

