well met by Fox, but Millar was again all there. The Middlesbrough Fox, who was now playing on the right wing, secured and passed to Borrie; the visitors' captain returned to Fox, who was making a nice run, when he was brought to bay by Simpson. Middlesbrough returned to the attack, and the northern Fox put in one or two long shots, which were easily manipulated by the backs and Bayne, who, on the whole, had very little to do. The Cits' left wing then changed the venue of the game, and Hallam shot wide. Some uneventful play ensued, in which the home team showed up best, until Millar created a diversion by a rousing kick, which enabled the visitors to press, but not dangerously. The visitors' defence then had a warm time of it, and after some play close in goal, the ball was punted through by Gregson out of a scrimmage. From the kick off, Hallam secured, and passed to Gregson, who missed his kick. Ewbank and Fox taking advantage of this, secured, but were again dispossessed by Simpson. Middlesbrough took one corner, but then the play was all the other end, and Dawkins stopped many good shots. No further score was made when time was whistled, and the Cits thus won an excellent game by two goals to nil."

Lincoln City: K. Bayne (Goal); H. Simpson, R. Aspden (Backs); J. Duckworth, A. Mettam, W. Rawlinson (Half Backs); J. Slater, E. D. Teesdale (Right Wing), W. Fox (Centre), W. Gregson, G. Hallam (Left Wing).

Middlesbrough: J. Dawkins (Goal); T. H. Wynn, G. Millar (Backs); J. Grant, O. H. Cochrane, T. Bach (Half Backs); W. Powson, J. Ewbank (Right Wing), A. Borrie (Capt.) (Centre), R. Wilson, W. Fox (Left Wing).

Umpires: J. West for Lincoln and S. Kemp for Middlesbrough.  
Referee: J. Wilkinson, Lockwood Brothers, Sheffield.

GRANTHAM 3 (J. Saunders, G. Sutton, \*N. Orson) REDCAR 2 (J. Blades, J. Preston)  
(H.T. 2-2) (Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>) (At London Road Ground, Grantham)  
\*Agar o.g. in GJ Report below, but "off" Agar in LC Report as below

Grantham Journal 27/11/86 P.3/Lincolnshire Chronicle 23/11/86 P.3 and  
26/11/86 P.2//Nottingham Journal 22/11/86 P.6/Sheffield Daily Telegraph  
22/11/86 P.4/Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4/Referee 21/11/86 P.6:

GJ: "This match in the second round of the National Cup competition was played on Saturday on the London Road Ground, Grantham. There was a very fair number of spectators, but owing to the distance to be travelled from Redcar to Grantham, there were not many supporters of that team present. The day was well nigh perfect for football, and the ground was in capital condition. The wind

was perhaps just a little too rough at times, but, taken on the whole, a more favourable day could hardly have been desired. Curtis kicked off for the home team about 2.20, the visitors having won the toss, and so defending the pavilion end goal. The ball was at once taken into the Redcar domains, and Grantham secured a corner from which nothing resulted; and for a time play was slow, the leather being continually kicked out. Redcar then got possession and determinedly attacked Broadbent's charge, that player and Shannon showing some good play. A shot at goal was repulsed, and Grantham made a grand combined rush on to their opponents' ground, but could not score, and play of a give-and-take nature followed. Some good passing by the Redcar men was shown, and then the home team secured the ball, took it well to the visitors' end, and Saunders kicked the first goal amidst much enthusiasm. After resuming a corner for the scorers followed, but nothing resulted, and play was continued to the Grantham territory for some time, the outlook being very dangerous. Once it seemed as if Redcar must score, but somebody blundered—the threatened goal was saved, and after a splendid run by Curtis, Sutton neatly shot the second goal for Grantham, just half an hour from the start; a plea for offside was strongly supported by the Redcar umpire, but was disallowed by the referee. Some slow play now ensued, and nothing of interest occurred, when the visitors rushed the ball up to the Grantham end, and Blades secured what can only be called a fluky goal, Broadbent and Saddington somehow or other misunderstanding one another. Curtis was applauded for a good shot almost from the centre line, which nearly scored, and Preston equalised matters by sending in a shot Broadbent failed to stop just before half time was announced.

On change of ends the home team kept the ball in their opponents' ground for some time, a well directed shot at goal being stopped cleverly by Howcroft. A Redcar man was "winded", but soon on his feet again, and out of a melee in front of goal, \*Agar, one of the visitors, kindly raised the Grantham score to three inadvertently sending the ball through his own goal. The strife was equal, each side being obliged to handle once or twice. Sagar appealed for a foul which was granted, and some pretty play between Clements, Sutton, and Curtis resulted in a fruitless shot at goal. The visitors from this point seemed to be disheartened by the accident Agar sustained, falling on his head as a result of a charge with Curtis. The game was suspended for about four minutes whilst he was taken off the ground, but he soon rejoined his team amidst hearty applause. Grantham now had all the best of the game, but were unable to score again, and so won by three goals to two."

LC: ".....in the presence of 1,500 spectators." "Grantham scored a third goal\* off Agar, one of their opponents."

NJ: "....and the third goal was scored for them by Orson."

Grantham: J. Broadbent (Goal); F. R. Shannon, J. G. Saddington (Backs); Rev B. G. Jarrett, C. E. Clements, J. Segar (Half Backs), A. Hutchinson (Capt.), G. Sutton (Right Wing), G. F. Curtis (Centre), N. Orson, J. Saunders (Left Wing).

Redcar:J.Howcroft(Goal);T.Alvey,G.Macree(Capt.)(Backs);H.Stickereth,R.Agar,  
G.Farthing(Half Backs);G.Hikeley,J.Preston(Right Wing),J.Blades(Centre),  
G.Pearson,H.Fidler(Left Wing).

Umpires:F.B.Williamson(Grantham) and W.Manners(Redcar).  
Referee:H.Jessop(Notts).

NEWCASTLE WEST END 2 (R.Aitken,T.K.Dobson)  
GAINSBOROUGH 6 (Manuel(2<sup>nd</sup>),Smith(4<sup>th</sup>),”outside wing”(5<sup>th</sup>),Watkin(6<sup>th</sup>),  
Others 2) (H.T. 2-4)(At St James’s Park,Leazes,Newcastle)(Sat Nov 20<sup>TH</sup>)

Morpeth Herald 27/11/86 P.7/Newcastle Daily Chronicle 22/11/86 P.6/  
Newcastle Evening Chronicle 20/11/86 P.4/Lincolnshire Chronicle 23/11/86  
P.3 and 26/11/86 P.2/Eastern Morning News 22/11/86 P.3/Boston Guardian  
27/11/86 P.3(Above Gainsborough scorers but wrongly has Aitken scoring 1<sup>st</sup>  
goal and has (D.)Brelsford listed for Sharman and scoring the 3<sup>rd</sup> goal):

+MH/NDC/NEC:”Played at St James’s Park,Leazes,Newcastle.There was a large  
attendance of spectators,but by no means as numerous as at last week’s  
match.The kick off was fixed for 2.15, but it was fully 2.30 before Sharman set the  
ball in motion.Gainsborough commenced downhill,and immediately “hands” was  
given.Duns took the kick,and sent a high shot in.Barker passed to Aitken,who  
sent in a magnificent shot which hit the crossbar and rebounded into play.The  
ball was got well away,and taken down the left wing and Taylor was compelled  
to give a corner.The ball was taken up field,but it was quickly sent down,and  
from a long shot the first goal for Gainsborough was scored ++fifteen minutes  
from the start. The West End men were slow in getting into the play,while the  
Gainsborough men started with great dash.Play for the next few minutes was  
confined to midfield.A hard shot was again sent to +Amory,but he saved just in  
time.Fouls were given against both teams,without any gain to either side.A good  
run by Barker and Aitken resulted in a corner for West End,but was well got  
away. “Hands” was given against West End near their goal,which was nicely put  
in,+Amory being charged through,another goal was credited to Gainsborough.  
”Hands” against the visitors being given,the ball was sent over the bar by Duns.  
West End men were playing very weak here,and seemed to be afraid of their  
heavy opponents.A good shot by Dobson was well got away by Howlett.The  
Gainsborough men still bore down,but Duns relieved by a huge kick.Aitken and  
Barker had some fast runs on the left,but the good back play of the visitors  
prevented them from scoring.The Gainsborough right wing took the ball down,  
and passing Duns,sent in to +Amory,but Duns,with a tidy kick,got the ball away.A  
long shot was nicely fisted out by Howlett,but “hands” off Waggott again proved  
dangerous for the West End.Hands off West End was nicely sent in to the visitors’  
left wing,who,by a splendid screw shot,scored the third goal.The ball was taken  
up the West End right wing,Dobson sending in a screw shot which Aitken sent  
through,this being the first goal for the home team.The visitors again bore down  
and Drummond kicked into the mouth of his goal,and the visitors rushing up sent  
the ball through.Score:- Gainsborough,four goals;West End,one.Aitken and  
Barker had a strong run up the left wing,the former sending in a splendid shot,

which the West End right wing breasted through. Play was now very exciting, the ball passing up and down the field with great rapidity. Aitken sent in another long shot, which Dobson headed past the posts. After some give-and-take play the ball was again taken down to the West End goal, but +Amory saved. The next item of interest was "hands" against Gainsborough, which Duns sent in, and Trinity relieved at the expense of a corner, and Aitken's well directed shot was got away. Half time was then called, the score being-Gainsborough, Four goals; West End, two.

On change of ends Angus kicked off for West End, and the ball was sent into touch near the Trinity goal by Wilkinson. The ball was again taken up to the West End goal. A good kick was sent in by the outside wing of the Trinity, and +Amory being charged through, Taylor sent the ball out, which went over the line, a goal being allowed by the referee. The Trinity men were pressing the West End, and a long shot was saved by Duns giving a corner, which, after some exciting play in front of the goal, was got away. A run by +++Dobson and Campbell resulted in West End getting a corner, which Dobson sent behind. A foul off the Trinity men was well sent in by Duns, but it was got away. A free kick for West End was badly sent in by Duns. The visitors' left wing took the ball up the field, but Duns relieved. "Hands" was given against Trinity; but Taylor sent in a poor shot. A hard shot was sent in by Dobson, but the visitors' back men were too good. The West End men were playing very tamely, and never got in a dangerous shot. Campbell had an opening but shot wide. For the next five minutes the game was in the Trinity quarters, but want of combination amongst the West End forwards gave the defenders plenty of opportunities to clear their goal. Mather here was totally winded, but soon recovered. Just before the whistle blew a good shot was sent in by the Gainsborough right wing, and the forwards rushing up sent it through. At the call of time the score stood-Gainsborough, six goals; West End, two goals."

+N.B. This Report a week after the match almost exactly follows the wording of the NEC Report on the day of the match, except that references in the NEC Report to Oldham as the West End goalkeeper (the lineup in NEC only stating "A.N.Other": as does the LC lineup), were replaced in the MH Report and lineup by references to Amory as being the West End goalkeeper. As the MH Report is later and otherwise follows the NEC Report it is concluded that Amory replaced (A.N.) Oldham in goal for West End.

++Three minutes from the start in NEC/LC/BG Reports. +++Changed from Robson in the NEC Report.

LC:"This tie was played at St James's Park, Newcastle, on Saturday. Gainsborough commenced downhill, and within three minutes of the kick-off scored a goal. Fast play followed in neutral ground. Hands were given in favour of Trinity near the West End goal, and their opponents registered a second point. Gainsborough pressed hard, and scored again. Shortly after Aitken obtained a goal for the West End. Gainsborough made a rush and scored their fourth goal. Aitken and Barker took the ball up, and another point was scored by the West End. On changing ends even play took place, but just before the call of time Gainsborough scored again, the result being five goals to West End two."

EMN:"The local team,with the exception of Tweed(back),journeyed to the colliers' quarters on Friday night,to play the above match on Saturday afternoon, before a large number of spectators.From the commencement,Trinity assumed the offensive,the game being very fast.At half time the visitors obtained four points to their opponents two,and,on crossing over,they still further maintained their supremacy by adding two more goals,the final result being :- Gainsborough,six goals;Newcastle,two goals."

Newcastle West End:Amory(Goal);J.Taylor(Right),J.Duns(Left)(Backs), J.Waggott(Right), J.A.Mather(Centre),J.Chalmers (Left)(Half Backs), T.K.Dobson,A.Campbell,J.Angus,J.Barker,R.Aitken(Left Wing).

Gainsborough:C.H.Howlett(Goal);Wilkinson(Right),C.Jubb(Left)(Backs); J.Vamplew(Right),W.Brown(Capt.)(Centre),+W.Cator(Left)(Half Backs), A.Watkin,T.Smith(Right Wing),Sharman(Centre),\*W.Manuel,C.Booth(Left Wing).

\*W.Manuel played back with T.Smith (here as a forward) but could be the same player as D.Manuel as not found 2 Manuel in the same lineup.

+N.B.NDC/NEC have Cater (who was to have played at Left Back but was replaced by Wilkinson )as playing at Left Half-Back and not G.H.Bown(contrary to EMN Local short report lineup)

(INITIALS FROM FIRST ROUND)(OTHER GAINSBOROUGH INITIALS FROM BOSTON GUARDIAD 27/11/86 P.3)

Umpires:W.Croft for Gainsborough.No umpire listed for Newcastle West End.

Referee:John Glover,Hon Sec,Durham Association.

HORNCastle,a bye.

#### SOUTHERN FIRST DIVISION

\*CRUSADERS 2 (T.J.Britten,T.M.Pike)  
OLD CARTHUSIANS 4 (C.A.Smith 2,W.N.Cobbold,A.Amos)  
(H.T. 2-3)(Sat Nov 13<sup>th</sup>)(At Essex County Ground,Leyton)

\*Formerly Brentwood

Field 20/11/86 P.757/Sporting Life 15/11/86 P.4/Sportsman 15/11/86 P.4/Chelmsford Chronicle 19/11/86 P.7/Athletic News 16/11/86 P.3:

F:"This important match in the second round of the Association Cup competition, was played on Saturday on the Essex County Cricket ground,at Leyton.As the clubs engaged are two of the strongest in the south of England,the contest excited great interest,and the weather being fine,there was a large company,the

partisans of the Old Charterhouse boys being in strong force. Both clubs were represented at their full strength, and throughout the game was most stubbornly contested. In the early part of the first half, and again for some minutes in the second half, the Crusaders forced the game; but on the whole, the play of the Old Carthusians was superior.

During the first half the Crusaders defended the goal at the pavilion end, and, playing with all their accustomed dash, they at once assumed the aggressive. Five minutes after the start a fine rush by the right wing and centre ended in a goal for the home team, Britten making the shot. Two or three minutes later matters were equalised, Cobbold centring finely from the left wing, and Smith heading the ball through the home goal. For a time the play was of an even character, but Pike, by a splendid long shot, again placed the Crusaders in the ascendant. The Old Boys replied to this by some very determined attacks on the home goal, Smith making two or three fine runs; but for a long time all their efforts were foiled by the vigilance of the home back division. Eventually, from a run by Smith, a corner resulted, and Thomas, who was entrusted with the kick, directed the ball to A.M. Walters, who sent in a fast low shot. Out of the scrimmage which ensued in front of the home goal, Cobbold again brought the scores equal. The partisans of the Old Carthusians were now very enthusiastic, and there were loud shouts of "Bravo, Charterhouse!" when a few minutes later, from a pass from the centre, Smith sent in a stinging shot, and placed his side on the ascendant, the ball hitting the inside of one of the goal posts, and passing through. The point was disputed on the plea of offside, but was allowed by the referee. Half time was then called.

On restarting two corners fell to the Old Charterhouse Boys, and then for nearly half an hour the play was of a fairly even character, the Crusaders doing their utmost to change the aspect of the game. Several times their forwards broke through the visitors' line of defence, and shots at goal were made by Lemarchand, Pike, Britten, and Hogarth, one very hot shot by Lemarchand being splendidly stopped by Cartwright; but Hogarth missed a good opportunity by shooting wide. On the other hand, the visitors' forwards made repeated incursions into the home territory, Cobbold displaying his usual resolution and cleverness in several runs; and one very fast shot by this player at close quarters was grandly stopped by Cooper. It was not until close upon the call of time, however, that any further point was scored. Cobbold had carried the ball dangerously near the home goal, when Anderson kicked behind for safety. The corner kick which resulted proved disastrous for the home side, as the ball, being placed in front of the goal, Amos, out of the slight scrimmage which followed, shot it through. Nothing further occurred in the few remaining minutes, and the Old Carthusians, who were loudly cheered as they left the ground, won a grandly-contested game by four goals to two. For the victors, Cobbold did splendid work forward, and Smith was seen at his best, while the brothers Walters offered a very strong and sound defence. On the home side, Lemarchand, Pike, and Britten were most noticeable among the forwards, and the backs did excellent work, Turner showing to better advantage than he had done before this season. Mr J. Armstrong was the referee."

N.B. The above F Report was reproduced in The Carthusian(See The Carthusian Volume 67-129 P.520-521).

CC: "This tie in the second round of the competition for the Association Challenge Cup came off on the ground of the latter at Leyton, on Saturday, in the presence of a large company. First Britten scored for the Crusaders and Smith retaliated with a goal for the Carthusians. Then Pike, by a grand shot, once more gave the Essex team the lead. This advantage, however, they were unable to maintain for any length of time, for Cobbold equalised the score again, and before half-time Smith obtained a third goal for the Old Charterhouse Boys, which at half-time gave them the lead by a goal. The second portion of the game was stubbornly contested, both sides making the most strenuous efforts to secure the victory, but it was not until almost the last minute that Amos sent the leather under the Crusaders' crossbar, thus giving the Old Carthusians the victory by four goals to two."

Crusaders: L. Cooper (Goal); R. J. Turner, E. P. Anderson (Backs); A. M. Daniell, E. C. Evelyn (Capt.), J. L. Nickisson (Half Backs); G. S. Sherrington, A. W. Lemarchand (Right Wing), T. J. Britten (Centre), T. M. Pike, R. G. Hogarth (Left Wing).

Old Carthusians: E. H. Cartwright (Goal); A. M. Walters, P. M. Walters (Backs); A. Amos, T. W. Blenkiron, C. H. Evan-Thomas (Half Backs); R. L. Escombe, C. A. Smith (Right Wing), C. W. Waddington (Centre), W. N. Cobbold, L. Owen. (Left Wing).

Umpires: F. R. Brown and W. C. Evelyn. Referee: J. Armstrong.

LONDON CALEDONIANS 1 (W. E. Fry) OLD WYKEHAMISTS 0  
(H. T. 1-0) (At Kennington Oval) (Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>)

Sporting Life 22/11/86 P.4/Field 27/11/86 P.794/Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4/  
Referee 21/11/86 P.6:

SL : "Favoured by a genial afternoon, there was a fair company at the Oval on Saturday last to witness a trial of strength between these clubs drawn together at the second round of the competition for the Football Association Cup. Though the old Winchester boys during the last two seasons have proved formidable opponents, the Scotchmen were much fancied by their supporters, and they were expected generally to make a hard fight of it. These expectations were fulfilled to the extent of an even and well-contested game, but of science there was little or none, and the play on neither side was of a character to evoke any enthusiasm. The Caledonians showed plenty of energy and worked hard to the last. Their play, though, was at times rather rough, and on the form showed on this occasion the club is not likely to advance into the latter winning stages of the competition. The Caledonians, who commenced with the sun in their faces for a short time, had to act mostly on the defensive, and after about ten minutes the ball was after a good middle from the lines sent between the Caledonian posts. The defending side though appealed that the ball had passed over the defending goal-line, and the referee ruled that it had, not a correct decision as it appeared to our reporter, who was in an excellent position to see. With varying fortunes the game progressed,

until after a general rush the ball went through the Old Wykeham(posts),off Pryor-a lucky score.The rest of the front half was uneventful,and when ends were changed the Scotchmen were one point to the good.The remainder of the game was rather in favour of the Caledonians,but they failed to improve their position,and were finally left the winners of a very exciting contest by one goal to none."

F:"The game in the second round between these clubs was played at Kennington Oval,on Saturday last.The quality of the play was far from first class,and it was characterised by a great deal of roughness.Both sides offended in this respect,but the Caledonians were,it must be admitted,chiefly to blame.The game,however, was well contested,and only one goal was scored.Soon after the commencement of the play,Ingram headed the ball between the Caledonian goal posts,but it was claimed and allowed that the ball had previously been over the goal line.The referee's decision in this matter did not give general satisfaction.Some hard and determined efforts were then made by both teams,and presently,thanks chiefly to a corner kick by Barbour being well directed,a goal was obtained by the Caledonians.During the second half matters proceeded with varying success,but no other score was obtained.The Old Caledonians therefore retired winners by one goal to none."

SM:"The old boys,who won the toss,took the Vauxhall end,Prior kicking off for the Caledonians at five minutes to three.Ingram,after the lapse of a few minutes, headed the ball through,but the item was disallowed,the leather having previously gone out of play.Fry and Miller then attacked their opponents with vigour,and from a well-placed corner kick by Barbour the first-named gained a legitimate point for the Scotchmen,which proved the only score of the game,as though the Wykehamists held the advantage in the first half,and once or twice after change of ends looked like equalising,they were unable to gain the desired point and retired defeated by one goal to none.For the winners,Barbour,Miller, Fry,and Prior played a good game,Scott being a tower of strength behind,while of the losing team,Ingram,"Adept" and Chitty were most prominent.There was, however,a suspicion of roughness about the play of more than one of the Caledonians."

Athletic News 23/11/86 P.3:"At half time the Caledonians led by one goal,scored by Prior and Fry,in a scrummage from a corner kick.The Caledonians won by one goal."

London Caledonians:J.E.Munro(Goal);R.Haldane-Stewart, J.G.Scott(Backs); J.Barbour, Dunlop-Foster,H.M'Lennen(Half Backs);E.S.Graham(Capt.), H.B.Miller(Right Wing),J.S.Prior(Centre),G.Goodliff,W.E.Fry(Left Wing).

Old Wykehamists:B.E.Nicholas(Goal);L.T.Thring,A.J.C.Mackarness(Backs); H.Chitty(Capt.),+R.S.Milford,P.B.Halcombe(Half Backs), J.A.Fort, P.L.Canning(Right Wing),F.M.Ingram(Centre),++E.A.Debrett,P.Humphrey(Left Wing). +Played under the pseudonym "T."Servant" ++Played under the pseudonym E."Adept" :proper names in SL.

Umpires:F.Sargent(Caledonians) and T.B.Hughes(Old Wykehamists).  
Referee:F.A.Clark(Pilgrims F.C).

SWIFTS 7 (P.Playford 2,E.C.Bambridge 3,J.B.Challen 2)  
SWINDON TOWN 1 (J.Thomas)(H.T. 6-1)(Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>)(At Dolphin Ground,  
Slough)

Sporting Life 22/11/86 P.4/Swindon Advertiser 27/11/86 P.8/Sportsman  
22/11/86 P.4/Berkshire Chronicle 27/11/86 P.2(No teams):

SL:"Played at Dolphin Ground,Slough,on Saturday.Bambridge proved successful in the spin of a coin,and Bennett set the ball in motion precisely at the advertised time-half past two.The "birds" promptly assumed the offensive,and four minutes from the commencement Playford drew first blood for them.The visitors then made a determined effort to get on terms again,and eventually J.Thomas sent the ball under the Swifts' bar after some effective passing all along the line.Although having considerably the best of the game,the home team failed to add to their score for some time,but half an hour after the start Bambridge skilfully eluded several of his opponents,and obtained goal number two.Then misfortune after misfortune befell the Wiltshire lads.Cheeseman centred beautifully,and Bambridge scored again,by one of the hardest shots it has ever been our lot to witness.Directly afterwards the same player put in another hot'un.The "globe" struck the bar,but that real hard worker,Challen,rushed up,and headed it through.The Wellingborough Grammarian then ran down,and,passing to Bambridge,the International once more sent the ball between the posts.Challen still shone,and his judicious placing enabled Playford to bring about the sixth downfall of the Swindon uprights.Soon after the change of ends R.Jones got right through on the left wing,and but for the cool intervention of Lockhart-Muir he must have scored.From this point the wearers of the "all-black" slackened fire considerably,while the visitors improved in a marked degree,and the game assumed a much more even appearance.However,five minutes before the close, after some neat passing by Playford and Cheeseman,Challen accounted for a further success,and the Swifts were accordingly hailed victors by seven goals to one.Davies kicked grandly for the winners.The Wilts men deserve every credit for their plucky efforts against such well-known and brilliant players as are invariably met with in the ranks of the Swifts."

SA:"On Saturday last at the Dolphin Ground,Slough,one of the second ties in the competition for the Football Association Challenge Cup was played between the above.Four minutes after the start Playford scored for the "birds",but J.Thomas soon raised the hopes of the Swindon supporters by equalising matters.Half an hour from the commencement Bambridge ran the ball down in characteristic style,and placed a second point to the Swifts' credit.Then Cheesman got away on the left,and middling well,Bambridge scored again with a grand shot.Another hard kick from the same player hit the bar,but Challen ran up and headed through.A clever dribble by Challen enabled Bambridge to lower the Swindon colours for the fifth time,and after Challen had again dribbled down Playford beat

Povey for the sixth time. Four goals were thus scored in five minutes, this being the total at half-time.

Soon after change R. Jones ran down and looked like scoring, but Lockhart-Mure saved. The Swifts then palpably slackened, but although Swindon played up with rare determination they failed to break through, and Challen scored a seventh point for the Swifts, who won by seven goals to one."

Swifts: J.E. Lockhart-Mure (Goal); A.O. Davies, A.W. Platt (Backs); F.E. Saunders, T.W. Cook, C. Holden-White (Half Backs), J.B. Challen, L. Sanderson (Right Wing), E.C. Bambridge (Centre), H.H. Cheesman, R. Playford (Left Wing).

Swindon Town: W. Povey (Goal); Tom White (Capt.), H.O. Thomas (Backs); S.J. Thomas, F. Gibbs, G. Everitt (Half Backs); R.T. Horsington, J. Thomas (Right Wing), S. Bennett (Centre), R.L. Jones, E. Lewis (Left Wing).

Umpires: H. Wright and J. Beauland (Swindon). Referee: E.C. Kelly (Berks and Bucks Association).

CHATHAM 1 (Hibbard) (Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>) HOTSPUR 0  
(H.T. 0-0) (F.T. 0-0) (A.E.T.) (Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>) (At Chatham Lines)

Rochester & Chatham Journal 27/11/86 P.4/Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4/Sporting Life 22/11/86 P.4:

R&CG: "Shortly after half-past two, Hotspur kicked off from the New Brompton end, and the play went on briskly for half-an-hour, in favour of Chatham, who frequently assailed their adversaries' goal, but were unable to score. Now and again Hotspur brought the ball well into the Chatham "camp", and on one occasion would doubtless have obtained a goal with a well-directed kick directly before the bar, but Salisbury with an unerving and strong hand met the ball and knocked it out. Soon after this Hotspur got a corner, and a little sharp work had to be put in by the Chatham team to get the ball away from the goal. Salisbury shortly afterwards saved another goal with a good kick. Chatham now began to give Hotspur some warm work, Hobart running the ball well down the left wing. When half time was called neither side had gained a goal.

Ends were changed, and Hotspur made a determined fight, but were most ably met by their opponents. Albert and E. Conquer put in some first class play for Chatham, the former being in especially good form, and lifting the ball in first class style; McLeod and Campaign also worked with great energy. Salisbury again saved a goal, and Jenner nearly secured one for Chatham, shortly afterwards, the ball passing just over the bar. Hobart got another splendid run, and centred to Hibbard, who very nearly scored. This seemed to instil more energy into the players, and some sharp work took place. Chatham pressed the enemy's goal several times, after which a similar attack was made by Hotspur, but still no goal rewarded either side. Pottinger and Jeeves did excellent service for the visiting team, and their goalkeeper was well up to his work, and several times saved a

goal. The Suttons, too, deserve a word of commendation. After various attempts on both sides "time" was called, and found no goal made for.

It was agreed that play should be continued for another half-hour ends being once more changed. The excitement of both players and onlookers increased. In the first quarter of an hour there was no change, and the second quarter was even more exciting still, as the evening was fast drawing in, and it was with difficulty that the ball was watched in the semi-darkness. All the men went in for a desperate encounter, and there were several very narrow escapes at both goals. About three minutes before the whistle blew Chatham made a most determined charge, with the result that Hibbard shot the ball from the centre just inside the upper post of the Hotspur goal, amidst loud hurrahs, mingled with high tones of dissent from those who evidently had wished for a different result. The two or three remaining minutes were played out, but no change was effected."

SL: "Played at Chatham on Saturday, Chatham won by one goal (Hibbard) to nil. The game was very fast and even and when "Time!" was called no goal had been scored, so an extra half hour was played. Two minutes before time, in semi-darkness, Hibbard scored for Chatham." (no teams)

Chatham: W. Salisbury (Goal); J. Albert, E. Conquer (Backs); J. C. Soppitt, H. Blake, R. Conquer (Half Backs), W. Campaign, W. McLeod (Right Wing), C. E. Hibbard (Centre), H. Hobart, A. Jenner (Left Wing).

Hotspur: E. Hardisty (Goal); J. Jeeves, G. Pottinger (Backs), F. R. Johnson, J. T. Gaymer (Capt.), T. Latimer (Half Backs); G. H. Quint, G. R. Wagstaff (e) (Right Wing), E. Walters (Centre), C. Sutton, J. Sutton (Left Wing).

N.B. The above same as for SM Teams for match SM Hotspur : "Reserves: G. Landragin and J. Buckley.

Umpires: Arthur Way (Chatham) and R. Evans (Hotspur). Referee: Captain Renny-Tailyour (R.E.)

OLD FORESTERS, a bye.

SOUTHERN SECOND DIVISION

OLD WESTMINSTERS 1 (A.C.W. Jenner) OLD BRIGHTONIANS 1 (G.H. Cotterill)  
(H.T. 0-0) (Tues Nov 16<sup>th</sup>) (At Vincent Square)

KR Source: Pastime/Field 20/11/86 P.757/Sporting Life 17/11/86 P.4/  
Sportsman 17/11/86 P.4:

CHECK PASTIME

F: "Played at Vincent Square, Westminster, on Tuesday afternoon. The match in the second round between these clubs proved most interesting. The Old Westminsters on the day were the better team, their forwards working very hard throughout, and at times showing excellent combination. Their efforts were, however, in a great measure discounted by the capital defence of the Brightonian backs, and the remarkably fine goalkeeping of Stone. The latter player, indeed, may be said to have saved his side from defeat, for with less brilliant goalkeeping the Westminsters must have scored several times. During the first half of the game the Brightonians were assisted by a fairly strong breeze, and Cotterill, Wilson, and Potter were continually doing something smart; but the Westminster back play proved of very good quality, and the attacks of the visiting team were all repelled, Wetton, Squire, and Janson each doing good work at half, while Ingram's play at back was very strong. Quite as well met were the vigorous incursions of the Old Westminsters, a most admirable game being played by Lingard, while the Muspratts rendered valuable service.

As inferred, no score was made in the opening half, and, though the Old Westminsters had certainly the better of the situation during the early part of the second moiety, the skill of Stone, combined with some injudicious kicking on the part of several Westminster forwards when near the O.B. goal, prevented any scoring being done. At length Cotterill, after a good run, secured a goal for the visitors. There was then left about twenty minutes for play. Only a few minutes of these had expired when the Westminsters seemed almost certain of making matters equal, but their vigorous efforts bore no fruit, Stone, in fine style, stopping one splendid shot from the centre, and meeting several others which must have scored had a less plucky and skillful player been between the goal posts. Cotterill and Wilson in the meantime made some excellent runs and narrowly missed gaining their object. A strong rush at last took the ball to a very advanced position on the Westminster left wing, and Bain, looking desperately near offside, placed the ball well into the mouth of the goal; but Stone, as heretofore, was successful in dealing with the kick. Stone, however, this time, could only just get rid of the ball, and Jenner, meeting it promptly, put it through, and so made the score level. Time was now nearly up, and, as neither side gained any further advantage, the match was left drawn, the clubs agreeing to meet again on Saturday at the Upper Tooting C.C. ground, Balham."

SL: "In unusually fine weather, compared with that which we have experienced of late, the representatives of these two teams met yesterday, at Vincent-square, Westminster, and played one of the matches in the second round of this important competition, which, after a finely-contested game, ultimately resulted in a draw, each team being credited with a goal. There was a large attendance of spectators present, without speaking of the crowd that assembled outside the railings, who vented their joy in their own peculiar manner whenever a mishap befell the opponents of their favourites, who till lately played as the boys of St Peter's. J.P. Muspratt, winning the toss, by virtue of his right, took possession of the Guard's Hospital side of the ground, to take advantage of the wind that blew from that quarter, and a few minutes before three Jenner made a start from St Mary's Church end. A corner almost immediately fell to Westminster, but nothing resulted from it, though Wetton placed the ball well. From a capital centre by

Scoones Page kicked over, and another corner to Wetton also did no mischief. Westminster for a time had the advantage over their adversaries, their forward play being particularly accurate, while Squire, Wetton, and R.A. Ingram guarded the rear with praiseworthy zeal. From a run by Wilson, of the Brightonians, who passed to Potter, things looked very awkward for the safety of the Westminster fortress, but the danger was promptly averted by C.F. Ingram. The war thus far had been carried on very evenly, no particular advantage being gained by either team. At length, out of an attack by Westminster, C.F. Ingram kicked through the posts, but the goal was disallowed on the plea of off-side. Half-time having arrived, they reversed their positions, no score having been made by either side. Some fine play was now shown by Bennett, Cotterill, Lingard, and the Muspratts, Stone's goal-keeping being unusually brilliant. At last, and shortly after four o'clock, out of a dashing assault by the Brightonians, Cotterill scored a point for his comrades. The Old Westminsters now attacked with redoubled energy, and attacked vigorously again and again, till but a few minutes before time was announced, from a bully in front of the Brightonians goal, Jenner drove the ball under the bar, and the score thus became level. The match therefore came to an end as previously mentioned."

Old Brightonians: A.C. Stone (Goal); J.P. Muspratt, (Capt.) W. Leete (Backs); C.D. Muspratt, P.C. Muspratt, F.C. Lingard (Half Backs); W. Harris, J.H. Bennett, (Right Wing), G.H. Cotterill (Centre), J.H. Potter, G.L. Wilson. (Left Wing).

Old Westminsters: W.R. Moon (Goal); A.E.R. Bedford, R.A. Ingram (Backs); R.T. Squire (Capt.), H. Wetton, F.W. Janson (Half Backs); O. Scoones, C.F. Ingram (Right Wing), A.C.W. Jenner (Centre), F.W. Bain, C.N. Page. (Left Wing).

Umpires: E.J. Humphery (Old Wykehamists) and F.M. Robertson (Barnes).  
Referee: N.L. Jackson (hon. sec. London Football Association).

REPLAY: Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>

OLD WESTMINSTERS 3 (A.C.W. Jenner, F.W. Janson, R.A. Ingram) OLD  
BRIGHTONIANS 1 (G.H. Cotterill) (At Vincent Square) (H.T. 1-1)

Field 27/11/86 P.794/Sporting Life 22/11/86 P.4/Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4:

F: "These clubs, who, on the Tuesday previously had played a drawn game, met again on Saturday, at \*Vincent Square, Westminster, and, though another capitally contested game was witnessed, the result was a victory for the Old Westminsters by three goals to one. At half time the score was one goal each. The two goals afterwards were obtained from long shots, which Stone failed to deal with."

\*This replay was originally to be played at Upper Tooting: see above.

SL: "In beautifully fine weather the match between these teams in the second round of the above important competition, left drawn on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst, each team obtaining a goal, was decided at Vincent Square, on Saturday last, in the presence of a great number of spectators, among whom the present representatives of the

School stood forth conspicuously, which resulted in a victory for the Old Westminsters by three goals to one, amidst great rejoicings from their adherents all over the field.

J.P. Muspratt, having won the toss, elected to play the first half of the game from the Guard's Hospital side of the ground, though there was very little wind stirring to make the choice of any consequence, and at five minutes to three Jenner made a movement in advance from St Mary's Church end. Bain at once, supported by Paul, made an attack on the enemy's fortress, when the latter made a fine shot at goal, which, however, Stone cleverly put aside. From a corner by Lingard nothing resulted, but about ten minutes later from a rush by the Brightonian forwards, among whom Mellersh, C.D. Muspratt, and Cotterill, figured prominently in the front, when from a grand shot by the latter, the ball bounded under the bar, and the Brightonians gained the first event. On recommencing, the Brightonians rather pressed their opponents, though the fine play and rapid passing between Paul, C.F. Ingram, Bain, Scoones, and Jenner, soon achieved their goal, and threatened the opposite goal, but Stone, who stood his ground manfully throughout the afternoon, was generally on the lookout to defend the trust reposed in him. Westminster now by way of retaliation in their turn somewhat penned the Brightonians in their own quarters, while Squire, Wetton, and Janson looked well after the rear. At length, about half past three, from a dashing assault by Westminster, Jenner made the score level.

Ends having been changed at half time, fortune continued to smile on the efforts of the home team, and everything prospered with them. At last, from a splendid kick by Janson, Westminster scored a second goal, and just before time was announced R.A. Ingram gained the third, and thus brought the match to a conclusion as above stated."

Old Westminsters: W.R. Moon (Goal); A.E.R. Bedford, R.A. Ingram (Backs); R.T. Squire, H. Wetton, F.W. Janson (Half Backs); O. Scoones, C.F. Ingram (Right Wing), A.C.W. Jenner (Centre), F.W. Bain, J.E. Paul (Left Wing).

Old Brightonians: A.C. Stone (Goal); J.P. Muspratt (Capt.), W. Leete (Backs); P.C. Muspratt, C.H. Bond, F.C. Lingard (Half Backs); C.E. Mellersh, J.H. Bennett (Right Wing), G.H. Cotterill (Centre), G.L. Wilson, C.D. Muspratt (Left Wing).

Umpires: R.E. Hetherington (Casuals) and T. Lindlay (Old Brightonians).  
Referee: N.L. Jackson (Corinthians).

MAIDENHEAD 2 (W. Badcock, A. Lamb) DULWICH 3 (E.M. Soulby, F.S. Mayo 2)  
(H.T. 0-0) (F.T. 0-0) (A.E.T.) (Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>) (At Maidenhead)

Maidenhead Advertiser 24/11/86 P.3/Berkshire Chronicle 27/11/86  
P.2/Sporting Life 22/11/86 P.4/Middlesex & Surrey Express 27/11/86  
P.7/Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4/Uxbridge & West Drayton Gazette 27/11/86  
P.3/Reading Observer 27/11/86 P.3:

MA: "The home team were deprived of the services of F. Lamb (back) and F. Bradley (half-back), who was injured in the Marlow match the previous Saturday, and their places were filled by L. J. S. Wood (deputy-captain) and W. Woodbridge, while the visitors had lost the services of their captain (Whittle) and Bradbury. Lamb started the ball towards the railway goal at 25 minutes to 3, and the first noticeable item was a splendid shot at the Dulwich stronghold, which was saved in grand style by Sugden. Then a combined rush of the visitors' forwards enabled (Soulby) to have a shot at Rookley's charge, but the custodian was equal to the emergency, and in good style sent the ball out of danger. After a little give-and-take play a free kick fell to Maidenhead, but this proved of no advantage, as the ball struck the bar and went behind. The leather was gradually worked back to the other end of the field, where a shot by D. Morris was punched out of goal by Rookley at the expense of a corner. This being well-placed, Raybold sent in another, which was dexterously got away by Rookley, and then Lamb, Badcock, and Morris had a canter to the Dulwich goal, at which Mackie had a shie, but the ball went behind. A run by Wakerill, and a centre to Lamb had a like result. Operations for a time were then transferred to the Maidenhead territory, where a long shot by Cox (back) luckily struck the post, and shortly afterwards Mayo experienced similar hard luck, as a splendid shie of his hit the bar. The play was even afterwards until half-time.

On change of ends, with the hill in their favour, the visitors set to work with a will, and a few minutes after the re-start a sharp scrimmage ensued in front of the Maidenhead goal, but the ball was got away. Wakerill had a nice run up the right, the result of which was a shot at goal by Lamb, but Sugden was "all there" and nothing material resulted. Some neat play by Edwards and Mackie again jeopardised the visitors' fortress. Cox, Denny, and Stephenson, however, freed their lines, only to be again troubled by a run and centre by Badcock to Lamb, who had a shot. This, however, was frustrated by Sugden, who was eventually "felled". The leather was soon again in front of the Dulwich custodian, who had to keep his eyes on the ball, which he did to good purpose, although he was again prostrated. The play being once more transferred to the home team's quarters, an attempt to lower Maidenhead's colours was splendidly foiled by Rookley. Lamb succeeded in getting away with the ball, and passing the Dulwich backs by one of his well-known "sprints", sent in a shot which fairly beat Sugden, but on an appeal he was judged "off-side", much to the surprise of the Maidenhead partisans. "Hands" on the part of one of the home team gave Dulwich a free kick. This was taken by Cox, and a shot by Maybold compelled Rookley to punch the ball away, which he did very creditably. Wakerill retaliated in a splendid run and a centre, but a bye only resulted. "Time" was shortly afterwards called, no goal having been registered by either side.

According to the rules of the Association, an extra half-hour had to be played, and accordingly Denny winning the toss, kicked uphill for the first 15 minutes. Scarcely had the ball been set in motion than (Soulby) put in a nice run, and scored a goal. After the kick-off Wakerill, who had sustained an injury to his right shoulder just after the second half, made a brilliant run, from which Badcock equalised matters, amid loud cheers from the on-lookers. Then a combined rush of the Dulwich forwards brought the ball again in front of the Maidenhead goal,

and a shot by Mayo struck the bar and went under, thus making the game stand two goals to one in favour of Dulwich, three goals having been obtained in about 10 minutes. Great excitement now prevailed, and the home team put on a very fast pace. The visitors, however, managed to secure a third goal, from a spin by Raybold, the successful kick being credited to Mayo. On change of ends, Wakerill made a brilliant run, and put the ball to Lamb, who sent in a shot which Sugden failed to stop. The same player made another run, but a bye only resulted. The game was continued in semi-darkness until the expiration of the extra half-hour, and as the home team had failed to score another point, Dulwich were left winners by three goals to two. The extra half-hour's play was more fast and exciting than that of the first hour and a half, the Maidenhead men having the better part of the game. For Maidenhead, Edwards, Drewett, Lamb, Rookley, and Morris (also injured during the first half) were in best form, whilst for Dulwich, Denny, Cox, Mayo, Raybold, and Sugden, worked hard."

BC/SL: "Played at Maidenhead. After Drewett had compelled Sugden to use his hand, the visitors paid a visit to their opponents' end, where a sharp shot at goal by Soulby was neatly turned aside by Rookley. Play progressed in even fashion right up to half time, there being a noticeable lack of passing on both sides. Shortly after change of ends, Wakerill in charging the stalwart Cox, injured his shoulder, but pluckily stood his ground. Raybould, Soulby, and the two Morrises were indefatigable on the part of Dulwich, while Morris, Lamb, Badcock, and Wakerill worked very hard on the other side. Both goals still remained intact when "Time" was called, so an extra half hour had to be played.

Soulby, after an excellent run, scored for Dulwich, but a combined run of the home forwards enabled Badcock to place matters on a level footing once more. Mayo sent the ball against the bar, and others coming up sent it under. Three goals scored in ten minutes. Mayo, from a centre by Raybould, added a third point, and then a splendid run and middle by Wakerill enabled Lamb to credit Maidenhead with a second point. Dulwich won, after an evenly contested game, by three goals to two. Edwards, Morris, Drewett, Badcock, Rookley, Cox, Raybould, Denny, Sugden, Soulby, and Mayo exhibited excellent form on behalf of their respective sides."

SM/M&SE/U&WDG (Same reports): ".....The goals were credited to Mayo (two) and Soulby, for Dulwich, and Lamb and Badcock for Maidenhead."

Maidenhead: J.P. Rookley (Goal), L.J.S. Wood, A.E. Haggis (Backs), W. Woodbridge, G. Drewett, S ("Sid") Edwards, (Half Backs), W. Mackie (Capt.), G. Wakerill (Right Wing), A. Lamb (Centre), H.W. Morris, W. Badcock (Left Wing).

Dulwich: J.F. Sugden (Goal); C.A. Stephenson, B.H. Cox (Backs); H. Denny (Capt.), T.G. Stafford, G. Tomblison (Half Backs); F.D. Morris, E.M. Soulby (Right Wing), F.S. Mayo (Centre), W. Raybould, J. Morris (Left Wing).

Umpires: W.J. Dance (Maidenhead) and T.T. Bradbury (Dulwich).  
Referee: C.E. Hart (Pilgrims).

GREAT MARLOW 4 (T.Walker,W.Wise,R.A.Lunnon 2)UPTON PARK 0  
(H.T.1-0)(Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>)(At Marlow)

KR Source:South Bucks Press/Bucks Herald 27/11/86 P.7/Berkshire Chronicle  
27/11/86 P.2/Sporting Life 22/11/86 P.4/+Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4/  
+Middlesex & Surrey Express 27/11/86 P.7/=Uxbridge & West Drayton Gazette  
27/11/86 P.3/Reading Observer 27/11/86 P.3/Maidenhead Advertiser  
24/11/86 P.4: +Same reports

BH:"This tie was played on the Marlow ground on Saturday last.Upton came with a high reputation as a formidable team,and bearing in mind the almost all round weakness displayed by Marlow on Saturday,few took a sanguine view of their chances.On the contrary it was generally put down as a moral for the visitors. Although he won the toss,R.A.Lunnon elected to play uphill for the first half,and Thompson kicked off at three pm.The ball was at once worked up by Marlow,and a corner accrued,but nothing came of it.In their turn Upton got away,and for a time the Crown goal seemed in danger.A corner or two fell to them,which were well placed and fired at the goal,but Plumridge proved equal to the emergency. By some pretty passing the ball was worked along to the Upton end,and the goal seemed absolutely at the mercy of Wise,but somehow he overshot the mark,and the chance was lost.The struggle now became very hot.The two Walkers,the Lunnons,and Bailey were conspicuous in holding or passing the ball while the backs were prompt in returning it to quarters if it was shot away.At length "R.A." made a clever pass to "Long Tom",who put the ball through in a twinkling,amid a volley of cheers.After this for a time Upton made almost super-human exertions to equalise matters,and for a while the home players had a hard and anxious time of it,the visitors clustering round the goal determined upon mischief.A corner fell to them,and some byes came,but the citadel remained intact.H.Walker then got hold of the ball,and after a fast run down the ground passed it to Wise, who handed it to the captain,who kicked it behind.After this a number of fine shots were rained at the Upton goal until half time was called,with Marlow one goal,Upton nil.

On changing over the fight alternated from end to end of the ground with but slight advantage either way.After about ten minutes,R.A.Lunnon,E.J.Lunnon,and Walker worked the ball up,and passed it to Wise,who dashed in and carried the goal.Playing in admirable form all round,and stimulated by their success,Marlow now assumed a commanding lead,and from this point the result was never in doubt.All the forwards were working together like machines,while their efforts were admirably seconded and fed by the backs.From a melee in front,R.A.Lunnon and Bailey quickly passed the goalkeeper,ball and all,over the line.After this Wise made a goal,which was ruled offside.A fourth goal fell to R.A.,after some fine play by H.Walker.Another goal fell to R.A.,but this, too,was ruled offside,Marlow thus winning by four goals to nil.Every man on the Marlow side did his duty well,and general surprise was expressed at the marked improvement shown since the previous Saturday.For the visitors the most conspicuous were Sisson and Thompson."

SL: "Played on the Marlow Ground before a large gathering of enthusiastic spectators. R.A. Lunnon beat Whittle for choice of position, and Thompson kicked off at three o'clock. After both goal-keepers had successfully frustrated a couple of dangerous attacks, H. Walker nipped away on the left but he unfortunately sent the ball outside. Then from a throw in Mellett passed well to the right-hand corner of the goal, and Tom Walker sent in a hot shot, which Evans failed to stop, and amidst tremendous cheering the missile passed between the posts. From this period till half time Upton Park had the best of the game, but they failed to break down the home defence, and Marlow still lead when the teams crossed over.

The second half was all in favour of the bearers of the "blue and white". Six minutes after resuming E.J. Lunnon passed to Wise and the Wooburn man credited Marlow with a second point. Nine minutes later R.A. Lunnon added a third out of a bully, and immediately afterwards Wise added two more items, but they were both disallowed. R.A. Lunnon was responsible for a fourth success, and then after several attacks on the part of the visitors, "Time!" was called, and Marlow were left winners by four goals to none. Marlow were in their very best form, but the Uptonian forwards played very selfishly. Barnett, Mitchell, Thompson, Smith, Duthoit, Mellett, R.A. and R.H. Lunnon, the brothers Walker, and Paine were the pick of their respective sides."

Great Marlow: F. Plumridge (Goal); W. Mellett, T. Paine (Backs); R.H. Lunnon, J.T. Flint (Half Backs); R.A. Lunnon (Capt.), J. Bailey (Right Wing), W. Wise, E.J. Lunnon (Centres), T. ("Long Tom") Walker, H. Walker (Left Wing).

Upton Park: P.M. Evans (Goal), C.H. Ayles, Rev H.C. Duthoit (Backs), E.D. Ellis, S. Smith (Half Backs), H.R. Barnett, A. Mitchell (Right Wing), A.M. Inglis, T.G. Thompson (Centres), E.R. Ross, H. Sisson (Left Wing).

Umpires: R. Shaw (Marlow FC) and F. Barnett (Upton).  
Referee: R. Henry Clark (Maidenhead FC.)

CHESHAM GENERALS 1 (C. Madder)

OLD ETONIANS 7 (F. Marchant 2, A.T.B. Dunn 2, B. Farrer, E.G. Bromley-Martin, H.W. Bainbridge) (H.T. 0-4) (Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup>) (At Chesham)

KR Source: South Bucks Press/Bucks Herald 27/11/86 P.7/Sporting Life 22/11/86 P.4/+Sportsman 22/11/86 P.4/Berkshire Chronicle 27/11/86 P.2/+Middlesex & Surrey Express 27/11/86 P.7/+Uxbridge & West Drayton Gazette 27/11/86 P.3: +Same reports

BH: "This tie in the second round was played at Chesham on Saturday last, in the presence of a large concourse of spectators, including many ladies. The ground, after the late heavy rains, was in very fair order, and a marked improvement had been made at considerable outlay, by enclosing the field of play, which not only added to the comfort of the players, but also allowed sightseers to witness the

game at all points, a coign of vantage worth peculiar appreciation; therefore it must have been mortifying to the Committee upon the termination of the match that the wire at one end had been broken down. Further comment is unnecessary. The visitors won the toss, electing to defend the cricket goal, and shortly before three o'clock Madder kicked off. The Etonian quarter was quickly visited but not for long, as play being transferred to the other end, in less than eight minutes Marchant captured the Chesham citadel. Upon resuming, Bainbridge made a good run, and a "corner" resulted, but the score was not increased until a neat centre by Bromley-Martin enabled Dunn to do the needful. This was quickly followed by a third goal from the foot of Farrer. Repeated corners now fell to the visitors' share, but no harm was done. With the leather away again Chesham made determined efforts to obtain a goal, but to no purpose, as they were outpaced all along the line, and the Old Etonians playing scientifically and with grand combination, forced them to act on the defensive. Bromley-Martin now sent in one, which completely baffled the Chesham custodian. Half time was called, the game standing thus, Old Etonians 4 goals, Chesham, nil—moreover the home team had not even registered a solitary bye.

After changing ends some give-and-take play occurred, until Dunn, who seemed to dodge the Cheshamites, and thread his way in and out amongst them pretty much as he pleased, again beat Webb, making number 5. The plucky manner in which the Chesham men stuck to their work fighting an uphill battle against overwhelming odds, was now a feature of the contest—the Etonians making splendid rushes, only to be again and again repelled, Webb saving his charge in fine style, until Bainbridge, by a long swift shot, eluded his vigilance, and brought about another downfall. Matters now looked black for the Chesham "Hornets", and if disheartened, no sign was given as they continued pegging away, and presently met with a late reward for previous efforts, as Ford, nicely placing the ball to Madder at centre, enabled the latter to lower the Etonian colours, amid tremendous cheering. The home team here seemed to take a new lease of Football life, and until time was called every man played wonderfully well, but it was now too late to save the match. Madder made a great effort, and looked all over a winner, as running along the centre he managed to pass the Etonian half backs, but further on Smith and Dickinson barred the way. Ford, Aris, and Culverhouse also were doing good work, and probably owing to a collision Sear was prevented from scoring. Two corners in succession were kicked by the visitors, but the score was not augmented; indeed the corner kicking was about their only noticeable defect, as not a single goal accrued from a grand total of 21. During the last fifteen minutes Marchant scored the seventh notch for his side, and for the remainder of the game the Old Etonians had matters all their own way, but the Chesham sticks remained intact. Thus, at the call of "no side", Eton College had administered to Chesham a severe castigation by seven goals to one. Analysis: Eton, 7 goals, 21 corners, 25 byes; Chesham, 1 goal, corners 0, byes 5. The Chesham men will do well by taking to heart the views often expressed in these columns, viz., that combination and "passing" are football essentials, and undoubtedly this lesson was partly learned on Saturday, and if Chesham are drawn against the Old Etonians in future years, who knows but the fact might be demonstrated that "Jack is as good as his master". The Old Etonians were pleased with their reception at Chesham, and also bore testimony to the good behaviour

of the spectators. According to Challenge Cup rules they were entitled to half the gate, but with that magnanimity which is such a distinguished feature of the wearers of the light-blue and white, the money was generously declined, and the money is to be devoted towards paying off the enclosure account."

SL : "Played at Chesham in the presence of over 1,000 spectators. After a very short spell of even play, the past students of classic Eton gradually forced the men of Bucks back, and eight minutes after the start Marchant gained his first success of the day. Three additional points followed prior to half-time, and when the teams reversed positions the visitors' goal still remained uncaptured. After this the Cheshamites raised the hopes of their supporters by playing in vastly improved style, and a shout of applause greeted Madder when he got one past the Etonians' custodian. This was only a flash-in-the-pan though. The defenders of the "light-blue and white", displaying capital combination, scored three more goals, and when the warning whistle denoted the cessation of hostilities, the villagers had to retire defeated by seven goals (Dunn two, Marchant two, and Bainbridge, Bromley-Martin, and Farrer, one each) to one (Madder)."

Chesham: F. Webb (Goal); A. Hobbs, R. Beckley (Backs); G. Payne, J. Barnes, A. Ruggins (Half Backs); C. G. Ford (Capt.), J. Culverhouse (Right Wing), C. Madder (Centre), S. Aris, W. Sear (Left Wing).

Old Etonians: H. N. Alston (Goal); H. B. Smith, C. F. Dickinson; (Backs); G. E. Preston, T. C. Weatherhead, B. Farrer (Half Backs); H. W. Bainbridge, F. E. Ashton (Right Wing), A. T. B. Dunn (Capt.) (Centre), F. Marchant, E. G. Bromley-Martin (Left Wing).

N.B. There are variations in the forwards order for both teams in lineups.

Umpires: T. Bayley for Chesham and Major Marindin (R.E.) (President of the Football Association) for Old Etonians. Referee: J. Armstrong, Union FC.

THIRD ROUND DRAW (made at the Meeting of the F.A. on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1886: "the clubs being still kept in eight divisions. The first-named club has choice of ground and the round is to be completed by December 11<sup>th</sup>" (Derby Mercury 24/11/86 P.6)

Northern First Division:

Renton or Blackburn Rovers .v. Preston North End  
Darwen .v. Bolton Wanderers

Northern Second Division:

Cliftonville (Belfast) .v. Partick Thistle  
Glasgow Rangers .v. Cowlairst or Rossendale

Northern Third Division:

Walsall Town .v. Mitchell St George's  
Aston Villa .v. Wolverhampton Wanderers

West Bromwich Albion,a bye

Northern Fourth Division:  
Lockwood Brothers .v. Notts Forest  
Staveley .v. Notts County

Northern Fifth Division:  
Chirk or Northwich Victoria .v. Chester or Goldenhill  
Leek .v. Burslem Port Vale  
Crewe Alexandra or Stoke-on-Trent,a bye

Northern Sixth Division:  
Gainsborough Trinity .v. Middlesbrough or Lincoln City  
Horncastle .v. Grantham

Southern First Division:  
Chatham .v. Old Foresters  
Old Carthusians .v. London Caledonians  
Swifts,a bye

Southern Second Division:  
Old Etonians .v. Old Westminster  
Great Marlow .v. Dulwich

“The protests lodged by Goldenhill against Chester and Northwich Victoria against Chirk are under consideration.(Note Chester were later disqualified and Goldenhill reinstated and Chirk won the replay 3-0 on the Saturday).The protest of Davenham against Burslem Port Vale was not sustained.It was arranged that the undecided matches between Middlesbrough and Lincoln City and Renton and Blackburn Rovers should be replayed on November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup> respectively.The final will be played at Kennington Oval.”(Derby Mercury as above)

Lancashire Evening Post 2/12/86 P.4:”Yesterday,a Football Commission comprising Dr Morley(Blackburn),Mr Betts(London),Mr Lithgoe(Liverpool),and Mr Crump(Birmingham),sat at the Albion Hotel,Manchester to consider three protests which had been lodged with the Football Association in regard to three second round English cup ties.Northwich Victoria,who were beaten by Chirk, three goals to nil,protested against the latter’s rough play,which caused them to lose the services of Hilditch just after the start.This was overruled,and the tie awarded to Chirk.Stoke,beaten by Crewe Alexandra by six goals to four,protested against the rough play of the latter.This was overruled,and Crewe got a bye in the third round.Goldenhill protested that,though beaten by Chester,the latter played unregistered men.It was proved that the Secretary of Chester had neglected to register his players until two days before the match.They were consequently thrown out of the competition.A complaint that Goldenhill had not registered their men in time,was deferred until the next annual meeting,meantime the third round tie between Chirk and Goldenhill to be postponed.”

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NORTHERN FIRST DIVISION:

RENTON 3(J.Kelly,G.Davie,J.McCall)

PRESTON NORTH END 3 (J.D.Ross 2,S.Thomson)(H.T. 3-1)(Sat Jan 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Tontine Park,Renton)(NOT TREATED AS A CUP TIE)

Blackburn Standard 22/1/87 P.3/Preston Herald 19/1/87 P.7/Glasgow Herald 17/1/87 P.9/Athletic News 18/1/87 P.6/Cricket & Football Field 15/1/87 P.4/Sportsman 17/1/87 P.4/ Sporting Life 17/1/87 P.4:

BS/PH: "The Preston team proceeded to Glasgow on Friday in readiness for their English Cup Tie against Renton on the following day. On proceeding to the field of play, at Renton, on Saturday, the ground was declared by the referee to be unfit for a cup tie, and as there were about 6,000 spectators present, it was decided to play an exhibition game. The ground was as hard as frost could make it, when Thomson kicked off for North End against the wind, at half past two. The Rentonians at once advanced with a terrific rush, and McNee, out of a scrimmage, scored for the home team, but the point was, on appeal, disallowed for offside. By this, however, the spectators had learned that the game was not a cup tie, and they broke into the enclosure by hundreds, demanding that the cup tie should be proceeded with. The players retired to the pavilion for a few minutes and the field being clear of spectators, the contestants again came out, some of them announcing that the cup tie was after all to be proceeded with. Thomson again kicked off and put in some splendid work, Renton twice attacking Wharton vigorously. A corner was gained off Drummond, and from this Kelly gained a goal ten minutes from the start. The score was received with great cheering. The first noticeable run by Preston was made by Ross, jun., who was, however, put out of play by McKechnie. Still keeping up the attack, Renton made it very warm for North End, and McNee, dribbling through a host of his opponents, shot for goal. Wharton, however, saved well. Another try by Renton was also as well deftly averted; after this the North End got past mid-field, for the first time principally through the aid of Dewhurst, but the ball was returned well up the Preston end. Drummond had a capital run all by himself on the left, and although well tackled, he crossed to Robertson, who centred, and Ross jun. equalised with a splendid shot fifteen minutes from the start. Play was much opener now, and the North End seemed to have gained greater confidence on the frozen ground. The Renton left wing again made its presence felt, and but for the capital head play of Howarth a score must have been made at this point. Following this Campbell had a splendid chance, but he shot the ball over the bar. Renton did not cease their very determined efforts to score, and Wharton had to put out the ball repeatedly. The last shot which he received was claimed as through by the Renton men, but the claim was not allowed. The North End men now broke away, with a beautiful passing run, but Drummond kicked out at the pavilion. A mis-kick by Ross, at back, let Barbour away, but he did not get time to steady himself, and his shot went wide. A corner was now gained by Renton, and from this Davie gained a second goal twenty-five minutes from the start. Renton was playing much better than expected, and their liveliness on the ball was remarkable. Ten minutes from half time they again

called on Wharton, but this time the champion sprinter was equal to the occasion. North End retaliated with a capital combined run and very nearly scored, Lindsay being called upon to fist out. The ball was sent back to him, however, but a nice kick sent it well down the field. Renton following up well gained a corner on the right side, and from this they secured a third goal (McCall) amid intense excitement. It now wanted a few minutes from half time, but the North End men took full advantage of these minutes and made strong but unsuccessful efforts to score. When half time was called the score stood - Renton, three goals; North End, one.

In the second period Renton secured another corner, and in a minute afterwards North End, who now had the wind in their favour, made a shot at the local goal. Thomson, Drummond, and Ross essayed runs, but they were always stopped by Hannah and McCall. Preston now improved in their play and pressed the Renton men. Dewhurst and Ross put in dangerous shots, but the leather went past the posts. Renton's keeper punted out, and the visitors had hard lines. Neat passing by Dewhurst and Drummond gained Preston their second corner, but it came to nothing. A rush by the Scotchmen was well stopped by Robertson, and then the visiting team troubled the home defence, only to find it safe and sound. Desperate efforts raised the siege, and coming well together the "Blues" crowded in the Preston goal, and compelled Ross to kick out. Then the visitors got off again, but the Renton half backs played with great fearlessness, and stopped the rushes. Just now there was little to choose between the teams, the football being of a very quiet description. After twenty-five minutes' play a neat pass by Dewhurst gave the ball to Thomson who shot it promptly through. Renton almost scored the next instant, Ross saving magnificently. Gordon here got a nasty tumble, from which he rose very tenderly. Lindsay effected two grand saves, and then Preston had another fruitless corner, Lindsay was again the "saviour" of his side, Dewhurst being brought down heavily, which seemed to shake him severely. It would be two minutes to "Time" when \*Ross again scored from a pass by Dewhurst, leaving the final result: - North End, three goals; Renton three goals.

\*GH: "About three minutes from the close, Dewhurst, getting possession of the leather near midfield, ran it up by himself, and had no difficulty in scoring, thus equalising the game. Time was afterwards called with the score 3 goals each."

(Where is note below from??)

N.B.: This tie "should have been played on December 4<sup>th</sup> but after a couple of postponements, Saturday (Jan 15<sup>th</sup>) was fixed." However, the ground was very frosty and the "referee declared the ground (Tontine Park Renton) unsuitable and after consultation with the officials of both sides it was decided to play a friendly game." The crowd, however, thought it was a cup tie but it leaked out that the game was, after all, only an exhibition one. The crowd then broke in on the field of play, put a stop to the game, and demanded back their money. The scene was rather exciting: the spectators, large numbers of whom had been put to considerable expense, surrounded the players, and in some cases a rush was made for the pay-boxes. No damage was, however, done, and the teams retired to the pavilion, where, after discussion, it was announced that the cup tie would be

proceeded with. The field of play was quickly cleared, and the teams on re-entering were loudly cheered. It was, however, understood that the tie was being played under protest by the North Enders, but at the close it transpired that the spectators had been hoodwinked, as the proceedings after all were only looked upon as a friendly game by the Englishmen. The Renton men, on the other hand, regarded the game as a cup tie."

N.B. AN has a long article and report of the pre-match journey and arrival from Preston of their team, and a light-hearted report on the match but with no lineups, and including the following statistic: "Glancing back at the doings of the two great clubs during the season, I find that far and away the best record stands to the credit of the North End. They had won 24 out of 27 matches, scoring 172 goals to 36, against Renton 11 out of 18 (four drawn and three lost), the latter having scored 59 goals to 24."

Renton: J. Lindsay (Goal); A. Hannah, A. McColl (Backs); R. Kelso, J. Kelly, D. McKechnie (Half Backs); + A. Barbour, J. M. Campbell (Right Wing), G. Davie (Centre), J. McNee, J. McCall (Left Wing). + Alexander

Preston: A. Wharton (Goal); R. Howarth, N. J. Ross (Backs); A. Robertson, D. Russell, J. Graham (Half Backs); J. B. Gordon, J. D. Ross (Right Wing), S. Thomson (Centre), G. Drummond, F. Dewhurst (Left Wing).

Umpires: J. Towie (Renton) and W. Suddell (Preston North End).  
Referee: M. P. Betts (Old Harrovians).

REPLAY:

RENTON 0 PRESTON NORTH END 2 (J. D. Ross, J. B. Gordon)  
(H. T. 0-2) (Sat Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>) (At Hampden Park, Glasgow)

Glasgow Herald 24/1/87 P.10/Glasgow Evening Post 22/1/87 P.2/Blackburn Standard 29/1/87 P.3/Preston Herald 26/1/87 P.7/Field 29/1/87 P.142/Birmingham Daily Post 24/1/87 P.7/Cricket & Football Field 22/1/87 P.4/Athletic News 25/1/87 P.2/Sportsman 24/1/87 P.4/Sporting Life 24/1/87 P.4:

BS/PH: "The long-deferred English Cup Tie between North End and Renton took place by mutual arrangement, at Hampden Park, Glasgow on Saturday. There were over 7,000 spectators on the ground, but the slopes and house tops were crowded. The ground was in good condition, but a strong wind prevailed, and interfered considerably with good play. The Preston captain won the toss, and punctually at half past two Davie kicked off for Renton against the wind. The ball was at once got at by Dewhurst, who transferred it at once to his right wing, and A. McColl, at back, taking a flying kick, missed it which gave Gordon an open course. He dashed away, and screwed into the goal mouth grandly, but Lindsay just as grandly fisted out, Hannah clearing the danger. Russell promptly returned the ball, Dewhurst putting behind. Then Thomson was seen stubbornly trying to make headway, but his attempt was nullified by the home backs. McNee and

J. McColl now got away with a capital run up the left wing, which puzzled both Robertson and Howarth, and the ball was centred, but Russell kicked away, and Howarth's tackling forced the ball over the goal-line. The Rentonians claimed a corner, but were awarded a goal-kick, which evoked hooting from the spectators. The ball from the re-start was once more pounced upon by the Renton left, who got very near to Wharton before the visitors' back play led to the ball again crossing the goal-line. These efforts of the home team were loudly applauded. This time from the kick off the North End men made headway, a shot from Drummond being kicked into touch by Hannah. The throw-in gave Thomson a chance to shoot; Lindsay fisted out, but Ross jun. was close by, and promptly put the ball through nine minutes from the start. There was no attempt at applause, except from about half a dozen Preston supporters. The Rentonians made several desperate attempts to get in the Preston territory, but the half-backs and backs had now got the measure of their opponents, and were always ready. Drummond and Dewhurst were busy, but were paid special attention by Kelso, and a pass across to Gordon led to that player again threatening danger, amid cries of "Off-side". A. McColl, however, coming up, made no hesitation about tripping the Prestonian, a foul which passed without official notice. The play was, however, kept in the Renton quarters, and a capital centre off the goal-line by Drummond led to a scrimmage in front of Lindsay, who cleared twice, but Gordon at last succeeded in putting the ball just inside the near post (amid silence), about fifteen minutes from the start. Ross jun. next compelled Lindsay to give a corner from a low shot; but the Rentonians made a rush, and Russell kicked out. The throw-in was utilised by the Renton right. Ross kicked away, but Kelso aimed well at Wharton who fisted out; still the pressure could not be lifted until Howarth converted a shot from McNee into a corner, which was well put in, and Russell, who was very conspicuous, cleared the danger capitally. The visitors now again became aggressive, and won a corner, which was fruitless, and Campbell and Barbour tried hard to get past Ross, who, on two occasions, neatly dispossessed the last-named. This seemed to annoy Barbour, and he began to jump at his opponents, a breach which led to his being cautioned by the referee, who was hooted. Thomson once had a chance from a free kick; but he put over, and a long kick from Dewhurst was repelled near the posts. The wind was, of course, in the visitors' favour, but the Rentonians strove very hard. A shot from Ross jun led to a clever save by Lindsay, but at the expense of a corner. Barbour and Campbell once got past Ross, who quickly overtook and robbed the pair—a very pretty bit of play. Gordon screwed off the line, but Hannah was in the right place, and then Campbell had a shie at Wharton, who had to use his hands, J. McColl returning with a shot which missed its mark. Lindsay was next seen on the qui vive, as the ball was very close to him, and a screw from Gordon led to another useless corner just before the interval was signalled.

After crossing over the wind was in favour of Renton, but the play was rather quiet for a few minutes. Graham pulled up the home forwards, and Ross jun, passing to Gordon, that player aimed low for goal, but Lindsay picked the ball up and kicked away, though a minute later he had a very difficult shot from Drummond. The latter, notwithstanding some dirty play by Kelso, again centred, and an overhead kick from Dewhurst had to be cleared. Then the Rentonians had to be sent back by the Preston backs, and Gordon was tripped when on the goal

line. He claimed, but in vain. Campbell at the other end put the ball over the North End crossbar, and a free kick for hands led to Renton getting a corner. The ball was got away, but Kelso returned, and Wharton kicked away close to the upright. This was a very narrow escape, and was followed by a corner. Immediately the visitors dashed away with a capital passing run, and Dewhurst had the ball at his toes with nobody but Lindsay in front, when Hannah rushed up and pushed the Corinthian down on his face. This time the Prestonians were awarded a free kick, which came to nothing. A corner was conceded to Drummond, who directly afterwards led his forwards to another attack, with some grand passing. The left wing man centred, but Ross jun could not get his full force at the ball, and it hit the post and was got away. The attack was continued, and a beautiful middle by Gordon was put a foot wide by Drummond. The Rentonians had a look in, Kelly, with a fine, long shot troubling Wharton. Gordon then ran down the wing, and on being challenged gave to his left, Drummond landing the ball in the goal mouth. Lindsay, who was surrounded by opponents, fisted out, and saved one or two attempts, Ross jun striking the crossbar, and the ball finally passing out. This was the most exciting scene in the match. Davie soon was within shooting distance of Wharton, but his aim was too high, and both Graham and Ross hereabouts had to bestir themselves, McNee being very near. Kelso dispossessed Drummond, and the ball was passed across in front of the visitors' citadel, but only to be got away by Howarth. After Ross jun had had another shie at Lindsay, Kelso tripped Dewhurst a few yards from Lindsay, a foul which was punished with a free kick, which led to a corner. Robertson tried one of his accurate long shots, which Lindsay caught and threw away. The ball was then worked to midfield, when the game was terminated, North End winning a hard fought match by two goals to none."

N.B. GEP contains a very long report of before the match, the match itself and after the match :"

GEP: "The team was identical with the one which appeared at Renton the Saturday previous, and the same remark applies to Renton, which decided to rely on the eleven which done so well all through the season."

"Mr Suddell wishes it to be known that his club and Renton were mutually agreed that the game should not be played again at Renton."

"Every precaution was taken today to prevent a recurrence of the riotous "scene" which occurred at Hampden on the last Saturday of October when the Preston North End played the Queen's Park in the first round of the English Cup ties, and subsequently, when the Aston Villa were at Hampden Park, on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fully a score of suburban policemen were scattered round the ground, and at the close of the match these were drawn up in front of the pavilion in order to allow the teams - and particularly the North End - to get into the pavilion. There was, however, no disposition on the part of the crowd to create a "scene", the men being allowed to pass in quietly amid the cheers of their respective supporters."

"Our Special Edition this afternoon, giving the result of the game between the Renton and the Preston North End, was issued on the street two minutes after the finish of play. This is the quickest issue on record."

Renton:J.Lindsay(Goal);A.P.Hannah,A.McCall(Backs);R.Kelso,Jas.Kelly,  
D.McKechnie(Half Backs);A.Barbour,J.M.Campbell(Right Wing),G.Davie (Centre),  
J.McNee,J.McCall(Left Wing).

Preston North End:A.Wharton(Goal);R.Howarth,N.J.Ross(Backs);A.Robertson,  
D.Russell,J.Graham(Half Backs);J.B.Gordon,J.D.Ross,(Right Wing),S.Thomson  
(Centre),G.Drummond,F.Dewhurst(Left Wing).

Umpires:T.Lawrie(Glasgow Association) and Phillips(Northumberland  
Association).

Referee:Major Marindin,President of the Football Association.

DARWEN 4 (T.Rostron,R.Ashton,Broughton,Another )  
BOLTON WANDERERS 3 (W.G.Struthers,P.Howarth,J.K.Davenport)  
(H.T. 1-3)(Sat Dec 11<sup>th</sup>)(At Barley Bank Meadow,Darwen)

Bolton scorers from Bolton Complete Record.Not found Darwen scorers apart  
from Rostron(Maybe in Darwen News at Darwen library)

Cricket & Football Field 11/12/86 P.4/Lancashire Evening Post 11/12/86 P.3/  
Blackburn Standard 18/12/86 P.6/Liverpool Mercury 13/12/86 P.10/Athletic  
News 14/12/86 P.3 and P.7-8/Sportsman 13/12/86 P.4:

C&FF:"More than ordinary interest attached to the match at Barley Meadows  
today between these once fierce rivals.At one period of the season the game  
would have been regarded as a foregone conclusion for the Wanderers,and the  
only speculation in the matter would have been the number of goals scored.But  
Darwen suddenly made a plucky stand,and fortune favoured them with a clever  
and decisive victory over the Heart of Midlothian,with whom the Wanderers  
were very happy to make a draw of two goals each two days previously in  
Edinburgh.Seven goals to one was indeed a scorcher,and Darwen went up miles  
in public estimation.That really has been their only previous performance in the  
English ties this season,as Astley Bridge scratched to them.The Wanderers have  
two very creditable wins-that against South Shore,followed by the anxiously  
anticipated meeting with the Third Lanark in Glasgow when the Bolton lads  
knocked out the Volunteers in good style by three to two.Altogether,therefore,  
today's tie was an attractive one.The Wanderers had exactly the team that took  
down North End,viz(see below).Darwen were represented by their full team  
with the exception of Nightingale,the eleven being(see below).The weather  
improved greatly,being mild and calm when the game started.About 2,500  
spectators assembled.

The Wanderers kicked off against what wind there was, and for the first three  
minutes made things lively in front Davenport coming in for applause.Then the  
Darwen centre broke away,and Trainer ran out to clear. Hewitson had a look  
in,but Marsden was too quick.Slater then made the most of a chance,but Trainer  
was all there,and after the Wanderers had had a run down, Darwen were again

to the fore, Trainer just getting there in time to prevent Tot Rostron shooting a goal. The Wanderers were then in possession in centre, and responding to cries of "Shoot, Joe" Hewitson sent the ball in, and Howarth got through, but he was palpably offside. Darwen were next prominent, and Broughton had a nice opportunity, but shot wide. Play up till now had been dreary and uninteresting, the ball going out frequently, and the passing being commonplace. After two or three failures by the forwards, Bob Roberts made a long shot, only a little wide. Then, amid great enthusiasm, Darwen scored the first goal after sixteen minutes' play. The ball was brought up and shot in from the left, Trainer could not reach the leather, which rolled along the top of the bar and dropped in the centre, just as Tot Rostron rushed up and put the ball through. The ball had hardly been restarted when the Wanderers came away in line. Isherwood returned the leather, which, however, collided with one of the advancing forwards, and rebounded through equalising the score. The ball was then worked up prettily by the Darwen right and passed across into the corner, but the centre was cleared. Davenport made a grand screw at the other end, and Isherwood rather simply conceded a corner, of which, however, nothing came. Howarth was then credited with the second goal, the ball going through just under the bar, and out of the custodian's reach. Slater then worked the ball up, and crossed to Rostron, who gave it to Haresnape, but the latter failed to improve on the chance. Another run by the Darwen left, and then a mis-kick let Hewitson in, but he was forced out by the backs before he got a chance to shoot. However, the Wanderers could not be denied, and maintained a stiff scrimmage in front. There was a cry of "hands", but the game continued, and Davenport got the leather out of the crowd and scored the third goal. Bullough rendered good service with a long return right into the goalmouth, just after another futile attack had been made on Trainer, the leather landing safely over the top. The Darwen left, Ashton and Slater, were very persistent, and took a lot of checking. Struthers, Davenport, Hewitson, and Howarth were then engaged in a pretty bit of passing, but could not effect a score, and on the other side Broughton made a desperate attempt right in the teeth of the backs, but he kicked too high. The Wanderers for the most part kept up the pressure, Bob Roberts being especially bad to pass, when the home team broke away. Rostron and Broughton at length got an opening, and Broughton shot, Trainer escaping with a corner, which Haresnape failed to manipulate with effect. The Wanderers were again dangerous, but Leach saved cleverly, and then the Darwen forwards had an easy chance, as Trainer got out and the backs were passed but they were robbed of the ball when their luck looked rosier. Darwen were on the attack at half-time, but the Wanderers had had the best of the play and deserved their lead of three to one. +BCR attributes to Struthers

On re-starting the Wanderers were quickly on the attack, but were repulsed. Davenport and Parkinson had shots, and then Trainer made one of his brilliant saves. Slater got through the defence and shot a stinger, but the custodian was equal to the occasion, and was deservedly cheered. Ashton had an easy chance but failed miserably with the kick, after which Trainer was again conspicuous. About this time the referee's decisions came in for much derision. After ten minutes' play Darwen scored their second goal, the ball coming from a throw in on the right, and being rushed through by Slater and Ashton. Continuing to force the pace, Darwen again scored, mainly due to the efforts of Slater, who gallantly stuck

to the ball, and passed across to the right, whence Broughton sent in a daisy cutter. Trainer got down but failed to cover the leather, which ran through to the great delight of the crowd. The score was now equalised, and the excitement became intense, as warning to their work Darwen maintained the pressure, and momentarily threatened further disaster to the Wanderers, who seemed paralysed by the turn of affairs, and played a rotten game, allowing themselves to be robbed at nearly every point. At length they pulled themselves together a bit; P. Howarth made a shot, which Isherwood fisted out, and Kenny also made a good attempt, the goalkeeper conceding a corner. Darwen were near scoring again from a scrimmage, and were not long before they actually obtained the leading point. The ball came down the right, and Trainer, with very bad judgment, ran on to the line to kick clear. He missed the ball which was sent in by Broughton, and travelled through the goal unmolested. The spectators went wild, throwing up hats and umbrellas, and shouted themselves hoarse. Again starting from the centre, the Wanderers made a mad rush forward, and the ball was handed right in front. The free kick was allowed, but after an anxious moment Darwen cleared the danger. The case looked hopeless for the Wanderers, who were now thoroughly alive to the necessity for doing their best, but it appeared to be too late, as Darwen were no less determined to hold their own. Darkness was coming on apace as the Wanderers again and again dashed up. They would have scored, but Leach stopped the ball with his hand for the second time, though the foul was not allowed by the referee. At last the whistle blew, and the Wanderers left the field defeated. The Darwen team received quite an ovation at the hands of the crowd, and they richly deserved it. As will be gathered the final result was :- Darwen four, Wanderers, three."

LEP: "This match in the English ties was played at Barley Bank Meadow, Darwen this afternoon before a numerous assemblage of spectators, a considerable number of whom had travelled from Bolton per special train."

"The Wanderers started the game with a slight wind against them, and at once visited the Darwen quarters. The Darwen centre then broke away, and forced Trainer to clear. Both goals were then visited in turn, and ultimately Howarth put the ball through for the Wanderers: but the point was disallowed for offside. After some uninteresting play Darwen scored the first goal amid tremendous cheering. The ball was shot in, and rolled across the top of the bar, and then dropping in the centre, Rostron put the sphere through. Immediately the Wanderers equalised, and a few minutes later Howarth registered the second point for the visitors, which was supplemented with a third a little later by Davenport. The Darwen forwards then broke away several times, but the strength of the Wanderers' backs proved impregnable. The Wanderers again pressed, after which Rostron made a good run, and the home team had a chance of scoring, but brought on the shot badly, and Trainer conceded a corner, but nothing came of it. Shortly afterwards, the Darwen left had a grand chance, but shot wretchedly. The Wanderers were again to the fore, but the ball was quickly transferred to the other end, when a good shot by the Darwen right went wide. The whistle then blew for half time with the game standing three to one in favour of the Wanderers.

On resuming the game became fast, and both goalkeepers were pressed into service. On two occasions the Wanderers' forwards were palpably offside; but the referee did not interfere, and he was loudly hooted. Darwen assumed the ascendancy; but on three occasions Trainer saved brilliantly. Shortly afterwards a grand shot by Broughton beat him amidst immense cheering from the Darwen spectators, which was renewed, when a few minutes later, the ball was again rushed through from the Darwen left, and the score equalised. After a couple of unproductive runs by the Wanderers, the home team again pressed, and forged a goal ahead, amidst prolonged cheering. The Wanderers had then a free kick in mouth of the goal; but the ball was got away. The Wanderers strove desperately to score, but their efforts were of no avail; and the whistle blew."

BS/LM/AN: "About 2,000 spectators assembled at Darwen to witness this tie." "Both clubs were fully represented, the Wanderers having the team that defeated North End. Darwen won the toss, and had early opportunities of scoring. Howarth, however, shot through for the Wanderers, but was ruled offside. Then Darwen scored the first goal, Rostron improving on a pass from the left. Directly afterwards the Wanderers equalised, the ball rebounding through after Isherwood had kicked out. Howarth obtained a second with a clever high shot, and from a scrummage Davenport added a third. Darwen were often dangerous, but slow in front of goal, and at half time the Wanderers led by three goals to one.

A very different complexion was put on the game in the second half, as Darwen improved immensely, whilst the Wanderers deteriorated. After several narrow escapes Trainer was beaten by Ashton, and directly afterwards the same player, by a plucky performance, gave the ball to Broughton on the right, and he equalised the score. The Wanderers were now worse than ever, and the Darwen right, taking advantage of their disorganisation, came away. Trainer foolishly left his charge, and the ball was shot through, Darwen now leading by four goals to three. The greatest excitement prevailed as the Wanderers strove their hardest to retrieve disaster, but without avail, and Darwen won amidst great excitement."

(No teams)

Darwen: Isherwood (Goal); J. Marsden, J. R. Leach (Backs); A. Thornber, D. Owen, Hamilton (Half Backs); Haresnape, Broughton (Right Wing), T. Rostron (Centre), R. Ashton, Slater (Left Wing).

Bolton: J. Trainer (Goal); J. Holden, J. McKernan (Backs); R. Roberts, W. Steel, P. Bullough (Half Backs); J. K. Davenport, J. Parkinson, W. G. Struthers, P. Howarth, J. Hewitson (Forwards).

Referee: Henderson (London).

(Bolton made a protest regarding Rostron alleging that he had broken his residence when playing for Great Lever at Bolton (Manchester Evening News 13/12/86 P.3 : protest to be heard that evening)

## NORTHERN SECOND DIVISION

CLIFTONVILLE (Belfast) 1 (R.A.Baxter)  
PARTICK THISTLE 11 (J.Young,W.Paul 5,J.Suter,R.Robertson 2,R.Marshall,  
A.Johnston) (H.T. 0-3)(Sat Dec 4<sup>th</sup> )

Glasgow Evening News 4/12/86 P.3/Belfast News Letter 6/12/86 P.3/  
Northern Whig 6/12/86 P.7(Long Report)(No report in Glasgow Herald)/  
Athletic News 7/12/86 P.3/Sportsman 6/12/86 P.4/Sporting Life 7/12/86 P.4/  
Nottingham Journal 6/12/86 P.7:

GEN:"At Belfast today,in the presence of about three thousand spectators,this English Cup tie was decided,Partick beating their opponents by 11 goals to 1.The Scotchmen kicked off,and the ball was immediately brought into the Cliftonville territory,which was stubbornly defended,but after a half hour's brilliant play,the first goal was taken by Young for the visitors.Paul,about ten minutes afterwards secured another,and just before half-time Suter notched a third,Cliftonville never getting a look in.

On change of ends Cliftonville made great efforts to score,but the Scotchmen, setting down to work added eight more goals in rapid succession,four of these being taken by Paul,two by Robertson,and one each by Marshall and Johnston. Just at the call of time,Duff having left the posts,Baxter for Cliftonville shot the leather through,and thus notched the only goal for the home team by what might be termed a fluke."(No teams)

BNL:"The match was played on Saturday on the Cliftonville ground,and was attended by an immense concourse of people.The weather during the afternoon was bitterly cold,and this fact,taken in conjunction with the soft condition of the ground surrounding the area occupied by players,it was thought would have militated against the attendance;but notwithstanding these considerations,over three thousand spectators put in an appearance. The interest manifested throughout the match was of the keenest possible character,and the appreciation of the excellent form showed by both clubs was enthusiastic and well deserved."

"The ground,owing to the recent rain,was in the worst possible condition,and its slippery state rendered play very difficult.Large pools of water covered the ground in several parts,and no small amount of merriment was occasioned by the frequent tussles for the leather which took place in these localities. Cliftonville,having won the toss,decided to take charge of the upper goal,and the Scotch captain having kicked off the ball was carried into the quarters of the home team.It was kept there for some considerable time,until Molyneux intervening passed the leather to Turner,who,being seconded by Barry,was able to invade the Thistle ground.The forwards of the latter,after the kick out,brought the leather up the field,which was kept in dangerous proximity to the Cliftonville goal for some time.One of the forwards of the Scotch team had a kick for the goal, but Gillespie defended the uprights successfully,and the ball was soon in the middle of the field,where the play was confined for some time.Turner passed the ball to Elleman,and the latter,although getting at goal,was not able to score.The

Cliftonville goal was then assailed several times, and in its defence Stewart and Brown acted their part admirably. The play continued with much vigour for twenty minutes, and Paul scored the first goal for the Scotch team by a well directed kick. The Cliftonville men then proceeded to work in fine style, but the backs did the needful, and the forwards obtaining possession, the leather was once more brought into Cliftonville ground. Gillespie in trying to save his charge fell, and Paul scored the second goal for the visitors. After about ten minutes' play the latter were again rewarded Suter scoring the third goal. Half time was then called, and the score stood Partick Thistle, 3 goals; Cliftonville, 0.

On change of sides the Cliftonville men showed that they had not yet lost heart, and played splendidly. The Scotch, however, were equally vigilant, and from a long pass on the left wing Paul succeeded in sending the ball through the uprights after about fifteen minutes' play, thus scoring for the visitors four goals. Elleman and M'Pherson, after the kick out, brought the leather into the Scotch ground, but the play was soon confined to the Cliftonville territory. Paul again scored a goal, and when the ball was brought out, the Cliftonville men, after some fine tussles, carried the ball near the Scotch goal. The backs relieving the pressure, the ball was once more brought down the field, and Suter scored the sixth goal by a long shot. From this to the termination of the match the Scotch had the matter almost entirely in their hands, and Marshall, Johnstone, Robertson, and Paul each scored a goal, thus making ten goals for the visitors. A short period before the call of time Baxter scored a goal for Cliftonville amidst great cheering. Almost immediately afterwards Suter sent the ball through the Cliftonville posts, thus making eleven goals for the Scotch team. At the call of time the score was - Partick Thistle, 11; Cliftonville, 1. Mr Lawther was the umpire for the Cliftonville team, while Mr Robertson acted in the same capacity for Partick Thistle. The visitors were subsequently entertained in the Queen's Hotel." (No lineups)

SM/SL: "Much interest was centred in this tie, played on the Cliftonville ground, Belfast, on Saturday, in the presence of over three thousand spectators. Although the Irishmen defeated Blackburn Park Road in the first round, and Great Lever in the second tie, it was not expected that they would beat Partick, and the result completely justified the conclusion. The Scotchmen, who only arrived in the morning, kicked off on the heavy ground, consequently play being not as brilliant as was anticipated. Almost from the start until half-time the ball was confined to the Cliftonville territory, and although the home team pluckily defended their citadel, three goals were registered in favour of the Scotchmen before the interval, these being taken respectively by Young, Paul, and Suter. On change of sides Cliftonville made several praiseworthy attempts to retrieve their position, but the visitors, settling down to business, in quick succession added eight more points to their score, through Paul (4), Robertson (2), Marshall and Johnston. Time being about to be called, Duff, the Scotch goal-keeper, left his post, and immediately Baxter, taking advantage of his absence, sent the leather through the posts, thus obtaining the first and only goal for Cliftonville, the result, therefore, being a win for Partick Thistle by eleven goals to one." (No teams in SM)

AN: "Just before time Duff, the Partick custodian, left his post, and a long shot from a half back took effect."

Cliftonville:R.Gillespie(Goal);F.Browne,Stewart(Backs);T.B.Molyneux,  
A.Rosbottom,R.A.Baxter(Half Backs);A.R.Elleman,McPherson,J.Barry,  
Dobbin,W.Turner(Forwards).

Partick Thistle:A.Duff(Goal);J.Hendry,McLean(Backs);R.Robertson,W.McDonald,  
A.Milliken(Half Backs);J.Suter,A.Johnston,W.Paul,R.Marshall,J.Young (Forwards).

Umpires:Lawther for Cliftonville and Robertson for Partick.

GLASGOW RANGERS 3 (R.Fraser,A.Peacock,M.Lawrie)  
COWLAIRS 2 (J.Douglas,L.M'Luggage)  
(H.T. 2-0)(Sat Dec 4<sup>th</sup>)(At Kinning Park,Glasgow)

Glasgow Herald 6/12/86 P.10/Glasgow Evening Post 4/12/86 P.3/British North  
British Daily Mail 6/12/86 P.6/Sportsman 6/12/86 P.4/Sporting Life 6/12/86  
P.4:

GH:"The Rangers and Cowlairs met at Kinning Park to play off their tie in the third round of the English Cup.The Rangers team was the same as originally chosen.There was,however,an alteration in the front rank of their opponents, Clelland being placed in the centre,Nisbet at half back,Bishop partnered Douglas on the right,while Dunbar and M'Luggage were on the left.Calderwood did not play.There was a large attendance of spectators.Owing to the thaw the ground was in a very slippery condition,and to add to this disagreeable state of matters, there was a strong sunshine.The Cowlairs won the toss,and the Rangers kicked off,fully a quarter of an hour late.They secured a corner after about two minutes' play,but nothing came of it.Another corner fell to their lot,but the goal was relieved.The strangers' right wing had a good run,but the ball was deliberately sent behind.Fraser got possession,and effected a brilliant run by himself.He centred beautifully and the ball was sent past the posts.Another shot went in the same direction.Cowlairs wakened up a bit,and Douglas and Bishop put in a lot of hard work,but to no purpose.Some unnecessary rough play was displayed by the strangers,Fraser in particular coming in for a good deal of it. Both teams continued to press hard,but neither side could gain any advantage,although both tried hard.Clelland gave M'Luggage a fine chance of scoring,but he did not avail himself of the opportunity.Keeping up the pressure,Cowlairs,amidst great excitement,scored what looked like a goal,but it was disallowed,the ball having evidently grazed the post.The strangers kept at it determndly,and secured a corner,but all danger was averted,and Fraser making off with the ball,succeeded in passing Gray.He centred well,but the final effort went wide.Following this the Cowlairs came away in a combined rush,and Gow and M'Cartney being passed, Dunbar had an easy chance,but he shot wildly over the crossbar.Cowlairs continued the pressure,and were several times within an ace of scoring,but their shooting for goal was always erratic,and a corner kick was sent behind.About five minutes before the call of time the Rangers' left wing ran the ball well up the field,and passing judiciously to the right,Fraser scored the first goal amidst loud cheering.Play became exceedingly fast,the ball travelling from end to end with

great rapidity. Just about the call of time Peacock placed a second goal to the credit of the "light blues", and McKenzie missed registering a third. No further scoring took place, although the home team had by far the best of it, and had several opportunities. When ends were changed the score stood - Rangers, two goals; Cowlairs, no goals.

On restarting the Cowlairs kept up a determined attack on the Rangers' goal, and narrowly escaped scoring. The "light blues" got the ball away and were soon at the other end, and also miraculously missed sending it through. The Rangers had if anything the best of it. A fair chance was afforded Fraser, but he shot far too high, and McKenzie shortly after this missed the ball. Another opportunity was lost by Peacock failing to come up in time, when the ball was passed to him by Lawrie. After a quarter of an hour's play Cowlairs managed to score their first point amidst hearty cheering. A corner fell to them afterwards, but the ball was got away. Play became very exciting as the Rangers hovered round the Cowlairs goal, but their utmost exertions proved of no avail. A foul was given the home team, but from this and a corner they gained little advantage. Cowlairs had now a look-in, but Gow relieved in time. After half an hour's play the Rangers scored their third goal, Lawrie sending in a quick shot which beat the strangers' custodian. Runs and counter runs were now the order of the day, and towards the close the Cowlairs scored their second goal. The Rangers were accordingly left the victors by three goals to two. The strangers showed dashing play, but unfortunately their play was not free from roughness."

BNM: "The Rangers, however, warmed up considerably as the game advanced, and were able before ends were changed to score a couple goals by Fraser and Peacock, while the visitors still remained pointless. In the second round it looked as if the Rangers would again score in a minute or two, but all danger was for a time averted by M'Lachlan clearing his lines in fine style after a brilliant run by Fraser and Peacock, and the ball was transferred to the Rangers' end, where it was scrimmaged over the goal-line. A corner flag kick was the result, but the Cowlairs' goalkeeper saved nicely. In turn the strangers' forwards, led by Clelland and Douglas, made a fast run up the field, and the latter finished by making a flying shot at the Rangers' goal. The ball, which was well judged, glided through, and the teams again faced up in the centre, with the Rangers two goals and their opponents one. Not long after the next kick off, some remarkably neat kicking was done by the opposing backs, but the Rangers prevailed, and (afterwards) a run by the whole of the forwards enabled McKenzie and Laurie to get away with a rush, and the latter having successfully cleared himself from the Cowlairs backs, made a fine shot which put the Rangers' side in possession of another goal. For the next ten minutes or so the play was very even, and, indeed, remained so until near the close, when the Cowlairs men mustered up (new efforts), and after making a determined attack on the home goal, at length forced the ball through a couple of minutes before time - M'Luggage being last on it ere it passed between the posts."

SM: "It is stated that Cowlairs intend to protest."

Rangers:W.Chalmers(Goal);D.R.Gow,+J.M'Cartney(Backs);J.Cameron,J.McIntyre, J.Muir(Half Backs);R.Fraser,A.Peacock(Right Wing),A.B.McKenzie(Centre), M.Lawrie,J.Buchanan(Left Wing).

+Pseudonym "Gillies" in GEP/SM/SL.(GH specified positions)

Cowlairs:Carphin(Goal);J.Gray,J.M'Lachlan(Backs);J.M'Pherson,P.Gallacher, Nisbet(Half Backs);A.Bishop,J.Douglas(Right Wing),J.Clelland(Centre), I.M'Luggage,Dunbar(Left Wing).

#### NORTHERN THIRD DIVISION

WALSALL TOWN 2 (S.Bradbury,T.Wilson)

MITCHELL ST GEORGE'S 7 (Jones(o.g.),Arthur Brown 2,J.Breeze 2,H.Meaking, J.Rogers) (H.T. 2-2)(Sat Dec 11<sup>th</sup>)(At Walsall)

Walsall Observer 18/12/86 P.3/Birmingham Daily Post 13/12/86 P.7/Sporting Life 13/12/86 P.4/Sportsman 13/12/86 P.4:

WO:"These teams met at the Chuckery,on Saturday,in the third round of the English Cup,the visitors having previously beaten the home team by three goals to one in the first round of the Staffordshire Cup,just seven weeks ago;but it was thought the home team would reverse their previous defeat.The Walsallionians lost the toss,and kicked off up hill,playing grandly for the first thirty minutes, during which period they scored twice.Jones's head got the first goal for the visitors,and at half-time the score was two goals each.On re-starting,Brown beat Osborne with a stinging shot,and soon after Breeze got another through.The home team forwards now seemed disorganised.The visitors,on the other hand, seemed to have acquired new life,playing splendidly,and before ten minutes had elapsed Breeze scored the fifth goal.The final result was-Mitchell's,7;Town,2.It should be mentioned,as accounting in some measure for the defeat of the home team,that +Shaw,who was suffering from the effects of a sprain,was practically useless at the end of the first five minutes' play."

+Walsall History/SL/SM have Beech instead of Shaw in their lineups.

BDP:"The tie between these two teams was played off on Saturday,on the ground of the former,in the presencce of 700 or 800 spectators.

The visitors won the toss,and played down the hill against a slight wind.At the outset they ran the ball down and called upon Osborne,who got it away,and it was transferred to the other end,and Stansbie made use of his hands.Then there was a brief spell of give-and-take play during the course of which Shaw made a good attempt,but only succeeded in landing the ball over the bar,and at the end of eight minutes from the kick off Cox took a free kick for a foul in midfield,and in a scrimmage Bradbury scored first goal for the home team.In the next twenty minutes the town had slightly the best of the play,their goal being put in danger more than once however;and then Stevenson missed his kick,and Wilson put the

ball through, Stansbie falling in the attempt to save his charge. A few minutes later Jones had the misfortune to give a goal to the visitors by accidentally heading the ball between his own posts, and Brown put another to their credit directly after, thus equalising matters.

On the change of ends Brown at once scored again, and Breese quickly added another; and by this time the visitors, who seemed scarcely up to their mark in the first half, had warmed to their work and were playing in fine form. Later, after some fast play, Breese by a capital shot from the left made the visitors' score up to 5, and later still he put the ball across to Meakin, who passed it between the posts, and added another point. Before the end Harrison made a good run up, and transferred the ball to Rogers who raised the score to 7."

Walsall Town: J. Osborne (Goal); T. Reynolds, A. Jones (Backs); G. Heys, S. Lee, G. Cox (Half Backs); G. Shaw, T. Wilson (Right Wing), S. Bradbury (Centre), B. Cope, Eli Davis (Left Wing).

Mitchell St George's: H. Stansbie (Goal); Hawkins, F. Stevenson (Backs); Coulton, J. Richards, A. Bailey (Half Backs); J. Rogers, H. Meaking (Right Wing), Arthur Brown, (Centre), J. Breeze, W. Harrison (Left Wing).

Umpires: G. Smith for Walsall and Cheetham for St George's.  
Referee: Priestley (Nottingham).

ASTON VILLA 2 (Albert Brown 2)  
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 2 (B. Griffiths, J. B. Brodie)  
(H.T. 1-0) (F.T. 1-1) (A.E.T.) (Sat Dec 11<sup>th</sup>) (At Perry Barr)

Birmingham Daily Post 13/12/86 P.7/Athletic News 14/12/86 P.8/Sportsman 13/12/86 P.4/Sporting Life 13/12/86 P.4:

BDP: "The meeting of these clubs in the above-named Cup competition has been looked forward to with a considerable amount of interest by local football enthusiasts, and consequently the attendance at Perry Barr, on Saturday afternoon was a very large one, numbering about 5,000 persons. A great many of this number were persons who had followed the Wanderers from Wolverhampton. The game was one of the most exciting ever witnessed at Perry Barr. The Villa won the toss, and elected to kick towards the Wellington Road goal. Brodie kicked off and the Wanderers carried the ball into the Villa's territory, but the backs sent it well down the field, and the Villa forwards obtaining it carried it over their opponents' lines. From the goal kick the Wanderers obtained a run on the left, but Robertson speedily checked them and made a long shot for goal but the ball went the wrong side of the posts. The Wanderers' forwards then carried the ball into the front of the Villa's goal, and Wood looked like scoring, but delayed his shot too long, and Dawson rushing up kicked the ball from his feet. It was, however, returned by one of the visitors' half backs, and Allen put in a good shot, which Warner knocked out. The Villa forwards then transferred the play to the other end of the field, and Albert Brown shot the

ball between the Wanderers' posts, to the great delight of the Villa partisans. Their delight was speedily changed to disappointment, for, on appeal, the score was disallowed for a previous foul. The Villa continued to press, and Dennis Hodgetts had a try to score, but he shot the ball outside. A few moments afterwards Archie Hunter got within shooting distance and tried twice to get the ball between the visitors' goal posts, but on each occasion the ball struck the legs of some of the Wanderers' men, and rebounded into play. After a number of unsuccessful attempts to score, Dennis Hodgetts passed to Loach, who shot the ball across goal, and Albert Brown, meeting it with his foot, sent it whizzing past the goalkeeper amidst tremendous cheering. The Wanderers, nothing daunted, continued to play up with great spirit, and rushing in a body for the Villa goal, seemed to have it at their mercy; but Warner, running up, managed to kick the ball out of danger. Play then became a little rough, and a number of fouls were given by the referee against the Wanderers, who showed a decided inclination to jump at their opponents. The Villa again began to assume the upper hand, and the Wolverhampton defence was taxed to the uttermost. No score was, however, made, and half time found the Villa with a goal to the good.

After the usual interval, the fight was resumed with great vigour, both goals being alternately endangered; but no additional point was made until fifteen minutes from the finish, when Brodie took the ball down and crossed to Griffiths, who equalised matters to the great delight of the Wanderers' supporters. Both sides struggled hard for the mastery, but no further score was made, and the game thus ended in a draw. A consultation was then held, and although the light was very bad, it was decided to play the extra half hour. Hardly had the game been restarted when the Villa attacked the Wanderers' citadel, and Albert Brown again placed the Villa before their opponents. Soon afterwards Loach shot the ball through the Wanderers' posts again, but the point was not allowed. After about ten minutes' play the Wanderers again equalised, and no further score being made, the match ended in a draw, each side having obtained two goals."

AN: "Soon after commencing operations, Archie Hunter displayed a bit of his best form by dribbling the ball down the field, eluding the vigilance of the half-backs in a very dextrous manner, finishing his run with a splendid centre to Albert Brown, who promptly pounced on the leather, and with a magic shot sent the ball through, amidst a perfect tumult of applause, which was quickly hushed into silence by the referee, who disallowed the goal, in consequence of a foul which had taken place in mid-field. Following this some rather rough play was indulged in by the Wanderers, who had to be cautioned several times by the referee, for tripping and foul charging. Once or twice Simmonds and Coulton were hard pressed, but, as a rule, the "Villans" led the attack, and at length perseverance had its reward, Albert Brown scoring a splendid goal from an accurate pass by Dennis Hodgetts, Hunter meanwhile paying his attention to the Wolverhampton custodian. This reverse of fortune was evidently not appreciated by the "Wolves", who transgressed the laws of fair and legitimate football in a most palpable manner, and, as a consequence, the game deteriorated very considerably, both sides going at it hammer and tongs until half-time, without any alteration in the score, although on one occasion, after Simmonds and Coulton had each missed the ball, everything seemed clear for a score by the visitors, but, somehow or other,

Jack Brodie failed to do the needful. Burton shortly afterwards came into collision with one of the Wolverhampton crew, the result being that he rose from the ground with a nasty cut over the eye, and had to leave the field for some little time.

The second portion of the game was even more stubbornly contested than the first "forty-five" and the spectators were kept in a perfect fever of excitement. With the benefit of the hill the "Wolves" were seen to greater advantage than formerly, the forwards being more combined and more decisive in their actions, with the result that the home team had to keep a smart look-out in the back division, though to their credit, although leading, they did not increase their defence, continuing to play a very sportmanlike, open game, their object being to win by as many goals as possible. At one period of the second half, for about five minutes, the "Villans" made a perfect bombardment at the Wolverhampton goal, shot after shot being driven back in the most resolute fashion, and how the "Wolves" managed to prevent the Perry Barr team from augmenting their lead was a mystery. After this spell at the top of the field the visitors broke away, and, travelling off at top speed, Wood passed the sphere to Griffith, who was close in, and in the twinkling of an eye it was shot through, and a ringing cheer announced that the scores were equalised. Towards the finish the "Villans" again swarmed round the "Wolves" goal, and Griffith saved several stinging shots which looked certain scores, but nothing further took place, and at the end of an hour-and-a-half's play, the game stood one each.

A short consultation ensued, and it was decided to play the extra half hour. The light at this time was exceedingly bad, and a white mist was rising from the ground, which made it almost impossible to discern the ball and players more than twenty yards away. The "Villans", again playing up hill, went off at a cracking pace, and at once surrounded the visitors' goal. A few passes, and a bit of lucky play between the forwards, looked very dicky for the Wanderers. Robertson, with a clean drop kick, planted the ball right in front of goal, and before Griffith could kick it away, the home players swarmed in, and Hodgetts scored a second point. Keeping up the attack, it looked any odds on the Villa coming successfully through the ordeal. Dawson sent in a "warm 'un", which Mason only partially intercepted, and before he could get a second kick Hodgetts rushed in and put the leather through, but, for some mysterious reason, and to everyone's surprise, the goal was disallowed. Just on the eve of the first half of the extra time, Brodie executed a splendid run down the centre, Coulton went to meet him, but slipped at the crucial moment; and Warner came out of goal, but the smart captain of the Wolverhampton team was just a bit too quick for him, and popped the ball neatly through, making the scores equal. The remaining portion of the game, which for some unaccountable reason only lasted eleven minutes, was contested in semi-darkness, both teams wisely keeping the post well protected, but no further score was made, and the game thus terminated in a tie of two goals each."

Aston Villa: J. Warner (Goal); F. Coulton, J. Simmonds (Backs); J. Burton, R. Robertson, F. Dawson (Half backs); Rich. Davis, Albert Brown (Right Wing), Archie Hunter (Centre), J. Loach, D. Hodgetts (Left Wing).

Wolves:I.Griffiths(Goal);C.Mason,R.Bough(Backs);A.Lowder,H.Allen,A.Pearson (Half Backs);T.Hunter,T.Knight(Right Wing),J.B.Brodie(Centre),Ben Griffiths, H.Wood(Left Wing).

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Umpires:McGregor(Aston Villa) and Dallard(Wanderers).  
Referee:R.J.Smith(Derby).

REPLAY:Sat Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1887:

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 1 (J.B.Brodie)  
ASTON VILLA 1 (Albert Brown)  
(H.T. 1-1)(F.T. 1-1)(AET)(At the Dudley Road Ground,Wolverhampton)

N.B. SM/SL/AN give the WW goal to B.Griffiths.

Birmingham Daily Post 17/1/87 P.7/Sportsman 17/1/87 P.4/Sporting Life  
17/1/87 P.4/Athletic News 18/1/87 P.2:

BDP:"This important match was played on Saturday on the Dudley Road Ground, Wolverhampton.Almost feverish interest was centred on the match,since it was felt to be the crucial test of the comparative merits of the two teams.There were about 6,000 spectators on the ground,of whom upwards of a 1,000 were brought by special train from Birmingham;while there was likewise a large influx of visitors from Walsall,Wednesbury,and other outlying towns.Among those present were Mr George Kynoch,M.P.,and a party of friends,who had driven over from Hamstead Hall,in a four-in-hand.Owing to the wretched state of the field both teams played under protest,a notice to that effect by A.Hunter being followed by one by Lowder,the secretary of the Wanderers.Notwithstanding the efforts during the past week to make the field playable,by removing many hundred tons of snow,there was still a fine layer of ice over the ground and attempts were made to mitigate the difficulty of playing by sprinkling ashes over the most dangerous parts.The weather likewise interfered with the play,since a bitterly cold wind blowing diagonally across the field militated against one of the contending parties.

Winning the toss the Villa elected to play downhill,and punctual to time Brodie started the leather with a favourable wind,and led the way into the visitors' territory.A run on the right wing was soon made by the Wanderers,but Knight sent the ball wide of the posts.A good pass was afterwards made by B.Griffiths to Wood;but,the latter slipping,Yates sent the ball to the Villa forwards who, however,were met by Lowder,and the ball being run up the field,Brodie scored within eight minutes from the start,amid great cheering.The home team,who had been vigorously attacking their opponents' stronghold,were now called upon to assume the offensive,and from a corner the Astonians made an attack on the Wanderers' goal,which,however,was saved by J.Griffiths,who punted out grandly. The Wanderers again worked the leather up the field,but a corner kick by Wood was saved by Dawson,and the ball was returned into the middle of the field.Some

undecided play now ensued, but eventually, the Astonians, having worked up towards the opposition goal, Davis made a shot which went wide. After travelling up the field again, the leather was returned, and a very dangerous shot was saved by Baugh. The visitors still pressed their opponents hard, and out of a very exciting scrimmage Albert Brown equalised the score, by a splendid shot which eluded both Baugh and J. Griffiths. The Wanderers' goal was now in a state of perpetual bombardment, and was only saved by the magnificent play of the backs. Eventually, from a corner placed by Davis, Brown sent in a splendid shot which went over the bar. Some give-and-take play now ensued, the visitors playing with considerable caution, and making some splendid passes. The Wanderers, getting possession of the leather, soon afterwards worked down the field and besieged their opponents' citadel with much persistence."

"...on the whistle sounding the score stood equal. Thus far no difference was discernable in the strengths of the two teams. Both played under great difficulties, the slippery ground and the brisk wind rendering accurate shooting almost impossible." "The Astonians displayed a cautious and scientific mode of aggression which at times completely puzzled their opponents, and their neat and accurate passes and effective combination runs would have told well in their favour under more advantageous circumstances. They were, however, unable to make an addition to the score, and on the whistle sounding the game stood at one goal each. In view of such a draw arrangements were made to play an extra half hour, in order, if possible, to definitely decide the game." "During the last quarter of an hour the excitement was intense." "The game thus ended in a draw, one goal each."

AN: "After eight minutes' play the Wanderers' left wing pair had a combined run, and Coulton, slipping just at a critical moment, enabled Griffiths to score the first goal for the Wanderers." "After twenty minutes' play, Hunter passed to Brown, who equalised the scores amidst great excitement." (No teams)

Wolves: I. Griffiths (Goal); C. Mason, R. Baugh (Backs); A. Lowder, H. Allen, A. Pearson (Half Backs); T. Hunter, T. Knight (Right Wing), J. B. Brodie (Centre), Ben. Griffiths, H. Wood (Left Wing).

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Aston Villa: J. Warner (Goal); F. Coulton, J. Simmonds (Backs); H. Yates, J. Burton, F. Dawson (Half Backs); Rich. Davis, Albert Brown (Right Wing), Archie Hunter (Centre), O. H. Vaughton, D. Hodgetts (Left Wing).

Umpires: Dallard (Wanderers) and McGregor (Aston Villa).  
Referee: McIntyre (Manchester).

"SECOND REPLAY": Sat Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>:

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 3 (B. Griffiths 2, Knight) (H.T. 1-0) (F.T. 2-2)  
ASTON VILLA 3 (O. H. Vaughton, R. Davis, Albert Brown) (At Dudley Road Ground, Wolverhampton)

## FIND SCORERS AS ONLY TAKEN FROM COMPLETE RECORD HISTORIES

Field 29/1/87 P.142:"....owing to protests having been made by both sides before the play on Jan 15 began,to the effect that the ground was not in a fit condition-an opinion in which the referee coincided,and so reported to the authorities-the Association decided that the contest could not be considered a cup tie.Hence the second appearance of Aston Villa at Wolverhampton..."(For the 3<sup>rd</sup> game)

Birmingham Daily Post 24/1/87 P.7/Athletic News(No teams) 25/1/87 P.2(Report) and P.4-5/Field 29/1/87 P.142/Sportsman 24/1/87 P.4/Sporting Life 24/1/87 P.4:

BDP:"Unusual interest was taken in this match,which was played on the Dudley Road Ground,Wolverhampton.Two previous games having remained undecided, about seven thousand spectators assembled on the ground in anticipation of a determined struggle,and considering the superior form which was exhibited by the Aston team the previous week,no doubts were expressed that the issue of the game would be definite.The field,however,was by no means perfect;and though considerably better than when the teams last met,the complete thaw during the week had yet rendered the ground too soft to admit of particularly good play.The day was fine with a mild breeze,which,however,did not interfere with the manipulation of the leather;but the sun,which at times became very dazzling, prevented those playing up hill from performing delicate operations with accuracy.Both teams showed rare form,and it was evident that they had come prepared for a desperate struggle.Brodie having won the toss,Archie Hunter started the leather up hill,and by combined play the home right forwards worked into opposition territory.Being met by Simmonds the leather was returned,and Baugh,by a splendid shot,placed his goal out of danger.By a pass from Brodie the home forwards worked down to the Villa goal,and,after some exciting play,a corner was obtained,from which,however,B.Griffiths sent the leather over the bar.The Wanderers now worked with considerable determination,and the skill of the visitors' backs was continually put to the test.Brodie sent in a shot,which was negatived by Albert Brown,and after travelling up the field the leather was returned.The mouth of the Aston goal was now the scene of an exciting struggle. A splendid shot from the centre was saved by Warner and after another scrimmage Lowther again sent the leather straight for the goal,but the visitors' custodian fisted out gamely.Both Lowder and Brodie showed exceptional form, and through the operations of the former the leather was kept well up to the opposition citadel,which for a time was in extreme danger,Warner being obliged several times to act on the defensive.Two or three well-placed corners fell to the Wanderers,but the shots were badly aimed and went wide.Both goals were now alternately menaced,Archie Hunter on the one hand,and Lowder and Baugh on the other,being chief aggressors.The Wanderers, by some splendid passing, worked into the opposition territory;but the leather being dribbled back again, Griffiths had to kick out.For some time afterwards the home team were in complete possession of their oponents' ground,and both Brodie and Lowther did effective service.Two shots were made by the Wanderers' captain,one going wide

and the other being saved by Warner. The other end of the field now became the scene of the struggle, and the home goal was in a very dangerous position. I. Griffiths having kicked out a really splendid shot, Brodie secured the leather, and by a magnificent run carried it down the field, a shot which resulted going wide. This performance was repeated immediately afterwards, the leather again going outside the posts. Albert Brown having dribbled up the sphere to the Wanderers' goal, it was returned, and from an exciting scrimmage right up to the posts, the Wanderers scored the first point within thirty five minutes from the commencement of the game amidst great cheering. Elated with success, the home team pressed harder than ever, and the Villa's territory was persistently invaded. Archie Hunter, however, eventually carried the leather away, but it was returned by Mason, and the Villa having again worked down to the opposition goal, Brown secured the leather, and a run up the field culminated in a corner, which, however, was unproductive. The Wanderers' goal was now the scene of some exciting play, and from a scrimmage the leather was sent just outside the posts. For a few minutes before the whistle sounded the Villa goal was in the state of continual siege, and T. Hunter, with a splendid opportunity for scoring shot the ball wide of the posts. At half time, therefore, the game stood in favour of the Wanderers by 1 goal to nil. The difference between the strengths of the two teams was not nearly so apparent as at the previous match. The Wanderers had improved considerably, and their strength, which formerly lay in their backs and goal, was now considerably supplemented by the confident play of the forwards and the magnificent operations of Brodie. The backs, indeed, who last week were kept perpetually on the alert, had now comparatively an easy task. The forwards showed a better mastery of the art of passing, though in several instances judgment was entirely at fault. The Wanderers until now had entirely the best of the game, but against this must be placed the disadvantages under which the Astonians laboured of occasionally playing in a dazzling light.

On resuming play the Astonians played with considerable energy, and immediately invaded the opposition territory, compelling I. Griffiths to punt out in defence. For a long time the Wanderers' headquarters were in a state of bombardment, and from a scrimmage the score was equalised by T. Hunter putting the leather through his own goal. Shot after shot was sent straight to the posts, I. Griffiths having to put out frequently; and the ball having traversed the field, was again returned, and Griffiths had to fist out once more to preserve his goal. Shortly afterwards, through the Wanderers misunderstanding a signal for a foul, the leather was rushed up from the Villa left wing, and I. Griffiths, who was wholly off his guard, failed to stop a shot sent in. The Wanderers now seemed to become dispirited, and could not cope with the combined runs and beautiful passes of the visitors. Consequently, after some desultory play in mid-field, the leather was worked up to the home goal, and Griffiths had to fist out twice, and after some careful play another shot was made, which, however, went over the bar. Brodie having returned the leather, the Villa goal was for a time rather precarious, but some long shots by Simmonds were effectively met by Baugh, and eventually a mis-kick by Hunter resulted in the Villa territory being again invaded. Lowther did effective service, and a shot which he made was negated by Coulton. Each goal was in turn attacked, and from a scrimmage near the Villa citadel Knight sent in a shot which was neatly stopped by Warner. Returning the

leather, it was manipulated by the Astonians in a beautiful manner and a shot which was made went wide. Brodie having got possession of the leather, rushed it up the field, and from a scrimmage Simmonds had to save his goal. Again the Wanderers' goal was in a state of bombardment, and Albert Brown made a shot which was saved by I. Griffiths. Another made shortly afterwards went wide. The play now became very exciting, and Brodie having worked the leather up the field, it was returned by Yates and the Wanderers' custodian had to stop a shot which resulted. For a short time a dangerous scrimmage took place at the mouth of the Wanderers' goal, but eventually the leather was worked right down the field, and after some good play in the centre Albert Brown made a shot which was stopped by Griffiths, whose cool and determined defence stood the Wanderers in good stead. The home backs likewise maintained their reputation, and proved a considerable trouble to the visitors, Mason's powerful kicks especially contributing not a little to the safety of his goal. During the last quarter of an hour the Wanderers braced themselves up with a determination if possible to equalise the score. By a clever run on the left wing the Villa goal was rendered exceedingly dangerous, Brodie doing some excellent service; and after some very fast play, B. Griffiths, from a scrimmage, pushed the leather round the post with his foot, and scored within two or three minutes of time. On an appeal to the referee the point was allowed. The Wanderers again pressed hard, but the Villa worked into opposition territory, and the home goal was in a state of siege. Time, however, was called without any addition being made to the score.

There being a draw, an extra half hour was played with a view to definitively deciding the game. Each goal was alternately attacked, but eventually the leather was maintained in a position which rendered the Wanderers' goal extremely dangerous. Some very delicate manoeuvres by the Villa forwards resulted in a corner, from which Albert Brown sent in a low shot, which eluded the Wanderers' custodian. The magnificent defending powers of Mason and Baugh were now called into requisition, but the leather was subsequently worked up to the Villa headquarters, from whence a corner kick was obtained, which, however, went wide. The play which followed was very equal. The leather traversed all parts of the field, first one goal and then the other being attacked, but no other score was made until sides were changed. Brodie then, by another of his splendid runs, sent in a shot which was stopped by Warner, and the subsequent play was exceedingly fast. The Wanderers, intent on equalising the score, played with great energy but their efforts seemed hopeless, until within five minutes of time, when the ball danced round the visitors' goal in a dangerous manner. The Astonians, with equal determination, played gamely, but eventually the leather was sent through. As no side had gained the advantage the referee suggested that another half hour should be played, but as arrangements could not be made with Aston Villa, the game ended for the third time in a draw, of 3 goals each."

AN(P.4-5): "There was an immense crowd of spectators present, numbering something like 8,000, and the excitement was intense; in fact I never remember witnessing a game so brimful of exciting incidents as the one under notice. From first to last the fury raged with unabated energy, and when either side scored a goal didn't their respective supporters raise a yell! Well, rather. At the commencement of the game the "Wolves" went off with a tremendous rush, and

for a few minutes the Villa goal was in great peril so severe was the pressure. The Birmingham forwards were playing in anything but their best style, though, of course, the wind, hill, and sun militated considerably against them. Eventually, however, the pressure was relieved, and Davis and Brown, by a good concerted run, altered the aspect of affairs, a flying shot by Albert Brown causing Griffiths to exercise himself a bit. A spell of pretty even play followed, and then the home forwards again swarmed round the bottom goal, and the backs of the Perry Barr team had all their work cut out to keep their charge intact. Once or twice the Wanderers apparently had the Villa goal completely at their mercy, but they failed to utilise the opportunity, and nearly half an hour had elapsed ere a score was effected, when a hot rush by the home forwards was stemmed by Coulton, who made an attempt to clear his lines, and in doing so, he got too far under the leather, which went spinning up in the air, and before he could realise the position Brodie came upon the scene and shot it through, amidst a scene of enthusiasm that defies description. Scarcely had the game re-started, ere Dennis Hodgetts darted off with the sphere, and got right in front of goal, with only the custodian between him and the coveted gap. Just as he was about to shoot, however, one of the Wolverhampton half-backs collared him round the neck, and fairly-or rather unfairly-held him whilst Griffiths came out and cleared the ball away. The only recompense the Villa had for this slice of bad luck was a free kick, but nothing beneficial resulted from it.

The change of ends brought a complete change in the play, for no sooner had the game re-commenced ere the Villa were around the bottom goal like a swarm of bees, and for some time following the Wolverhampton people had a very anxious time of it, Griffiths saving several scorching shots. At last a slice of luck greeted the efforts of the "Brums". T. Hunter, one of the Wolverhampton half-backs, screwing the ball under his own goal in attempting to clear it away. This equalised matters, and the chance of the "Villans" now looked very rosy, especially so a few minutes later, when Albert Brown, by a beautifully-placed shot, sent the leather whizzing past Griffiths, safely out of his reach, the cheers of the Birmingham contingent at this period being of the most enthusiastic and demonstrative character. This success seemed to enthuse still greater energy into the "Villans", who kept up an almost incessant bombardment of the Wanderers' fortress. Indeed, but for the really magnificent back play of Mason the home team would have been left to bemoan their fate in the English Cup competition. For a long time the play was confined exclusively to the lower end of the field, the ball scarcely ever crossing the centre of the field. Towards the end of the second forty-five minutes the Wanderers got away again, and a nicely-judged shot by Wood struck the goal post, and appeared to come back into play, and Warner, the Villa custodian, strongly averred that the ball never went over the line, but the referee awarded a goal, and "Time" was announced with the scores standing equal-two goals each.

No alternative was left but to play the extra half-hour, and in a short space of time both teams were again in the thick of the fray. The "Villans" had the benefit of the hill for the first quarter of an hour, and in a very short time they were again leading by a goal. The last fifteen minutes had all but passed away without any alteration, when, just on the eve of "Time", the Wanderers put on a third point, and

thus ended the third and most remarkable match on record in a tie of three goals each.

It has been mutually arranged for the match to be re-played at Perry Barr next Saturday, but, as this clashes with the London and Birmingham fixture, the probabilities are that the Association will rule otherwise."

SL: "There were excursion trains run from Birmingham, and these carried a full compliment of passengers from the hardware village, and altogether there were about 10,000 spectators present."

Wolves: I. Griffiths (Goal); C. Mason, R. Baugh (Backs); A. Lowder, H. Allen, A. Pearson (Half Backs); T. Hunter, T. Knight (Right Wing), J. B. Brodie (Centre), H. Wood, B. Griffiths (Left Wing).

Aston Villa: J. Warner (Goal); F. Coulton, J. Simmonds (Backs); H. Yates, F. Dawson, J. Burton (Half Backs); R. Davis, Albert Brown (Right Wing), Archie Hunter (Centre), O. H. Vaughton, D. Hodgetts (Left Wing).

Umpires: Dallard (Wanderers) and McGregor (Aston Villa).  
Referee: McIntyre (Manchester).

THIRD REPLAY: Sat Jan 29<sup>th</sup>:

ASTON VILLA 2 (F. Dawson, Archie Hunter) WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 0  
(H.T. 2-0) (At Perry Barr)

Birmingham Daily Post 31/1/87 P.7/Athletic News 1/2/87 P.3/Sportsman  
31/1/87 P.4/Sporting Life 31/1/87 P.4:

BDP: "Never in the history of local football has a match excited so much interest as has the one between these famous Midland clubs. Never before have two clubs been better matched, and never before have so many games had to be played ere an issue could be come to. During the past week amongst footballers the match has been the one topic of conversation, and the Villa committee, expecting a great "gate", made every preparation. An extra stand was erected at the top end of the field, whilst additional entrances were also made. And they were wanted, too, for old footballers declare that the assembly at Perry Barr was the greatest ever seen at the Wellington Road Ground. Long before the time announced for commencement the crowd began to pour into the ground, and at a quarter to three about 12,000 persons were present, and others were still coming. The scene from the press wagon, which by the way was not exclusively confined to members of the press, almost defies description. A solid wall of people twelve or fourteen deep lined the ground. The grandstands were full of people, whilst down one side of the field were ranged breaks and 'buses covered with spectators. Some adventurous ones had climbed some neighbouring trees, where they sat perched throughout the game, whilst others had scaled the tramway sheds. Punctually both teams put in an appearance upon the field which was in excellent condition, and were well received by their respective supporters. But a

start was not made until twenty minutes after the time fixed through the non-arrival of the referee, Mr McIntyre, of Manchester, who was delayed through the late arrival of his train. The excitement of those present could not brook such a delay, and in a few minutes angry cries of "play" were being heard from all sides of the field, when an incident occurred which again put the crowd into the best of humours. The tram people, not liking the use to which their sheds had been put, suddenly turned a jet of water upon the men on the shed, who, before they could escape, were well drenched. At length cries of "Here he comes" announced the arrival of the referee; and that individual shortly afterwards stepped on the field, and the game was quickly commenced....."

"Archie Hunter, having won the toss, decided to play downhill with the breeze at his back. The men speedily took up their positions, and amid tremendous excitement, Brodie kicked off. H. Wood rushed away, but Yates checked his run, and placed the ball well down the field to Albert Brown, who made a shot for the Wanderers' goal. The ball was stopped by Brodie who at once dashed away in the direction of his opponents' goal. He kept the ball a little too long, however, and Coulton took it from him, and sent it spinning down the field, where Archie Hunter pounced upon it and shot it over the bar. After the goal kick, the ball was again returned into the Wanderers' quarter, and a corner fell to the home team. The kick was taken, but was of no avail. At this moment Brodie retired hurt. A pretty bit of passing between Vaughton and Hodgetts enabled the leather to centre accurately, and Albert Brown sent in a good shot, which Griffiths punched out. Dawson, however, got the ball, and steadying himself, put in a low swift shot, and tremendous cheering announced that the Wanderers' goal had fallen. After the kick off the two Woods tried to break away, but Yates, who was playing a fine half back game, proved too good for them, and placed the ball nicely in front of the visitors' goal, where Howard Vaughton had a try to score, and sent the ball wide of its mark. A centre by Hodgetts gave Brown an opportunity and he headed the ball well into the goal, but Griffiths saved splendidly. Knight essayed a run, and managed to pass Simmonds, but he kicked wildly, and Coulton lifted the leather to the Villa forwards. A splendid bit of combination took place, and Davis tried to lower the visitors' colours again, but Mason met the ball, and kicked it out of danger. The Wanderers' left then made a raid into the Villa's territory, but a foul was given against them, and from the kick the Villa again tried to score, but without success. Brodie having been absent for about ten minutes, now returned, to the delight of the visitors and their supporters. Led by Brodie, the Wanderers compelled the home team to fall back, and a miss kick by Simmonds almost let Brodie in but Coulton took the ball from his feet just as he was about to shoot. Lowder returned the ball, but Yates headed back, and the Villa vanguard swarmed round the visitors' goal, which looked as if it would be captured, but Hodgetts kicked the ball outside amidst a prolonged "Oh". From the goal kick the Wanderers tried to break away, but one of their forwards fouled the ball. The kick was taken by Burton, and Vaughton put in a beautiful shot, but Griffiths met the ball with his fist - only for it to be returned by Davis. Again Griffiths punched it out, and again was it returned, the excitement being intense, but Griffiths cleared his goal splendidly, and the spectators' excitement found vent in loud cheers. A moment afterwards Hodgetts had the ball passed to him by Hunter, and had the visitors' goal at his mercy; but he lost his head, and sent the leather high over the

crossbar. The Wanderers' forwards relieved the pressure, and appeared very dangerous, but, to the great disgust of his fellows, Knight shot over the bar. Another fine combined run by the Villa forwards followed, and the Villa captain put in a fine shot, which struck the crossbar and went over. Despite all the visitors' efforts they could not keep the Villa forwards out of their goal mouth, and at length Hunter with a swift low shot sent the ball past Griffiths for the second time, the most unbounded enthusiasm prevailing. Again and again did the Villa forwards make assaults on the Wanderers' goal, but they were successfully repelled, and half time found the score unchanged.

On recommencing the Villa again assumed the aggressive, and a corner speedily fell to them, but nothing came of it. The Wanderers began to play much better than in the first portion of the game, whilst the Villa forwards for a time tired down. A run by Brodie caused the Villa partisans some apprehension, but Simmonds took the ball from the famous centre forward. A few seconds later, however, Brodie again got near the Villa goal, sending in a fine shot, which Warner knocked out. Attack followed attack in quick succession, and Warner, Simmonds, and Coulton had all they could do to keep their goal from being carried, the Villa at this point having decidedly the worst of the game. A corner was given to the Wanderers, and the kick was splendidly taken, striking one of the goal posts and rebounding into play. Yates, however, relieved pressure with a timely kick, and the Villa right wing carried the ball into the Wanderers' half. But Mason stopped the Villa's run, and the Wanderers again rushed for the Villa citadel, Knight shooting the wrong side of the posts. The excitement was intense when a few seconds later the whole of the Wanderers' forwards were scrambling in front of the Villa goal trying to force the ball through, but Warner saved his charge very cleverly, and the ball was carried to the other end of the field, the Wanderers' goal being imperilled, but kept safe. The next noticeable feature was a single combat for the ball, between Simmonds and Brodie, and after a prolonged struggle, the agile back of the Villa was successful and kicked the ball to Vaughton. He and Hodgetts took the ball well up the wing, but lost it. The Wanderers' forwards now tired down, whilst the home forwards, who seemed to have fully recovered from their fatigue, played up with renewed vigour. A run by Albert Brown and Rich. Davis placed the Wanderers' goal in jeopardy; but when Brown was about to shoot, Mason fell across the ball. As he touched it with his hands a foul was given, and Dawson kicked the ball straight for goal, Griffiths allowing it to pass through his legs. Try as hard as they could, the Villa could not add to their score, and when the whistle blew the game ended in a win for them by 2 goals to nil. Immediately on the conclusion of the game the spectators surrounded the Villa and cheered them lustily. Some considerable time elapsed before the crowd could get out of the ground, but this was accomplished without any disturbance taking place and the services of the large force of policemen who had been provided in case of a row were happily not required."

Aston Villa by Peter Morris P.18: "The match was played in a raging gale, but the record crowd, swaying round the ropes and clinging on to a temporary wooden stand behind one of the goals, were too engrossed in the desperate efforts of twenty-two worn-out footballers to notice the weather."

AN: "This contest was played at Perry Barr, before a crowd numbering something over 10,000 people. Villa had choice of ground, and played down hill. Both teams started well, and play was of an unusually lively character. The home team had slightly the best of it, and ten minutes from the start Dawson drew "first blood" by a well-timed shot. Having thus far gained an advantage, the Villa men set about their work with renewed vigour. The defence of the Wanderers was most stubborn, and after a considerable spell all the efforts of the Villa to increase their lead were of no avail. Hunter distinguished himself by obtaining a capital goal ten minutes before half-time.

Changing over, the Villa forwards made a start for the top goal, and almost scored another point, the ball, after striking the post, eventually going outside. The visitors' forwards had several runs, but the grand defence of Coulton was always too good for Brodie's men. Yates, Dawson, and Burton worked hard for their side, and Warner stopped one or two warm shots, and the game was again confined to the Wanderers' quarters. Towards the close the home team had slightly the best of it, but no other goals were scored, and the game ended :- Aston Villa, two goals; Wolverhampton Wanderers, none.

The crowd that witnessed the fourth encounter between the Aston Villa and Brodie's "Wolves" at Perry Barr on Saturday was something prodigious. Quite 10,000 people were present, and the game was spiritedly contested. The home team were in the better form of the two, and always had a shade the best of it. Baugh and Mason, as usual, were the "giants" of the visiting team. Their play was grand, whilst Griffiths proved himself a continual obstacle in goal. Lowder assisted the defence, whilst the brothers Wood and Brodie were the pick of the forwards. Aston Villa were in grand fettle. The forwards, a trifle slow at times, on the whole worked well. The halves are one of the strongest divisions of the team, Yates, for choice, a sure kick always, and powerful as well. Dawson and Burton put in a host of work, whilst Coulton's defence stands out as the best performance of the encounter. Warner did what he had to do well, and the game ended in favour of the best eleven by a representative score of the exact merits of the play." (No teams)

Aston Villa: J. Warner (Goal); F. Coulton, J. Simmonds (Backs); H. Yates, F. Dawson, J. Burton (Half Backs); R. Davis, Albert Brown (Right Wing), Archie Hunter (Centre), O. H. Vaughton, D. Hodgetts (Left Wing).

Wolves: I. Griffiths (Goal); R. Baugh, C. Mason (Backs); A. Lowder, H. Allen, A. Pearson (Half Backs); T. Hunter, T. Knight (Right Wing), J. B. Brodie (Centre), H. Wood, G. Wood (Left Wing).

Umpires: MacGregor (Aston Villa) and Dallard (Wanderers).  
Referee: MacIntyre (Manchester)

WEST BROMWICH ALBION, a bye.

## NORTHERN FOURTH DIVISION:

LOCKWOOD BROTHERS 2 (J.Sellars,W.Betts) NOTTS FOREST 1(S.Norman)  
(H.T. 1-1)(At Bramall Lane,Sheffield)(Sat Dec 11<sup>th</sup>)

Nottingham Evening Post 11/12/86 P.3/Nottingham Journal 13/12/86 P.2-3/  
Athletic News 14/12/86 P.3/Sheffield Independent 13/12/86 P.4/Sheffield  
Daily Telegraph 13/12/86 P.4/Field 18/12/86 P.897/Sportsman 13/12/86 P.4:

NEP:"This tie was played at Bramall Lane,Sheffield,in the presence of 4,000 spectators.Special trains run by the Midland and Great Northern Railway Companies conveyed some hundreds of the supporters of the "Reds" to the cutlery town,many wearing the colours of the club,and great enthusiasm was manifested.The Foresters were without the services of Lindley and G.Tutin,the former being engaged with the Corinthians against Preston North End and the latter having been injured in a match last week.The Forest,winning the toss,kicked off with the wind in their favour,at 25 minutes to three o'clock.Lockwoods pressed during the first few minutes,McLoughlin being most prominent.The Forest passing was however,very superior to that of the Sheffield men,and Danks shot into the goalkeeper's hands five minutes from the start.The Foresters were in force near the Sheffield goal when Danks sent in a capital shot,which Brook cleared,but Norman received the ball,and scored a good goal.Afterwards play was greatly in favour of the Forest,(Brook)saving half a dozen shots,but then Winterbottom got away,and passed to Brayshaw who centred nicely,and Sellars headed through.An appeal for offside was disallowed.Play afterwards was more even,each side pressing in turn but when half time arrived no further scoring had taken place,and each side were credited with a goal.

In the second half Winterbottom got away,and Caborn kicked out to save,a corner resulting.Brayshaw dropped the flag kick beautifully,and Betts headed through,Lockwood taking the lead after ten minutes' play.The game proceeded somewhat roughly,and Unwin missed a chance of equalising.Lockwood's put the ball through from the corner kick,but the point was disallowed.The Foresters played feebly against the wind,and Lockwood's had decidedly the best of it until shortly before the finish.Then the Reds rallied somewhat,but Lockwood's took two corners in rapid succession,and Beardsley saved a couple of shots brilliantly.Lockwoods won a well contested game by two goals to one.

NJ:"The Forest were well represented,but not fully,as Lindley was playing with the Corinthians,and Tutin,who has during his absence filled his place,was out of the team,owing to lameness.Fox was therefore placed on the right wing with Danks and Enoch Jeffries took the position of centre.The home team were fully represented,the team including the +Sheffield Wednesdayites Brayshaw,Hudson,Cawley,and Winterbottom."

AN:"A great amount of interest was evinced regarding the probable result of this match,and as the weather was fine fully 3,000 spectators assembled within Bramall-lane grounds.Owing to an injury,Mosforth was unable to play,and his place was filled by Hudson.Notts won the toss,and elected to play with the wind

in their favour, and punctually to time Hudson kicked off for the Lockwoods towards Bramall-lane. The ball was at once taken into the vicinity of the Brothers' goal, and for a short time the lace county players had so much the best of the play that it looked as though the result would be a rather one-sided affair; but once settled down the cutlery lads showed good form, and fairly held their own. Notts Forest were the first to score, Norman putting the ball through less than ten minutes from the start. Before the call of half-time Winterbottom and Brayshaw took the ball along the right wing, and the latter centring, Sellars headed the sphere between the Notts posts.

After changing ends, the ball first visited the home territory, but subsequently the blades had all the best of the play, and from a corner kick well directed by Brayshaw, the ball was headed through by Betts. Afterwards a third goal was secured from a corner kick by Hudson, but disallowed. The remainder of the game was stubbornly contested, but, try as they would, the Foresters could not break through, and a well played game ended in the Brothers winning by two goals to Notts Forest one. It would be invidious to mention good play upon the part of any of the winning team, which was the best one which any Sheffield club have put in the field for years past."

+N.B. Sheffield Wednesday did not enter the FA Cup this season. AN correctly has J. Hudson as Centre and L.M'Loughlin at Half Back, SDT and SI wrongly maintaining the pre-match positions in their lineups.

Lockwood Brothers: C. Brook (Goal); F. Salkeld, E. Stringer (Backs); E. Brayshaw, W. Betts, L. McLoughlin (Capt.) (Half Backs); F. West, H. Winterbottom (Right Wing), J. Hudson (Centre), T. E. Cawley, J. Sellars (Left Wing).

Notts Forest: F. W. Beardsley (Goal); C. J. Caborn, W. T. Hancock (Backs); A. W. Ward,, Harry Pike, S. Norman (Half backs); T. Danks, F. Fox (Right Wing), E. Jeffries, (Centre), G. Unwin, J. E. Leighton (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Ward for Lockwoods and A. J. Bates for Notts Forest.  
Referee: H. Chaplin (Derby).

STAVELEY 0 NOTTS COUNTY 3 (H.A. Cursham 2, H. Jackson)  
(H.T. 0-1) (Sat Dec 11<sup>th</sup>) (At Staveley)

Nottingham Journal 13/12/86 P.6/Sheffield Independent 13/12.86 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 13/12/86 P.4/Sportsman 13/12/86 P.4/Sporting Life 13/12/86 P.4/Nottingham Evening Post 11/12/86 P.3:

NJ: "This match has attracted an immense amount of interest in Staveley neighbourhood for some time past owing principally to the meeting of these two teams a couple of seasons ago, when, after a tough struggle, Notts secured a victory. Saturday's match, however, was looked forward to with a more hopeful view of a victory for the village club, but the partisans of Staveley were doomed to disappointment, for Notts not only beat them but left no doubt on the minds of

impartial spectators that the best team won. The Nottingham team, with a host of their followers, arrived at Staveley in a special train about eleven minutes past two, so that when they arrived at the Staveley football quarters it was rather late. Both teams were cheered as they entered the field, Macrae being given special attention, principally through his splendid exhibition in the last contest between these clubs. Notts having lost the toss, Jackson kicked off with the peculiar slope and a stiffish breeze to contend with. It might here be mentioned that the ground was in excellent order, especially so considering that a keen frost overnight had turned into a rapid thaw. A mistake by Morley was very dangerous for Nottingham until Macrae removed the ball into mid-field. The Staveley left wing Needham and Willshaw, got under weigh, and were sailing into the visitors' quarters, when Dobson intervened. A throw in to Notts was well got rid of by S. Hay, but another stampede by the left wing pair of Staveley caused Holland to clear. A. E. Moore, Jackson, and H. Cursham quickly changed the play, the latter having a good opening, but he let the ball run out on the goal line. From the goal kick the ball travelled once more to the left wing of Staveley, and Willshaw caused Holland to again handle, which he did in a magnificent style. A foul against Staveley gave Cursham the ball but Rice cleverly stopped him. Soon after a foul for hands was kicked by Cursham, who sent the ball to Daft, who, in turn, passed to Jackson, when Harry drew first blood for Nottingham after less than ten minutes' play. This was the signal for hats and umbrellas being waived in the air. This early success on the part of Notts caused Staveley to play more keenly, and Needham had a try, but his shot, which was a very fast one, was directed on the wrong side. A corner to Staveley proved of no use, and a shot by Marshall was cleverly negotiated by Holland. The play was now confined to the Notts quarters; but fresh vigour was imported into the lacemen by Jackson, who exhibited some clever and tricky dribbling. Started off up the hill, he passed to Moore, who sent to the opposite wing, but S. Hay robbed Cursham. Clever play by Dobson and Macrae and fine tackling by Rice was very noticeable; but Notts were doing some excellent play, and a corner was conceded. Emmett tried the kick, but in the bully the leather was sent down the hill. A run by Potter and shot were well stopped by Morley, but a similar shot a few minutes later by the same player all but took effect, Needham sending in a lightning shot which went a few inches outside. Cursham was given offside and Holland brought down the house by clearing a beauty from the right. The game was now very fast, each end being visited in turn. Cursham, Jackson, and Moore by concerted play ran to the Staveley quarters, Harry Cursham shooting into Wagstaff's hands. Jackson was now playing one of the best centre games ever seen on this ground; his dribbling and accurate passing being a treat. Yet nothing more in shape of goalgetting occurred. Notts were for a time keeping the Staveley backs alive, but Cursham was again offside, Daft putting the ball through Wagstaff's legs, when S. Hay rushed up and cleared. Half time came with the game in favour of Notts.

The visitors were of the decided opinion that the battle was won, seeing that Notts were now having advantage of wind and hill, but directly the ball was set rolling, Staveley travelled up hill, and Needham shot over the bar. Jackson followed suit by a long shot, which the Staveley keeper threw away. After a corner to Notts which was got away, Staveley had a nice run, Potter ending up by letting fly into Holland, who threw away and let Hay and Willshaw go sprawling on the

floor amidst much amusement. At this point of the game Notts were pressing, and Macrae had a shot at the Staveley goal, which went yards over the horizontal. A throw-in to the visitors gave Dobson the ball, who passed to Cursham, and a good run by him and Daft once more jeopardised the Staveley fortress, when Young, by a timely return, freed his goal. Potter and Needham caused Holland to again handle, when Cursham once more got under weigh, and sailing on like a deer he ran through the lot until he got within three yards of goal, when Rice robbed him, this being the best bit of individual play during the whole match, and one that was again and again applauded. Another excellent dash by Nottingham was well stopped by Rice, and a breakaway by Staveley caused Morley to be on the alert. Soon after this Morley mis-kicked, and J. Hay dashed in, looked like making the score even, but instead of shooting, he passed to the right, and Marshall had no difficulty in clearing. Emmett, Macrae, and Dobson were now assisting their confreres very materially, Jackson, Cursham, Daft, and Moore all being in the goal mouth with the Derbyshire custodian on the floor, but by a lucky piece of play the ball was thrown up the field amidst cheers, Moore pounced on it and shot again, but the backs relieved. Time was fast drawing nigh and the light was not by any means good, but Notts still held the lead in the play, Jackson, Moore, and Harker making several attempts to get through, but such was not to be, at any rate for a little while. Staveley appeared to relax their energies when Emmett gave H. Jackson the ball and he ran well down the centre, sent in an oblique shot, a regular scorching floorer, which easily beat Wagstaff. The light was bad during the seventeen minutes left for play, but in that time Staveley tried to raise their favourite slope, but could not get within shooting distance, Morley or Marshall bringing them up ere they could settle down to shoot. Jackson, Moore, and Daft again rushed to the village goal, which was nearly being captured by Moore. As time was fast approaching, and shades of evening had begun to fall, the spectators began to leave. The match was a foregone conclusion for County, who not only held their own for the remainder of the game, but within twenty seconds of time, the downfall of Staveley's goal was brought about by Cursham, who rushed in and from a punt of Wagstaff's scored. Before the ball could be brought to centre the whistle blew, leaving Notts victorious by three goals to none."

NEP: "This match.....was played on the Staveley Ground, this afternoon. The visiting team were fully represented, Macrae being seen in his old position at half back." "Staveley won the toss, and kicked downhill with a strong wind. There were about 2,000 spectators. Twice Holland was compelled to handle, and then after a good run Notts obtained a foul near the Staveley goal. Dobson placed well, and Jackson scored for Notts. Staveley then pressed and were conceded a corner, but no score resulted. The wind greatly assisted the home team, but Cursham and Daft put in some remarkably fine rushes. Notts obtained a corner, but it was fruitless. The game was played hard on both sides. Holland saved marvelously but gave a corner, and another corner was conceded by Morley. The game still continued very fast, Cursham showing brilliant form, along with Daft, Harker, and Moore. Three times the game was stopped through injuries to the players, but only for a minute or two on each occasion and at half time Notts led by one to none.

In the second half Notts commenced to attack immediately, but after a short time some good combined play was shown by Staveley, and twice the ball was kicked over the Notts' crossbar. Play slowed down considerably, and Harker, after some fine play, put in a shot for which a corner was given, but Macrae sent over the crossbar. Staveley then became dangerous, but Holland saved grandly again. The same custodian cleared his lines once more, and a sharp attack was instituted by Notts, two fouls being given near to their opponents' goal. After give-and-take play, Jackson showed a fine piece of play and sent in a shot a long way out of the reach of the Staveley goalkeeper, making the second point in favour of Notts. Shortly before time was called Cursham added a third goal for Notts, who therefore won by three goals to none."

Staveley: F. Wagstaffe (Goal); Sam Hay, W. Young (Backs); W. Marshall, J. Rice (Half Backs); Isaac Potter, R. Meakin (Right Wing), Jack Hay (Capt.), ++H.P. Marples (Centres), W. Needham, S. Willshaw (Left Wing).

+Also recorded as J.C. Potter ++H.P. Marples is listed as 3<sup>rd</sup> Half Back in SDT Report

Notts County: J.H. Holland (Goal); A.T. Marshall, H.A. Morley (Backs); H.W. Emmett, S. Macrae, C.F. Dobson (Half Backs); E. Harker, A.E. Moore (Right Wing), H. Jackson (Centre), H.A. Cursham (Capt.), H.B. Daft (Left Wing).

Umpires: George Hay (Secretary, Staveley F.C.) and W. Marshall (Notts Castle C.C.).  
Referee: J.C. Clegg (Sheffield Football Association).

#### NORTHERN FIFTH DIVISION:

CHIRK walked over GOLDENHILL disqualified:

Sportsman 4/1/87 P.4/Nottinghamshire Guardian 7/1/87 P.12: "The protest against Goldenhill playing +ineligible men was sustained, and the club in question was disqualified."

+For playing 2 unregistered players against Chester in the last round: Chester also played ineligible men (see above)

#### N.B. CHECK LEEK TIMES FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE GAMES:

LEEK 2 ( M.Rider, W.E.Allen)  
BURSLEM PORT VALE 2 (J.A.Smith, W.Poulson)  
(H.T 1-1)(F.T. 2-2)(10 minutes extra time was played: see below)(Sat Dec 11<sup>th</sup>)(At Burslem)

Birmingham Daily Post 13/12/86 P.7/Football in Leek 1870-1892/Sportsman 13/12/86 P.4:

BDP:"About 1,500 persons journeyed from Burslem by special train,and when the ball was kicked off there were not less than 4,500 round the enclosure.The game was started at a very fast pace,and for some time give-and-take play was the rule.However,taking advantage of a mistake on the part of Heath,Rider smartly shot the ball between the uprights amidst great cheering.Burslem then had a look in,and from a bit of fine play in front,Smith equalised.Nothing more was scored before half time,but after the restart Poulson sent in a high shot, which escaped the vigilance of Hassall.The point was disputed,but ultimately allowed.In less than a minute,a grand piece of combined play on the part of \*Vickerstaff and Allen made the score once more equal.During the last twenty minutes Leek had already the best of the game,but they did not add to their score,Heath proving himself equal to every shot sent in.When the whistle sounded "time" the score was two each,and the teams were ordered to play an extra half hour.An attempt was made to do this,but after ten minutes' play,during which Port Vale kicked the ball through whilst offside,play ceased,darkness having supervened.Several of the visitors displayed no little roughness,one of them being severely cautioned by the referee."

Leek Book P.72/73:"On December 11<sup>th</sup>,Port Vale visited Leek,to play off the third round in the English Cup competition.A heavy Pottery contingent of spectators arrived by special trains,and the gate numbered close on five thousand persons,a record gate on the Leek ground.The Leek team was:-(see order below).The Port Vale team was:- .Port Vale won the toss,and the homesters immediately lost a splendid opportunity of scoring with the goalkeeper out.Both teams played excitedly,but from a return by the goalkeeper, Rider scored the first goal for Leek amidst tumultuous applause.Before half-time the Vale equalised from the foot of Smith.On resuming the Vale scored again,and Allen then equalised for Leek.An extra half-hour was ordered,but the game was stopped owing to darkness after five minutes further play.The game was ordered to be replayed at Burslem."

Leek:E.Hassall(Goal);J.Lowe,G.C.Wardle(Backs);H.E.Whittles,G.Tudor,J.Smethurst (Half Backs);C.Keates,W.E.Allen(Right Wing),H.Stonehewer(Centre),M.Rider, W.Vickerstaff(Left Wing).

Burslem:A.Heath(Goal);Farrall,W.E.Powell(Backs);W.Poulson,W.Elson, H.Hodgkinson(Half Backs);H.Aston, J.A.Smith(Right Wing),W.Reynolds (Centre),B.Rhodes,T.May(Left Wing).

UmpiresArmitt(Leek) and Oliver(Burslem).Referee: Jope(Wednesbury).

REPLAY: 1/1/87(not in PVR or AFS)

BURSLEM PORT VALE 1(T.May) LEEK 1(W.E.Allen) (Abandoned at half time)

Leek Book P.73/74:

"On New Year's Day 1887,Leek journeyed to Burslem to play Port Vale in the third round of the English Cup competition,the game on the +previous Saturday having ended in a draw.The ground was as hard as iron,but a great gate of five

thousand spectators had assembled and it was determined that the game should be played, Leek lodging a protest against the state of the ground.++The teams were the same that played the drawn game at Leek. Ten minutes from the start May scored the first goal for Port Vale, and Leek soon after equalised through the aid of Allen. Powell, falling heavily, was compelled to retire, and after a consultation it was mutually agreed to abandon the match at half time, each team having scored a goal.”+In fact on Sat Dec 11<sup>th</sup> as above.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 3/1/86 P.4:”At Burslem before about 5,000 spectators. Leek kicked off at 2.30, and made for the Vale goal, but the Vale backs relieved, and after ten minutes’ play the Vale scored. The Leek men now played well, and scored just on half time. The referee now stopped the game in consequence of the hardness of the ground.”

Sportsman 3/1/87 P.4:”This undecided tie in the third round of the English Cup was played at Port Vale on Saturday, five thousand being present. Each side scored in the first half, when Powell fell and cut his chin. It was then mutually agreed that the game should stop on account of the hardness of the ground.”

++Burslem: A. Heath (Goal); Farrall, W. E. Powell (Backs); W. Poulson, W. Elson, H. Hodgkinson (Half Backs); H. Aston, J. A. Smith, W. Reynolds, B. Rhodes, T. May (Forwards).

++Leek: E. Hassall (Goal); J. Lowe, G. C. Wardle (Backs); H. E. Whittles, G. Tudor, J. Smethurst (Half Backs); C. Keates, W. E. Allen (Right Wing), H. Stonehewer (Centre), M. Rider, W. Vickerstaff (Left Wing)..

Athletic News 18/1/87 P.2:”This tie in the third round should have been decided at Stoke on Saturday, but on account of the dangerous state of the ground, it was decided not to play the match. The teams have met twice previously, and on both occasions played a drawn game.”

“SECOND REPLAY ”: Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> January 1887:  
(Not able to be played on Sat 15<sup>th</sup> January because frozen ground)  
 (“This is the fourth time these clubs have tried to decide their tie”: includes 1 postponement.

BURSLEM PORT VALE 1 (+T. May) LEEK 3 (W. Vickerstaff, H. Stonehewer, W. E. Allen)  
(H. T. 1-2) (At the Staffordshire County Cricket Ground, Stoke) +Port Vale Record

Blackburn Standard 22/1/87 P.3/Port Vale Record P.24/25/Field 22/1/87  
P.104/Sportsman 21/1/87 P.4/Sporting Life 21/1/87 P.4/Athletic News  
25/1/87 P.2/York Herald 21/1/87 P.8: :

BS:”This match, which was an undecided tie in the third round of the English Cup, was played on Thursday on the County Cricket Ground, Stoke. This is the fourth time these clubs have tried to decide their tie. The ball was kicked off by Port Vale at half past three o’clock, and Leek immediately rushed the ball up, and

scored ten seconds from the start, Vickerstaffe scoring for Leek. After some even play Port Vale equalised out of a loose scrimmage. The game was now of a fast and even character, and Stonehewer made a good run, and with a long swift shot scored the second goal for Leek. No further score took place, and at half time the game stood two goals to one in favour of Leek.

In the second half the game was hotly contested, and the play was rough. No further score took place until three minutes to time when Allen scored a third goal for Leek. Port Vale objected, and the game was brought to a conclusion, Leek winning by three to one."

Leek Book P.74/75:

"The Cup tie with Port Vale should have been replayed on the County ground at Stoke, on January 15<sup>th</sup>, and notwithstanding that there were thousands of spectators assembled, Mr Jope, the referee, declared the ground unfit and the game was postponed till the following Thursday."

"At short notice the English Cup tie between Port Vale and Leek was once more replayed, this time on the County ground at Stoke, on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. The game was originally intended to have been played on the Stoke football club ground, but it was under water. The consequence of this was that the arrangements for admitting spectators were very imperfect, and the barriers being broken down, some hundreds of spectators got on to the ground without paying, and many were injured in the crush. One commercial traveller who was passing at the time and was hurrying to catch a train at Stoke station, attempted to pass through the crowd, but he was caught up, and despite his vigorous protestations, was carried right on to the ground. The only change in the Port Vale ranks was that Farrell was absent from his place at back, Poulson occupying his position, Bettany playing in the latter's place at half-back. Leek won the toss, and in less than a minute Stonehewer scored the first goal. A splendid rush by the Vale forwards equalised the score, but before half-time a long shot beat the Pottery custodian a second time. At the beginning of the second half Keates's knee gave way, and Leek played ten men. The Vale tried hard to equalise, but the Leek defence was too good. Darkness came on and it was impossible to follow the ball, but from a throw-in on the left wing Allen put on another goal for Leek. The Vale men, dispirited and defeated, disputed the point, but it was allowed by the referee. Upon this several of the Vale men left the ground, and the spectators invading the field of play, the game terminated, the referee (Mr Jope) awarding the victory to Leek."

Burslem: A. Heath (Goal); W. Poulson, W. E. Powell (Backs); F. Bettany, W. Elson, H. Hodgkinson (Half Backs); H. Aston, J. A. Smith, W. Reynolds, B. Rhodes, T. May (PVR order and added initials)

Leek: E. Hassall (Goal); G. C. Wardle, J. Lowe (Backs); H. E. Whittles, G. Tudor, J. Smethurst (Half Backs); C. Keates, W. E. Allen (Right Wing), H. Stonehewer (Centre), M. Rider, W. Vickerstaff (Left Wing).

CREWE ALEXANDRA ,a bye.

NORTHERN SIXTH DIVISION:

GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY 2 (G.Vamplew,Booth)  
LINCOLN CITY 2 (W.Gregson,"Scrimmage")  
(H.T. 1-0)(F.T.1-1)(A.E.T.)(Sat Dec 11<sup>th</sup>)(At the Northolme Ground,Gainborough)

Lincolnshire Chronicle 14/12/86 P.3 and 17/12/86 P.2:

LC:"The game was played on the Northolme Ground,Gainsborough,in the presence of about 4,000 spectators,about 1,200 of whom journeyed by special trains from Lincoln.The day was a very favourable one for the game,there being very little wind,and the ground being in very good condition.Fox was still unable to take the field,and Baggaley played in the centre,the team being otherwise unchanged.Teesdale was successful in the toss,and elected to kick with the hill in his favour,and with his back to the sun and a slight breeze.A start was not effected until twenty minutes past two,and for a time play was carried on at a terrific speed.Trinity led off until Rawlinson handed the ball over to the Cits left wing,but the players were not able to make much progress.Sharman putting the ball over to Booth and Manuel,the latter player crossed over to Smith,who was not able to follow up the advantage.Teesdale and Slater were now at work,but their advance was stopped by Jubb.Aspden returned the leather,and Vamplew shone conspicuously.Still but little headway could be made by either team.Smith made tracks up the right wing,and transferred to Watkin,who was dispossessed by Simpson.Mettam then put in some useful work,after which Simpson muffed a kick,and Smith shot over.Trinity returned to the attack from the goal kick,and Aspden,who was playing very nicely,notwithstanding his recent injury,gave a corner.Each team had a free kick for hands,and then Teesdale sent in a splendid oblique shot,low and swift,which Howlett handled in magnificent style,and was loudly applauded for the feat.Immediately afterwards the Cits obtained a corner, which was badly placed.Watkins then rushed off,and beating Simpson,was looking extremely dangerous,when Mettam rushed in and saved grandly. Hallam,who separated from his lameness immediately the game commenced, then scudded up the wing,until Williamson stopped his further progress,but the Cits almost immediately afterwards forced their opponents to concede a corner.The kick was accurately taken,and well headed out by Jubb.After the Cits had taken a free kick for hands,Smith made a run nearly the whole length of the ground,but the effort only resulted in a goal kick.Howlett was then called upon to save his charge,and he saved in worthy fashion."Hands" was given against City about 30 yards from their goal,and Brown,who was entrusted with the kick, passed out to Vamplew,in waiting on the right wing,and the latter planted the ball right in goal.Bayne,who came a yard or two out of his fortress,was only able to touch the leather with his fingers,and it dropped behind him and rolled between the uprights,amidst scenes of the utmost excitement.On the restart, Trinity were given a foul,and the ball was placed right in goal,only to be returned by Gregson,who transferred to Hallam.Brown stopped the run,and then Simpson

in turn was called upon to save. Play "slowed" slightly, and Hallam, dodging round Williamson, forced a corner. This was beautifully headed away by Sharman, and Smith came away with a rush, ending by kicking out. A hot attack by the Trinity right brought out Bayne, who punted the ball away, and then the Cits right wing was very busy. Teesdale finally shot the ball between the posts, but the point was disallowed on the plea of offside. The next noticeable feature was a corner, which Simpson had to concede to Smith, and which was dropped just inside the bar by Vamplew. Bayne created applause by the adroit manner in which he placed the ball over the bar, and the accruing corner was not dangerous. Both goals were in turn assailed, and some good shots sent in, Booth spoiling a good chance which was offered. Some excellent play by Duckworth let in Slater and Teesdale, and the last-mentioned caused Howlett to again use his hands. Slater next shot high over, and then the Trinity right created a diversion. Simpson cut short their career, and then the whistle sounded half time, the game standing Trinity, one goal, City, nil.

Hostilities were quickly recommenced, and the Cits shaking themselves together, made the home backs pass an anxious time. From a throw in on the right wing there was a scrimmage close in goal, and Gregson placed the ball through within about two minutes of the resumption, tremendous cheering greeting this success. The Trinitonians were rather too anxious to secure an advantage in the kick, Manuel passing over the line before the ball was in motion. For this the Referee allowed the Cits a free kick, and the attack was carried into Gainsborough quarters. Slater failed to get sufficient screw on when a good chance offered, and the ball passed on the wrong side of the post. Gainsborough responded with a momentary attack, but the Cits' right wing soon rushed a corner. Nothing material resulted, and some uneventful play ensued. Vamplew then handed the ball to the left wingers, who looked bent on mischief until Simpson stepped in. Some pretty play between Baggaley, Slater, and Teesdale changed the locale of the game, and Jubb was winded in a collision with the latter player. The Cits made the running for a time, and then Smith passed Simpson, and Bayne gave a corner. Trinity did not improve upon this, and after a rush to the other end, and a smart run by Williamson, a foul was given against the Cits. There was then a desperate scrimmage in front of Lincoln goal, and Bayne had to fist out two or three warm shots in rapid succession. Simpson eventually planted the ball well amongst his forwards, and a simple corner was then given by Williamson. Duckworth dropped the ball well in front of goal, the custodian punted out, and then Duckworth, meeting the ball with his cranium, returned it in the scrimmage, only to be kicked wide of the mark. The visitors' left wing was then noticeable, and the ball being passed well across the ground, Slater again drew Howlett out. Booth next had an opening, but was very slow and easily dispossessed, Teesdale making a splendid run nearly the whole length of the field. A series of free kicks for hands, two of which were taken by Gainsborough and one by Lincoln, made matters a trifle slow, and then Cator used his head to very good effect. Watkin and Sharman were stopped in a run by Simpson, the ball being finally kicked out. From the throw in Sharman crossed to Booth, who dallied until the ball was taken from him, and then the whistle sounded, the game reading one goal each.

Although it was now getting very dark it was decided to continue for an extra half hour, and the Cits having once again the slight inequality of the ground in

their favour, commenced to attack. Jubb gave the ball to Slater, and this was succeeded by hands being given the visitors in the vicinity of the Trinity goal. Simpson took the kick, and the ball went through the posts, but the goal was not allowed. From the goal kick Teesdale put in a splendid centre, but Howlett was again all there, and shortly afterwards "hands" was given against the City. From the kick a corner ensued, but was easily got away, and the teams then crossed over. The Cits immediately took a corner, and a close scrimmage in goal resulted, but nothing was scored. Trinity had an unfruitful corner and then the Cits again attacked, but without the wished-for success. It was now quite dark and impossible for the spectators to see what was going on. Trinity claimed a goal, kicked by Booth, which was disputed by the Cits on the ground that the ball passed outside, and, after considerable argument, the referee, first asking the opinion of some spectators near the spot, allowed the point. But four minutes remained to time, and it looked like odds against the City. However, they went in with a will, and secured a free kick close in goal. This was taken charge of by Duckworth, who got all his men round him, and they went through the goal in a body, some eight or nine men being upset in the scrimmage. A loud shout pronounced that the game was again a tie, and before the ball could again be set rolling, time had expired, the final result being two goals each. Both teams played a hard and fast game, and it is unnecessary to particularise any individual players. The game was perhaps the best ever witnessed in Gainsborough, the teams being splendidly matched, The Cits had slightly the best of it, but the advantage was not much to boast of, and they had something the worst of the luck."

LC: "We are told that a protest has been lodged by Gainsborough against the second goal scored by the Cits, but this, I fancy, will not lead to anything, as the tendency of the Association is almost without exception, to uphold the decision of the referee on such a point.

There is, I understand, another matter which may cause the City authorities a little trouble, Gainsborough having protested on "professionalism."

LC 17/12/86 P.2: "With reference to the protests lodged by Gainsborough against City, those referring to the game itself were not sustained, and a sub-committee was appointed to take evidence with regard to the objection against City on the ground of professionalism."

Athletic News 14/12/86 P.3: "After good all round play, both goals being alternately assailed, Trinity, by a corner kick by Vamplew, secured the first goal, after 23 minutes' play. No other advantage was gained in the first half. On resuming, Lincoln, from a scrimmage, equalised matters three minutes after the commencement."

Gainsborough: C.H. Howlett (Goal); Williamson, C. Jubb (Backs); W. Brown, G. Vamplew, W. Cator (Half Backs); J. Smith, A. Watkin (Right Wing), R. Sharman (Centre), W. Manuel, C. Booth (Left Wing).

Lincoln:K.Bayne(Goal);R.Aspden,H.Simpson(Backs);J.Duckworth,A.Mettam,  
W.Rawlinson(Half Backs);E.Teesdale,J.Slater(Right Wing),T.Baggaley(Centre),  
W.Gregson,G.Hallam(Left Wing).

Umpires:Croft for Gainsborough and J.West for Lincoln.  
Referee:Hutchinson(Grantham).

Grantham Journal 18/12/86 P.3:"Considerable excitement is manifested in football circles in Lincoln and Gainsborough as to the result of the appeal to the English Association Committee on the subject of last Saturday's match.The protest was properly made by the captain and secretary of the club,in accordance with Rule 20 of the Challenge Cup competition rules issued by the Association,which deals with the eligibility and qualification of players,and for a violation by the Lincoln City club of Rule 18a,which provides that professionals should not be allowed to compete in cup matches,unless they are qualified by birth or residence for two years within(six) miles of the headquarters of the club for which they play.The Association Committee decided against Trinity on Monday night as to the question of the second goal obtained by Lincoln,holding that they could not go outside the decision of the referee,and that,rightly or wrongly,the goal must be allowed.The other protest as to professionalism will be considered before a Commission to be held at Sheffield shortly.In the event of the protest failing,an extension of time for the match will be given till January 15. The players who were injured in the match on Saturday,Howlett the goalkeeper, Brown,and Vamplew,are recovering from the roughness to which they were subjected,though Howlett is much bruised,and both Brown and Vamplew are lame.Dr Wright,the surgeon to the club,is in attendance.."

REPLAY :Jan 24 1887 (Protest against Lincoln on grounds of professionalism)  
(Heard at Sheffield in week before Christmas:not located)

LINCOLN CITY 1 (G.Hallam) GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY 0  
(H.T.0-0)(At Bramall Lane,Sheffield)

Lincolnshire Chronicle 25/1/87 P.3 and 28/1/87 P.2/Field 29/1/87 P.142/  
Sportsman 25/1/87 P.4/Sporting Life 25/1/87 P.4/Athletic News 1/2/87 P.3:

LC:"After much procrastination and considerable perturbation of spirit,City and Gainsborough Trinity were enabled to bring their tie in the third round of the English Cup competition to an issue (this afternoon)(on Monday)at Sheffield.The series of events that prevented this match,which ended in a drawn game on the first Saturday in December,from being replayed ere this day are sufficiently well known and need not be recapitulated.The delay which for a time seemed to only increase public interest in the tie,has been so long drawn out that the enthusiasm at first observable has been slightly on the wane,but this was principally owing to the changing of the venue for the game to Sheffield.Bramall Lane was secured for the match and there was a large attendance of spectators,special trains from Lincoln and Gainsborough bringing goodly contingents.The City team journeyed by the 12.30 express from Lincoln,so as to arrive on the ground in good time,and the Trinitarians came with the special from the Trent-side.The ground,all things

considered, was in fair condition, though rather soft, and the going consequently somewhat heavy. When the teams appeared on the enclosure it was seen that Cole was playing at full back for the Cits, and that Aspden had been sent forward to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Teesdale. Neutral umpires were appointed, Mr Haig officiating on behalf of the Cits, and Mr Wilkinson for Trinity. Mr Clegg was the referee.

Gainsborough kicked off against a strong wind, and a scene of the greatest excitement was witnessed. Trinity first settled down to work, and soon forced Bayne to give a corner. City quickly retaliated, and two hot scrimmages ensued, but the backs saved well. The City next secured a corner, but it proved abortive. The Gainsborough left wing then ran the ball up, and (Bayne) saved grandly. The Trinity here, by good combination, forced another corner, but failed to turn it to any advantage. The City forwards playing rather loose, took a shot, which went over the bar, and a series of scrimmages in the Gainsborough goal followed, but no score was made. Smith was shortly afterwards winded by Mettam, after which the City did all the pressing, pouring in hot shots, but unsuccessfully. Trinity cleared from a scrimmage right under the bar, and were coming away with a dash when Cole stopped a good run. Trinity continued to rush the ball up, and put it through, but it was declared off-side. Howlett saved grandly several subsequent shots, and the game continued hard and very fast. After a time Trinity worked the ball to the other end, the play having slowed down. Watkin and Smith played a good game, but the City was soon again attacking. They were pressing hard when half-time arrived with no score either side.

After a short respite hostilities recommenced, both teams playing vigorously, each goal in turn being furiously attacked—particularly Lincoln—Bayne having several times to use his hands. The ball was carried to the Trinity quarters, but returned immediately, Booth making a good shot for goal. The City then pressed Trinity, but with no effect. After some smart play on both sides, City again pressed severely, but nothing resulted until Hallam made a clever shot for goal, which Howlett was unable to frustrate, and the first goal was registered for Lincoln. On resuming play the ball was kept for some time in Lincoln quarters, but was soon brought again to the Trinity end, where some smart passing took place, and the Trinity goal was more than once placed in danger. Howlett, however, guarded well and saved several times. A corner was presently secured by the City, but though well centred, came to nothing. The ball was then carried to the City end, but almost immediately returned. A good deal of roughness was now indulged in. The City rallied at the Trinity end and shot wide. From the kick off the Trinity forwards, by a clever combined effort entered the City lines, and the City custodian had to negotiate a clever shot. Trinity still pressed, but the defence was too good to be got through, although severely tried, and several shots were directed wide of the mark. Lincoln, on the defensive, gave a corner, which proved void of fruition. Trinity had now the best of the play, and several times experienced hard lines, one shot just going over the bar. A foul close to the City goal was unproductive, and soon after the whistle blew, Lincoln City winning by one goal to none.”

SL:”In compliance with the mandate of the English Association these teams met at Bramall-lane Grounds, Sheffield, yesterday afternoon, and replayed their

disputed tie in the third round, which has been on the tapis ever since December 4. The objection lodged by Lincoln City against Gainsborough Trinity for playing ineligible players on the day mentioned, and the subsequent considerations of the Association committee caused quite a cause celebre, and the ultimatum that the game should be played on neutral ground at Sheffield, caused it to attract great attention. Another circumstance was that three members of the Trinity team formerly played with clubs at or near Sheffield. These were Jubb, formerly of Kilnhurst, who distinguished himself by winning a £20 pedestrian handicap at Barnsley; Bown, who used to play with Pyebank; and Manuel, who, a couple of seasons ago, belonged to +Attercliffe. Party spirit had run high in the Fen district about the first game, and the subsequent decision of the Association, and special excursion trains from Lincoln and Gainsborough conveyed several hundred partisans of the respective teams. These with a large contingent of local admirers of the game, caused the crowd at Bramall-lane yesterday to number fully 4,000. There was no fraternising between the opposing teams, Gainsborough Trinity being driven to the ground in a drag and stripping in the dressing-room, whilst Lincoln City stripped at the Maunche Hotel and were driven to the ground ready for the fray. The weather was fine, with a strong wind blowing the length of the grounds, which were in a very soft state, and severely tried the stamina of the teams. From first to last the game was played with desperate energy, and though at one time it appeared that Lincoln City would outstay their opponents, the Trinity men played up with rare determination, and, during the latter portion, had slightly the best of the play. By far too much rough play was indulged in, and as the grounds were soft, it needed but little force to disturb the equilibrium of the players, sometimes as many as three seeking to embrace Mother Earth at one time.

Lincoln City won the toss, and Bown kicked off for Gainsborough. At half time neither side had scored, although Lincoln City had shown slightly the best form. After changing ends considerable feeling was shown by the contestants. At one period Booth was twice intercepted by Slater, and it appeared as though they intended to settle matters in the Smith and Knifton style. During the latter portion Lincoln City resorted to kicking outside much too often, and the result was that the referee allowed time for the procedure, which met with strong disapproval from the spectators. At the conclusion the City team were returned the winners of a very fast and roughly contested game by one goal to Trinity's none. At the invitation of Messrs Daw and Saville the teams attended the Theatre Royal in the evening, and witnessed the pantomime of "Robinson Crusoe".

+Both W. Manuel and D. Manuel played on opposite sides in a game between Attercliffe teams a year or two previously

Lincoln City: K. Bayne (Goal); G. F. Wells-Cole, H. Simpson (Backs); J. Duckworth, A. Mettam, W. Rawlinson (Half Backs); R. Aspden, J. Slater (Right Wing), W. Fox (Centre), W. Gregson, G. Hallam (Left Wing).

Gainsborough: C. H. Howlett (Goal); R. Sharman, C. Jubb (Backs); G. Vamplew, W. Brown (Capt.), W. Cator (Half Backs); J. Smith, A. Watkin (Right Wing), G. H. Bown (Centre), W. Manuel, C. Booth (Left Wing).

Umpires:J.Wilkinson for Gainsborough and D.Haig for Lincoln City.  
Referee:J.C.Clegg(President,Sheffield Association).

HORNCASTLE 2 (J.TurnerB.,Robinson) GRANTHAM 0  
(Thurs Dec 9<sup>th</sup>)(H.T. 1-0) (On the Wong,Horncastle)

Grantham Journal 11/12/86 P.8/Nottingham Journal 10/12/86 P.7/Sheffield  
Daily Telegraph 10/12/86 P.4/ Field 11/12/86 P.868/Sportsman 10/12/86  
P.4/Sporting Life 10/12/86 P.4:

GJ:"Played on the Wong,Horncastle,on Thursday last,in fine weather,but very windy,a gale blowing across the ground when a start was made.Some two thousand spectators were present when Hutchinson,winning the toss,and taking a slight advantage of the wind,defended the town end goal.A start was made about 2.40,and Grantham soon settled down to work,and took an unproductive corner after five minutes' play,and quickly afterwards had a free for hands off Miller.Horncastle then encroached towards the visitors' territory several times, but never got dangerous until J.Turner made a run from about midfield,and passing cleverly,sent a hard shot through well away from Broadbent's reach. After a fresh start Hutchinson and Sutton had several attempts at scoring,and sent one or two very good middles,and Salew sent the ball between the posts,but it had previously been given out.At change of ends the score stood:Horncastle,1; Grantham,0.

The wind was now,if anything,stronger than ever and got more fairly down the ground.Horncastle soon made play,and Robinson was not long in notching a second goal for his side,amidst great cheering.After the Wongites had another chance of scoring,Grantham took the ball into their opponents' quarters,and took a free kick for hands in the goal mouth which nearly registered a goal.When time was called,the home team were declared the winners by two goals to none."

NJ:"This match was played on the Wong,at Horncastle,yesterday afternoon,in the presence of 1,500 spectators.The wind was very rough and blew right across the ground,but the weather kept fine all afternoon.Grantham won the toss and the home team kicked off at 2.37,and the ball was very soon in the visitors' quarters, but Broadbent was on the spot,and kicked the ball from one goal post to very close of the other.The ball was continually out,on account of the rough wind which prevailed.Grantham obtained a corner in a few minutes from the start,but nothing came of it,and immediately after hands were given in their favour,and a goal was well saved by Jeffrey.For the first twenty minutes the visitors had much the best of the game,the rough play of the home team,however,appeared to be almost too much for them,and 28 minutes from the start a goal was kicked for the home team by J.Turner,and loud cheers were raised by the spectators. Directly after the visitors were very fine in obtaining a goal,and it was thought by many onlookers that the ball had gone between the posts,but it had gone just outside,and loud cheers were then again raised.The half-time whistle soon after blew,the score standing one to none in favour of Horncastle.

Play recommenced at 3.26, and the ball was at once taken into the Grantham territory, and a goal was saved by the goal-keeping of Jeffrey. Some good play was shown hereabouts by the Rev. B.G. Jarrett and F.R. Shannon on behalf of the visitors, and by the brothers Turner for the home team, they obtaining possession of the ball and taking it well down the field, and it was well put between the posts by B. (Robinson). Broadbent, as usual, distinguished himself as goalkeeper for Grantham. The home team were much the stronger of the two, they having players from Lincoln, Louth, and Spilsby, and the visitors being short of one or two of their best men. No other score was obtained, the game resulting in a victory for the home team by two goals to none."

Horncastle: Jeffrey (Goal); Miller, Langley (Backs); Searby, Inge, Green (Half Backs); W. Turner (Capt.), J. Turner (Right Wing), B. Robinson (Centre), R. Turner, E. Tweed (Left Wing).

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

Umpires: Williamson (Grantham) and H. Tweed (Horncastle).  
Referee: Donson (Middlesbrough).

#### SOUTHERN FIRST DIVISION:

CHATHAM 1 (C. Hibbard) OLD FORESTERS 4 (R.C. Guy 3, S.N. Sergeant)  
(H.T. 1-2) (Sat Dec 11<sup>th</sup>) (At Chatham Lines)

KR Source: Chatham Observer/Sportsman 13/12/86 P.4/Sporting Life 13/12/86 P.4:

#### FIND CHATHAM OBSERVER REPORT

SL: "Played at Chatham Lines on Saturday. Chatham had the advantage at the start, but the combination of the Old Foresters proved vastly superior. Ten minutes after the start R. Guy scored with a magnificent screw shot, repeating the same shortly afterwards. Five minutes before half-time Hibbard got past Walker, scoring the first goal for Chatham.

After change the Foresters continued to maintain the upper hand, but for some time were unable to score, owing to the fine defence shown by Albert and Conquer. R. Guy at last again beat Salisbury, while Sergeant added a fourth goal. Chatham played up far better towards the finish and had several chances of scoring, but they were thrown away. Hibbard, Soppitt, and Hobart put in several good shots, but Walker saved splendidly. The Foresters' backs and half-backs also evinced fine form." (No teams)

SM:"Played on Saturday at Chatham Lines in the presence of nearly 3,000 spectators,and resulted in a win for the Old Foresters by four goals to one.The Foresters obtained two goals in each half,and Chatham theirs about ten minutes before half time."(No teams)

Manchester Courier 13/12/86 P.3(No lineups):"Played at Chatham Lines before 3,000 spectators.Chatham had the advantage of the wind in the first half,but the Foresters had the best of the play,R.Guy scoring twice,while Hibbard scored once for Chatham.On changing the Foresters continued to press Chatham,and Guy and Sargeant added two more goals.Towards the finish Chatham improved,and Walker several times saved shots from Hibbard,Hobart,and Soppitt.The Old Foresters eventually won by four goals to one."(No teams)

Chatham:W.Salisbury(Goal);J.Albert,E.Conquer(Backs);H.A.Jenner,H.Blake, R("Bob").Conquer(Half Backs);W.McLeod,J.McGregor(Rights),C.Hibbard (Centre),H.Hobart,J.C.Soppitt(Lefts).(SM/SL 11/87 P.8 LINE-UP ORDER)

Reserves:Lush and Campaign(SM)

Old Foresters:W.Walker(Goal);F.R.Pelly,S.W.Borrow(Backs);R.B.Johnson(Capt.), H.H.Johnson,C.Collison (Half Backs);J.T.Woolcombe,S.N.Sergeant(Rights), R.C.Guy(Centre),A.Robertson,H.W.Guy(Lefts).

N.B.SL for match had H.V.Treacher for A.Robertson.(Also had J.Y.Woodscombe)

SM:Umpires :T.Hibbard and E.S.Horner.Referee:Capt.H.W.Renny-Tailyour(R.E.)

OLD CARTHUSIANS walked over LONDON CALEDONIANS disqualified

Athletic News 7/12/86 P.3/Lancashire Evening Post 4/12/86 P.3:"The tie between these two clubs should have been played today at Shepherd's Bush,but the Caledonians,owing to the recent frost,declined to play,although the ground was in good condition.The Carthusians,in the absence of their opponents,went on the field,and claimed the game."

Sportsman 4/12/86 P.8:"Owing to the frost it has been decided to postpone this tie in the third round,fixed for today(Saturday)at Shepherd's Bush,till the 11<sup>th</sup> inst.(The above is the report of a telegram received yesterday afternoon,though by a later post Mr P.M.Walters states that the match will be played notwithstanding frost or snow-ED. SPORTSMAN")

Sportsman 6/12/86 P.4:"The hon treasurer of the latter body writes us that on Friday morning at eleven o'clock due notice was given by wire and by personal visit to the Carthusian hon sec,Mr P.M.Walters,that the tie would not be played, owing to the frost and dangerous condition of the ground,at Shepherds Bush.The Caledonians much regret that several of their opponents journeyed up from Oxford and Cambridge,but if Mr Walters failed to communicate their decision they cannot be held to blame in the matter."

Sporting Life 6/12/86 P.4:"The tie between these Southern clubs,which during the week had been announced to take place at the Oval,Leyton,and finally at Shepherd's Bush,should have been decided at the latter place on Saturday last. During Friday,the secretary of the Caledonians telegraphed to the secretary of the Carthusians saying that the former would not play on account of the frost. The Carthusians,however,announced their intention to play under any circumstances,notwithstanding frost or snow,and consequently duly put in an appearance at the Princess Victoria,and finding that there was but little chance of the Caledonians turning up,went on to the ground and claimed the match."

Sportsman 11/12/86 P.4:"In this tie the Old Carthusians refused to play today, the last date available,and have decided to place the matter in the hands of the committee of the Football Association for their decision.Both clubs claim the contest."

Manchester Courier 14/12/86 P.3:"The match Old Carthusians v London Caledonians has been awarded to the former."

SWIFTS,a bye

SOUTHERN SECOND DIVISION:

OLD ETONIANS 0 OLD WESTMINSTERS 3 (C.R.W.Heath 2,F.W.Janson)  
(H.T. 0-2)(Sat Dec 11<sup>th</sup>)(At Kennington Oval)

Field 18/12/86 P.897/Sportsman 13/12/86 P.4/Sporting Life 13/12/86 P.4/  
Berkshire Chronicle 18/12/86 P.7:

F:"On Saturday afternoon the old boys of Eton and Westminster met at Kennington Oval to play off their match in the third round of the Cup Competition.Each club was represented by a powerful team,and a good game resulted,though the superiority of those whose early experiences at football was gained at Vincent Square was frequently making itself apparent.Indeed the Old Westminsters were not only faster and better together forward,but their defence was the stronger.

Play began at half past two by Dunn,who had lost the toss,kicking off towards the western goal(SL:"nearest the Gas Works").The game had not lasted many minutes when the Etonians' goal was warmly assailed,and,but for Rawlinson,a score would have been gained by the other side.The escape was short-lived, however,as from a good centre soon after by Bain,the ball was put smartly between the Eton posts by Heath,who,with Scoones,played exceedingly well on the right wing.Some interesting play followed,Bainbridge,Whitfeld,and Bromley-Martin showing up conspicuously,on the one side,and Bain,Janson,Scoones, Squire,and Wetton on the other.Dunn,the Etonian captain,also displayed plenty of energy,but,as centre forward,he did not seem quite as much at home as usual. Several corners now fell to the Old Westminsters,but no score besides that

mentioned was obtained until the game was half an hour old, when the outcome of some capital play by Bain, Janson, Heath, and Scoones, was a second goal for the old boys of St Peter's College.

The position of affairs was unaltered at half time, and remained so for fifteen minutes afterwards. Then the Old Westminsters, who had made several chances unsuccessfully, at length gained another goal. This was from the foot of Heath, to whom the ball had been passed by Scoones. With three goals against them the Old Etonians were not disconcerted, but their efforts lacked combination, and proved unavailing. They, however, suffered no additional losses, though on one occasion Jenner missed a capital chance which a splendid middle by Scoones afforded him. The match, therefore, ended in favour of the Old Westminsters by three goals to none."

BC: "This match was played at the Oval. The ball was kicked off at about a quarter to three. The Old Westminsters had the benefit of a strongish breeze for the first half. Their forwards at once began to assume the offensive, Bain in particular showing to advantage on the extreme left. Only a few minutes had elapsed before a capital centre from the goal-line placed the ball immediately in front of the Etonian posts, and Heath had little difficulty in putting it through. On the resumption the Westminsters continued to be the assailants, and Rawlinson had serious trouble to save his goal from kicks by Jenner, Heath, and Bain. The Eton forwards, though Marchant made more than one good run, were wanting both in dash and combination, and though their opponents were without the services of N.C. Bailey behind, their defence was quite equal to the attacks of the Etonians. The Westminsters had, on the whole distinctly the best of the game, and another middle by Bain enabled Janson to score again. This was the last score of the first half, and ends were changed with the Etonians two goals to the bad.

With the wind in their favour, the Eton forwards made a better show, and the game was more even. Still the Westminsters showed much better combination, and although Moon had to repel two assaults the play was more in the Eton half than that of the opposition. For some time the game was unproductive of points, till at last, from a middle by Scoones, Heath gave the Westminsters another goal. During the last few minutes the Eton forwards tried hard to gain ground, and more than once they were dangerous. Still they lacked the necessary dash at the finish, and were beaten by three goals to none."

Old Etonians: J.F.P. Rawlinson (Goal); T.H. French, C.F. Dickinson (Backs); T.C. Weatherhead, B. Farrer, G.E. Preston (Half Backs); F. Marchant, H.W. Bainbridge (Right Wing), A.T.B. Dunn (Capt.) (Centre), H. Whitfeld, E.G. Bromley-Martin (Left Wing).

Old Westminsters: W.R. Moon (Goal); C.J.M. Fox, A.E.R. Bedford (Backs); R.T. Squire, H. Wetton, R.A. Ingram (Half Backs); O. Scoones, C.R.W. Heath (Right Wing), A.C.W. Jenner (Centre), F.W. Bain, F.W. Janson (Left Wing).

Umpires: Major Marindin (R.E.) (President Football Association) and B.M. Rogers (Old Westminsters). Referee: J. Armstrong (Union).

GREAT MARLOW 3 (+T.Walker,E.J.Lunnon 2) DULWICH 0  
(H.T. 2-0)(Sat Dec 11<sup>th</sup>)(At the Marlow Ground behind the "Crown Hotel")

+MA has H.Walker but most papers have T.Walker

Maidenhead Advertiser 15/12/86 P.4/Berkshire Chronicle 18/12/86 P.7/Bucks Herald 18/12/86 P./KR Source:South Bucks Free Press/Reading Observer 18/12/86 P.3/Reading Mercury 18/12/86 P.7/Sporting Life 13/12/86 P.4/Sportsman 13/12/86 P.4/Referee 12/12/86 P.6(No teams):

MA:"Marlow winning the toss chose to defend the Crown goal,and it was exactly three o'clock when Mayo started the leather,amid the cheers of the spectators.It was taken into Dulwich quarters,and Marlow scored the first bye.A free kick for hands in favour of the home team ended in a corner,but nothing came of it. Immediately afterwards,however,Cox had to punch out a fine shot from E.J.Lunnon,but Bailey was close up and received the ball and sent it behind. Dulwich now had a free kick for hands close to the Marlow goal,and Denny taking it,shot for Plumridge,but the latter appealed "Let it go!" and the ball passed between the uprights without having been played.Hands against Marlow immediately afterwards,and a shot by Raybold preceeded a free kick for hands for Marlow,and Cox had to exert himself to prevent a a bully and a good shot by R.A.Lunnon taking effect.Dulwich now made an effort to score,and a shot at goal,badly judged,went over the bar;but Marlow,not to be easily shaken off,took the ball again to the Marefield end,and after some good play in the right corner by R.A.Lunnon and Bailey,the leather was passed into the centre,and from here to H.Waller,who succeeded in lowering the Dulwich colours,amid loud cheering, approximately fifteen minutes from the start.A long but excellent shot by R.A.Lunnon failed,but one by Raybold at the other end compelled Plumridge to use his hands."Long Tom" next tried his luck at goal-shooting,but he was less successful than his brother.The play up till now had been tolerably even,but a temporary lull on the part of Marlow gave the visitors an advantage which they were not slow to make the most of,and they registererd three or four byes,as well as a few shots at goal.A wild kick by E.J.Lunnon close to the goal was a good thing for the Metropolitans.He repeated the performance shortly after,being evidently over anxious to score.Presently,F.D.Morris and Kirkpatrick had a good run down the right,and Mayo shot at goal fruitlessly.Wise was the next to figure prominently,as he made a very decent run up the centre,but the goalkeeper stopped a shot that ensued.Shortly after,Marlow shot at Cox's charge,and the custodian ran out and met the missile,but before he cound return,E.J.Lunnon had cleverly sent the ball between the posts.No further point was gained before half-time,when Marlow had scored 2 goals,1 corner,and 13 byes,and Dulwich 1 corner and 10 byes.This portion of the game was remarkable for the number of free kicks for hands.

Stephenson,having taken Cox's place in goal,which proved to be an advantageous change,Wise re-started the ball,but the play that ensued was very uninteresting, owing to its one-sided nature.After several attempts to add to their score, E.J.Lunnon again did the needful,five minutes after the resumption of play.

Afterwards Marlow continued to have all the best of the game, and had they thrown a little spirit into their work they could have easily have added more goals. Dulwich occasionally broke away, but Plumridge's charge was never in any great jeopardy, and the match eventually ended in a victory for Marlow, as above stated, by 3 goals to nil. The last half-hour's play was in semi-darkness, and by no means enjoyable to the on-lookers. During the 45 minutes Marlow recorded 1 goal, 1 corner, and 0 byes, and Dulwich only 1 bye. The game at times was rather rough on both sides, but fortunately no player received any injury, and the referee did not feel called upon to stop the play. For the home team the brothers Lunnon (E.J. particularly), H. Walker, Paine, and J.T. Flint were in good form, whilst the most conspicuous for the losers were Cox, Mayo, Raybold, Whittle, and Denny."

BC/SL: "This tie was played on the Marlow ground before a large number of enthusiastic spectators. The ball was kicked off at three o'clock, and Cox was soon called upon to defend his charge. Dulwich then advanced to the attack, and a free kick enabled Stafford to send the ball between the Marlow posts, but unfortunately for the visitors no one else assisted it on its journey, and consequently the home stronghold still remained intact. Just after this hands fell to Marlow in close proximity to the Dulwich uprights. A corner kick followed, and then after some short passing along the line, T. Walker scored for the Bucks eleven (REF: "(exactly 12 minutes after the start)") amid loud cheering. Dulwich now played up with increased vigour, and play was of a fairly even character for some time. The Marlow forced the others back, and five minutes before half time, after well-placed kicks by R.H. Lunnon and Flint, and some very effective passing on the part of R.A. Lunnon, Bailey, and the brothers Walker, E.J. Lunnon took advantage of a favourable opening and scored a second point for Marlow.

When the teams reversed position the play was pretty even. Twenty minutes passed without anything occurring of a definite character, and then E.J. Lunnon made a fine run, and skilfully eluding the Dulwich backs, wound up by sending the ball under the bar for the third time. The visitors now made desperate attempts to turn the tide of misfortune which had set in so strongly against them, and on two occasions Plumridge had to use his hands, but the backs cleared in very effective fashion. J. Morris got away on the left, and muddled beautifully, but Kirkpatrick, although close up, failed to take advantage of this fine chance afforded him of reducing the balance against his side. Towards the close the Marlow forwards worried their opponents incessantly and looked like adding to their total several times, but the Dulwich rear division worked very hard, and managed to repel their continuous advances, Cox, who vacated his position between the posts at half-time, and "fell in" at full back, distinguishing himself repeatedly. When "Time!" was signalled, the Bucks eleven retired victorious by three goals to none. Paine, Mellett, H. Walker, Flint, and the brothers Lunnon were the pick of the winning team; and on the other side, Whittle, Mayo, Cox, and Denny were indefatigable in their exertions to avert defeat." (RO Report : partly identical)

BH: "In this match, played last Saturday at Marlow (RM: "...behind the "Crown Hotel"), the home team were more successful than when they met Schorne College, being victors over Dulwich by three goals to nil, in the third round for the

All England Association Challenge Cup. The first goal was scored, amidst much cheering, off a corner kick, by T. Walker; the next two by E. J. Lunnon, one about five minutes before half time and the other about half-an-hour later on. Cox played well for Dulwich, as did Mayo and Morris, but Marlow proved too strong for the London S.W.'s."

Great Marlow: F. Plumridge (Goal); W. Mellett, T. Paine (Backs); R. H. Lunnon, J. T. Flint (Half Backs); R. A. Lunnon (Capt.), J. Bailey (Right Wing), W. Wise, E. J. Lunnon (Centres), Tom Walker, Harry Walker (Left Wing).

Dulwich: B. H. Cox (Goal), H. Denny, C. A. Stephenson (Backs), T. G. Stafford, E. J. Diver, E. A. Whittle (Capt.) (Half Backs), F. D. Morris, A. R. Kirkpatrick (Right Wing), F. S. Mayo (Centre), W. Raybould, John Morris (Left Wing).

Athletic News 14/12/86 P.9 states "Dulwich were rather suffering from absences of their principal players": J. F. Sugden, G. Tomblason, and E. M. Soulby who were listed in Sportsman and Sporting Life Saturday editions as going to play didn't play (E. J. Diver, E. A. Whittle, and A. R. Kirkpatrick, who were not listed played) "E. A. Whittle, the Dulwich captain, was prevented from assisting his club." (but all lineups have a E. A. or T. Whittle (Capt) as playing).

Umpires: R. Shaw (Marlow) and T. Thurlow (Dulwich)  
Referee: E. C. Kelly (Hon Sec, Berks and Bucks Junior Football Association and Windsor FC)

FOURTH ROUND DRAW (Birmingham Daily Post 14/12/86 P.8):

"The fourth ties were drawn last night in London, with the result given below. The first named club has, as usual, choice of ground and the round must be completed on or before January 1, 1887. It will be noticed that the draw is not a general one, only two ties, Mitchell St George's .v. West Bromwich Albion in the third division and Swifts .v. Old Foresters in the seventh, having to be played off before New Year's Day. The undecided matches in the third round have to be played off by January 1, but extension of time for Preston North End .v. Renton has been allowed until January 15<sup>th</sup>. The draw for the clubs in the fifth division will not take place until January 3. A protest has been lodged against Lincoln City by Gainsborough Trinity for playing ineligible men."

"The match Old Carthusians .v. London Caledonians, has been awarded to the former" (Manchester Courier 14/12/86 p.3 (This game had been due to take place on 4/12/86 at Leyton)

Northern First Division:  
Renton or Preston North End, a bye  
Darwen, a bye.

Northern Second Division:  
Partick Thistle, a bye  
Glasgow Rangers, a bye.

Northern Third Division:  
Mitchell St George's .v. West Bromwich Albion  
Aston Villa or Wolverhpton Wanderers ,a bye.

Northern Fourth Division:  
Lockwood Brothers ,a bye  
Notts County ,a bye

Northern Fifth Division:  
Chirk or Goldenhill .v. Leek or Burslem Port Vale  
Crewe Alexandra ,a bye  
(This was redrawn on January 3 :see above and below))

Northern Sixth Division:  
Gainsborough Trinity or Lincoln City ,a bye  
Horncastle ,a bye

Southern First Division:  
Old Foresters .v. Swifts  
Old Carthusians,a bye

Southern Second Division:  
Old Westminster's ,a bye  
Great Marlow, a bye

#### NORTHERN THIRD DIVISION:

MITCHELL ST GEORGE'S 0 WEST BROMWICH ALBION 1(+T.Green)  
(H.T. 0-0)(At Aston Lower Grounds)(Sat Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1887)

Birmingham Daily Post 17/1/87 P.7/Athletic News 18/1/87 P.3 and P.11-12/  
Field 22/1/87 P.104/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 17/1/87 P.4/Sporting Life  
17/1/87 P.4/Sportsman 17/1/87 P.4/Referee 16/1/87 P.6:

BDP:"Considerable interest was centred in the meeting of these clubs in the fourth round of the National cup,and between four and five thousand persons assembled at Aston Lower Grounds.The match,as had been anticipated,was keenly contested from first to last,and although the Albion won by a goal to nil, victory seemed for a long time as if it might declare itself for Mitchell's,who during the second portion of the game had quite the better of it.The ground was in a shocking condition,being covered in ice and snow,and allowing a very precarious foothold.Winning the toss,the Mitchell's team elected to kick uphill,and Bayliss started the ball for the West Bromwich men,who quickly carried it to the vicinity of the St George's goal,but the backs returned.The Albion forwards then brought it down again,and Bayliss had a splendid chance to score, but kicked high over the crossbar,to the great delight of the Mitchell's supporters,of whom there appeared to be a goodly number present.The St

George's forwards then put in some good work, and several times made incursions into the Albion's quarters, but all to no purpose. A run on the Albion left followed, and Paddock crossed the ball to Bayliss, who looked very dangerous, but he again shot over the bar. From the goal kick, Breese and Harrison, the St George's left wingers, carried the ball well up the field, and a beautiful long shot by the former sent the ball the wrong side of the posts. Again the left wing of Mitchell's made a run, but their effort was spoiled by Meaking shooting outside. The Albion now woke up a bit, and playing a more dashing game, went in a body for Mitchell's fortress, but, as before, their final shot was inaccurate. Speedily returning to the assault, the Albion got a corner kick, which was splendidly placed, but the Mitchell's defence was too strong, and the danger was removed. A bit of play of the most exciting description followed. Paddock shot the ball into Stansbie's hands. Green and Bayliss tried to rush him through, but cleverly eluding them he turned the ball nicely round the posts. The corner kick which was taken came to nothing. Mitchell's forwards then tried to score, but were unsuccessful, and half time found neither side with a goal.

After changing ends Mitchell's, having now the wind and ground in their favour, were quickly attacking. Breese put in a shot, which Roberts caught, but he was quickly rushed through, not, however, before he had dropped the ball, which was ultimately kicked out of danger. An appeal for a goal was made, it being alleged that the ball had been over the goal line, but the point was not allowed. After several unsuccessful attempts to score, Mitchell's were in turn forced back, and Green had a shot, which went wide of its mark. Not to be denied, Albion again tried to storm their opponents' citadel but just as Bayliss seemed clear of the St George's backs he fell. Following up their attack, the Albion now gained a corner; but Davenport removed the danger, and transferred the ball to the opposite end of the field, and Mitchell's looked like scoring, but their final shot went outside. The Albion forwards had several tries to get away but the Mitchell's half backs playing in fine style, prevented them for a long time from getting past the centre of the field, and the leather was continually bobbing about in the neighbourhood of the Albion goal, the Albion defence being taxed to the uttermost. Just before the call of time (F: "five minutes before time") the Albion "five" galloped in a line up the field, and Green shot for goal. Stansbie punched out, but in doing so fell, and his throw being weakened, +Woodhall sharply kicked the ball through the Mitchell's posts, and the first goal thus fell to the Albion. No further score was made, although Mitchell's played desperately to equalise; and the Albion thus won a splendidly contested match by 1 goal to nil."

+WBACR attributes goal to T.Green as do other reports

AN(P.3): "Played at Aston Lower Grounds, Birmingham, in bitterly cold weather, three or four thousand spectators being present. The ground was in a dreadful condition, being covered with several inches of frozen snow. Stevenson was absent from the Saints' team. Albion lost the toss, but had wind and slope in their favour at the start. The first portion of the game was stubbornly but most evenly-contested, but neither side showed up very brilliantly. At half-time neither side had scored, and it was thought the "Saints" would win on crossing over.

Commencing the latter half Mitchell's showed up finely, and for a long time had the upper hand, having hard lines. The Albion broke away occasionally, but weak play in front of goal, and sturdy defence prevented them from scoring. Within a few minutes of "Time" a sharp burst, headed by Bayliss, was successful, Green scoring for the Albion. No other score was made."

AN(P.11-12): "The English Cup tie at the Aston Lower Grounds, between Mitchell St George's and West Bromwich Albion proved a much more exciting game than a good many people anticipated would be the case. The ground was in a truly deplorable condition, being covered with a coating of snow some three or four inches deep, which was rendered exceedingly dangerous by the severe frosts of Friday and Saturday. No attempt had been made to clear the ground, but a sprinkling of salt and sawdust round the goal was the only thing which served to make the ground at all playable. The weather, too, was bitterly cold, but the 3,000 or 4,000 spectators who were present braved the elements with unflinching courage, and displayed the utmost enthusiasm in the game.

As soon as the players had settled down it became pretty evident that the match would not prove such a "soft" thing for the Throstles as some of their supporters had anticipated. Scientific play was altogether out of the question, mis-kicks and tumbles being of frequent occurrence. At the outset Stansbie was called upon to repel several smart attacks on his charge, and then the Dragons rattled off to the opposite end in fine style, Meaking in particular distinguishing himself by a fine turn of speed on the right wing. His comrades on the left, however, were scarcely fast enough, and several fine centres were easily neutralised by the sure back play of the Albion defenders. After a spell of even play, in which the kicking powers of Aldridge and Hawkins formed the chief features, Harrison and Breese got well in front of the Albion stronghold, and being well supported, a warm struggle ensued in front of the uprights, Meaking eventually putting outside. The Albion then changed the venue of play, and had one or two chances of scoring, Horton losing a splendid opportunity. Still pressing, the Throstles gained a corner, which was magnificently placed by Woodhall, and after a protracted scrummage, Perry relieved the suspense by shooting wildly high over the bar. From the goal kick the Albion came on again, Stansbie getting rid of a hot shot, whilst surrounded by opponents, in a marvellous manner. The referee's whistle immediately afterwards put an end to the first forty-five minutes' play.

Immediately on crossing over, the "Brums" went up to the Albion goal in a body, and Roberts had a trying time of it for some minutes, Bailey's play at this point being exceedingly fine. Nothing, however, came of the attack, and Bayliss and Green headed a run to the opposite end, Stansbie saving very coolly a straight shot from the foot of Paddock. Hawkins cleared the Dragon lines, and a combined run carried the ball into the opposing quarters. Here a spirited and prolonged attack ensued for some minutes, and just when a score seemed imminent, Davenport put it outside. At this point the brewery team were having all the best of the deal, a remarkably fine effort by Davenport glancing over the crossbars (very hard lines), and from the goal kick the ball travelled a little way up the field before it was again forced into the Albion quarters.

Swarming into goal,a low shot was put right into Roberts's hands,and he was instantly charged.He,however,quickly dropped the ball,the general opinion of those behind the goal being that it fell over the goal-line before being returned to play.An appeal was at once made for a goal,which the referee promptly disallowed.This decision caused a considerable amount of dissatisfaction amongst Mitchell's supporters.Nothing daunted by this,the Saints kept pegging away In a very determined manner,and experienced hard lines on several occasions.A free kick in favour of the Dragons was taken by Brown a few yards from the goal,which proved abortive.Tom Green and Bayliss then dashed off until Arthur Bailey brought their career to an abrupt termination just as they were getting dangerous,the leather being eventually forced down the Dragon lines. After a bit of give-and-take play,a warm scrummage ensued right in front of the brewery stronghold,and a hard low shot was sent into Stansbie's hands,who slipped down in attempting to throw it out,the Albion at once claiming a goal, which was allowed by the referee,amidst loud cheers from the West Bromwich partisans.Only a few minutes remained for play,during which period both goals were in turn attacked,but no further score was made,and the Throstles were declared victors by one goal to nil."

+SL:"Towards the close the visitors played up most energetically,a run by Tom Green ending in a shot which Stansbie,falling,saved,but not in time,as the ball had passed between the posts;"

Mitchell St George's:Stansbie(Goal);Eagles,Hawkins(Backs);A.Bailey,J.Rogers, E.Barton(Half Backs);H.Meaking,Davenport(Right Wing),Arthur Brown(Centre), W.Harrison, J.Breeze(Left Wing).

West Bromwich:R.Roberts;(Goal);H.Green,A.Aldridge(Backs);E.Horton,C.Perry, G.Timmins(Half Backs);G.Woodhall,G.Holden,(Right Wing),J.M.Bayliss(Centre), Tom Green,W.Paddock(Left Wing).

#### NORTHERN FIFTH DIVISION:

CREWE ALEXANDRA 0 LEEK 1(H.Stonehewer)  
(H.T. 0-0)(Sat Jan 29<sup>th</sup>)(At Athletic Ground,Crewe)

Crewe Guardian 2/2/87 P.5/Crewe Courier 5/2/87 P.4(No teams)/Manchester Courier 31/1/87 P.3/Birmingham Daily Post 31/1/87 P.7(Short report)/Field 5/2/87 P.176/Sportsman 31/1/87 P.4/ Sporting Life 31/1/87 P.4/Referee 30/1/87 P.6/Blackburn Standard 2/2/87 P.3:

CG:"The Crewe Alexandra and Leek teams met on Saturday,at Crewe,to play off their tie in the fourth round of the English Cup competition.It had been all along known that the match would be sternly contested,and such turned out to be the case.The weather was all that could be desired,and the attendance numbered about 4,000.Leek,having won the toss,decided to defend the goal at the Cattle Market end,and at 2.35 E.Payne kicked off for Crewe.Whittles soon after kicked out,and from the throw in Leek pressed the home backs considerably,but Rider

kicked out in attempting to score. Shortly after this Allen put the ball through for Leek, but the goal was disallowed on the plea of off-side. The Crewe forwards now took a turn, and Pearson and E. Payne put in some good work, but the defence of the Leek backs, especially of Wardle, was too strong, the latter baffling all attempts on the part of the home forwards. Crewe gained a corner, but nothing came of it, and shortly after the visitors' goal was in great danger, but Snelson missed a rather easy chance. Wardle now distinguished himself, playing a magnificent game, but he was severely put to it by Bayman, who played with his usual energy and (determination). Play became very fast and exciting and some fine execution was shown upon by both sides. Allen landed a shot which just missed the posts, and the same player put in another which hit the cross-bar and rebounded into play, where the Leek forwards got possession, and again sent in the ball. but Bayman relieved grandly, enabling E. Payne to get possession of the leather. Making a fine run the home forward passed the visitors' backs, and had a clear field before him. It seemed a certain score, but again Wardle came to the rescue. Putting on a grand spurt, Wardle charged down upon Payne when near the posts and before the home forward could put in his shot sent the ball back into mid-field. The Leek forwards then laid siege to the home goal, but could not get the ball through. The home backs relieved, and Ellis made a grand run, passing the visitors' backs, but his final shot was very poor, and proved abortive. Pearson then got possession, and a neat bit of passing between him and the two Paynes resulted in E. Payne shooting outside the posts. Again Pearson made a fine run to the visitors' end and gave the ball to Ellis, who centred nicely, but again Payne's shot was useless, going over the bar. The Crewe forwards now made several good runs, Pearson being stopped near the posts by Tudor, and Hassall having subsequently to handle. During this time Wardle was the salvation of his team. Time after time he saved the visitors from disaster, and he was repeatedly cheered by the spectators, not only by Leek partisans, but by the Creweites also.

Half-time arrived without any score. During the second half Crewe experienced very hard lines. Several corners fell to them, one shot hit the crossbar, and E. Payne put the ball through from a centre by Snelson. Great cheering followed this, but after several seconds had elapsed the utmost disappointment was manifested by the referee disallowing the goal as off-side. During this portion of the game Crewe had undoubtedly the best of the play but luck seemed against them, and notwithstanding some very narrow squeaks, they could not score. Well on in the second half Allen and Brentnall got the ball, and a combined run was made, which ended in the ball being put through for Leek. This was the signal for an outburst of applause on the part of the numerous Leek partisans. The visitors now strengthened their defence by two or three additions, and in spite of the most determined efforts, Crewe were unable to equalise, and a hard fought game thus resulted in a win for Leek by one goal to nil. Of the visitors Wardle was far and away the best man on the field. There is no doubt that he won the game for the visitors and he met with a fine reception at the finish, which his splendid efforts well merited. The Crewe men played a good game, some of their play being exceedingly good."

Leek Book P.75-76: "This match in the first round of the competition proper was played at Crewe on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The only change in the Leek team was that

J.Brentnall took the place of Keates as inside right and the Crewe team was made up of (see below). There was a gate of about 4,500 persons. The previous games during the season had resulted in Leek being beaten by three goals to one at Crewe, and Crewe being beaten by four goals to two at Leek.

Wardle won the toss, and Leek pressed for the first ten minutes, a goal by Vickerstaff being ruled offside. Following this the homesters taxed the energies of Wardle and Lowe to the utmost, but the Leek backs never made a mistake, and Allen missing an easy chance from one of the Leek forwards dangerous breaks away, half-time came without any goals being scored.

The home team began the second half well, gaining three corners, but Wardle's head was in the way on each occasion. From a return into goal, E. Payne, who was standing by Hassall, put the ball through, but the point was disallowed for offside by Mr Crump. Leek with a dashing run got to the other end, and Allen hitting the crossbar, Stonehewer got the ball and put it through, scoring the first legitimate point of the match. After this Vickerstaff went back, and though the railway men made strenuous efforts to equalise, they were unable to penetrate the Leek defence, in which Wardle played a magnificent game, and the match ended in a victory for Leek by one goal to nothing."

Crewe: G.C. Cross (Goal); C. Conde (Capt.), J. Bayman (Backs); W.S. Bell, F.W. Halfpenny, E. Osborne (Half Backs); J.H. Pearson, A. Payne (Right Wing), E. Payne (Centre), T. Snelson, J. Ellis (Left Wing).

Leek: E. Hassall (Goal); G.C. Wardle, J. Lowe (Backs); H.E. Whittles, J. Smethurst, G. Tudor (Half Backs); W.E. Allen, J. Brentnall (Right Wing), H. Stonehewer (Centre), M. Rider, W. Vickerstaff (Left Wing).

Umpires: T.M. Abraham (Crewe) and T. Armit (Leek).  
Referee: Crump, Vice-President, Football Association.

#### SOUTHERN FIRST DIVISION:

SWIFTS 0 OLD FORESTERS 2 (H.C. Newberry, C.J. Horner)  
(H.T. 0-0) (Sat Jan 15<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Field 22/1/87 P.104/Sportsman 17/1/87 P.4/Sporting Life 17/1/87  
P.4/Referee 16/1/87 P.6:

F: "The ground at Kennington Oval, the scene selected for the only contest in the Southern division, in the fourth or extra round, proved in very fair condition, considering all things, and the Old Foresters and Swifts played their match under circumstances of a more favourable character than could have been anticipated. Those who fancied the Swifts would win were in a large majority; but the Berkshire club was not supported by its strongest team, and the non-favourites were able to place to their credit a well deserved victory. From beginning to end the game was stoutly contested, but it cannot be denied that the Swifts played

much below the form they have exhibited on several previous occasions this season. The absence of A.O. Davis and Humphrey-Jones, to say nothing of G. Brann, undoubtedly weakened the defence of the "birds". On the other hand the back play of the Old Foresters was remarkably good, and it must be admitted that their forwards showed combination of so capital a nature that their play compared most favourably with that shown by the other side. For the first half of the game the Swifts had the assistance of a pretty strong breeze, and, on the whole, the advantage rested with them, but they were not able to score, though they had several apparently good chances.

After change of ends the Old Foresters were seen to great advantage. Now and again the Swifts' forwards assumed a strongly aggressive position, but the game progressed principally within their half for some time, and at length, from a good corner by Johnson, the ball was sent through the Swifts' goal by Newberry. Following this the play became very interesting, and more vigorous on the part of the Swifts; but the Old Foresters more than held their own, and a short time before the finish, the latter scored a second goal, the ball being sent through by Horner from a good pass by Newberry. The Old Foresters thus won by two goals to none, a distinctly good performance."

SM: "This, the only contest in the Southern division, in the extra round necessary to complete the first series and reduce the number of combatants in the competition to sixteen, was decided on Saturday, at Kennington Oval, the result certainly coming as a surprise. Although the winners would have to meet the victors in the match at Renton, it was generally considered that the "birds", as the Berkshire club is popularly termed, would be equal to making a good fight on the metropolitan inclosure, and few of those who attended the Surrey cricket ground on Saturday expected that they would fall in what might be styled the "preliminary canter" against the old boys from the school at Snaresbrook. The turf was in very fair condition, the return of the cold weather having hardened the surface and rendered the ground springy. The Foresters played as advertised, but the Swifts were without Davies and Brann, though it was anticipated that the addition of Lindley and Spilsbury—both internationals—would to a great extent compensate for their absence. Bambridge won the toss, and chose to play for the first half from the gasometer end, with a biting wind behind him, R.C. Guy making a start from the opposite side of the ground at twelve minutes to three. Play during the first half was very even, the Swifts, contrary to expectation, failing to utilise their advantage, though Bambridge placed a number of excellent corners, while on the right wing Challen, well backed up by Holden-White, was particularly busy.

Half-time arrived without any score, and it was not until nearly midway through the second period of forty-five minutes that, after a well-judged corner kick by R.B. Johnson, Newberry landed the ball past Lockhart-Mure out of some loose play in front of goal. The Swifts strove hard to equalise, and but for hesitation on the part of Playford, this ought certainly to have been accomplished. The Foresters' defence, however, was too strong, and about seven minutes from the close Horner managed to gain a second point, the Swifts eventually retiring defeated by two goals to none, Borrow especially distinguishing himself, the Guys, R.B. Johnson,

Newberry, and Horner also working hard. Individually Challen, Holden-White, Lindley, Bambridge, and Saunders played well for the losers, but combination was conspicuous by its absence, and it was a great pity that the engagement at Upper Tooting on Thursday was not adhered to, in order that the team might shake down into their places."

SL: "The Swifts were not so well represented as they could have been, and the absence of A.O. Davies and Humphrey-Jones weakened the back division very materially."

Swifts: J.E. Lockhart-Mure (Goal); A.W. Platt, L.W. North (Backs); C.A. Frith, F.E. Saunders, C. Holden-White (Half Backs); J.B. Challen, B.W. Spilsbury (Right Wing), T. Lindley (Centre), R. Playford, E.C. Bambridge (Capt.) (Left Wing).

Old Foresters: W. Walker (Goal); F.R. Pelly, W.S. Borrow (Backs); R.B. Johnson (Capt.), C. Collison, H. Guy (Half Backs); H.H. Johnson, C.J. Horner (Right Wing), R.C. Guy (Centre), P. Fairclough, H.C. Newberry (Left Wing).

Umpires: F. Barnett (Upton Park) and E.C. Horner (Old Foresters).  
Referee: N.L. Jackson (Corinthians) (Hon Sec London F.A.).

SECOND SERIES DRAW (Manchester Evening News 4/1/87 P.3)

"Draw for the Second Series - Yesterday evening the Committee of the Football Association met at the offices, at Holborn Viaduct, when the draw for the fifth division (fourth round) left over from the previous sitting was made, as also the draw for the second series, in which the sixteen clubs left in were drawn together, irrespective of districts. The protest against Goldenhill for playing ineligible men was sustained, and the club in question was disqualified, while Lincoln City, who protested against Gainsborough Trinity (after a drawn game) also gain their place in the second series. In several cases, however, the severe weather has prevented the drawn games being replayed, the consequence being that even the third round is still incomplete."

Fifth Division (three)

Crewe Alexandra .v. Leek or Burslem Port Vale, at Crewe (See above);  
Chirk a bye.

Second Series - First Round:

Old Foresters or Swifts .v. Renton or Preston North End

Lockwood Brothers could not be drawn (see below .v. West Bromwich Albion)

Notts County .v. Great Marlow

Chirk .v. Darwen

Old Westminsters .v. Partick Thistle

Glasgow Rangers .v. Lincoln City

Crewe Alexandra, Leek or Burslem Port Vale .v. Old Carthusians

Aston Villa or Wolverhampton Wanderers .v. Horncastle.

The first-named club in each instance has choice of ground."

OLD FORESTERS 0 PRESTON NORTH END 3 (J.B.Gordon,S.Thompson 2)  
(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Jan 29<sup>th</sup>)(At Lyttleton Ground,Leyton)

Sportsman 31/1/87 P.4/Preston Herald 2/2/86 P.3/ Blackburn Standard  
5/2/87 P.3/ Field 5/2/86 P.176/Essex Newsman 31/1/87 P.5/Sheffield Daily  
Telegraph 31/1/87 P.4/Sporting Life 31/1/87 P.4/Referee 30/1/87 P.6:

SM:"The first appearance of the Cup favourites in the metropolitan district naturally attracted great attention,and although the general public might perhaps have preferred to see the Swifts pitted against them,the past students from the educational establishment at Snaresbrook proved by the excellent fight they made that their defeat of the "birds" was no fluke.Originally it had been announced that the Oval would be the scene of the conflict,but,owing to the wish of Partick Thistle to meet the Old Westminsterers at Kennington,the venue was shifted to the Essex County Cricket Ground at Leyton.The weather on Saturday was fortunately fine,and in every way suitable for the encounter,while the ground had recovered to a great extent from the effects of the recent meteorological changes.Both clubs were fully represented,the Foresters side being identical to that at the Oval on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst,while the North Enders who arrived at Euston on Friday evening,had the same eleven that defeated Renton. The arrangements for the comfort of spectators were in every way satisfactory, the fact of the low admission(3d) inducing a large company to put in an appearance,the number present being certainly in excess of 4,000.

The visitors won the toss,and although there was very little wind,selected the pavilion goal to commence operations from,R.B.Johnson starting the match from the opposite end at twenty-five minutes to three.The Foresters opened with vigour,and evidently surprised their opponents by a well-combined rush to the Preston territory in which H.H.Johnson was conspicuous.For the first few moments the ball was kept in the Lancastrian half,despite a couple of dashing runs on the part of their left wings,who were well supported by Russell. Dewhurst relieved with a long kick,Thomson rushing the ball down,but sending over the goal-line.A corner to the visitors proved ineffective,and Newberry crossed over.Drummond,however,quickly retaliated,and Thomson getting possession shot for goal,but sent the ball over the cross-bar.The attacks were renewed,and though Borrow and Walker defended admirably,the old boys were considerably penned.After a couple of fruitless corner kicks to the North Enders Fairclough and Newberry replied with vigour on the home left wing,the latter having the misfortune to kick out of play just as he looked like proving dangerous.A further advance was met by Haworth,whose back play was very sure,and finding the Preston half backs too strong,the Foresters were once more driven back.Russell,who was playing in brilliant fashion,put in a splendid long shot,followed by a similar effort on the part of Dewhurst,which Walker cleverly staved off.Gordon was also busy,and passing to Thomson,the centre had a grand opportunity,which he lost by kicking over.The visitors' play hereabouts was not altogether free from suspicion of roughness,and Gordon was hooted for unnecessarily charging the home custodian after the ball had gone behind. Thomson and Ross,jun,were soon in front of the Foresters' goal but Borrow sent the ball away,and the right wings,aided by a mistake on the part of Ross,sen.,

carried the fight close to the visitors' fortress over which Newberry had the ill luck to head the leather. The next quarter of an hour witnessed a series of desperate attempts on the part of the Prestonians, which compelled their opponents to resort to safety tactics, which were carried out to such an extent as to in a great measure mar the chances of success in the rushes up field, their half backs as a rule failing to properly support. Dewhurst was twice within an ace of scoring while a grand shot by Russell was only just cleared by Walker, who, after fisting the ball, only just stopped a second in time. At length, towards the end of the opening half, a sharp shot from the left wing needed the attention of Walker, and though he cleared, Gordon managed to get possession at the other side of the goal, and took the ball successfully through close to the upright. The remainder of the first half consisted of a series of attacks by the visitors, Gordon losing more than one opening by erratic shooting, but when half time was sounded the score still stood at 1-0 in favour of the visitors, for whom Wharton had as yet absolutely nothing to do but look on.

The visitors restarted the game, which was throughout decidedly in favour of the Lancastrians. At the outset Drummond and Dewhurst were extremely troublesome, while Gordon and Russell both caused anxiety by their persistent onslaughts. Newberry was perhaps the most conspicuous of the Foresters, but was scarcely supported enough, the half backs as before, being disposed to hang back. A well-placed corner by Drummond ended in a close scrimmage in the course of which Dewhurst took a well-directed aim, Walker evoking loud applause for the "save." At the end of an hour, however, after a similar attack, Thomson obtained possession from the corner kick and scored a second point for the visitors. After this the Foresters made a final bid for success, and a series of dashing onslaughts were all but rewarded, Newberry putting in one especially warm shot, which Wharton, however, fisted away in magnificent style. Before the finish Thomson gained a further point, and North End thus left the field victorious after a capital game by three goals to none. Pressure on our space prevents more detailed criticism, but we must certainly single out Russell, Dewhurst, Drummond, Newberry, R.B. Johnson, Borrow, and Walker for special commendation."

PH/BS: "Up to now the Foresters had displayed grand defence. Drummond would have scored, but Walker ran out just in time and cleared. From a pass by Russell Gordon centred, but the half backs returned before Thomson could get up. Gordon sent in a scorcher, which Walker caught and threw out. Thomson rushed up, but skied the ball, and Newberry was again cheered for a smart run. Russell came in for generous recognition, and Borrow again and again cleared. A vigorous shout was raised at Gordon, who charged the goalkeeper rather unnecessarily. Thomson and Ross, jun. ran through several opponents, but the ball rolled over the line. Horner and H. Johnson ran down the wing and got very near, but Ross caught on and cleared. Gordon sent in a scorching shot right along the ground, but the goal was again saved. A second corner fell to North End, and from a bad kick by R. Johnson Borrow was compelled to kick out to save. Robertson tried a shot, which went over. Gordon, Ross, jun., and Thomson worked up, but were well met by Borrow, and Walker made a good save. Russell put in some marvellous working. Dewhurst next gave Walker a teaser. He caught the ball, but Ross, jun got

up, and would have scored but for striking his knee against the post. Dewhurst headed in twice rapidly, but Walker was equal to the demand, though he ran with the ball the second time and was penalised. The ball was got away for a minute, but was returned, and Ross, jun., tackling the goalkeeper, Gordon scored from right under the bar. Thomson made a nice run after the kick-off, but Gordon was not able to do more but kick over. The North End again rattled the ball through, but "offside" was given against them. The Foresters' right had a run down just before half-time but the whistle sounded directly afterwards with the score-North End, one; Foresters, nil.

Up to now the Southerners had played a much better game than was expected of them, their passing, though very long and open, being effective. Soon after the re-start, Ross, jun. nearly headed a goal; and Walker fisted out a good one from Drummond, who directly afterwards made a splendid run, and Ross, jun., ought to have scored. He compensated with a pretty run, but Fairclough broke through, and Ross, sen., had a chance to show his metal. R. Johnson and Collison made an effective display, and relieved the backs considerably. The North End had a corner, and Dewhurst gave Walker trouble with a shot along the ground, and from the return Ross, jun., kicked over. The Old Foresters were now badly pressed, but the right wing afforded temporary relief. The Foresters' centre made a run, and Horner shot for goal, but was wide. Dewhurst and Thomson then got on the ball, and the latter scored a goal, with 25 minutes left to play. The Foresters tried their utmost, and became a trifle rough, Thomson being fouled, though the offender was not penalised. The North End were conceded a corner from a long shot by Graham, and then Newberry crossing from the other side made a grand spurt, until charged down by Ross. Walker knocked over a shot from young Ross, but the corner was cleared, and the elder Ross was then cheered for a grand attempt to score. Wharton now played the ball for the first time, Newberry making a grand run and shot. This was followed by a determined scrimmage in front, but North End cleared after a struggle. The Foresters now played up magnificently, and Fairclough and Newberry were again dangerous. Walker saved beautifully a shot from Dewhurst, and Thomson then scored a third goal seven minutes off time. The final few minutes were very stubbornly contested, but the game ended as follows:- North End, three goals; Old Foresters, nil."

PH("Football, &c"): "The Prestonians left for London on Friday afternoon, staying in the evening at Haxell's Hotel, Strand. It should be mentioned that they were met at Euston by some of the officials of the Foresters, who were very courteous. On Saturday the visitors left Liverpool-street for Leyton, a distance of about seven miles, enlisting en route the services of a piper, who led the team from the station to the ground. Arrived here the "musician" paraded in front of the pavilion until the officials of the ground asked for a respite from the wailing and the shrieking, and the piper had to retire. The ground at Leyton was in admirable condition-it was about the best piece of turf the North End have yet played on-but the enclosure was rather a long one. The spectators soon began to gather, as the admission was very low (threepence) and when the game had been in progress some time there were not less than 5,000 present. The referee, Mr Jope, of Wednesbury, examined the visitors' boots, but for some unexplained reason, seems to have taken it for granted that the Foresters' boots were above

suspicion. As the teams entered the field they were both heartily welcomed, and the usual comparisons-which are not always odious-began to be drawn. There was only one player who could be called little in the home team, and with this exception the Foresters were all round a tall, weighty lot, half a stone per man heavier than the North End. As a London correspondent describes them, the Foresters are "a vigorous, heavy team, well used to a heavy ground". The game was started by the Foresters kicking off, and amid the cries peculiar to Cockneys, the North End citadel was threatened. For fully ten minutes the pressure was kept up, the North End backs and half-backs being kept continually busy, but the attack was successfully repelled, for try as they would the Foresters could not get the ball between the sticks. After this the visitors had all the best of the game, but it drew very close to the interval before Gordon was able to record the first point from a scrimmage, and before half-time second goal was put through, but disallowed, though the decision was a very doubtful one. For this, however, the umpires were more to blame than the referee. The second half was all in favour of North End who were many times within an ace of scoring, but only succeeded in getting through two points, Thomson being the executant, the last one being from a well placed corner by Drummond. At the other end Wharton had to fust the ball away twice from long shots by Newberry on the left wing. The game was not what may be called a fast one, but it was very friendly. The ball used was the one which did duty in the Swifts v Old Foresters' match, and its extreme lightness appears to have been appreciated by the winners, for they made it do duty again on Saturday. This want of weight in the ball seriously interfered with the passing of the visitors' forwards, as they could not accurately gauge its travelling capabilities. For all that they they had a great many shots at the home goal, which was only kept from disaster by the splendid defence of Walker, who is said to have shown the best goalkeeping seen in the vicinity of London since Swebstone was the champion."

"At the conclusion of the game all the combatants were cheered. In the evening the Prestonians dined at the Gaiety Restaurant, where they were visited by several of the London notabilities, including Mr N.L. Jackson. On Sunday afternoon they left the metropolis for Preston, which was reached just before five o'clock in the afternoon."

Old Foresters: W. Walker (Goal); F. R. Pelly, W. S. Borrow (Backs); Hugh Guy, C. Collison, R. B. Johnson (Capt.) (Half Backs); H. H. Johnson, C. J. Horner (Right Wing), R. C. Guy (Centre), P. Fairclough, H. C. Newberry (Left Wing).

Preston North End: A. Wharton (Goal); R. H. Howarth, N. J. Ross (Backs); A. Robertson, J. Russell, J. Graham (Half Backs); J. B. Gordon, J. D. Ross (Right Wing), S. Thomson (Centre), F. Dewhurst, G. Drummond (Left Wing).

Umpires: R. Sleigh and R. Evans. Referee: W. H. Jope (Birmingham Association).

LOCKWOOD BROTHERS 0 WEST BROMWICH ALBION 1(G.Woodhall)  
(H.T./F.T. 0-0)(A.E.T)(At Bramall Lane,Sheffield)(Sat Jan 29<sup>th</sup>)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 31/1/87 P.4/Blackburn Standard 5/2/87 P.3/  
Birmingham Daily Post 31/1/87 P.7(Short Report)/Field 5/2/87 P.176/  
Sportsman 31/1/87 P.4/Sporting Life 31/1/87 P.4/Referee 30/1/87 P.6:

SDT:"In beautiful weather,and before an attendance of 6,000 spectators,this important match took place at Bramall Lane on Saturday.The liveliest interest was centred in the encounter,the factory team putting a very strong combination in the field.A special was run from Birmingham,bringing a fair contingent of the Albion's followers.The game was an exceedingly fast and well-contested one from start to finish,the factory team having slightly the best of it.After the allotted hour and a half's play,neither side had scored,and an extra thirty minutes' play was indulged in.In the first fifteen minutes Albion scored,and as this was the only goal obtained,the Albion were declared the winners by one goal to none.An objection has been lodged by Lockwoods on the ground that the referee disallowing a goal alledged to have been obtained by them,his action was invalid,the umpires not having disagreed.

Lockwoods won the toss,and elected to kick towards Shoreham Street,with the sun in their opponents' faces.A stiff wind was blowing across the ground.At the outset Lockwoods attacked,but the ball being brought back,Brayshaw and Hudson distinguished themselves with fine tackling and returns,but within five minutes of the start,Woodhall shot over the factory goal.Betts now distinguished himself by some admirable tackling and returns,and was loudly cheered for his plucky play.Lockwoods forwards now got possession,and by close passing got close in the visitors' lines,but the backs relieved.Lockwoods again attacked,and a clever run and shot by Mosforth caused Roberts to use his hands in defence of his goal.A run by the Albion left and centre carried the ball over the home goal line,but Lockwoods again came away,Winterbottom doing the major portion of the work,but the ball went into touch.A combined attack by the Albionites was repelled by Salkeld,whose huge returns came in for due recognition.Hudson and Brayshaw were hereabouts playing in grand style,and were again and again cheered for their tactics.A combined attack by Lockwoods gave Mosforth a chance,but he slipped in making his final effort.Each goal was in turn assailed, and the respective custodians had to handle and kick away.After Cawley,Sellars, and Mosforth had visited the Albion quarters,the Lockwoods citadel was seriously threatened,but a scuffle in the near goal ended in the ball being kicked over the bar.Lockwoods raised the siege,and a smart run to the Albion half resulted in a corner,and this lead to a second and a third,all of which were, however,unproductive.The Albionites by a clever combined run dashed down the field,but they were checked by the home team's half-backs.The next item of note was a run by Mosforth after a huge kick by Salkeld,and a corner resulted, which,although admirably placed by Winterbottom,was beaten away by Roberts and the Albionites entered the factory half.Good defence by the halves,however, thwarted their efforts,and with the Albionites in close proximity to the factory goal "off side" was given.A capital combined attack was made on the visitors' goal,and Sellars had an opportunity of scoring,but was given "off side.Give-and-

take play prevailed for some time, and then the Albionites got close in the Lockwoods quarters, and a corner accrued. The corner was well dropped, and was got away, but the ball was returned into Lockwoods' lines, and went over the line. Half time arrived with the ball in Lockwoods half, neither side having scored.

On crossing over Winterbottom from the kick off made a capital run on the right wing, but got over the line. Albion retaliated with a good combination run, and the ball was sent through the factory goal by Bayliss, but off side was given. Mosforth by clever individual play got into the Albion line, but his effort was spoiled by Green, whose shady play the spectators vigorously hooted. The left wing of the visitors now got possession, and Bayliss had a chance of scoring, but shot wide, and Mosforth, Winterbottom, and West quickly transferred play to the other end. Both teams now played up with renewed vigour, and the ball travelled quickly from end to end, West on behalf of Lockwoods shooting wide of the Albion goal. An onslaught was made by the Albion forwards, Green and Bayliss being most conspicuous, but Salkeld cleverly tackled and relieved. Cawley, Sellars, and Mosforth were now deservedly applauded for some clever play and the Albion goal was within an ace of being captured, Roberts lifting the ball over the bar. The corner was got away and the Lockwoods end visited, but off-side was given. More good combined play by the Albion team jeopardised the visitors' citadel, but the backs relieved. Shortly after this Roberts was called upon to save a shot by Mosforth, and immediately after the custodian and backs were again busy. Another corner fell to Lockwoods, and was well placed by Hudson, but headed out by an Albion back, giving another flag kick, which was void of fruition, but immediately after the factory forwards got close in and a goal was appealed for on the ground that the ball was through the goal before Roberts beat away. The appeal was, however, disallowed. After the factory goal had been visited, a foul took place close to the Lockwoods' goal, but the ball was placed out of danger. The game still continued very fast, and the Albionites made some good incursions to the other end, but Salkeld and Stringer, aided by Brayshaw, were displaying fine defensive powers. A capital screw shot by Winterbottom was negotiated by Roberts, and a corner followed for Lockwoods, but Winterbottom directed behind. Shortly afterwards time was called, neither side having scored.

In consequence of this being the last day for playing the tie, the teams were ordered to play an extra half hour. In the first quarter Albion started the ball, and rushed it into the factory end, but the backs relieved. Mosforth, Winterbottom, and West made tracks for the other end. The Albion backs, however, proved obstinate. Some good combined play by the Albionites left Woodhall in possession, and a grand shot from him gave the Albionites a goal. Brook was quickly called upon to save, and a corner which followed was well got away by the custodian, and Brook shortly after saved in good style. On crossing over the Albion were quickly at the factory end, and shot over. Pretty crossing by the visitors kept the ball in Lockwoods' half until Winterbottom raised the siege by a run to the other end, and Roberts had to beat away. The Albionites got several times within the Lockwood lines, but were unable to increase their advantage, and eventually won by one goal to none."

BS:"This tie was played at Bramall-lane before 6,000 spectators.The ground, owing to the action of the wind,was comparatively dry,and play was very fast throughout.Lockwoods won the toss,and kicked with the sun behind them,and a cross wind slightly in their favour.During the first half Lockwoods had the best of the play,but could not score,and after an hour and a half's play neither side had made a point.This necessitated thirty minutes' further play,and in the first seven minutes Albion scored.Nothing further was added,the Albion being returned the winners by one goal to nil."

F:"Both clubs placed their strongest eleven in the field" "Though they tried their hardest Lockwoods were unable to equalise,but a protest was lodged by them on the ground that one shot at the Albion goal was stopped by Roberts the wrong side of the goal line.This was during the customary ninety minutes.One umpire gave it a goal;the other said he could not see.The referee disallowed the claim,but the Association committee have since upheld it,and the match has to be replayed."

Lockwood Brothers:C.Brook(Goal);F.Salkeld,E.Stringer(Backs);J.Hudson, E.Braysshaw,W.Betts(Half Backs);F.West,H.Winterbottom(Right Wing), W.Mosforth(Centre),T.E.Cawley,J.Sellars(Left Wing).

West Bromwich :R.Roberts(Goal);A.Aldridge,H.Green(Backs);E.Horton, C.Perry,G.Timmins(Half Backs);+G.Woodhall,G.Holden(Right Wing),J.M.Bayliss (Centre),T.Green,W.Paddock(Left Wing).  
+George "Spry"Woodhall.

Umpires: J.Cooper (Long Eaton)and A.Chaplin(Derby).  
Referee:R.J.Smith(Derby Midland)(Hon Sec,Derbyshire Association).

SDT:"An objection has been lodged by Lockwoods on the ground that,the referee disallowing a goal alleged to have been obtained by them,his action was invalid,the umpires not having disagreed."(See in above Report)

SL:"Lockwood Brothers have entered a protest against the decision of the referee in this match.The protest is based upon the ground that Lockwoods got a goal which was disallowed,Roberts,the Albion goal-keeper,being behind the goal-line when he fisted the ball away,one of the umpires decided the goal in favour of Lockwoods,and the other said that he did not see it,and although the umpires did not disagree,the referee disallowed the goal."

(The F. A. ordered the tie to be replayed)

"REPLAY":Sat Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1887:

(At Derby Midland Ground,Derby)

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 2 (T.Green,W.Paddock)  
LOCKWOOD BROTHERS 1 (H.Winterbottom)(H.T. 2-0)

Birmingham Daily Post 14/2/87 P.7/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 14/2/87 P.4/  
Field 19/2/87 P.245/Sportsman 14/2/87 P.4/Sporting Life 14/2/87 P.4/  
Referee 30/1/87 P.6:

BDP: "This undecided tie in the above competition was played on the Derby Midland ground; but the field has hardly the accommodation one is used to seeing when an important match of this description has to be decided, especially when recourse has to be made to neutral territory. Besides this drawback, there were two other counter attractions - Derby County v Long Eaton, and Heeley v St Luke's - the former militating very considerably against the attendance. It was exactly three o'clock when a start was made. The ground was in very fair condition, but if anything a trifle sticky, caused by the break up of the frost. Albion began operations by kicking into the entrance with a high wind, which assisted them to a material extent. The Albionites rushed up, and a groan, a cheer, and a yell heralded the news that a goal was secured. Stringer missed his kick, and an Albionite pouncing on the ball, shot it through amidst cheers from the Throstle supporters. This early success by the West Bromwich men appeared to put new life into the Blades, and Hudson, Brayshaw, and Stringer worked like demons to keep the Albionites at bay. Mosforth now caused some anxiety to the Brums, and Roberts soon afterwards was obliged to kick to free his goal. A pretty run by T. Green, Paddock, and Bayliss was cheered, but Salkeld intervened at a critical juncture, and sent the ball well down the field. However, with the wind in their favour, the Albionites soon came again, and twice were they within an ace of scoring. The ball was hovering round Lockwoods' goal, when T. Green, by a marvellous kick, scored a second point for the Sandy Lane representatives, and at call of half-time the game remained unaltered.

During the second portion the game was much in favour of the opposing side, seeing that the wind had abated a little. Twice had M'Loughlin chances, but he was too slow to avail himself of the opportunities afforded him, and ere twenty minutes had elapsed, Cawley, by a beautiful shot from the left, gave Winterbottom the ball and he had no difficulty whatever in beating Roberts, who looked perfectly amazed. The latter portion was played out without any further addition to the score, and a good, fast and even match resulted in a victory for the Throstles by 2 goals to 1. It is, perhaps, justice to state that West Bromwich had the best of the game, but Lockwoods had undoubtedly hard lines."

SDT: "The weather was fine and the ground in fairly good condition, but the boisterous wind which prevailed did much to mar the play, albeit an exciting match was the outcome of the meeting. Lockwoods had undoubtedly more chances of scoring than the winners, and the losers were content to play the legitimate game, a remark which will not apply to the whole of the West Bromwich Albion players.

At 3.2 Albion, having won the toss, elected to take advantage of the stiff breeze which blew from goal to goal, and Betts started the ball for Lockwoods. The Albionites at once rushed into the Lockwoods lines, and Brooks kicked away, but only to see the opposing forwards again swoop down upon him, and Green from a pass from the right registered the first goal for his side within three minutes

from the start. On the ball being restarted Lockwoods' forwards by clever passing got well within the Albion quarters, but the wind foiled their efforts. Repeated attacks by the Albionites were well negotiated by the factory half-backs and backs, all of whom were playing in good form. A capital run by the factory forwards got close in the Albion lines, but Roberts kicked away, and a stampede by the Albion forwards was well stopped by Brayshaw. Again the factory team, by a splendid run, caused Roberts uneasiness, and he was forced to clear his lines in hot haste. A visit to the other end enabled Woodhall to make a shot, but his final effort was misdirected, and a foul in the Lockwoods' quarters looked dangerous, but Stringer relieved. All the Lockwoods' defence were hereabouts showing fine form, and were repeatedly applauded. The Albionites again got through the Lockwoods' defence, and a corner accrued to them from a miskick by Salkeld, but no score resulted. Another corner followed, Brooks having fisted over the bar, but this temporary advantage proved of no avail. Cawley and Mosforth again distinguished themselves with dashing play, and Winterbottom did good service on the right, but could not get within range, although the Albion defence was severely tried. A foul now fell to Lockwoods within 20 yards of the Albion goal, and Brayshaw dropped the ball beautifully, but Roberts in the nick of time beat away. Runs by the Albionites jeopardised the Lockwoods' citadel, but Salkeld, Stringer, and Brook stuck gamely to their work and relieved their lines, the custodian beating away in grand style. Another corner to Albion was directed behind, and then the Albionites attacked in a body, and Brook having run from his post, Paddock steered the ball through the posts, registering the second point for West Bromwich. An attack by Lockwoods gave a foul in the Albion goal mouth, but the danger was averted, and the ball carried to the other end. Half-time was called with the score-Albion 2 goals to nil.

On crossing over Lockwoods, with the advantage of the wind, quickly invaded and secured a throw in close up, but the ball was forced into touch. Successive attacks by the factory forwards taxed the ingenuity of the Albion defence, and several times the citadel was within an ace of being captured. A good run by the Albion right carried the ball into Albion's lines, but the backs relieved, M'Loughlin, Winterbottom, and Brayshaw now assailed, but the shooting was erratic. A corner to Lockwoods was unproductive, and shortly after Winterbottom sent in a warm shot, and Roberts had to concede a corner which, however, went behind. Another attack by the Albionites was staved off by Salkeld, and tracks were made for the other end, when Roberts had to save at the expense of a corner. Hudson took the corner kick, but the wind carried the ball behind the goal line. A clever combined run by the factory forwards menaced the Albion goal, but Roberts was on the alert, and beat away. Green and Holden entered Lockwoods' territory, but Hudson and Betts extricated the ball from danger. Sellars, Cawley, and Mosforth changed the venue of play, and a corner was conceded, but was void of fruition. Sellars and Cawley by clever manipulation got close to the Albion goal line, and Cawley centring accurately, Winterbottom headed first goal for Lockwoods. The shouts of the various partisans now urged on each team, and Lockwoods again attacked, and rushed the ball over the goal line. Still the factory team kept up the attack, until the Albionites broke through the half-backs, and a foul was given close to Lockwoods' goal for Salkeld holding an opponent. Nothing accrued from this, and Winterbottom and M'Loughlin dashed off to the other end, but the ball was sent

over the line. At this stage some unnecessary kicking out was indulged in by the Albion defence. Further attacks by the factory forwards caused Roberts to handle, and shortly after a corner followed, which was, however, misdirected. With the lapse of time the game ruled faster, and the Albionites by a combined attack secured a corner, which was followed by another, though neither of them proved of any avail, though Brooks had to beat away. After Lockwoods had again attacked, the Albionites invaded, and after Brooks had been foully charged the ball was hustled through, but the point was disallowed. Shortly after time was called, West Bromwich Albion thus winning by two goals to one."

F: "For some unaccountable reason, the Midland Ground, at Derby, was selected for the struggle, and on Saturday last the contest came off at that venue before some seven thousand onlookers. The Albion eleven was exactly the same as represented the club on the last occasion, but there was one change in the Lockwood Bros. side, McLoughlin taking the place of West amongst the forwards. The weather was beautifully fine, but a high wind prevailed, and this proved a distinct advantage to West Bromwich Albion, who winning the toss, had the advantage of it during the first half, while during the second forty-five, the breeze had considerably dropped. The game commenced shortly after three o'clock, and was not many minutes old, when T. Green had no difficulty in scoring the first goal for the Albion. The "Throstles" still kept up the pressure, and found the Lockwoods backs and goalkeeper plenty to do. Gradually, however, the Sheffield forwards worked the ball well up the field, and for some time placed the Albion fortress in jeopardy, but Roberts was always on the alert, and did not allow any shot to pass him. At length Bayliss and Green relieved, and a corner resulted, which, however, proved a blank; but not to be denied, the siege was kept up, and thirty-seven minutes from the start a sharp low kick by Paddock registered the second goal for the West Bromwich representatives. Brook, the Sheffield custodian, ought to have stopped this shot, but he was out of his place at the time, and thus allowed his opponents to secure what ultimately turned out to be their winning point. Half time arrived without anything further being obtained, and change of ends occurred with the score two to none in favour of Albion. On changing over Lockwood Brothers at once assumed the aggressive, and kept up a fierce attack on the West Bromwich stronghold, but Roberts put forth remarkable efforts, and negotiated successfully several difficult shots. Brook had to handle once from a run by the Albion forwards, but the Sheffielders were soon again in their opponents' territory, and eventually Winterbottom scored from a splendid centre by Cawley. Great excitement prevailed, as the Sheffielders were still the aggressors, and only a goal behind. The Albion backs, however, defended admirably, though they adopted a plan which found little favour with the spectators, namely, that of kicking into touch at every convenient opportunity. Roberts had several times to use his hands, but kept his opponents at bay until the whistle blew."

West Bromwich: R. Roberts (Goal); A. Aldridge, H. Green (Backs); E. Horton, C. Perry, G. Timmins (Half Backs); G. Woodhall, G. Holden (Right Wing), J. M. Bayliss (Centre), T. Green, W. Paddock (Left Wing).

Lockwood Brothers:C.Brook(Goal);F.Salkeld,E.Stringer(Backs);J.Hudson, E.Braysshaw,W.Betts(Capt.),Half Backs);H.Winterbottom,L.M'Loughlin (Right Wing) W.Mosforth(Centre),T.E.Cawley,J.Sellars(Left Wing).

Umpires:R.N.Sloane(Bootle) and T.Evans(Liverpool).  
Referee:S.Ormerod(Accrington).

NOTTS COUNTY 5 (H.A.Cursham 3,H.Jackson,Speller(o.g.))  
GREAT MARLOW 2 (W.Wise,H.Walker)(H.T. 2-0)(Sat Jan 29<sup>th</sup>)(At Trent Bridge)

Nottingham Evening Post 29/1/87 P.3/Sporting Life 31/1/87 P.4/Sportsman 31/1/87 P.4/Bucks Herald 5/2/87 P.8/Nottingham Journal 31/1/87 P.7/Field 5/2/87 P.175-6/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 31/1/87 P.4/Berkshire Chronicle 5/2/87 P.6/ Referee 30/1/87 P.6/Maidenhead Advertiser 2/2/87 P.4:

NEP:"This afternoon Notts met Great Marlow upon Trent Bridge ground,the match being a tie in the first round of the second series of draws for the National Cup.Great interest was evinced in the meeting of these clubs,for Great Marlow have never been to Nottingham before.This Bucks organisation has been in existence for about 15 years,and in the South of England have established a name.This season they have thrown some fairly strong combinations out of the Cup contest,while not a single goal has been notched against them-so that in this respect they resemble the Preston North End.The full cup team left Great Marlow yesterday,and,reaching Nottingham before midnight,put up at the Flying Horse Hotel.The weather remained dull,but as the time for commencement of play drew near the sun shone out,and the afternoon was pleasant.

A light breeze blew slightly obliquely from the pavilion towards the Gamston-lane goal,and the team who had the task of defending the latter fortress suffered from the disadvantage of playing with the sun in their eyes.There was a very large attendance,fully 8,000 people being present.The visitors,who were attired in blue and white shirts,were first to appear,and met with a very hearty reception.Notts were also warmly applauded on stepping onto the ground,and play commenced a few minutes after half past two o'clock,Notts losing the toss, and kicking off against the sun and wind.The opening exchanges were tolerably even,but the visitors did not show signs of playing a combined game,and Mellett, kicking remarkably well,repelled two attacks.The Notts passing was wild,but they held the upper hand,and after two or three minutes' play,penned their opponents.Daft took a corner,and centred splendidly,a further corner being conceded,but without any score resulting,Macrae kicking wide of the goal.H. and T.Walker got possession,and showed some clever passing,the ball going out on the left in the Notts half.Dobson then made a fine return,and Jackson shot across the goal line.Macrae was conspicuous in tackling,and,getting the ball,he passed to Moore,who shot well into goal,but Plumridge kicked away.The Notts men had the best of the play and pressed their opponents.After some fine play Daft was again conspicuous,and appeared to have an easy chance of scoring,but shot to the right of the goal.A corner resulted which was well taken by Harker,who dropped the ball well in front of goal,and Cursham headed cleverly through the posts eight

minutes from the start. This early success of the home team was greeted with warm cheering. On resuming the visitors temporarily showed to advantage, Bailey and E.J. Lunnon passing effectively on the right wing, and though checked by Morley, Wise rushed up and put in a long shot, which passed wide of the posts. Daft took the flag kick, and placed the leather in front of goal, and to save further disaster the ball was headed by one of the backs behind the goal line. Daft in his next effort kicked behind, and the ball was carried to the opposite end of the field, where a foul occurred to Great Marlow. Speller landed the ball well among the forwards, and a scrimmage ensued, a shot being sent in by T. Walker, Holland having to throw away. Cursham then made a grand run nearly the whole length of the ground, but when he looked dangerous he was successfully tackled by Mellett. From the goal kick Marlow got part of the way down the field before being stopped by Marshall, and then Notts broke away to the other end, where Daft and Cursham were both threatening in front of goal, but they were both given off side. Notts fell off somewhat in their play hereabouts, and the visitors settled down to a better passing game than they appeared able to play in the earlier stages of the contest. The brothers Walker being several times threatening, Cursham again became prominent, but Mellett was equal to stopping, and the same player also performed grandly a minute afterwards. A foul was given to Notts near the visitors' fortress, and some sharp play was seen. The visitors broke away in fine style, and Bailey and Lunnon carried the ball to the opposite end of the ground, where Lunnon made a fine shot which only just passed over the crossbar. Incursions were made into their opponents' territory by either team. Harker made a splendid run, and shot well into goal, Plumridge getting the ball away with some difficulty. Dobson shot immediately afterwards, but the goal-keeper saved his charge. Cursham centring badly, spoilt two good chances. Play was tolerably equal, Dobson on one occasion neatly stopping Wise who had got almost within shooting distance. A little later the Marlow men twice ran the ball over the Notts goal line. Some determined tackling and tricky dribbling by Macrae in midfield was cheered. Mainly through the exertions of Emmett, who was playing a very hard game at half back, despatched the ball, and +Cursham and Daft between them put the ball between the posts. An appeal for a previous foul by Great Marlow was given against them, but a second appeal on the ground of offside was, after a long deliberation by the officials, unsuccessful, and Notts were allowed their second point after half an hour's play. On resuming Marlow took a free kick for a foul, and the forwards showing very fair combination, were able to press. Bailey and Wise passing to the left wing, T. Walker shot hard in, but the kick was inaccurate, and the ball passed a foot wide of the post. The brothers Walker got away down the left, and R.H. Lunnon tried a long shot, which, however, passed harmlessly over the bar, and from the goal kick Jackson and Harker secured a corner for Notts. Emmett placed the ball well from the flag, and Macrae headed into goal, but Mellett kicked away, and Marlow carried the game into mid-field. A good stop and return by Morley being followed by a bit of hard work between Harker and Moore enabled Notts to press severely, but Daft, when he had an opportunity, made a wretched shot, and Macrae directly afterwards kicked over the bar. The three brothers Lunnon, with Bailey and Wise, then made a diversion in favour of the visitors, and the Notts' defence for two or three minutes was severely tried, this being by far the best exhibition on the part of the visitors, in fact almost their only pretension to first class form.

This partial success of the Marlow team put fresh spirit into Notts, who had hard luck in failing to increase their score. Harker, dashing along the wing, centred beautifully, and the ball struck the crossbar from the rebound. Cursham and Daft were both up, but, amidst a scene of great excitement, the goal was cleared, and the whistle blew for half-time immediately afterwards.

On changing ends Daft made a brilliant run but falling at the critical moment, the opportunity was lost. Macrae made a grand effort immediately afterwards, and the Notts forwards being in force in front of the visitors' goal, Cursham got the ball out of a scrimmage and scored a splendid oblique goal two minutes after the commencement of the second portion of the game. On re-starting, Notts still showed their superiority, and a smart shot by Cursham was only averted at the expense of a corner. Daft took the kick, and dropped the ball plum in front of goal, which had a remarkably narrow escape, the ball bouncing over the bar. Emmett took the foul kick, but the ball was easily got away. By degrees the play was transferred to the Notts end of the field, and Marshall had to throw away. Harker again made a capital run, Mellett returning the ball finely. Macrae showed some good form, and stopped a run by E. J. Lunnon and Bailey. A free kick for "hands" in mid-field for Notts helped Notts, who were dodging about in front of the visitors' goal, where Jackson had an opening of which he made very poor use, dropping the ball high over the bar. A very neat bit of work in the corner by Daft and Cursham proved effective 12 minutes from half time, Jackson receiving the ball and shooting a goal, which Plumridge was powerless to save. On resumption hands were given against Harker, and the ball was carried into the home quarters. Bailey and E. J. Lunnon showed some fine play on the left wing and well centred. Wise dodged well in front of goal, and with a little help he was enabled to put the ball between the posts, quite out of the reach of Marshall. This success of the visitors was loudly cheered. Restarting Notts assuming a strong command, and a sharp scrimmage took place in front of the Marlow fortress, Macrae shooting high and wide. Emmett took the corner, and Cursham sent in two hard shots, which were repelled, the last of the two at the expense of another corner, which, however, was kicked behind from Daft. Grand tackling by Emmett, when beset by three opponents, was cheered, and Jackson sent in a beautiful shot, which Mellett kicked away. Harker followed with another pretty attempt to score, and Moore despatched the ball over the bar. Notts continued to press for a time until the brothers Walker got away, and T. Walker had a fine opening, but his shot was a very tame one. Marshall with a good return took play into the Marlow half, and a strong siege was laid to the visitors' goal, in the course of which Daft received a severe kick, which partially disabled him. Plumridge dealt with two very good shots with consummate coolness, and Spellers's defence was particularly fine and useful. The Great Marlow men played up in rather better form, and principally through the play of the brothers Walker, a corner was conceded them. Cursham got the ball from the kick-in, and he made a splendid run at a great pace nearly the whole length of the ground, but Speller tackled him in fine form, and saved his side from further disaster. Marlow responded equally well, and pressed, but without avail. The Notts men made an ineffective try to score, and the game settled down into one of an even description. The home team were the first to show any superiority, and Daft and Cursham got well into the left corner. After some play in front of goal Moore shot, and the ball hit Mellett, and passing in front

of the goal,when Speller ran up,and,trying to get the ball away,put it through his own side's goal,thus making the fifth point to the chocolate and blue,and one to their opponents.After a foul to Notts,Marshall kicked over the Great Marlow goal line.About ten minutes from the finish the game was very tame,Notts holding their opponents somewhat easily.Wise and the brothers Walker broke away,but Wise falling spoiled whatever chance they possessed,and from a free kick for hands Notts again got into the other half.Harker and Moore passing prettily gave Jackson a chance,which he lost through failing to shoot soon enough,and T.Walker and Wise then got to the other end,where Holland had to handle.Morley returned hard to Emmett true for goal,but Speller stopped him.Bailey and E.J.Lunnon got away again,and penetrating the Notts defence,H.Walker sent in a good shot which scored.Almost immediately on restarting the whistle blew announcing that time had been played out.Notts consequently won the tie by five goals to two."

SL/MA:"Everything favoured the decision of this Cup tie in the fifth round of the Football Association Challenge Cup competition.In addition to the weather being perfect for lovers of the game,the ground had been so carefully attended to as to have almost entirely recovered from the effects of the late long frost and subsequent thaw.Additional interest was manifested in the match on account of this being the first appearance of the visitors to Nottingham,as well as of their being the only club,apart from Mr Sudell's team,who had not had a goal scored against them in this competition this season.The most satisfactory proof to both clubs of the interest was the attendance of over 7,000 spectators,while the ladies were represented more numerously than we ever remember at an Association Cup match.Great Marlow were fortunate in the toss,and wisely took the pavilion goal,with the wind and the sun at their backs.Jackson kicked off for Notts soon after half past two,and though play was rather wild for the first few minutes,the latter thus early showed their superior combination,as compared to the rather long and indiscriminate passing of their opponents.Daft missed what appeared a somewhat easy chance of a goal,only a corner resulting.This was entrusted to Harker,who placing the ball well into goal,enabled Cursham to head it through,and score the first point for the home team about eight minutes from the start.The next half-hour saw the ball for the most part in the visitors' half of the ground,but they defended so well that it was approaching half-time before +Daft and Cursham were able to add to the Notts' score.An appeal against Daft for "offside" as well as a similar one against his partner and himself an instant previously were given in their favour,and half-time was called with the home team leading by two goals to none.

In the second half Notts continued to show their superiority,and though Marlow made occasional incursions into their opponents' quarters,their combination was so weak that the Notts' backs had little difficulty in repelling them.Notts added three more goals before the finish,Cursham(one),Jackson(two),the third being landed through his own goal by Speller,while Great Marlow were able to score a couple of goals through the instrumentality of Wise and H.Walker.The winners deserve their victory,as they were by far the best team.Their forwards all worked well together,Cursham and Jackson perhaps distinguishing themselves the most.Of the backs,Macrae was in quite his old form and was well

supported by his two confreres, though perhaps they all hardly kept up close enough to their forwards. At back, Marshall and Morley, more particularly the latter, played a good sound game. For the visitors Wise and the brothers Lunnon and Walker were the pick; while Speller did good service behind. Their play as a team was rather disappointing, as previously stated; their long passing being very erratic. They were, however, far from being disgraced; and we are glad to state that they were exceptionally well received by the spectators throughout the match. The result was five goals to two in Notts' favour."

+NJ: "Moore, who was playing a most energetic game, "grounded" three opponents in a struggle for the ball, but shot it out on the right wing in an attempt to pass to Harker. Then Jackson passed the ball out to Cursham, and he and Daft ran down, well beating the backs. Cursham left the ball to Daft, who then forwarded it to him, and the Notts captain shot a good goal. A long discussion followed as to whether the laws of off-side had not been infringed; but eventually the goal was allowed. (Notts two to none)

Notts County: J.H. Holland (Goal); A.T. Marshall, H.A. Morley (Backs); H.W. Emmett, S. Macrae, C.F. Dobson (Half Backs); E. Harker, A.E. Moore (Right Wing), H. Jackson (Centre), H.B. Daft (Capt.), H.A. Cursham (Left Wing).

NJ/BH/SM/SL have D.H. Holland. NEP/F have D. Holland. SL has J. Holland.

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

Umpires: J.C. Slaney, Stoke and T. Duxbury, Darwen.  
Referee: M.P. Betts (Old Harrovians)

CHIRK 1 (W. Owen) DARWEN 2 (T. Rostron 2)  
(H.T. 1-2) (Sat Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>) (At Chirk) (Sat Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Blackburn Standard 29/1/87 P.3/Cricket & Football Field 22/1/87 P.4/Athletic News 24/1/87 P. 4/Lancashire Evening Post 22/1/87 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 24/1/87 P.4/Sportsman 24/1/87 P.4/Sporting Life 24/1/87 P.4:

BS: "These clubs met on Saturday at Chirk to play their tie in the first round of the second series of the above competition. Chirk won the toss, and Rostron kicked off. W. Owen dribbled into Darwen quarters and passed to P. Griffiths, who put the ball out. Rostron then scored the first goal for Darwen. This put Chirk on their metal, and they scored, but the point was disallowed (SM: "on the ground that one of the home side had handled"). Rostron scored again for Darwen, and W. Owen, from a pass by G. Griffiths, got a goal for Chirk.

In the second half Chirk at first pressed, but missed many chances of scoring. Darwen got several corners, but nothing came of them, and P. Griffiths racing up the field got past the backs, but McIntyre punched his final shot away. The game

was contested fiercely towards the end, both Povey and McIntyre, having to throw away shots, and Darwen finally won by two goals to one."

AN: "This tie in the first round of the second series (fifth round) was played at Chirk, on Saturday." "The day was fine, the sun shining brilliantly. Rostron kicked off, and hands in Darwen's favour landed the ball in front of Chirk's posts, but Wynne cleared. After 10 minutes play Rostron shot, and Povey running out the ball glanced off a player through goal. Out of a scrummage Chirk equalised, but the goal was disallowed for hands. Rostron shot a second for Darwen, and W. Owens one for Chirk. Both sides had several narrow escapes. At half-time the score stood: -Darwen, two goals; Chirk, one goal. After crossing over "hands" in the centre of the field in Chirk's favour, it gave them an advantage, but the ball was sent over the bar. Darwen then got busy, and Povey had to throw away. Several corners came in quick succession in Darwen's favour, but they were all nullified by the good work of Povey and the Chirk backs. Chirk next had a look in, but failed to score, and the game finally ended in a win for Darwen."

LEP: "Rostron kicked off for Darwen, and Broughton took the ball down the right, but Jones returned. A combined rush down the field by Darwen ended in Rostron scoring the first goal. Chirk then retaliated and scored, but it was disallowed. Rostron went again up the centre, and by a sharp shot scored second for Darwen. Chirk now had a turn, and from a pass by G. Owen, W. Owen scored for Chirk. The score at half-time was Darwen, 2; Chirk, 1."

On resuming play was for a time in mid-field, but M. Owen finally made a rush into the Darwen quarters, and Leech stopped him and returned. Hands for Chirk occurred near the Darwen citadel, and was well put in, but W. Owen put the ball over the bar. Darwen then paid a visit to the Chirk end and Povey had to hit a shot away from Slater. A corner for Darwen was well cleared, and a rush was made to the other end, but Leech was equal to the occasion, and returned. Darwen then went off again, and got a corner, which was got past the back; but McIntyre punched the ball away. G. Griffiths got up the left, but miserably sent the ball behind. A rush by Darwen was well saved by Wynne, and Povey threw away a good shot from Broughton. Darwen 2 Chirk 1"

Chirk: E. Povey (Goal); T. Wynne, D. Jones (Backs); H. Owen, J. Owen, J. Jones (Half Backs); W. Owen, P. Griffiths (Right Wing), T. Williams (Centre), G. Owen, G. Griffiths (Left Wing).

Darwen: H. McIntyre (Goal); J. Marsden, J. R. Leach (Backs); A. Thornber, R. Ashton, H. Hamilton (Half Backs); R. Haresnape, Broughton (Right Wing), T. Rostron (Centre), T. Slater, J. Shorrocks (Left Wing).

Umpires: Moon (Wednesbury) and Hassall (Stoke). Referee: Johnson (Stoke).

OLD WESTMINSTERS 1 (F.W.Bain) PARTICK THISTLE 0 (H.T. 0-0)  
(Sat Jan 29<sup>th</sup>)(At Kennington Oval)

Field 5/2/87 P.175/Glasgow Herald 31/1/87 P.8/Sportsman 31/1/87  
P.4/Sporting Life 31/1/87 P.4/Referee 30/1/87 P.6:/Sheffield Daily Telegraph  
31/1/87 P.4/Glasgow Evening Post 29/1/86 P.2(Short report No teams)

F:"The match between these two clubs at Kennington Oval, on Saturday afternoon last was one in the first round of the second series of contests in the Association cup competition. Like most matches in which the international element is to be found, it attracted a large company, but there was less enthusiasm than might have been expected. The absence of any score until the end of the ninety minutes, and the comparatively small amount of brilliance with which the play was invested, may in a measure account for the apparent apathy on the part of those present; but then the game was so closely contested that it cannot be said there was not plenty of cause for excitement. Though exceedingly good on the whole, the play was not really first class; and there seemed to be a desire to avoid anything like roughness. Combination in Scotch teams is proverbial, but the Partick Thistle display in this respect was found wanting; and as a matter of fact, in this particular, the Old Westminsters fairly outshone them. Indeed, though, as already inferred, the game fluctuated considerably, the advantage of position more frequently rested with the latter club. In the way of goalkeeping Duff did some very smart things, but the play of the Old Westminsters, when near goal, was frequently weak, and the same may be said of the corner kicks throughout the game. The eastern goal was first defended by the home players, who had thus to begin against a slight wind. At one time Partick Thistle bid fair to give their opponents a great deal of trouble, but as the game advanced the Old Westminsters were able to more than hold their own, the back division doing particularly well. No score was obtained in the first half, though so strongly aggressive a position did the Old Westminsters set up just before the time for changing ends arrived, that this did not seem likely.

At the commencement of the second portion the play of the Old Westminsters appeared to slacken considerably, and the forwards of the Scotch team pressed them very vigorously. This state of affairs did not, however, last a great while, and the Westminsters' forwards roused themselves so much, that several times the Thistle goal seemed almost at their mercy. It escaped, however, and there seemed some probability of the necessity of an extra half hour; but shortly before the close a capital combined run of the Westminsters' forwards resulted in a very smart goal being obtained by Bain. This was the only point gained, and, therefore, the Old Westminsters retired winners by one goal to none, after one of the most pleasantly played and evenly contested matches we have ever witnessed."

GH:"There was a big gathering of spectators at Kennington Oval, London, to see the tie in the fifth round of the competition between the Old Westminsters and Partick Thistle. Pleasant weather favoured the game, but the ground was very heavy. From the outset the play proved very open, first one side and then the other pressing their opponents vigorously. The defence of each team, however, was equal to expelling the frequent attacks, and no point could be obtained. For

the most part the Old Westminsters had the advantage, particularly so towards the close of the first half, but on change of ends there was no score.

When the game was restarted the old boys speedily dashed down, and for some time the Glasgow team were mainly compelled to act on the defensive. Then, in turn, Partick for fully ten minutes maintained a determined attack on the Westminster goal. Several corners fell to the share of the Scotchmen, but not one of them resulted in a definite point. Towards the close the Southerners again pressed hard, and after several shots had narrowly missed taking effect, Bain succeeded in getting the ball through the posts of the visitors. In the last few minutes the Partick men were hard pushed, and in the end the Old Westminsters proved successful by 1 goal to 0."

SM: "Darkness began to creep over the field and an extra half-hour's play seemed inevitable. With a united rush by the Westminster forwards, Wetton passed to Scoones. He in turn sent the ball across to Bain, who, with a splendid shot, placed it between the posts, and thus gained the only item scored during the match."

Old Westminsters: W.R. Moon (Goal); C.J.M. Fox, A.L. Fevez (Backs); R.T. Squire (Capt.), R.A. Ingram, H. Wetton (Half Backs); O. Scoones, C.R.W. Heath (Right Wing), J.G. Veitch (Centre), F.W. Bain, A.C.W. Jenner (Left Wing).

Partick Thistle: A. Duff (Goal); J. Hendrie (Capt.), A. Milliken (Backs); R. Robertson, W.M'Donald, A. Stewart (Half Backs); J. Young, R. Marshall (Right Wing), W. Paul (Centre), A. Johnston, J. Suter (Left Wing).

(GH has A. Hendrie as a Left Back with A. Milliken moving to Centre Half with no A. Stewart).

Umpires: C.E. Hart (Pilgrims) and J. Armstrong (Union).

Referee: Major Marindin (Old Etonians and President of the Football Association)

GLASGOW RANGERS 3 (J. Lindsay 2, M. Lawrie) LINCOLN CITY 0  
(AFS has Peacock for one of Lindsay's goals) (H.T. 2-0) (Sat Jan 29<sup>th</sup>) (At Kinning Park, Glasgow)

Glasgow Herald 31/1/87 P.8/Lincolnshire Chronicle 4/2/87 P.4/Glasgow Evening Post 29/1/87 P.2/Sportsman 31/1/87 P.4/Sporting Life 31/1/87 P.4/Referee 30/1/87 P.6:

GH: "The Rangers and Lincoln City played off their tie in the English Cup competition at Kinning Park, Glasgow, in the presence of about 4,000 spectators, and after a game in which the Rangers had all the best of the play, the result was in their favour by three goals to none. The ground had not quite recovered from the recent heavy rains, while the players had also the disadvantage of a strong breeze which swept along the field. The teams entered the ground punctually to time, and the spin of the coin being lost by the Rangers, they had to play against the wind, with the sun in their faces. For the first five minutes the game was open.

Gow, one of the Rangers' backs got on to the ball in midfield, and ran it down to goal, when Lindsay, who was lying handy, shot it between the posts (LC: "...after seven minutes' play"). The Lincoln men ultimately, by good passing, got dangerously near the Rangers' lines, but Chalmers fisted out well. Lindsay again got possession of the leather, and, passing the opposing backs, shot for goal. The ball went wide. Lawrie, however, coming with a rush, neatly evaded Bayne, and scored the second point for the Rangers. Immediately before half time was announced an exciting scrimmage occurred at the Lincoln goal, but when the whistle sounded the score stood: -Rangers, 2 goals; Lincoln, 0 goals.

During the customary short interval between the two portions of the game the referee passed round the Rangers for the purpose of examining the spikes in the boots of the players, with the view, presumably, of seeing that they did not exceed the regulation size. This proceeding, which is something of a novelty, at least on a Scotch football field, caused considerable amusement, and was received with derisive laughter by the spectators.

The second half of the game opened tamely, and the ball for some time remained hovering about midfield. Fraser ultimately effected a run on the right wing, and passing right across, Lindsay to all appearance had the goal at his mercy. He was, however, unable to steady himself in time. After this the play was all in favour of the local men, and time after time the leather was almost through the goal. Of course it must be remembered that the Rangers had now the benefit of the wind. (LC: "In addition to this two or three of the Englishmen were limping.") This they took full advantage of, and several exciting scrimmages took place in front of the Lincoln goal. On one occasion the ball struck the side post, and when about 15 minutes from time, (LC: "...after twenty minutes' play") Lindsay easily scored a third goal for the Rangers. The match towards the close was characterised more by roughness on the part of both sides than good play, but no more goals were scored and the game ended in a win for the Rangers, the score being: -Rangers, 3 goals; Lincoln, 0." (The LC Report is longer but contains some passages from this GH Report)

GEP: "Ten minutes from the start, Lindsay kicked a splendid goal for the Rangers amid cheers. For some minutes the Rangers had the advantage, and obtained two corner kicks. On the other hand the wearers of the red stripes did some excellent passing, but on account of the back play of Gow and M'Intyre, it was difficult to score. As the game advanced it became exciting. The Rangers were evidently in good form, and one and all worked hard. Seventeen minutes had elapsed when Lindsay made a run almost the full length of the field, and centring to Lawrie, the latter sent the leather through the posts.

The strangers were much nonplussed by the dodging of Peacock and Fraser. For a few moments the visitors confined the "Light Blues" to the eastern half of the field, where hands against the home players looked dangerous. A "foul" against the "red stripes" relieved the pressure, and Lindsay getting within reach had a shy at the west goal. Bayne negotiated the attempt successfully, but at the penalty of a corner flag kick. Aspden and Simpson did some hard work in defence of the uprights, and the front division, getting on the leather, Chalmers had to kick a

dangerous ball. It only wanted a minute or two of half-time, during which two kicks for fouls were conceded to the visitors. +Before the whistle sounded, Fraser sent the ball for the second time between the English posts. Half time was called with the game standing - Rangers, 2 goals; Lincoln City, 0.

+Not recorded as a goal CHECK

It was generally anticipated that the Rangers would have matters pretty much their own way in this half for they had a strong wind at their backs, and their opponents appeared to be at a disadvantage on the comparatively heavy ground. In addition to this two or three of the English were limping. Mettam sustained rather a severe cut on the eye, which bled a good deal; notwithstanding this accident, he played all through a plucky game. Aspden was not of much use to his side on account of lameness. Rangers pressed hard, and the east goal suffered some narrow shaves. On one occasion Lindsay got past Bayne, who had rushed out to intercept, but to the surprise of the spectators, the Dumbartonshire International sent the ball past the posts. Lawrie and Fraser next had an encounter with Simpson, in which the latter pair came off victorious. Time was now wearing on, and although playing a good game, the English could not make any progress. After twenty minutes' play, Lindsay kicked a goal for the Kinning Park Club."

Glasgow Rangers: W. Chalmers (Goal); Donald R. Gow, J. M'Cartney (Backs); J. Cameron, J. M'Kintyre, J. Muir (Half Backs); R. Fraser, A. Peacock (Right Wing), J. Lindsay (Centre), M. Lawrie, J. Mackie (Left Wing).

Lincoln City: K. Bayne (Goal); R. Aspden, H. Simpson (Backs); J. Duckworth, A. Mettam, W. Rawlinson (Half Backs); J. Slater, H. Hilton, W. Fox, G. Hallam, W. Gregson (Forwards).

LC: "Neutral umpires and referee were appointed by the English Association as under :- Thomas Hindle, Treasurer, Lancashire Association and D. B. Woffall, Vice-President, Lancashire Association, umpires; T. Evans, Liverpool, referee."

LEEK 0 OLD CARTHUSIANS 2 (W. H. Ainger, Not traced) (H. T. 0-1) (Sat Feb 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Westwood Lane Ground, Leek)

FIND LEEK TIMES REPORT

Sportsman 7/2/87 P.4/Leek Book P.76/Lichfield Mercury 11/2/87 P.2/  
Manchester Courier 7/2/87 P.3/Sporting Life 7/2/87 P.4/Field 12/2/87 P.212:

SM: "This match was decided at Leek on Saturday afternoon. Great interest was taken in the game, and there were quite 4,000 spectators present. The Old Carthusians kicked off at 3.45, and for a time play was of a very even character, each goal being in turn attacked without any result. After half an hour's play the visitors scored the first goal out of a loose scrimmage. Leek tried hard to equalise, and at times severely pressed their opponents; but at half-time no further

scoring had taken place, the Old Carthusians leading by one goal. In the second portion the game was very evenly fought, but a quarter of an hour from time the Carthusians scored a second goal, and thus won by two goals to none."

LB: "In the next round of the English Cup, the Old Carthusians visited Leek and the game was played on the Westwood ground, on February 5<sup>th</sup>, before 4,500 spectators, probably the largest gate ever assembled on the Leek enclosure. Leek played the same team as defeated Crewe, and the Old Carthusian team was as follows:...." The home team had hard lines, and twice the cross-bar was struck, whilst several easy chances were thrown away. Wardle was not in his best form at back, and the visitors threw Leek out of the English Cup competition by two goals to none."

LM: "These clubs met at Leek in the competition for the English Cup, and the contest created a considerable amount of interest. The Carthusians won the toss, and for the first part of the game assumed a strong attack. When play had lasted half an hour, +Ainger out of a scrimmage kicked a goal for the visitors. Despite desperate attempts to equalise the score, the Leek team proved unsuccessful, and at half-time the game was 1 goal to nothing in the Carthusians' favour.

In the second half Leek had four corner-kicks in about as many minutes, but could not score. Twice the ball was sent through, but in each case the goal was disallowed. Towards the end of the game the Carthusians played up splendidly, and succeeded in scoring a second time. When the whistle blew the Carthusians left the field victorious by 2 goals to nothing." (No teams) + Only record of this scorer

MC: "This tie in the fifth round of the English Cup competition was played at Leek, on Saturday afternoon. Great interest was taken in the match and there were about 4,000 people present. The Old Carthusians kicked off at 3.45, and for a time the play was of a very even character, each goal being in turn attacked without any result. After half an hour's play the visitors scored the first goal, out of a loose scrimmage. Leek tried hard to equalise, at times severely pressing their opponents, but at half time nothing further had been scored, the Old Carthusians leading by one goal. In the second half the game was very evenly fought, but a quarter of an hour before time the Old Carthusians scored a second goal, and won by two goals to nil."

SL: "Played at Leek on Saturday, in the presence of a large number of spectators. A very exciting game was witnessed. The home team pressed their opponents for a short time after the start, but before half-time the visitors scored a goal. Leek had several good chances, but failed to score. The Carthusians then scored again, and finally won a splendid game by two goals to none. Leek, during the course of the game, had several very near chances of scoring, but the splendid goal-keeping of +Strother saved them from opening an account. The play of the Carthusian backs was excellent, as also was that of Wardle and Lowe for the home team, the latter being impassable." +Wreford-Brown played in goal in fact (see below)

F:"This match proved one of very interesting character to the several thousand persons assembled on the Leek ground.For half an hour no score was made,but then the visitors secured a goal out of a loose scrummage.This,however,was the only point gained until within fifteen minutes of time,when a second goal was obtained by the Carthusians,who thus won by two goals to none."

Leek:E.Hassall(Goal);G.C.Wardle,J.Lowe(Backs);H.E.Whittles,J.Smethurst,G.Tudor (Half Backs);W.E.Allen,J.Brentnall(Right Wing),H.Stonehewer(Centre),M.Rider, W.T.Vickerstaff(Left Wing).

Old Carthusians:C.Wreford-Brown(Goal);P.M.Walters,A.M.Walters(Backs); S.R.Arthur,T.W.Blenkiron,A.Amos(Half Backs),C.A.Smith,W.H.Ainger(Right Wing), F.H.Brown(Centre),L.Owen(Capt.),C.W.Waddington(Left Wing).(SM)

N.B.Old Carthusian Lineups are wrong in SL/F although agree with the Sporting Life Saturday paper probable lineup.Above is the SM lineup considered correct as it agrees with the LB lineup as to the names of the players.W.N.Cobbold is listed in SL/F lineups but was playing on the same afternoon for England v Ireland at Sheffield scoring two goals in a 7-0 win.

Umpires:Johnson and Owen

ASTON VILLA 5 (Rich Davis,Albert Brown 3,Archie Hunter) HORNCastle 0 (H.T. 3-0)(At Perry Barr)(Sat Feb 5<sup>th</sup>)

Birmingham Daily Post 7/2/87 P.7/Lincolnshire Chronicle 8/2/87 P.3 and 11/2/87 P.2/Sportsman 7/2/87 P.4/Sporting Life 7/2/87 P.4:

BDP:"Considering that this match was looked upon as a moral certainty for the Villa,the attendance at Perry Barr on Saturday was a very good one,some five thousand persons being present.As was anticipated,the Villa won easily,being far superior to their opponents at all points of the game.Next Saturday the Villa meet the Darwen in the sixth round of the National Cup,and,if successful,will then take part in the semi-final.

The visitors won the toss,and Archie Hunter kicked off uphill in the face of a stiff wind.His team immediately attacked,and a foul was given them near the visitors' goal,but nothing resulted.J and W Turner,on the visitors' right wing,then transferred play to the opposite end of the field,the former putting in a fine shot,which Warner knocked out.The Villa forwards assaulted the visitors' goal, but without success;whilst just afterwards a miskick by Coulton caused Horncastle to appear very dangerous,but the Villa back fortunately recovered himself and kicked outside.From the throw in the Villa rushed up the field,and a shot by Albert Brown compelled the goalkeeper to concede a corner.The kick was well taken,and Hodgetts headed the ball against the crossbar of the visitors' goal.The ball rebounded into play,and both Archie Hunter and Brown had a try to score,the Horncastle custodian punching out both shots.The visitors' left wing relieved the pressure,and carried the ball some distance out of their own goal;

but this run was quickly stopped by Yates, who lifted the ball just into the goal mouth. The Villa forwards made a strenuous effort to rush it through, but failed. Not to be denied, however, they again bore down on the Horncastle citadel, and from a centre by Hodgetts, \*Albert Brown shot the ball past Jeffrey. Immediately on restarting Albert Brown made a beautiful run, but kicked the ball over the crossbar. From the goal kick the Horncastle men carried the ball into the Villa's territory, but they could not break through the defence and were quickly driven back upon their own goal. A shot by Vaughton was caught by the goalkeeper, Brown trying without success to rush him through. The goalkeeper threw the ball out of danger, but it was returned and kicked outside. At length, however, the Villa forwards took the ball well into the front of their opponents' goal, and Brown was enabled to put in a second successful shot. The wind had by this time veered round, and with its aid the Villa did all the pressing, and shortly before the interval Albert Brown once more lowered the visitors' colours.

On recommencing play after, the visitors made an assault on the Villa goal, and Searby put in a fine shot, which Warner managed to punch away. The Villa retaliated by carrying the ball into their opponents' quarters, but Vaughton kicked over the bar. The Villa now played very loosely, apparently being content to rest on their advantage, and the game was of the tamest character. Until about a quarter of an hour before time nothing further was scored; then from a run by Brown and Davis, Archie Hunter obtained a fourth goal for the winning side. The visitors tried their hardest to score, and B. Robinson put in a good shot, which Warner had some difficulty in stopping. Shortly before time, Albert Brown got the ball in the middle of the field, and ran it past half backs and backs, finally touching it past the goalkeeper. No further score was made, and the Villa finally won by 5 goals to nil."

LC: "The intense excitement that week after week grew apace, as succeeding contests between the Wolverhampton Wanderers and the famous Villa team failed to decide the momentous question as to which should meet Horncastle, and which culminated in a brilliant win for the latter team, seems to have somewhat exhausted the energies of the lovers of the leather-chasing fraternity, and but moderate interest was displayed in the contest with Horncastle on Saturday last, partly, perhaps, because it was looked upon as a foregone conclusion that the home team would win, and having a bye in the next round, enter the sixth round against Darwen. The attendance, compared to last week, was very meagre, but still some 3,000 wended their way down to the Perry meadow to witness the prowess of their favourite club. At three o'clock the Villa team entered the field, and some fifteen minutes later the visitors followed.

Winning the toss Horncastle elected to kick down, and Hunter set the sphere in motion for the home club. At once the ball was rushed up the field, and a foul taken in front of goal, and soon J. Turner broke away, and flooring first Simmonds and then Coulton, shot splendidly for goal, which Warner skilfully saved. Directly afterwards, R. Turner, on the right, ran off, and Coulton mis-kicked, but made up by following his man, and wrested the sphere from him when in the act of shooting. The Villa string rushed up, and shot after shot was levelled at the top goal, but all the visiting team being in goal, the attack was repulsed, and the ball sent down

hill. Howard now displayed some pretty dribbling, and Hunter tried hard to score. Still the same tactics were indulged in, the visitors' forwards all rushing into goal when attacked. At last perseverance rewarded a combined attack, and Rich forced the ball through after ten minutes' play. Robinson kicked off, and at once the home forwards got possession, and a beautiful screw from the extreme right by Albert went over the bar. The visiting team showed an absence of passing, though several exhibited good dribbling powers, the extreme wings being very fast. The offensive for two or three minutes was taken by Horncastle. At length Coulton, by a grand kick, relieved, and Dennis went up the left. A foul was given against Horncastle, Inge returned, but the flight down was stopped by Yates, who played splendidly. After an attack on the visitors' citadel, J. Turner worked the ball half-way down the field. The Villa, while playing with great dash, seemed holding their rivals too cheaply, half-backs as well as forwards indulging in the pursuit of goal-getting, but the visitors' united defence proved a hard nut to crack. Again the Villa forwards went for goal, and Jeffrey holding the ball, he and Hodgetts danced round each other just in the goal mouth, the one trying to throw out and the other to knock him and the ball through. Jeffrey at last succeeded in throwing out, and J. Turner ran down and shot over the goal bar. The Villa at this time were playing very loosely, amid remonstrative shouts of "Play up, Villa", which Albert did at once kicking the ball through. Howard had a pretty shot, which Jeffrey saved; but soon after Brown rushed up and sent in a veritable daisy-cutter, scoring point three. Hunter sent in a scorcher, but the bar and Jeffrey together saved. The whistle blew for half-time, the score standing Villa three, Horncastle none.

After three minutes' interval play was resumed, and Horncastle broke away, and with the Villa backs seeming dazed, Searby sent in a beauty that grazed the bar on wrong side, and Archie, coming up, took the ball down. Searby, yclept by the spectators "Veteran", was the only one who could be said to be playing a good sterling game for the visitors, and he proved of immense service; the goal-keeper discontinuing his previous hard work by long runs up the field to meet the ball, greatly endangered his charge. The play of the first half was now fairly eclipsed by the rotten display on both sides, even the lovers of burlesque voting the game absurdly slow. Archie scored point four. Robinson had a good try. Albert added another point with a good run and shot, the Villa waking up a little in response to indignant cries of "Villa, play up," &c. The whistle blew with the score, Villa five, Horncastle none."

\*Aston Villa Complete Record and LC give this goal to Rich Davis. Sheffield Daily Telegraph 7/2/87 P.4: "Ten minutes from the start Davis scored the first goal for the Villa, and shortly afterwards Albert Brown added a second."

Aston Villa: J. Warner (Goal); F. Coulton, J. Simmonds (Backs); H. Yates, F. Dawson, J. Burton (Half Backs); R. Davis, Albert Brown (Right Wing), Archie Hunter, (Centre), O. H. Vaughton, D. Hodgetts (Left Wing).

Horncastle: W. Jeffrey (Goal); E. Langley, Inge (Backs); J. Searby, F. Chapman, J. Green (Half Backs); J. Turner, W. Turner (Right Wing), B. Robinson (Centre), E. Tweed, R. Turner (Left Wing).

Umpires:Fairhurst(Bolton) and Hutchinson(Grantham).  
Referee: McIntyre(Manchester).

SIXTH ROUND DRAW(Birmingham Daily Post 1/2/87 P.7)

“The draw for the sixth round of the English Association Challenge Cup competition was made yesterday in London,and the ties must be played by February 19,Preston having obtained an extension to February 26.

The draw is as follows:

Notts County .v. West Bromwich Albion or Lockwood Brothers

Leek or Old Carthusians .v. Preston North End

Aston Villa or Horncastle .v.Darwen

Glasgow Rangers .v. Old Westminsters

West Bromwich Albion and Lockwood Brothers have been ordered to replay their tie in the fourth round,which must be completed by Saturday next.”

NOTTS COUNTY 1 (H.A.Cursham)

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 4(T.Green,J.M.Bayliss 2,G.Woodhall)(H.T. 0-2)(Sat Feb 19<sup>th</sup>)(At Trent Bridge)

Nottingham Evening Post 19/2/87 P.3/Nottingham Journal 21/2/87 P.7/  
Birmingham Daily Post 21/2/87 P.7/Field 26/2/87 P.284/Sportsman 21/2/87  
P.4/Sporting Life 21/2/87 P.4/Referee 20/2/87 P.6:

NEP:”The kick-off today was originally fixed for 2.45,but in order to suit the convenience,not only of the Albion team,but of all those who should avail themselves of the trips from Birmingham,West Bromwich,and other places,the time was altered to half-past three.As early as half past one o’clock,and notwithstanding that the kick off was announced for half past three o’clock, people began to make for Trent Bridge ground,and an hour before the time for starting there were between 6,000 and 7,000 people upon the ground,and the attendance during the afternoon reached about 15,000.The turf had been carefully rolled and was in splendid condition.Notts played their full strength,but the West Bromwich executive had deemed it advisable to leave out Holden,the international forward,who has lately been getting stale,and introduced Pearson a smart second team man.Notts were first to appear,and were quickly followed by ten of the West Bromwich team,Roberts being an absentee.After waiting a few minutes Roberts,who had travelled by an excursion train,arrived and was applauded.

Jackson kicked off towards the Pavilion goal,and the ball was carried along for some distance down the ground,principally through the combined play of Daft and Cursham.The ball was taken to the other end where Paddock and Pearson showed some fine play,the former centring splendidly.Morley in trying to kick away,kicked towards his own goal, and some good heading play was seen,the

Notts fortress looking to be dangerously near a downfall. However the ball was got away. A hot shot was put in by Pearson, which Holland fisted away, and Emmett relieved the pressure. Notts went to the other end, Moore and Harker breaking away. The visitors' defence was taxed to the utmost, Cursham putting in a shot across the goal, which Harker headed over. Still forcing the play Notts took a corner kick five minutes from the start, Cursham sending the ball into touch off Aldridge. The game was exceedingly fast, Notts having decidedly the best of it, and playing a brilliant game. Horton and Woodhall got half way down the ground, but Marshall stopped them, and Harker made a grand run which inaugurated a determined attack, but the defence was excellent. Dobson passing in front of goal instead of shooting, lost a good chance, and Perry relieved the pressure. Bayliss was the principal performer in a fine bit of play on the part of the Throstles, but in passing Emmett got possession, and play was taken to the opposite end of the field. Green kicked into midfield, and Pearson and Bayliss were conspicuous, but Morley returned well. The visitors pressed, and Woodhall centred finely from the left corner, but the siege was relieved for a few seconds. The Throstles were not, however, to be denied, and commenced a further raid upon the Chocolate and Blues' goal, and after a sharp scrimmage Green headed the ball through the posts, amid loud cheering. This success on behalf of the West Bromwich Albion occurred 10 minutes after the start. On resuming, play was at first in the Nottingham half, but the home team, showing nice combination, went up, and Jackson had an opening, but his shot was tame and wide of the posts. The visitors, playing a pretty close passing game, were not to be denied, however, Horton, Woodhall, and Green breaking through the defence, but Morley and Emmett kicked without making a mistake, and the visitors were unable to shoot. Emmett being in a difficulty, wisely conceded a corner. Paddock took the corner, and landed the leather immediately in front of goal, when it was headed dangerously near the Notts citadel. Morley, however, got the ball away, and Harker made a fine run, but H. Green was equal to stopping him. Incursions were made by either team, and the game slowed down a trifle. Notts assumed the aggressive, and a foul accrued in dangerous proximity to the visitors' goal. The free kick was taken by Emmett, who put the ball well into the goal mouth. Bayliss headed away, but the ball was returned to Harker, who shot high over the bar. The Albion men getting the ball from the goal kick, were again busy in the Notts half, and Paddock, with a beautiful overhead kick, threatened the Notts goal, but Marshall averted the shot, and Morley kicked away. Perry started the ball from a foul and Paddock getting well into the corner, and centring splendidly, Pearson sent in a shot, but Bayliss appeared to have an opportunity to score, only just missing the ball with his head. Cursham then made a good run, but was successfully tackled by Timmins. H. Green kicked finely, and then Holland had to kick away. The Throstles had about now the best of the play. Macrae manipulated a good run, but H. Green again came to the rescue. West Bromwich still held the upper hand, their passing being beautifully neat and clean, and the half backs being difficult to beat. The visiting forwards got in force in front of the home goal, and an exceedingly pretty piece of work, in which every one of the forwards had a hand, resulted in Bayliss kicking a second goal for his side very neatly. The point was appealed against on the ground of offside, but it was allowed, the Albion men making the second goal 17 minutes after the first. Woodhall and J. Green were seen to advantage on the wing, the former showing fine speed. From a shot by Bayliss, Holland gave a

corner, which did not result in a score, although the Notts custodian had to fist away from a fine overhead kick by Paddock. Harker, Moore, and Jackson did some fine passing work, and took the ball to the other end of the field. Notts then played up in much better style, and looked like lowering the colours of the Throstles, but fate was against them. Cursham made a splendid shot which only just went over the crossbar. Notts now woke up a bit, Harker and Moore being busy, but Cursham and Daft did little. Harker and Dobson both had shots, and Cursham had a chance, but he was unable to turn round in time. Then Woodhall and Bayliss paid a visit to the other end, and by excellent passing were very threatening, the ball passing from the left wing right across the mouth of the goal. A minute later Bayliss broke through, and shot hard and straight, but Holland was on the alert, and catching coolly threw away. Some pretty work was performed by Bayliss and T. Green, but Paddock shot over the goal line. Harker went away at a rare pace down the wing, but Timmins stopped him. Again Woodhall and T. Green displayed some tricky play, and after some play near the Notts goal, Bayliss, who was off-side, put the ball through the posts, and the point was disallowed. At half time the score was two goals to none in favour of West Bromwich, who had decidedly the best of the play.

After changing ends, the West Bromwich men led off, and the ball was soon out in the Notts half. The game started slowly, but Notts were soon forced to give a corner, and Timmins landing the ball well in front, an exciting minute's play was witnessed, during which the Notts backs had several shots to repel, and Holland saved once from the foot of Paddock in beautiful style. Notts were unable for some time to break away, but Emmett raised the siege, and Notts took up the attack. Paddock took the flag-kick, landing the ball into the mouth of the goal, where matters became of a lively description, but Walker kicked behind. Harker made a fine run, and took the play to the opposite end. The Throstles, however, returned to the attack, and after a scrimmage in front of the Notts goal, T. Green headed the ball between the posts. An appeal that the player was offside, was made and upheld. The home team then pressed, and some clever passing play was witnessed on behalf of Cursham, Jackson, and Moore. The latter put in a shot, which Roberts had to fist away, which he did without any difficulty. After an incursion by the visitors, the Notts forwards passing accurately, again became aggressive, but Aldridge kicked into midfield. The right wing pair, Woodhall and T. Green, next became conspicuous, the first-named centring in fine fashion, and a shot was put in, and Holland had to throw away. Twice within a few minutes Notts were half-way down the field, but the forwards were completely disorganised. Green went down the wing at a tremendous pace, and, passing to Bayliss, the West Bromwich captain centred, and Timmins rushed up, but kicked over the bar. Notts broke away again, but Aldridge and H. Green kicked grandly. At length Notts showed better form, and Cursham breaking away from the centre, seemed to have the goal at his mercy, but being barred by Timmins, he put in a shot straight at Roberts, who kicked away—very hard lines. Next, Woodhall receiving the ball in midfield, galloped away and shot a grand goal, the ball travelling along the ground at great speed. An appeal for offside was, however, sustained, and the point was disallowed. Emmett did some good head work, and passed well to Harker, and a corner was conceded to Notts. The ball was kicked into the front of goal, and a foul was given to Notts a few yards from the right

hand goal post. The leather was got away, but another corner was given to the home side. Notts pressed severely and attacked well. Eventually Cursham got possession on the left, and having a good opening, put in a beautiful swift shot, which sent the ball through the posts amid the most enthusiastic cheering. The state of the game was now two goals to one in favour of West Bromwich. Notts put renewed vigour into their efforts, and again had the best of the play. A corner fell to them, but Emmett headed behind the goal line, Pearson kicked over the crossbar for the Throstles, and then a further success awaited the visitors. Woodhall made a grand long shot from the right wing, and the ball passed through the posts out of the reach of Holland-West Bromwich three goals, Notts one goal. The wearers of the chocolate and blue, by this further score, were put on their mettle, and when the game had been restarted they pressed, a foul being given them near the West Bromwich goal. T. Green headed away cleverly. Notts were extremely unfortunate in not scoring, two splendid shots being put in by Dobson and Macrae respectively, but Roberts displayed his usual agility, and fisted both attempts away. Paddock and Pearson ran the ball over the Notts goal line, but Harker and Moore retaliated, and the ball being sent across the centre to Cursham, he centred, and Roberts threw away. Macrae kicked just over the bar a moment later, and Notts kept up the pressure for a time but Bayliss getting the ball, went clean in front of the whole field, with Morley in hot pursuit. The Notts full back, however, stuck gamely to his man, and saved the goal, amidst cheering. Seven minutes from the finish, Woodhall went along the right wing, and, centring grandly, Bayliss shot the fourth goal. On resuming, Notts were completely overpowered, and nothing but Holland's magnificent defence saved the home side from further disaster, the Notts goalkeeper saving three or four shots very cleverly indeed. Cursham made a good spurt just before the finish, and Roberts was a bit lucky in saving. The home side rallied strongly at the finish and two or three times the Albion goal was seriously jeopardised, Notts being unfortunate. Roberts stopped in marvellous fashion a hot one from Cursham, and then the visitors retaliated. The match, which was splendidly contested, was won by the visitors by four goals to one."

BDP: "That unusual interest was shown in the tie in the sixth round of the competition for the Association Challenge Cup at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, between Notts County and West Bromwich Albion, was shown by the attendance of 15,000 people at the well-known Nottingham ground on Saturday. Apart from the natural enthusiasm in the welfare of Notts County, the number of spectators was probably increased by the charming weather which favoured the game. The ground was in excellent condition, and both sides were thoroughly representative, although West Bromwich left out Holden, the international forward, who has been out of form lately, and played Pearson, a smart second team man. Notts, it may be of interest to state, had in the five previous rounds beaten Basford Rovers, Notts Rangers, Staveley, Great Marlow, and had been favoured with a bye; while the clubs beaten by West Bromwich Albion were Burton Wanderers, Derby Junction, Mitchell St George's, and Lockwood Brothers.

The Albion team won the toss, and Notts kicked off towards the Pavilion goal. Forcing the pace, they went into the Albion quarters, where they took a corner kick, which proved unproductive. The game was very fast, and the visitors settling

down began to press, their forward play being neat and pretty. Ten minutes from the start T. Green headed the first goal for the Albion, from a sharp scrimmage. Directly afterwards Jackson had a nice chance of equalising, but the Notts centre forward sent in a very weak shot. The play became slower after about a quarter of an hour, and the West Bromwich team showed decidedly superior combination, the Notts attack being spasmodic and the shooting weak. Half an hour from the kick-off, a very clever bit of passing by the Albion forwards all along the line ended in Bayliss scoring the second goal. At half-time the game stood at two goals to nothing in favour of the visitors, who had been disallowed another point on appeal for off side.

The second portion of the match was somewhat tamely contested, the Albion men always having the measure of their opponents, and being largely content to hold the advantage they had gained. T. Green headed through the Notts goal, but was given off side, and Holland dealt cleverly with several shots. Twenty minutes from the finish Notts rallied, and Cursham beat Roberts with a low swift shot. The Albion now played up strongly, and Woodhall scored a pretty goal from the extreme right wing, the ball passing just out of reach of Holland. Towards the finish Notts came again, and the forwards showed something of their true form. Roberts, however, was bad to best, and dealt successively with shots from Cursham, Macrae, and Dobson. Woodhall broke away at a great pace, and evading the Notts half-backs, centred to Bayliss, who shot a fourth goal seven minutes before the call of time. In the last five minutes Notts had the upper hand, but were eventually defeated, after a finely contested game, by 4 goals to 1. West Bromwich played brilliantly throughout, the combination of their forwards being most effective, while the defence was almost faultless."

Notts County: J. H. Holland (Goal); A. T. Marshall, H. A. Morley (Backs); H. W. Emmett, S. Macrae, C. F. Dobson (Half Backs); E. Harker, A. E. Moore (Right Wing), H. Jackson (Centre), H. A. Cursham (Capt.), H. B. Daft (Left Wing).

West Bromwich Albion: R. Roberts (Goal); A. T. Aldridge, H. Green (Backs); E. Horton, C. Perry, G. Timmins (Half Backs); G. Woodhall, T. Green (Right Wing), J. M. Bayliss (Centre), T. Pearson, W. Paddock (Left Wing).

Umpires: J. R. Smith (Derby) and W. Fairhurst (Bolton).  
Referee: M. P. Betts (Old Harrovians).

OLD CARTHUSIANS 1 (W. N. Cobbold)  
PRESTON NORTH END 2 (J. Graham, J. B. Gordon)  
(H. T. 0-0) (F. T. 1-1) (AET) (Wed March 2<sup>nd</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Field 5/3/87 P.324/Preston Herald 5/3/87 P.2/Sheffield Daily Telegraph  
3/3/87 P.8/Sportsman 3/3/87 P.4/Sporting Life 3/3/87 P.4:

F: "Although the arrangement to play the only remaining match in the sixth round on a Wednesday afternoon instead of a Saturday may have assisted the executive of the Football Association, it is in one sense to be regretted, as many were

prevented witnessing perhaps the very finest display of Association football ever seen in the Metropolis. There were, however, between five and six thousand spectators—a strong testimony to the popularity of the game—and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. Those who visited the Kennington Oval in the full expectation of seeing some grand play on the part of Preston North End could not have been disappointed, though it must be confessed that they did not show to such advantage as in some of their previous matches, the majority of their many splendid efforts being seriously discounted by the unexpectedly brilliant performance of the old boys of Charterhouse. The forward play of the Lancashire men, however, left little or nothing to be desired. They indeed gave a splendid exhibition of the combination game; but they had a resolute lot to contend with, and, more than all, they had, after breaking through the Carthusians' forward ranks, to meet, in the brothers Walters, two of the best back players of this or any time playing even more brilliantly than is their wont. It was really marvellous to see these two working into one another's hands as if their tactics were the result of some admirably planned scheme of defence, and never were forwards so frequently robbed of what appeared good chances as Preston North End on Wednesday. The credit of so good a display on the part of the Carthusians does not, however, wholly rest with the brothers Walters, for, although it would not be correct to say that the Old Boys' forward play was equal to that of the Northerners, there is no gainsaying the fact that many a time the latter found themselves beaten at their own game. Cobbold was especially brilliant for about an hour, and it was a great blow to the side that his leg then gave way, rendering him practically useless. Smith, also, played in vigorous and very able fashion, more particularly during the latter portion of the game, and Ainger, Amos, and Blenkiron, too, are worthy of honourable mention. As we have inferred, the whole of the visitors' forwards played finely, and their backs made few mistakes. Russell was very busy indeed at half back, and Dew (hurst) was more energetic than usual, and this is saying a great deal.

The game was started at 3.35, and progressed more evenly than the large majority of those present could have hoped. A corner kick was gained at an early period by Preston North End, but enthusiasm ran high when Cobbold, after a capital assault, attempted to lower the visitors' colours. The ball, however, went just over the bar, and soon the Preston men were affording the brothers Walters opportunities for displaying their great ability. Due in great measure to their excellent defence, the Carthusians could not be said to have any the worst of the game. Indeed, the North End goal was several times endangered. Cobbold once seemed to have a splendid chance, but he missed his kick. Wharton on one occasion might have been forced through his goal ball in hand, and Smith got to within a foot or so of the visitors' goal, and looked certain to gain a point, when he was treated to what looked suspiciously like a foul charge.

Ends were changed with no score to either team, and the second half was commenced amidst great excitement. The play was faster than ever, and the charges in some cases much rougher than was necessary, but neither was able to gain more than a free kick or so, until about a quarter of an hour after crossing over. Then a fine run was made by Cobbold, Waddington, and Owen, and the latter, who was now showing better form, than previously, centred capitally, and

Cobbold, with a splendid shot (SM: "the ball travelling over the heads of several Prestonians"), obtained a goal. This success, it may be readily imagined, was the cause of the display of much enthusiasm. "Now you will see what the lads can do", was heard from several in the immediate neighbourhood of our position, and for a time North End played with a vigour that is really astonishing. There was, however, a want of judgment in much that they did, and their shooting when near goal was very erratic. Finding these tactics did not pay, the visitors settled down again to play of a more correct character, and some of their rushes augured ill for the other side, but the backs still kept up a remarkably fine defence, and as time approached it became evident that want of success was having a prejudicial effect upon the side so used to carrying everything before them. For a short period the Preston play became tame in comparison with what had gone before, and it was fully expected that the Cup favourites would be upset. With only ten minutes of time left, however, an incident occurred which proved most unfortunate for the Carthusians, as it may be said to have robbed them of victory. The ball was rolling on towards the goal line, and would have gone harmlessly over we think. However, P.M. Walters rushed up to stop Ross, jun., and in doing so was declared to have fouled him. From the free kick the ball was placed smartly in front of goal and thence headed through by Graham.

Nothing else being scored, it was decided at the close of the necessary ninety minutes, to play an extra half hour. This was very disadvantageous to the Old Carthusians, as Cobbold was so lame that his services were of little use. In less than ten minutes Gordon obtained a second goal for the Preston club, and, as nothing further was scored, the visitors retired winners, by two goals to one, of a match grandly fought by both sides."

PH: "The great match between North End and the Old Carthusians took place on Wednesday, at Kennington Oval, the result being a hard-earned victory for the Preston club by two goals to one, the winning goal only being won during an extra half-hour's play. The Preston team left for London on Tuesday afternoon, and made their headquarters the Covent Garden Hotel. The London and North-Western Railway Company placed a 'bus at the disposal of the team, which conveyed them to their hotel, and to and from the hotel on the following day. The men took care of themselves in readiness for the cup tie, and on Wednesday, after lunch, dressed at the hotel and proceeded by 'bus to the Oval. They had a very fair reception from the six or seven thousand spectators on entering the enclosure, but perhaps, naturally, the Old Carthusians received the most cordial welcome. The unusual course of playing a cup tie in London on any day other than a Saturday was looked forward to by many with a certain amount of curiosity as to whether the public would patronise it or not. The attendance most emphatically dispelled any such doubts, and showed how strong a hold the Association game has gained in the metropolis.

Play was advertised to commence at half-past three p.m., and five minutes later, Cobbold having beaten Ross in the toss, Thomson kicked off for the Prestonians from the gasometer end, with a slight breeze against them. It was soon evident that a very fast game would be the result, and that the players wanted to take advantage of the splendid condition of the turf. For the first

minute or two the North end invaded their opponents' territory, but P.M. Walters thus early showed that he meant "business", and, with the aid of his brother, soon removed the fight to more neutral ground. Thomson and Dewhurst, getting possession again, attacked the Carthusian fortress, Barmby saving at the expense of a corner kick. This latter, however, was well cleared, and Cobbold, well supported by Owen and C.A. Smith, showed up very prominently. From this point the Carthusians had somewhat the best of the game. Cobbold gave his opponents the greatest anxiety, and his efforts were well seconded by the right wing-Ainger and Smith. Twice Wharton was called on to defend his goal. As half-time approached, the Preston North End forwards were able to act more on the offensive, and for a few minutes looked dangerous. Amos at last freed his side with a long pass to Smith. Ross, sen., in trying to stop the latter, kicked the ball against him, and gave Smith a clear line for goal. Making the best of his pace, the latter seemed to have the goal at his mercy, when Ross overtaking him, checked him. As Ross had charged from behind a foul was claimed, and promptly allowed, within four yards of the Preston goal. Nothing, however, resulted, as the ball went behind. Half-time found the two teams lively, no goals being scored, and each came in for a hearty cheering as ends were changed.

Play had recommenced about six minutes when Ainger and Smith, making a good run on the right, passed the ball over to Cobbold, and the latter dodging the opposing backs, with a fine kick planted the ball just out of J. Wharton's reach. Then ensued a scene of excitement that has rarely, if ever, been previously witnessed at a football match at the Oval. The shouts were almost deafening, hats and sticks were seen flying into the air as the crowd seemed to awake to the fact that there was an off-chance that the North-Enders having at last met a team who would prove more than a match for them. The goal was got from a scrimmage on the goal line, and Howarth and Robertson were claiming-and still assert-that the ball had been over the line half a yard when Cobbold kicked it. On the game being re-started there was for some time very little to choose between the two teams, who were both doing all they knew. Ross, sen. and Howarth on the one side and the Charterhouse back division on the other, were particularly brilliant, and neither forwards were able to make any real impression on the opposite lines. When all but ten minutes of the regulation hour and a half had transpired, Ross, jun. made for the ball just as it was getting near the goal line, and P.M. Walters, in trying to stop him, ducked in front of him. The claim for a foul was immediately allowed by both umpires, and their decision was thoroughly acquiesced in by the referee. From the free kick the ball was well placed in front of the Carthusian goal, and Graham speedily headed a goal. As no further score occurred, an extra half-hour was necessary.

After playing seven minutes, a combined attack of the North End forwards resulted in a goal from Gordon, the ball going through off A.M. Walters. This was the last point scored, and one of the most interesting and exciting cup matches ever seen, after two hours' play, resulted in a win for the favourites by two goals to one. Many, no doubt, left the ground with the feeling that the famous Preston club were not so good as reported. This, though, was a wrong impression, as their back play was thoroughly sound, while their forwards were prevented showing their usual advantage by the brilliant defence to which they found themselves

opposed. The grand bid for victory made for the old public school boys was chiefly due to, in addition to the brothers Walters, Amos, Blenkiron, Smith, Ainger, and Cobbold. The latter never played more brilliantly than he did for the first hour.

There is no doubt that the Prestonians were somewhat dropped on by the extraordinary dash exhibited by the Old Carthusian backs, and were unable to keep up for long together the speed and vigour necessary to outmanoeuvre such a pair of backs as the brothers Walters, who, with the half-backs, certainly time after time completely baffled the opposing forward combination. The home half-backs were more than once ordered to "hustle those forwards". In fact, previous to the match, the Carthusian backs expressed their determination to "smash up" the Preston combination, and they often succeeded. The game was what Lancashire people call a rough one, the Prestonians being knocked about unmercifully and naturally retaliating, with the result that free kicks were given against both sides for fouls. The best men for the losers were P.M. and A.M. Walters, Cobbold, Amos, Ainger, and Wreford-Brown. On the North End side it cannot be said that any of the forwards played badly, but they could not show their best capabilities against the tactics - not by any means always fair - of the Carthusian backs."

"The teams were both applauded at the conclusion of the match, and the North End, after a hurried dinner, set out for home by the eight p.m. train for Preston, which was reached about one o'clock on Thursday morning. Up to then they had travelled 2,038 miles this season to take part in the ties of the English Cup Competition."

Old Carthusians: C. Wreford-Brown (Goal); A.M. Walters, P.M. Walters (Backs); A. Amos, F.J. Barmby, T.W. Blenkiron (Half Backs); C.A. Smith, W.H. Ainger (Right Wing), C.W. Waddington (Centre), L. Owen, W.N. Cobbold (Left Wing).

Preston North End: A. Wharton (Goal); N.J. Ross, R.H. Howarth (Backs); A. Robertson, D. Russell, J. Graham (Half Backs); J.D. Ross, J.B. Gordon (Right Wing), S. Thomson (Centre), G. Drummond, F. Dewhurst (Left Wing).

Umpires: M.P. Betts (Old Harrovians) and J.C. Clegg (President Sheffield Association).

Referee: Major Marindin (Old Etonians, President of the Football Association).

ASTON VILLA 3 (F. Dawson, Archie Hunter, D. Hodgetts)  
DARWEN 2 (T. Rostron, (T.) Slater)  
(H.T. 3-0) (Sat Feb 12<sup>th</sup>) (At Perry Barr)

Birmingham Daily Post 14/2/87 P.7/Cricket & Football Field 12/2/87 P.4/  
Blackburd Standard 19/2/86 P.3 (Short Report )/Field 19/2/87 P.245/  
Sportsman 14/2/87 P.4/Sporting Life 14/2/87 P.4/Referee 13/2/87 P.6:

BDP: "The afternoon was a most beautiful one, the sun shining brilliantly, whilst a cold crisp breeze blew from the east. The Darwen were the first to put in an

appearance, and were enthusiastically received. There was nothing about them calculated to attract attention. They were, with the exception of MacIntyre, the goalkeeper, of medium height, but were a well proportioned team. They were quickly followed by the Villa, who were loudly cheered.

The Darwen won the toss, and played downhill, with the sun at their backs and the wind in their faces. Amidst the greatest excitement Archie Hunter kicked off. For a moment or two the play went backwards and forwards, but Albert Brown soon made a dash up to the Darwen goal, but shot outside. Immediately after the goal kick the Villa forwards exhibited a splendid bit of combination and carried the ball into the vicinity of the Darwen goal, where a foul was given to them. A good shot was the outcome of the free kick, but the Brobdignadian goalkeeper, who called up recollections of Hawtrey, the once famous London custodian, fisted out the shot. Continuing to play with splendid combination, the Villa kept the ball close to the opposing citadel, and Leach had to kick out to prevent its downfall. The corner was taken, but whilst the ball was bobbing about five yards from the visitors' fortress it was fouled, and the referee gave his decision for the Villa, but nothing resulted. One had not had any opportunity up to the present of forming any opinion of the visitors' style of play, except indeed that of the defence, for the game had been wholly confined to the Darwen half of the field. The visitors scarcely seemed to understand their opponents' quick short passing, in which on Saturday the Villa were seen to the greatest advantage. After an unsuccessful attempt by Hunter, Albert Brown had the goal at his mercy, but his shot was very weak, and was easily stopped by McIntyre. The visitors' forwards tried their hardest to change the scene of play, but all to no purpose, the Villa half backs, more especially Dawson and Yates, playing a magnificent game. From a kick towards goal by the latter player Vaughton had an opportunity to score, but he sent the ball over the bar. Fouls and corners kept falling to the Villa, but they could not get the ball past MacIntyre, who seemed to be here, there, and everywhere. He was repeatedly cheered for saving his goal when its downfall seemed almost certain. It must, however, be said that the Villa shots were not quite so strong as they should have been, and now and again the players missed an easy chance of scoring; but the sun was shining brightly in their eyes, and this would, no doubt, account for a little misjudgment in the placing of the ball. The game continued to be little better than a game of "shots in", for the Darwen forwards scarcely ever got past the middle of the field. Twice did Hodgetts centre the ball, twice it was shot at lightning speed at goal, and twice McIntyre saved his charge in superb fashion, till the spectators began to think he was invincible. At last, from a pass by Davis, Dawson sent the ball whizzing through the posts, McIntyre apparently never having seen it. This feat was the signal for tremendous cheering. From the centre kick the Villa forwards bore down on the goal, and Marsden, to save, had to give a corner. The kick was well taken, and the Villa forwards tried to rush the ball through goal, but McIntyre fisted it out. Then the Darwen forwards essayed to carry the contest into the vicinity of the Villa goal, but Simmonds checked their career, and again the fight was waged in the very mouth of the Darwen goal. A centre by Davis gave Hodgetts a splendid opportunity of which he availed himself, but McIntyre again threw out. Hodgetts returned the ball, but McIntyre again caught the leather. At length, however, Archie received the ball from Davis, and put in a shot which beat McIntyre, and lowered

the Darwen's colours for the second time. The Villa continued to press, and just before the whistle sounded for half time, Hodgetts scored a third goal for the home team. The game had been most one-sided up to this point, the Villa doing all the pressing. However, nothing we could say could give our readers so clear a conception of the way in which the first half was played, than a statement that the Darwen never had a shot at the Villa goal.

\*During the interval, Mr Amos Lowe, President of the Moseley Rugby Football Club, brought on to the field the Midland Counties Challenge Cup, won by the famous Midland Rugby team, and filled it with champagne, of which the players of each team partook.

The game in the second half was very different. The play was much more exciting, and both goals were attacked. There was better opportunity of judging the style of the Darwen forward play, which is very different to that of the Villa. They play with rare dash, but their combination is not anywhere near so good as that of the home team. On the game being recommenced the Villa forwards went away with a rush, and carried the ball over the Darwen's lines. They returned to the assault, and shortly afterwards Archie Hunter had a chance to score, but put the ball the wrong side of the post. After these two efforts the home team tired down slightly whilst the visitors played up with great determination, and, from a long shot by Rostron, the visitors scored their first goal. The shot was a most easy one, but Warner kicked at it and missed it, to the great indignation of the spectators. Warner must learn to use his hands to stop the ball wherever possible. Had he tried to stop the ball with his hands, instead of kicking at the ball, the goal would not have fallen. The Darwen continued to play up with great perseverance and the Villa backs had all their work cut out to keep their opponents at bay. The Darwen attacks came chiefly from the right wing, where Burton's defence was very indifferent. On one or two occasions the Darwen were almost let in through Simmonds' old fault of venturing too far down the field; but, fortunately for the Villa, Coulton was always in position, saving his side splendidly, kicking clean and well. The Villa forwards were not on their part idle, and MacIntyre had to use his hands again and again. The game continued to get more and more exciting as the ball travelled from end to end of the field. At length, from a miskick by Burton, the Darwen got clear away on the right, and +Shorrocks scored the second goal for the visitors. Then came repeated assaults on the Darwen goal, but MacIntyre kept his charge intact. About a quarter of an hour before time the Darwen rushed down upon the Villa goal, and Slater shot the ball through for the third time. An appeal against the goal was made, and allowed by the referee, Slater being plainly offside when he received the ball. Magnificent was the game now played by the Villa forwards and the Darwen's goal was kept in a state of siege; but despite every effort the home team were unable to score. The call of time found the Villa still swarming round the Darwen goal. The Birmingham team were thus left victors by the narrow margin of 3 goals to 2." +Most papers give Slater as the scorer

\*Aston Villa by Peter Morris, P.18: "The story goes that the Villa nearly threw that game away at half time when they led three nil. It seems that the President of the Moseley Football Club had filled up the loving-cup with champagne and offered drinks all round to the Villa players. Needless to say, his offer was eagerly

accepted, and the Villa were scarcely in a fit state to run, let alone play football, in the second half. They managed to stagger through to a narrow win 3-2 which they hardly deserved."

C&FF: "With a determination worthy of the old days Darwen have worked their way into the sixth round of English Cup ties, and the despised team of September is honoured with a place amongst the last eight in England. Nor has this position been achieved by a fluke. To reach it the Darwen club has beaten clubs occupying a high position in the football world. In the first round they startled the football community by sending the Heart of Midlothian back to Edinburgh with a defeat of seven goals to one. In the succeeding round Astley Bridge scratched, but in the following a greater surprise than ever was in store for the mighty Bolton Wanderers, about the second favourites, were disposed of. Then Chirk had to be visited, and as this is certainly the best club in Wales, Darwen did not go amiss to beat them by two goals to one. This brings us up to the present round, when they were drawn against Aston Villa, who are playing in much better form than for some time. The Villans adopted a strict course of training at the beginning of the week, whilst the Darwen lads have been taking care of themselves in a quiet manner. So far as the matches go Aston Villa show up best, having played 23, won 13, lost 8, and drawn 2."

"The match has been much talked about in Birmingham, as this is the first time Aston Vila have run so far up in the ties. On the other hand, Drawen have been in the same round once, and also in the semi-final, when the Old Carthusians beat them. The team left Darwen this morning by the 8.3 train, travelling via Blackburn and Wigan to Crewe and then on to Birmingham."

"For an hour before the start, which was not until 3.15, crowds made tracks for the ground, and when the game started there were fully 7,000 spectators. The day was beautifully fine, and the turf in good condition. Darwen were the first to appear, and were cordially received. Rostron won the toss and had the sun at his back, the wind blowing across the ground. Darwen immediately brought up Shorrocks, and then Davies shot over. The ball almost immediately cannoned through off Marsden. Play continued in midfield, and then Marsden saved well. The Villa had all the play, and the forwards passed splendidly. Some misunderstanding then arose about a foul, and the ball was thrown up, the Villa gaining a corner. The Darwen forwards broke away several times, but the backs brought them up. Vaughton gave Mac one, but he kicked away, and Slater got off, only to be stopped by Coulton. Broughton and Haresnape put in a good run, but Simmonds saved out of the goal. The Darwen goal then had a near escape, a corner resulting. Slater put in a run, but the Villa forwards returned at a great speed, and "Mac" saved one of Brown's in real good style. Marsden and Leach were then called upon, and passed the ball to the right wing, who made off to the other end, Simmonds kicking away. "Mac" saved twice in brilliant fashion, and ditto immediately afterwards from a free kick. The wind blew rather in favour of the Villa, and after a bit Dawson scored with a low shot amidst loud cheers. Rostron, Haresnape, and Broughton relieved the pressure, but Simmonds was in the way. Slater, Rostron, and Shorrocks put in a grand bit of passing, but could not get past Coulton, and a minute later "Mac" saved a good screw by Davies. The

Darwen defence was very strong, the whole lot playing like demons. The Villa gained several corners, but they could not get past Marsden and Leach. Slater and Shorrocks made tracks, but Simmonds stopped them, and try as they would Darwen could not get to Warner, whilst "Mac" had two stiff ones to clear. At length Brown crossed to Hodgetts, who passed to Hunter, but the Villa captain put in a slow one past "Mac" just before half time. In the short time that elapsed before the interval Darwen had a run up, and Hodgetts scored what seemed clearly an offside goal but it was allowed, the Villa leading by three to nil.

Immediately on re-starting Slater crossed, and Haresnape ran in splendidly, heading the ball barely past the post. Play was kept in the Villa quarter for some time, the Darwen forwards showing better form than they had previously done. Simmonds was ubiquitous, and with Coulton kept the visitors at bay for a time, but after ten minutes play Haresnape centred to +Broughton who scored. Davies put in some good spurts, but Marsden was too good for him. Darwen had all the play for a long time. Once Owen almost put the ball through, but Coulton saved luckily, whilst Haresnape kicked just wide. Burton, Dawson, and Yates proved a trio of good half-backs, and they played a strictly defensive game, but for all this the Darwen forwards were often dangerous, and after many an attempt Slater scored a second goal with a rattling low shot. The game was now exciting, and the Darwen forwards again went away, but Yates stopped them. Davies got off to the other end, but Marsden allowed the ball to go out and this was followed by a capital centre by Haresnape, Dawson heading out a near chance. The Villa then put in a few attacks but it was not for long, and Darwen again went to the front. The Villa backs did not scruple at kicking out and at length "Mac" had one to stop from Davies. The visitors strove might and main to equalise, and once had very hard lines. Immediately afterwards Slater again put the ball through, but it was disallowed for offside. Hard lines for Darwen. There were only seven minutes to play but Darwen went in with great dash, and Rostron almost got through. The game was hotly contested towards the finish, and "Mac" had two shots to stop. Darwen put in all they knew, and played up to the very finish, but could not score, and lost by three goals to two." +BDP/BS/SM/SL/F/REF all give Rostron

SM: "After Brown for the Villa had nearly eluded McIntyre, the visitors commenced an attack which proved disastrous for the home team, inasmuch as Rostron scored with a shot which ought easily to have been saved by Warner. Up the field again went the Darwen forwards, and Simmonds and Coulton had all their work cut out. Slater scored a second goal, but the visitors failed to equalise, and the Villa won by three goals to two."

F: "Rostron first obtained a goal for Darwen, and Slater secured a second. Then the ball was sent under the bar a third time, but the point was not allowed, and Aston Villa left the field winners by three goals to two."

Aston Villa: J. Warner (Goal); F. Coulton, J. Simmonds (Backs); H. Yates, F. Dawson, J. Burton (Half Backs); R. Davis, Albert Brown (Right), Archie Hunter (Capt.) (Centre), O. H. Vaughton, D. Hodgetts (Left Wing).

Darwen:H.MacIntyre(Goal);J.Marsden,J.R.Leach(Backs);(H.)Hamilton,D.Owen,  
A.Thornber (Half Backs);(R.)Haresnape, Broughton(Right Wing),  
T.Rostron(Centre),(T.)Slater, J.Shorrock(Left Wing).

Umpires:D.H.Stacey and E.Johnson.Referee:A.Hutchinson(Grantham).

GLASGOW RANGERS 5 (P.Lafferty,J.Lindsay 2,M.Lawrie,R.Fraser)  
OLD WESTMINSTERS 1 (F.W.Janson)  
(H.T.3-0)(At Kinning Park,Glasgow)(Sat Feb 19<sup>th</sup>)

Birmingham Daily Post 21/2/87 P.7/Glasgow Herald 21/2/87 P.8/Glasgow  
Evening Post 19/2/86 P.2/ Field 26/2/87 P.284/Sportsman 21/2/87 P.4/  
Sporting Life 21/2/87 P.4/Referee 20/2/87 P.6:

BDP:"There was a big gathering(F:"...upwards of 6,000) on Saturday afternoon at  
Kinning Park,Glasgow,to see the tie in the sixth round of the competition for the  
English Cup between the Glasgow Rangers and the Old Westminsters.The  
Scotchmen were assisted by ++Lafferty,of Hibernians,and +Forbes,of Vale of  
Leven, the International back;while,unfortunately the Old Westminsters could  
not take down an eleven by any means equal to that which gained them a  
position in such an advanced stage in the competition."

"The home team won the toss,which gave them the advantage of a slight wind  
and the sun.The Englishmen dribbled the ball,and a fine run by Forbes brought  
the ball to the east goal,where Lafferty did some smart work.The ball eventually  
travelled into touch.The left division of the Westminsters had a fine run to  
Chalmer's charge,where Forbes returned the ball.Fraser executed a brilliant run  
on the right,but Lawrie was too slow in front.Twenty yards from the east goal the  
Englishmen conceded a free kick.The ball was well played,and in the scrimmage  
which ensued,Lafferty kicked a goal for the Rangers.A long kick from Fox enabled  
the front division of the visitors to get within shooting distance.Chalmers kicked  
out,and then Forbes came to the rescue,and the ball rolled towards the east goal,  
where two corner kicks proved unavailing.Some give and take play followed,and  
then a corner kick was granted to the Rangers,and an exciting scrimmage  
ensued.Three times Moon fisted out,but Lindsay ended the suspense by sending  
the ball under the bar.A minute or two afterwards Fraser centred to Lawrie,who  
promptly headed the ball through the Westminsters' goal.A run on the Stand side  
by Heath afforded his side some relief,but the Rangers were back again almost  
immediately.The Englishmen then obtained a free kick from a foul by Lafferty,  
enabling them to get close to Chalmers.Fraser brought the ball down again,and  
half time was called,the Rangers then leading by three goals to none.

After changing ends the Rangers soon commenced an attack upon the  
Englishmen's goal,but a run by the left wing of the Westminsters gave them  
relief.Forbes and Chalmers parried the attack,but the Westminsters were at last  
rewarded for their efforts,Janson scoring a goal for them.In the last ten minutes a  
series of scrimmages took place at the English goal,and the colours of the visitors

fell after a hard fight.Immediately before the call of time the Rangers kicked a fifth goal,the game ending in their favour by 5 goals to 1.”

GH:”The Rangers and the Old Westminsters met at Kinning Park to play off their tie in the (sixth) round of the English Cup competition.Great interest was taken in the event from the fact that the “light blues” is the only Scotch club remaining in the competition,and it being made well known that the Old Westminsters were determined,if possible,to score a victory.The “light blues”,however,had their team specially strengthened for the occasion-not that they could not have managed to defeat their opponents with their usual eleven,but in view of the semi-final which they have now reached.The home team secured a victory of five goals to one,but they had “hard lines” in not increasing the total,for towards the close of the game they completely hemmed in the Englishmen,and kept peppering away at their goal.Their forwards worked with great determination, and not a little good combination,and they should undoubtedly (have) had some more goals to their credit.The feature of their play was the magnificent defence of Forbes and Gow,who completely spoiled the rushes of the English forwards, who showed considerable speed-especially the centre man.The strangers had not the same staying powers of their opponents,and several times throughout the match exhibited great signs of weakness.The weather was showery in the forenoon,but just before the match commenced it cleared up beautifully.The sun shone brightly which,of course,interfered somewhat with the game,but upon the whole the match was played under very favourable auspices.There was a capital attendance of spectators,between 5,000 and 6,000 being present.The field was in soft condition.Play commenced by the Londoners kicking off.The ball was at once sent down to the Rangers’ ground,but Forbes at once returned the leather,when some good dodging took place in mid-field,till Gow,by a strong kick,sent the leather well up,but ultimately the ball was sent over touch.A good run was then made by the visitors,but when the ball was near the Rangers’ lines it was well returned.Thus early the visitors,by good passing, exhibited excellent play.A good chance at the visitors’ goal was lost by Laurie,and following this the same player had hard lines,as,after shooting for goal,the keeper saved his charge very neatly. A foul against the Londoners was given 20 yards from their goal.The kick was taken by Forbes,and the ball being nicely placed by Lafferty,the latter,ten minutes after the kick-off,scored a goal for the Rangers amid great cheering. Continuing to press their opponents severely the Rangers played with great judgment.From some play near the visitors’ goal,Cameron placed the ball right in front,and Laurie,catching the leather with his head as it fell,scored the second goal for the Glasgow club.Two goals in less than fifteen minutes was excellent work,but,nothing dismayed,the Englishmen played up hard.They made some good runs,but either Forbes or Gow stopped them before they got very far on their journey.A severe struggle took place at the visitors’ goal,but Moon,as on previous occasions,saved well;but,returning to the charge,the Rangers were again in dangerous proximity to the Londoners’ posts.Peacock came up in excellent time,but he shot far over the cross-bar.Again and again the Rangers were at their opponents’ goal,and fairly perplexed them,the home players jumping about and eluding the Englishmen at every point,although the latter continued to play as if they had not lost a goal at all.Indeed,Jenner made a splendid run,passing on in excellent time,Bain shooting for the Rangers’

goal. Chalmers, however, caught the ball, but only in time, as the English forwards, in a body, were down on the Glasgow goal—too late, however, to be effective. Fraser, for the Glasgow team, had a short but neat run. He passed to Laurie, who, as he had to run at the leather, shot the ball over the crossbar. Laurie, however, was not to blame, as he had no time to steady himself. A determined struggle took place before the Englishmen's goal. Moon, their keeper, saved several well-aimed shots and played admirably, but in the scrimmage the ball was sent through, the visitors all the time protesting against the score, but, after a short consultation, the point was allowed, the Rangers thus scoring three times in succession. With only a few minutes to play, both sides were exerting themselves to the utmost—the Rangers to increase their score, and the visitors to gain a point before they entered upon the second half of the game. The Rangers looked like gaining their point, when a corner fell to their lot, but the ball was taken away cleverly by the visitors' backs. Laurie lost a splendid chance about this time. He got clear of all the visitors' backs, but, instead of passing over to Lindsay, he shot at goal himself, sending the ball outside the post by about a yard. There was no change up till half-time, when the game stood—Rangers, three goals; Westminster, no goals.

On the resumption of play the Rangers continued to press, their forwards working with great determination, and several times had the goal at their mercy. On the other hand the strangers played pretty well, but although they had several good runs they could not break the grand defence of the Rangers. Fraser had a good run, and passed to Lafferty, who would have scored, had he not slipped when shooting. Another capital opportunity was lost, Laurie and Lafferty, after a good run passing to Peacock, who made a poor effort. The Londoners now had a look in, but the ball was caught by Chalmers and sent into midfield. Following this the Rangers took the ball to the other end, and a good shot was sent in to Moon, who saved cleverly. The Westminster's forwards showed fair speed, but Forbes and Gow frustrated all their attempts to gain a goal, and Janson missed the best opportunity which was afforded his side. Immediately afterwards a beauty was sent into Chalmers' hands, but he saved well. So far the game was much faster than in the first half, the Englishmen occasionally showing to some advantage. As the game proceeded, however, it was seen that the most of them were pretty well "done up", which was probably due in some measure to the heavy state of the ground. The Rangers continued to play a hard game. Fraser had a clear field, and he was running on for goal, but he was overtaken by one of the English forwards, whose speed proved too great for him. After half-an-hour's play the Englishmen's efforts were successful, a long swift shot fairly beating Chalmers. The result was greeted with loud cheering. Backing-up their success, the strangers by some smart passing and dodging, took the leather up to the Rangers' goal, and a splendid shot was sent in, which Chalmers managed to fust out. This had the effect of waking up the "light blues" a bit. The ball was soon taken to the other end, and Moon coolly waited till it came into his hands, when Fraser dashed up and sent him on the ground just as he was standing on the line. The play became exceedingly fast, the Rangers peppering away at their opponents' charge, but could not get the ball through. Lindsay was very prominent, and worked exceedingly hard. Shot after shot was sent into Moon, who always saved. Indeed, both sides played with remarkable dash after it was thought they were pretty well exhausted. The Kinning Park men, however, had most of the play, and many

exciting struggles were witnessed at the Old Westminsters' charge. On several occasions they miraculously missed scoring. The excitement was intense, and was only relieved by an occasional run by the Englishmen, which came to nothing. The most remarkable feature of the play was the manner in which the Rangers missed scoring. Shot after shot was sent in - Fraser doing a lot of work, and centring beautifully - but the ball could not get through. About five minutes from the close Lindsay, amid deafening cheers, scored an easy goal for the Rangers, making the fourth for his side. Another cheer was sent up as Fraser, with a low, quick, shot registered the fifth and last goal for the "light blues. The result was - Rangers, 5 goals; Old Westminsters, 1 goal."

F: "This game was very different to the Scotland v Ireland affair, the play being brilliant in the extreme, and the enthusiasm of the spectators, of whom there were upward of 6,000, wrought up to fever pitch. Kinning Park, the scene of action, was in fairly good trim, and consequently the work was reliable. Both teams were strong, especially the Rangers, who had strengthened themselves with Forbes, the crack Vale of Leven back, and Lafferty, the Hibernian forward, both of whom rendered yeoman service. The game finished, Rangers five goals, Old Westminsters, one goal. During the opening period the home team put on three goals, for which Lafferty, Lawrie, and Lindsay were responsible. The visitors were untiring in their exertions, but Forbes was always in the way to baulk their efforts. The visitors were the first to score after change of ends, Janson being the one who sent the ball through, but in the last quarter of an hour their opponents put in some of the most dashing play ever seen. They kept a continual fusillade on the O.W. goal, and actually ran up two additional points during the closing four minutes."

GEP: "The honest, manly efforts of the Westminsters were at last rewarded with success, and a goal was recorded from a marvellous kick by Janson. No goalkeeper could have saved the shot from taking effect."

"The Old Westminsters have a splendid team, but the heavy ground told sadly against them. No spectators ever witnessed a more gentlemanly game than that played this afternoon by the representatives of the Metropolitan Club."

REF: "The Englishmen were overpowered all through, and although they played a plucky game, they were no match for the Rangers as constituted to-day - that is, with the help of Forbes of the Vale of Leven, and Lafferty of the Edinburgh Hibernians."

Rangers: W. Chalmers (Goal); D. R. Gow, + J. Forbes (Backs); J. Cameron, J. M'Intyre, J. Muir (Half Backs), R. Fraser, A. Peacock (Right Wing), J. Lindsay (Centre), M. Lawrie, ++ P. Lafferty (Left Wing). + Vale of Leven ++ Hibernians

Old Westminsters: W. R. Moon (Goal); C. J. M. Fox, A. L. Fevez (Backs); R. T. Squire, H. Wetton, A. E. R. Bedford (Half Backs); C. F. Ingram, C. R. W. Heath (Right Wing), A. C. W. Jennner (Centre), F. W. Bain, F. W. Janson (Left Wing).

Umpires:T.Lawrie(Queen's Park) and F.Duxbury(Darwen).  
Referee:R.S.Macgregor.

#### SEMI-FINALS:

ASTON VILLA 3 (Archie Hunter 2,Albert Brown)  
GLASGOW RANGERS 1 (P.Lafferty)  
(H.T.1-1)(Sat Mar 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Nantwich Road,Crewe)

Birmingham Daily Post 7/3/87 P.7/Glasgow Herald 7/3/87 P.10/Glasgow  
Evening Post 5/3/86 P.3(Teams but no report of game)/Cricket & Football Field  
5/3/87 P.4/Field 12/3/87 P.359/Sportsman 7/3/87 P.4/Sporting Life 7/3/87  
P.4/Referee 6/3/87 P.6:

BDP:"Scotland's last hope of winning the English Cup has now fled.The combination team which met the Villa on Saturday,under the cognomen of Glasgow Rangers,fighting hard,were yet forced to submit to the prowess of the Midland team.The Crewe Alexandra ground was the arena in which the great combat was waged,and in which the Villa achieved a glorious victory.In the early stages of the English Cup the Rangers were lightly thought of,and little was it imagined that they would reach the semi-final tie.Their deeds were eclipsed by the achievements of two clubs greater than they-namely,Queen's Park,and Renton-and the canny Scots looked to one of these two clubs to bring the cup over the border.But when both succumbed to the Preston North End,every effort was made to strengthen the Rangers,and the report quickly went forth that the finest players in Scotland had been enrolled in the ranks of that club to make a last despairing bid for victory.+The strikingly miscellaneous team that played Aston Villa on Saturday comprised players from the Hibernians,Vale of Leven, Queen's Park,and Dumbarton.One quality only did this team lack to make it one of the finest in the United Kingdom,and that was the combination which comes from a longer experience by the players of each other's powers and style.As eleven individual players the Rangers surpassed the Villa,but as a whole the latter team were far and away the better.Exclusive of Saturday's match,the Rangers throughout the competition have scored thirteen goals against four, while the Villa have obtained thirty-four goals as compared with eight goals scored by their opponents.Both teams had been in active preparation for the game,and when the Rangers arrived in Crewe on Friday night they were all looking fit and well.The Villa team have for the last week been trained at Holtfleet,near Droitwich,to which place they have several times journeyed,and tested the efficacy of brine baths.They arrived in Birmingham from Worcester shortly after eleven o'clock on Saturday morning,and were received by a number of admirers.A saloon-carriage was attached to the 12 o'clock express to Crewe, and as the train steamed out of the New Street Station,three hearty cheers were given.The weather in Birmingham was uninviting,but when the train arrived at Crewe the sun was shining brightly.At about two o'clock the gates of the football ground were thrown open,and there was a goodly sprinkling of spectators present.The numbers were gradually augmented until three o'clock,by which time there were about five thousand persons assembled,and when the game

commenced this number had doubled itself. The field is a magnificent one, being very level, and the turf was in fine condition. The arrangements reflect great credit upon the local club, for they were perfect. Every spectator present was enabled to see the game, by reason of there being a sloping bank of ashes all round the field—an arrangement well worthy of imitation by local clubs. The Rangers were the first to put in an appearance, and their splendid physique excited much comment. They were shortly followed by the Villa, who were received with tremendous cheering, and it at once became evident that they were the more popular team. Indeed the Crewe people were, if we might use the term, Villa mad, and they actually went so far as to beg cards with “Play up Villa” on them, which they stuck in their hats, and of which they seemed proud.

The Rangers won the toss, and chose to play towards the town goal, with a stiff breeze behind them. Amidst the most intense excitement Archie Hunter kicked off. Some give-and-take play followed, and then both teams set themselves in earnest to their work. Hodgetts carried the ball along the left wing, and centred nicely. Hunter got possession but his shot was a weak one, and was easily stopped by Chalmers. The Rangers now had a try to score, but sent the ball outside. They returned to the attack, however, with great pertinacity, and the Villa backs had some trouble to clear their goal mouth. Hunter at length, by a fine bit of dribbling, got the ball near the Scotchmen’s goal, and passed it to Hodgetts, who was about to shoot, when the whistle warned him that he was offside. The Villa forwards were speedily flocking round their opponents’ goal again, but Forbes relieved with a huge kick, and a moment afterwards Simmonds and Coulton were busy in checking a raid by the Rangers. By a fine exhibition of combined play the Villa worked their way to the Rangers’ goal, where a foul was given them. From the free kick Dawson made a fine attempt, but the ball went the wrong side of the post. From the goal kick Fraser and Peacock dashed away on the right, and Burton headed the ball almost into his own goal. Lindsay rushing up made matters look very dangerous, but Simmonds cleverly kicked away. The Villa forwards fastened upon it, and some pretty passing enabled Hunter to score the first point for the Villa amidst tremendous cheering. The Rangers roused by this reverse, played up with renewed vigour, and Simmonds and Coulton had all they could do to keep them at bay. The Villa forwards continued to play a steady combined game, and Brown and Davis both came near scoring. The game had by this time become very fast, the Rangers playing up with brilliant dash, but spoiling all their efforts by their wild play in front of goal. Now and again they exhibited a bit of roughness, and for a few minutes the game was stopped through Burton being hurt. On resuming, the Rangers, aided greatly by the wind, rushed for the Villa citadel, but Coulton, who deserves a word of praise for his cool and steady defence, kicked out of danger, and the Villa forwards compelled the Rangers to fall back, but the ball was sent outside. Fraser secured the ball from the throw in, and the Rangers’ vanguard going away with great vigour, +Lindsay equalised matters after thirty minutes’ play. The game now waxed fast and furious, both goals being repeatedly assaulted. Quickly did Fraser compel Warner to give a corner-kick, which, being well-taken, caused the Brums some apprehension; but Warner splendidly averted the danger. He continued to play grandly, and repeatedly saved his charge, the Rangers at this point doing most of the pressing. The Villa backs, and half-backs too, were all playing as they have never played before, whilst the forward play

was perfection. Davis, on the right, now became conspicuous by a fine run and a good centre. Hodgetts tried hard to get at the ball, but failed. The Rangers retaliated by making an onslaught on the Villa fortress, and Coulton had to concede a corner-kick. The ball was dropped well into the goal mouth, and an exciting scrimmage ensued, and for a moment it looked as if the Rangers would force the ball through; but Simmonds kicked away, and the Villa forwards transferred the play to the other end of the field, where it remained until the referee announced that the interval had arrived. The game up to this point had been slightly in favour of the Rangers who had received material benefit from the wind, which at times caused some little inaccuracy in Villa's kicking and heading.

+Aberdeen Press and Journal 7/3/87 P.7: "Ten minutes before half-time, however, Lafferty sent in a shot which beat Warner."

After a few minutes' rest the teams changed directions, and the hopes of the Villa supporters ran high when they noticed that the Rangers seemed blown, whilst their own men seemed fitter than at the commencement. The ball was set in motion, and the Villa, feeling the advantage of the wind, were speedily attacking. Three times did Chalmers have to use his hands, for the shots were coming in rapidly. Fraser and Lindsay gave their defence momentary relief by a rush towards the Villa goal, but they got no further than Coulton, who lifted the ball down the field, and Dawson put in a swift low shot, which Chalmers with difficulty saved. The Scotch vanguard again tried to lessen the strain upon their backs, but the Villa forwards, playing a magnificent combined game, again drew near their opponents' goal, Hunter shooting hard. The ball, however, struck Forbes' head and rebounded up the field. The Villa were not to be denied, for, descending in a body upon the Rangers fortress, they added a second point amidst the wildest enthusiasm, Brown shooting the ball past Chalmers. Aided by their backs and half backs, who checked the desultory runs of the Rangers, the Villa kept up the pressure, and the Rangers backs were in great trouble time after time. Cries of "Well played" greeted a beautiful run by Brown, who took the ball the full length of the field, and centred across the goal. Hodgetts tried to head the ball through, but could not quite get up in time. The excitement grew intense, and hoarse cries resounded from every part of the field, as Chalmers fell in knocking out a shot from Brown, and it was seen that Hunter was ready to shoot. Chalmers, however, managed in an almost miraculous manner, to change the direction of Hunter's shot, and conceded a corner. On the left wing Hodgetts and Vaughton were carrying all before them, whilst Hunter was playing better than he has done for a very long time. Brown and Davis on the right were also setting the Rangers' defence at nought. The Villa team were playing better and faster than at the commencement, whilst the Rangers had slowed down considerably. The match was not yet won, however, for the Rangers now and again became very dangerous, but they spoiled all their chances by wild shooting. At length, after a great many attempts, Hunter put the issue beyond doubt by sending the leather past Chalmers for the third time. The game became one of "shots in" up to the finish, but try as they would, the Villa could not again score, and they were thus left the victors by 3 goals to 1."

“When the Villa arrived at New Street Station on Saturday night they were met by a large number of people, who cheered the team over and over again, and escorted them out of the station.”

+In fact the same team as played the Old Westminsters in the 6<sup>th</sup> Round.

GH: “These great opponents met at Crewe to decide who should go into the final of the National Cup. The Association, at the request of several interested gentlemen, decided that the match should be played at Crewe to give the association game a much-needed impetus in that district. That they were wise in their decision the vast concourse of spectators present can verify, for with arrangements that could not be improved upon, and a ground second to none in the country, it would, indeed, have been difficult to select a better venue. Throughout the week the match had been looked forward to with the greatest interest in the Crewe district, while the chance possessed by each team had formed the only topic of discussion. The Scotchmen arrived in Crewe on Friday evening, the Royal Hotel, immediately opposite the ground being their rendezvous. The Aston Villa left the hardware capital by the twelve o’clock train, and arriving at their destination immediately repaired to the dressing room. The number of spectators, who had been gradually increasing, now numbered 10,000.

The start, a late one, was set down for 3.45, and punctually to the minute, Hunter started the ball for the Villa, and a great shout proclaimed that the game had commenced in earnest. From the kick-off the Villa forwards worked the ball into the Scotch quarters, where Hunter shot, but Chalmers was equal to the occasion, and speedily removed all danger. The Rangers, who were favoured with a very strong wind, began to press, and made several shots at the Villa goal, but it was impossible to shoot with anything like accuracy, so powerful was the wind at this portion of the game. The Villa forwards, with a splendidly-executed dribble, took the ball down the field, where a foul was given against the Rangers right under their goal mouth, and a goal seemed certain till Forbes with a good kick planted the ball well up the field. A fine pass from Hodgetts to Davis enabled the latter to centre the ball, and Archie Hunter dashed up and popped the ball through the posts, scoring first goal to the Villa amid terrific cheering. From the centre kick the Rangers rushed the ball into the Villa territory, but erratic shooting spoiled their efforts. The ball now travelled rapidly from end to end, the players at this period putting forth all their energies. Hunter, Davis, and Hodgetts were now playing magnificently together, their dribbling and passing being greatly admired. On the Scotchmen’s behalf, Fraser, Lindsay, and Rafferty were most conspicuous, but over-anxiety caused them to throw away some great chances. Burton here received a nasty kick, and hostilities were suspended for some minutes. Upon resuming Lawrie got possession of the ball, and being tackled, he deliberately “ducked”, causing his opponent to fall over him. The whistle was blown, and the latter player severely cautioned, when the game was allowed to proceed. Lafferty next executed a grand run, and finished up with putting the ball between the Villa posts, thus equalising. (The Scotchmen, from the centre kick, returned to their charge, Lindsay eventually about scoring). The Rangers were hereabouts pressing, the Villa being compelled to act on the defensive. A corner next fell to the Villa, and although well taken by Yates, and headed right into goal by

Vaughton,nothing resulted.Half-time now arrived with the score standing one goal each. (Bracketed section makes no sense as 1-1 at half time)

After a short interval Lindsay re-started,and immediately the Rangers made for the Villa goal,but were repulsed by Simmonds and Coulton.Hunter got away with the ball,and Chalmers leaving his charge,a goal seemed certain,but Vaughton sent the ball over the cross bar.Lafferty and Lindsay were showing to great advantage,but could not break through the Villa defence.A pretty dribble between Hunter and Vaughton,and a shot from the latter just missed its mark. The Villa,now assisted by the wind,were playing a grand game,and with a ridiculously easy shot the Villa put on the second point.The Villa inspired with their success,were playing with great dash,and had many near shaves of scoring, but the wind caused the ball to travel very inaccurately.The Villa now had the upper hand,and after many attempts,Hunter added a third point,the excitement now being intense.The Scotchmen were now thoroughly disorganised,while the Villa were displaying great form.J.Simmonds was next conspicuous with some very tricky play,which elicited loud applause.The Rangers at this period were completely penned,and rarely made any headway,the Villa men swarming their goal,but could not get the ball through.A last effort by the Scotchmen took the ball up the field,only to be returned by the Villa backs;and the Rangers' goal was in a state of siege when the whistle sounded time,leaving the Villa the winners of a grand game by 3 goals to 1."

Aston Villa:J.Warner(Goal);F.Coulton,J.Simmonds(Backs);H.Yates,F.Dawson, J.Burton(Half Backs);R.Davis,Albert Brown (Right Wing),Archie Hunter(Centre), O.H.Vaughton,D.Hodgetts(Left Wing).

Rangers:W.Chalmers(Goal);D.Gow,J.Forbes(Backs);J.Cameron,J.M'Intyre,J.Muir (Half Backs),R.Fraser,A.Peacock(Right Wing),J.Lindsay(Centre),M.Lawrie, P.Lafferty(Left Wing).

Umpires:R.E.Lythgoe(Liverpool)and C.H.Darley(Blackburn).  
Referee:R.P.Gregson(Lancashire Association).

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 3 (T.Pearson 2,W.Paddock)  
PRESTON NORTH END 1 (S.Thomson)  
(H.T. 1-1)(Sat Mar 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Trent Bridge Cricket Ground,Nottingham)

Birmingham Daily Post 7/3/87 P.7/Preston Herald 9/3/87 P.3/Cricket & Football Field 5/3/87 P.4/Field 12/3/87 P.359/Sportsman 7/3/87 P.4/Sporting Life 7/3/87 P.4/Referee 6/3/87 P.6:

BDP:"These famous clubs met in the semi-final of the English Cup competition at the Trent Bridge Ground,at Nottingham.There is no need to recount the doings of the two clubs.In the cup competition the Albion had so far distinguished themselves by worsting Lockwood Brothers and Notts County;while in their victorious career the Preston North End had disposed of several of the crack English and Scotch clubs,includung Queen's Park,Renton,and the Old

Carthusians. As all interested in the game know by now, the West Bromwich club were victorious by 3 goals to 1. This result will remain as the great sensation of the season. The news of the defeat was received with something like consternation in Preston, and will occasion the utmost surprise everywhere. Nobody believed that the Albion had anything other but an exceedingly outside chance. The great Preston club—the giants of the North as they are justly called—had indeed attained a position unique in the history of football. Before Saturday they were—and they are still—by far the greatest football combination in the world. Most people believed that, bar accidents, the English cup was as good as theirs. Nevertheless, it was felt, when it was heard that in the semi-final round they had been drawn with the West Bromwich Albion, that, of all the clubs in England, the Albion was the most likely to effect a reverse. The West Bromwich club have not earned, nor do they deserve, any such reputation for precise science, and machine-like accuracy as is possessed by their opponents. They owe their successes rather to pluck and dash, to the headlong brilliancy of their assault, and to the fierce determination with which the utmost is made of every opportunity. It was felt that the qualities like these were the qualities most likely to lower the proud colours of the Preston North End. And so the event proved. Nobody will maintain that on Saturday the best team won. We should rather put it that the Albion, playing throughout against overwhelming odds, and never knowing when they were beaten, snatched a sudden victory with an unexpected burst in the last ten minutes. Speaking broadly, the Albion had throughout the worst of the game. It may be confidently asserted that during the hour and a half for which play lasted the Albion did not hold the upper hand for more than twenty minutes altogether. With that exception the game was simply a series of attacks on the Albion citadel. There were rumours that the Preston team had lost a little of their form under the strain of a heavy season's work. The rumour had been strengthened by the fact that on Wednesday last they had only beaten the Old Carthusians on the post after the most desperate struggle of the season. There was, however, no signs of this failing on Saturday. The backs were perhaps not quite in their best form, Ross especially kicking very wildly, but they had little to do, and all the forwards were in good fettle. In this department there was no comparison between the two teams. The cool and almost leisurely precision with which the Preston forwards passed the ball completely confounded the Albion half backs. The first half of the game produced the best contest, though even then the Albion goal was at least three times as often in danger as that of their opponents. Preston kicked a goal out of a scrimmage, and the Albion equalised with an especially brilliant goal at the fourth attempt. During all but the last few minutes of the second half the Albion never scarcely had a look in. For at least twenty minutes the ball never went forty yards up the field. The shots at goal were too frequent to be enumerated. The state of siege was kept up almost without a break. During all this time there was not a single person round the ground who did not believe that the Albion would not only be beaten, but beaten badly. They seemed to be simply powerless in the hands of their opponents. How on earth these long minutes passed without a goal, is a mystery which will never be solved. The Prestonians were perhaps just a little lazy in front of goal, but nevertheless, shots of excellent intention and of pleasing variety were as thick as gooseberries. Roberts never had an idle moment. He was superb, and to him, and to him alone, the Albion owe their brilliant victory. He played with admirable coolness and determination, and

the Lancashire men soon found that the way to goal was barred by one of the very best keepers in the world. Of course, there was a great deal of luck in it as well. Many shots which Roberts could not possibly have stopped only missed the goal by a hair's breadth. Twice in as many minutes he was in the road of two shots which were far too quick and too sudden for him to have seen the ball coming. But, giving all the thanks to luck that it is due, to Roberts still belongs the whole credit for the most sensational victory of the year. As time wore on, and Roberts still kept his charge intact, it became more and more apparent that the Preston could only win, if they won at all, by a bare majority. Nobody thought, however, that the Albion had any chance. They seemed to have completely shot their bolt, and to be quite incapable of taking the ball down the field. Suddenly, about ten minutes from the call of time, they woke up with a vengeance. In a moment the scene of battle was transferred. They were twice repulsed, and then Woodhall and Pearson secured between them an irresistible goal amidst the wildest excitement. The last few minutes' play was accompanied by an uproar of continuous excitement. The Albion played three men in goal, and the Preston with desperate earnestness, sent nearly all their men forward. There was a hurried scrimmage round the Albion goal, and then Green and Paddock raced away with the ball, and leaving the Preston men labouring hopelessly behind, secured a third and very easy goal. Immediately after time was called. The football field has rarely seen so bewildering a turn of fortune, and the crowd went wild with delight. Of the individual play of the two teams, little further need be said. Aldridge and H. Green gave Roberts useful assistance, but none of the Albion half-backs were seen to great advantage. The forwards, one and all, however, deserve the utmost credit for the resolution with which they pushed their few opportunities. Of the Preston play we have already said sufficient. It is only necessary to add that while the local men are to be congratulated on such a brilliant feat, the losers came out of the struggle with their great reputation not in the smallest degree diminished.

The teams put in an appearance at a quarter to four, by which time the ground was densely crowded. The spectators must have numbered at least ten thousand. The fine ground was in very good condition. The North End were scarcely cheered at all on entering the field, but a most enthusiastic reception was accorded to the Albion. The West Bromwich captain won the toss, and Thompson kicked off for the North End from the Pavilion end. Almost immediately the Preston forwards attacked with great force, but Gordon's foot slipped when he had the Albion goal at his mercy. The Albion quickly replied, and after some pretty passing by Bayliss and Pearson, an appeal for a foul close up by Howarth was given in favour of the Albion. The free kick passed just outside, and resulted in a corner brilliantly placed by Paddock, and satisfactorily disposed of by Wharton. Again the scene of battle changed, Ross jun and Gordon taking the ball up the field, and the final shot by the latter just shaved the post. Another warm shot by the same player quickly followed the kick off, and twice more within the next minute Roberts was called upon to save his charge. At length a foul by Russell enabled the Albion to relieve the pressure. For a moment or two the left wingers looked dangerous, but the attack was quickly repulsed, and the ball was soon again close to the Albion goal. The first attack Aldridge safely disposed of, and then a grand shot by Drummond whizzed past the top corner of the goal. Directly after the kick off Roberts had to save again, but now a fine run by Woodhall and

Pearson gave the Albion defenders a short breathing space. Howarth was, however, too good for the Albion forwards, and the ball was soon quickly travelling up the field again. Roberts had a warm time of it. Thompson shot wide, Ross was responsible for a dangerous attempt, and a long and high shot by Graham just bounced over the crossbar—the nearest thing in the world. At this point the Preston were having all the best of the game, but the fine back play of Aldridge and H. Green kept them at arm's length, and compelled them to limit their assaults to long shots, with which Roberts had little difficulty in dealing. At last Dewhurst put in a low dropping shot, which Roberts only half fisted out, and in endeavouring to clear his quarters, Green gave a foul in the very jaws of the goal. Ross took the free kick. The ball came back to Thompson, who whizzed it through with a low shot, amid some cheering twenty-three minutes from the start. On recommencing the Albion had a look in from a free kick, but Howarth had little difficulty in repulsing the attack. Once again the Preston forwards went in a body for the opposing goal, which was kept in constant danger, Roberts saving time after time with great brilliancy. In a scrimmage in front of goal Ross was badly hurt and play was stopped until he had recovered sufficiently to resume his place. So far the Preston goal had only once been in serious danger. The Albion forwards had been safely held by the half backs, of whom Russell was in great form. When play was resumed the game was for a time uneventful. A corner fell to the Preston, Roberts hitting out without result; and Dewhurst kicked wildly high over the Albion goal. Then the Albion ran down the field, but on neither occasion were they able to pass Howarth. Then Russell put Roberts on his metal. He saved brilliantly, and the Albion, fairly roused, played up in grand style. The forwards went down the field together, and the final shot by Woodhall taxed Wharton's resources to the utmost. A minute after and Roberts was once more handling the ball, but this time the Albion were not to be denied, and were quickly swarming round the Preston goal. A corner was obtained, and the kick beautifully placed, and the ball was not got away until after a desperate scrimmage in the mouth of the goal. Even then the attack was not over. Three fine shots came in quick succession. The first Wharton saved in fine style, the second hit the crossbar and rebounded into play, and the third Howarth headed out; and then Pearson, rushing up, put the ball through, and a tremendous cheer announced the fall of the Preston citadel. On the resumption of play the Albion again held the upper hand, and had slightly the best of the play until half time found the score still at one goal each.

Upon continuing the game was for a time fairly even. To save his goal Ross gave a corner. Woodhall placed well, but Drummond at once got away at full speed, passed to Thompson, whose shot went wide. From this point the game for a long time was all in favour of the Preston team. A lightning shot by Gordon was miraculously saved by Roberts, and a moment later a long low shot by Ross was safely dealt with. Hands were given against the Albion right in front of the goal, and danger was only averted at the cost of a corner, which gave the greatest trouble to the Albion backs. Then Roberts somehow got in the way of a terrific shot from Gordon. A run up the right wing relieved the pressure for a moment, but the ball was soon back in the old place. Twice in a minute Roberts saved in grand style from lightning shots. After at least twenty minutes of continual siege of the Albion goal, the Albion forwards got safely away. Bayliss and Woodhall

were both hurt, and the play was stopped for their injuries to receive attention. Continuing, the Albion managed to keep the play in their opponents' quarters. Wharton twice saved finely, and then once again the Albion goal was attacked and was only saved by a foul at the critical moment. Then some beautiful passing by the centre and right wing gave the Albion a good chance. Pearson passed to Woodhall on the right, who shot the ball at lightning pace across the mouth of the goal, and Pearson getting up in time by a supreme effort put the ball through. So grand a goal and so unexpected a score produced a perfect furore among the spectators. It was now within ten minutes of time, and the excitement was prodigious. The Preston made desperate efforts to equalise the score. In a moment they were swarming round the Albion goal, where Roberts, Aldridge, and Green were all permanently stationed under the crossbar. The final shot went wide, and five minutes only were left, and the Albion were still safe. The excitement of the spectators rose to fever pitch when the Albion forwards raced past the Preston backs, who were all close up. The goal was practically defenceless, and a great cheer announced that Paddock had secured an easy score. Only two minutes were now left, and Preston, completely heartbroken, were incapable of further effort. Nothing more was done until a tremendous amount of delight from the thousands of Albion supporters followed the sounding of the referee's whistle. The Albion thus won by 3 goals to 1."

PH: "This great contest took place on the Trent Bridge ground, Nottingham, on Saturday, before 16,000 spectators."

"Robertson passed to Thomson, who scored after 23 minutes' play. Preston were now holding the upper hand, and Roberts had to clear a long shot from Drummond. At last the Albion forwards went off in a body, and Paddock had a fine opening, but Howarth cleared splendidly."

"A free kick against Aldridge let Preston in again, but their stay was only momentary, as the Albion left breaking away obliged Woodhall, who centred, and the Albion had four shots, one of which was returned by Ross, while two struck the posts, but with the fourth Pearson scored amid deafening cheers, making the game equal about ten minutes from half-time. On re-starting the Albion played up in the most desperate fashion, and had all the best of the play for a few minutes. Paddock headed over, but from the goal kick the ball was immediately taken back, and a determined attack followed, but the efforts of the West Bromwich men were of no avail, and Drummond and Dewhurst made a good run, but Roberts was again to the fore and returned well. Woodhall made a fine run and centred well, but Wharton got the ball away. A corner came off H. Green, which was well taken by Gordon, but the ball was well got away, although the Preston men still pressed. A free kick was given against Timmins for tripping Gordon, but it resulted in no material advantage, and the Albion left breaking away again beat Howarth, and Paddock centring to Green, that player headed into goal, but Wharton saved. The siege, however, was not raised, but Bayliss finished the attack by just shaving the posts. Preston then had another foul against the Albion, and they kept up the pressure on the Albion goal, which they were around when the whistle blew for half-time, with the game one goal each."

Little time was wasted, and both teams were quickly at it again. Woodhall got in for the Albion, and centred to Paddock, who shot, but Howarth cleared. Drummond and Ross both then had wide shots, and Roberts had to fust out from one of the half-backs. Robertson stopped Paddock when he was getting away, and Preston had another try through the agency of Graham, but it went high over the bar. Preston still kept up the pressure, Drummond, Dewhurst, and Thomson playing well, but the Albion drove them back, and Ross kicked over his own lines to save. The corner came to nothing, and Preston going to the other end, Thomson shot just a little wide. The next thing was a shot by Dewhurst, which Roberts had to handle. Then Woodhall broke away, but was tripped by Graham, and the Albion were awarded a free kick. Going back to the other end, Ross had a shot, which went just a little wide. The North End men still had much the best of the play, and a splendid shot by Gordon was grandly saved by Roberts, and immediately afterwards the Albion goalkeeper had to fust away. Ross put in a long shot from the back which Roberts had to throw out. A corner kick accrued to Preston, but Russell shot wide. Another corner was forced off Aldridge, still no score came, and from another attack Ross jun shot high. A shot by Gordon was easily handed out by Roberts. Ross shot wide again, and Gordon again shot into Roberts' hands. Paddock got hold, and passed to the right, who got away, but the backs returned, and the North End forwards got into position again, but Gordon got off-side. Preston made another rush, and got close on to the goal, but Roberts was quite equal to the occasion. From a shot by Woodhall Wharton had to fust out for the first time during the second half. A further attack was instituted for the North End men, and Roberts had to handle thrice in a very short space of time. A foul came to Preston in their opponents' half, but although they got dangerously near to the goal, no score was made. Woodhall, who was endeavouring to get near the Preston goal line, when he was charged by Russell, and winded for a few moments. Play was suspended for a few minutes, but on resuming Woodhall took his usual place in the field. Immediately upon starting Bayliss, who appeared to have a chance of scoring, shot wide. The same player made a brilliant run, but Ross stopped him. He received a knock on the leg, and the game was further delayed for a short time. On resuming Green went into the centre, Woodhall started a run, passing to the left, and Paddock centred to Green, who shot. Wharton fust out, but the ball did not go far, and a scrimmage occurred, out of which Howarth headed away. Aldridge conceded a corner to Preston, from which lively play took place, but the Albion kept their goal intact. Perry started another goal for the Albion, from which Woodhall centred, and Pearson scored a second goal for the Albion five minutes from the finish, amidst a scene of wild excitement. Preston played up hard, and Ross jun gave to Dewhurst, who shot right across the goal. Albion went off again, and Pearson gave to Paddock, who quickly scored a third goal. The Albion were now playing well, and having quite as much of the play as North End, but the latter gained a corner, from which play again became lively, but the ball was headed just over the bar when the match was concluded with a victory for the Albion by three goals to one."

REF: "Our Preston correspondent wires us this (Saturday) evening that the news of North End's defeat was awaited by 10,000 persons, and the result was received with consternation."

West Bromwich:R.Roberts(Goal);A.T.Aldridge,H.Green(Backs);E.Horton,C.Perry,  
G.Timmins(Half Backs);G.Woodhall,T.Green(Right Wing),J.M.Bayliss(Centre),  
T.Pearson,W.Paddock(Left Wing).

Preston:A.Wharton(Goal);R.H.Howarth,N.J.Ross(Backs);A.Robertson,D.Russell,  
J.Graham(Half Backs);J.B.Gordon,J.D.Ross(Right Wing),S.Thomson(Centre),  
F.Dewhurst,G.Drummond(Left Wing).

Umpires:Hon A.Kinnaird(Old Etonians,Treasurer,Football Association) and  
H.Jessop(Notss County).Referee:Major Marindin (President Football Association)

FINAL:

ASTON VILLA 2 (D.Hodgetts,Archie Hunter) WEST BROMWICH ALBION 0  
(H.T. 0-0)(Sat April 2<sup>nd</sup>)(At The Oval)

Birmingham Daily Post 4/4/87 P.7/Athletic News 5/4/87 P.2 and "Midland  
Notes" on P.9/Cricket & Football Field 2/4/87 P.4/Sportsman 4/4/87  
P.4/Sporting Life 4/4/87 P.4/Field 9/4/87 P.494/Referee 3/4/87 P.6:

BDP:"This great match was played on Kennington Oval,on Saturday,in the  
presence of at least 12,000 spectators.A large proportion of the spectators hailed  
from Birmingham and the district,where this match had excited extraordinary  
interest.Although this is the sixteenth year of the competition,the final contest  
has never before been fought out between two Midland clubs,and the Aston Villa,  
the oldest and most popular first class team in the district,although it had over  
and over again entered the competiton with high hopes,had never before  
progressed as far as the final or semi-final rounds.Nor was this the only reason  
for special interest in the contest.The two teams engaged in it were old and tried  
antagonists.The West Bromwich Albion were the first club to permanenety  
challenge the long pre-eminence in the Midlands of the Aston Villa.Ever since  
some few years ago,when the West Bromwich organisation was in its infancy,it  
most unexpectedly defeated the Aston Villa,the contest for the championship for  
the district has been strenuously fought out between them,and between them  
alone.Local lovers of the sport have long been divided into two great parties,one  
of whom asserted the superiority of the Villa,and the other strongly protested  
the claims of the Albion to bear off the palm.The point has always been debated  
with a warmth and a disposition to observe the customary amenities of social  
intercourse almost worthy of a political question.Nor has the point ever been  
satisfactorily decided.The Albion,it is true,when playing on their own ground,  
which greatly favours their especial tactics,have generally proved the victors;but  
on the Villa or a neutral ground the contests have,if anything,run in favour of the  
Birmingham team.The Albion were,however,warm favourites for the grand  
event.This was due partly to their having beaten the Villa in the very first round  
of the chief local competition,and to their having in the national competiton,by a  
stroke of prodigious good fortune,disposed of the Preston North End,which  
appeared to have the cup completely at its mercy.The Albion men themselves  
exhibited an overwhelming confidence as to the result.They resented,with angry  
disdain,any hint that after all their opponents had an outside chance,and a

prediction that the Villa would win was regarded as a deliberate insult, probably activated by corrupt motives. They were careful to contest beforehand, any attempt by Birmingham to share the honours which they were about to win. Rumour credited them with an intention to transport the cup to West Bromwich, when they had won - of which, of course, there was no question - via South Wales, in order to prevent it even passing through Birmingham. As everybody knows, now, as predicted in these columns, Villa won, and won decisively, though after a hard struggle. It was a magnificent fight throughout, ending, as all fights should end, in the victory of the better side. The most exciting portion of the game was - at any rate to those who properly appreciate the position - the first half.

A fairly strong wind blew down the ground, which slopes a little from the Gasworks end. The Albion won the toss, and played down the slope, with the wind behind them. Thus favoured, they were certain to have the best of the game. On the other hand, if the Villa could keep them at bay until the change of ends, the game was as good as over. The Villa time after time broke away, but the wind and the slope were too much for them, and they rarely became very dangerous, although they often, and for considerable periods, had the better of the play. For the most part, however, the Villa goal was in a state of siege, and the supporters of the Birmingham men watched the play with their hearts in their mouths, and with much nervous inspection of their watches. Fortunately the Villa were quite equal to the strain. Their backs played as they have certainly never played before. Coulton's cool and stolid determination, and Simmonds' brilliantly courageous and skilful tackling, were the theme of general admiration. Simmonds especially delighted the Londoners, who shouted themselves hoarse with delight as time after time the dashing tactics of the most audacious full-back in England repulsed the rush of the Albion forwards. Of the half-backs too much cannot be said. Yates and Dawson played superbly, and Burton was by no means the weak spot in the team. Warner was at least as good as his redoubtable rival. He has acquired the knack of getting rid of the ball with extraordinary speed, and this time after time foiled Green and Woodhall in their efforts to charge him, ball in hand, through his own goal. As time wore on and no goal resulted, the hopes of the Villa partisans rose. While the Albion supporters were chuckling over the marked superiority of their favourites, the Villa supporters were grimly marking the slow flight of the minutes, carrying with them all chances of their defeat."

"...at last, at the critical moment, when the Albion forwards were swarming round the Villa goal, a great shout of relief from the Villa supporters announced the call of half time."

"The Villa had by far the best of the game during the second half. Their attack was almost without a break, and the only wonder is that they did not run up a larger score. The first goal was a very tame affair, Hodgetts quite catching Roberts napping. The second was a brilliant goal. Roberts had the ball passed to him by one of his own backs. The ball travelled rather slowly, and Hunter with a great effort was on it as soon as Roberts. There was a momentary struggle, in which both men slipped and measured their full length on the ground. The ball, however, was just within reach of Hunter's foot, with his leg at full stretch, and by a tremendous effort he just tipped the ball over the goal line."

“Both teams made a punctual appearance and were loudly cheered by their supporters, the Villa perhaps obtaining a little better the reception. Hunter and Bayliss lost no time in tossing up, and the former, as usual, lost. Bayliss chose to play from the Gasworks end, and with the breeze behind him and the fall in the ground in his favour, Hunter kicked off, and the ball was for a short time kept in the centre of the field, but after a few moments the Albion forwards dashed upon the Villa citadel. Yates, however, harassed Pearson and Paddock, causing the former to shoot outside. The goal-kick was taken, and the Albion again looked dangerous, but just at the critical moment an appeal for “hands” was given against T. Green. From the free kick the Villa vanguard got clear away, but Yates spoiled the effort by shooting outside. The Albion now raised the hopes of their supporters by a beautiful passing run. Coulton and Simmonds, however, checked them; and the Villa forwards working through their opponents’ defence, Hunter had a chance, but his shot, a weak one, was easily stopped by Roberts. Getting clear of the Villa half-backs, Pearson dashed down on the Albion left and centred across goal. Woodhall met the ball and put in a splendid shot, but Coulton headed away. The excitement grew apace as the Albion returned to the assault, placing the Villa citadel in the greatest jeopardy. A splendid shot was made, which Warner coolly diverted, giving a corner, which was fruitless. Villa made a half-hearted attack on Roberts’s charge, but Vaughton fouled the ball when his side were getting into close quarters. From the free kick the Albion five came away with splendid combination and dash; but Simmonds, amid cries of “Bravo, Redcap”, kicked the leather from the toe of Green when the latter was pulling himself together for a final effort. A momentary attack by the Villa vanguard gave their backs time to prepare for the ugly rush of the Albion which quickly followed Coulton kicking away. Nothing daunted the West Bromwich men came again to the assault with a dogged determination which boded no good for the Villa; and, had the latter’s defence made the least mistake, it must have been fatal. The men had evidently been well schooled as to their method, for wherever was an Albion forward there was sure to be a Villa man, who played to him until the ball was either kicked outside or cleared away by Coulton. Now came an exciting moment for the Villa. Pearson had got down on the Albion left and had shot right into goal. At the goal-keeper went two of the Albion men; but Warner, with consummate coolness, caught the leather, and ere the rush came, threw it over the cross-bar. It was a magnificent bit of play, and was loudly cheered. The corner-kick was well placed, but Yates cleared the goal-mouth by giving another corner, and this time Pearson kicked the ball outside. Hunter and Brown tried hard to carry the fight into their opponents’ territory, but inaccurate passing, probably due to the wind and the slippery state of the ground, enabled the Albion half backs to successfully stave them off, and again the Villa defence was tried hard, and fortunately not found wanting. A long shot by Perry was kicked away by Coulton, only to be returned by Perry. The Albion tried very hard to force through the ball, which was kept bobbing for a few seconds in front of goal, but then Perry headed over the bar, to the intense relief of the Villa supporters. Some well-meant play by the Albion was negated by Pearson, who shot wildly outside. The Villa then carried fire and sword into the Albion quarters. They were, however, successfully driven out. After both sides had made abortive attacks, the West

Bromwich men were almost let in through a mis-kick by Yates; but Coulton, who throughout had been playing the coolest best defence of all the backs, kicked well away. The Albion came again to the attack, and Bayliss made a praiseworthy attempt to score, Coulton only just stopping the ball, which was going straight for goal. Warner caught the ball, excluding Green, who tried to rush him through, and got it away; and Pearson obtained it and had an easy opening, but lost it through lack of coolness. Breaking away from the attack around their goal, the Villa now became really dangerous, and Aldridge, to thwart their attack, had to give a corner. Hodgetts placed the leather well in the goalmouth, and it was kept bobbing on the players' heads for some seconds, but Roberts punched it out, and Davis, in trying to return it, put it outside. The Albion forwards made another of their ugly rushes, but Coulton proved fatal to their effort, and the Villa forwards made another unsuccessful attack. The hopes of the West Bromwich contingent were again raised when they saw their favourites dashing down on the Villa stronghold with headlong impetuosity. Nearing the goal, Bayliss passed to Paddock, who was afforded a beautiful chance to score, but, alas for the Albion's hopes, his shot was wildly taken, and soared high over the goal. The Villa forwards now exhibited a bit of true form, and a pretty combined run between Brown and Davis gave the Albion's backs a warm time of it. Another dangerous rush by the Albion forwards and again the Villa vanguard attacked, but again were they beaten back; and thus the fight raged to and fro, now near the Villa goal, now near the Albion's. The approaches to each were too ably defended to be forced. Then came one of the most exciting struggles witnessed during the match. Coulton headed a dangerous shot of Woodhall's over his own goal, thus giving a corner. The Villa lined their goal, whilst the Albion brought all their strength down for the effort. Woodhall dropped the ball in the very midst of the contending players, who were mingled together in one great scrimmage. Each side did their utmost—the one to clear the goal and the other to force the ball through—and the excitement knew no bounds. For several moments the struggle continued, and was only put an end to when the ball was carried outside. Even then it was not over for the referee gave the Albion another corner. The downfall of the Villa goal seemed imminent, when Hodgetts headed away, and Vaughton finished the work of relief. Aldridge, the Albion back, tried a long shot, but Coulton stopped it. The Villa turned the tables upon their opponents, and a foul was given them in the Albion goal-mouth, but, though the kick was well taken, the chance was not utilised. Determined if possible to score before the interval, the Albion raced in a body for Warner's charge. A centre by Pearson afforded Bayliss a fine opportunity, but Warner stopped the shot. The Albion continued to press, and half time was called a moment after Warner had disposed of a long shot by H. Green, neither side having scored a goal.

The Albion after the commencement were the first to become conspicuous, rushing straight away, and gaining a corner, which, however, came to nothing. An assault by the Villa was followed by an attack on the part of the Albion, and then the Aston men began to beat their opponents back. Some pretty dribbling and passing between Vaughton and Hodgetts enabled the former to put in a shot, and Roberts, to save, was forced to turn the ball round the posts. The corner was well taken, and caused the Albion so much uneasiness that Bayliss was compelled to kick outside. The second corner was equally well placed, Brown heading over the

bar. From a huge kick by Aldridge the Albion raced away, but Simmonds promptly stopped them, and the Villa forwards returned to the assault. Hunter passed to Davis, who centred across goal, and Hodgetts, running in, just tipped the ball past Roberts, who scarcely seemed to realise the fact, so quickly had all occurred. The spectators too, were similarly situated, and for a moment failed to cheer; but then a great shout went up from all parts of the field, except from a quarter where some time previously had been heard cries of "Play up, Albion." The West Bromwich men appealed against the score, alleging that Hodgetts was off-side, but the referee ruled otherwise. Following up their success, the Villa were again to the fore, and a well-meant shot by Hunter was disposed of by Roberts. Green raised the siege and the Albion made a desperate attempt to equalise; but defending well, Simmonds thwarted their attack, and the next minute found Villa peppering away at Roberts, who had all he could do to stop some stinging shots from Brown, Davis, and Dawson. The Villa forwards were now treating the spectators to a rare exhibition, and the Albion defence was almost broken down several times. In no way discouraged, the West Bromwich men, led on by Green, strove hard to turn the tide, but without success, for they found the Villa defence impassable; Coulton again and again saved his side. The Albion continued to play with vigour, and on one occasion got near the Villa fortress; but they seemed to be a little disorganised, and their shots were very wild. Down the field came Hunter, Brown, and Davis, passing and repassing with clockwork precision, and the Albion goal was again in imminent danger, when Aldridge kicked out, and from the corner kick nothing resulted. Bayliss then made a very fine run, but Vaughton, who was playing a most useful game, stopped him in his career, and dribbled well into goal. When about to shoot, Green dispossessed him of the leather, and kicked out to Burton, who put in a shot. Roberts, with a deal of trouble, turned the ball in an upward direction, and it passed over the bar. Had the Villa forwards been well up, and had rushed at Roberts, they must have scored. Keeping up the pressure, a foul was given to the Villa, on account of Green unfairly charging Hunter. The ball was kicked to Hunter, who seemed certain to score, but at the crucial juncture he slipped. Then Vaughton made a venture, which failed in its object. The Albion rushed away, and Simmonds, missing his kick, appeared to have given his opponents the looked-for opportunity, for there was only Coulton between him and the goal. Bayliss had got the ball, but held it just a second too long, for before he could pass it Coulton was upon him, and the struggle for its possession ended in favour of the Villa man. The Albion game now became tinged with roughness, but no one was seriously hurt, although Woodhall was kicked accidentally. Fight as hard as they could the Albion could not keep the Villa away from their goal, which was kept in a constant state of siege. A long shot by Dawson was knocked out by Roberts. The ball was returned by Brown, but struck Green's legs, and rebounded into play—the hardest of hard lines. Time was now drawing on and the Albion made several efforts to score, but they were all ineffective, the Villa half backs holding their men splendidly. Woodhall's runs and centres were very much missed by the Albion for he could never get clear of Vaughton and Burton, who were always playing near him. The Albion too, seemed to tire a little whilst the Villa forwards continued to infuse fresh spirit into the combat, and every moment found them bolder in their attacks. From a good centre by Hodgetts, Hunter had a fine shot but Roberts just succeeded in stopping it. It became apparent to everyone, however, that the defence could not sustain the strain placed upon

it, and the downfall of the Albion goal was looked for with certainty when Hunter got to within shooting distance; but the shot was ill-directed. A moment of relief was afforded to the Albion backs by a brilliant run of T. Green's, but he was stopped in his career by Burton, and again was the fight waged in Albion territory. The Villa on one occasion had the goal at their mercy but none of them seemed disposed to shoot, and the passing in front of goal again proved fatal to their chances. About five minutes now remained to play, and great excitement was created by one of the Albion's characteristic rushes. Everyone feared that the Villa goal would fall, but Coulton and Simmonds kept it intact. This proved to be the expiring effort of the Albion, as the game was afterwards confined to their half of the field. Two minutes from time the ball was run down to the Albion quarters, when Horton, who was hard pressed, kicked to Roberts as the easiest mode of relieving his side. The ball, however, did not travel right to the Albion goalkeeper, and Hunter dashing in brilliantly beat Roberts, with a shot which scored a second goal for Aston Villa, amid frantic cheers from that club's partisans. Shortly afterwards the referee blew his whistle, and one of the hardest-fought games ever contested ended in favour of the Aston Villa by 2 goals to nil."

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Aston Villa: J. Warner (Goal); F. Coulton, J. Simmonds (Backs); H. Yates, F. H. H. Dawson, J. H. Burton (Half Backs); R. Davis, Albert Brown (Right Wing), Archie Hunter (Capt.) (Centre), O. H. Vaughton, D. Hodgetts (Left Wing).

West Bromwich: R. Roberts (Goal); A. T. Aldridge, H. Green (Backs); E. Horton, C. Perry, G. Timmins (Half Backs); G. Woodhall, T. Green (Right Wing), J. M. Bayliss (Centre), T. Pearson, W. Paddock (Left Wing).

Referee: Major F. A. Marindin (Football Association).

Umpires: R. P. Gregson (Lancashire Association) and J. C. Clegg (Sheffield Association).

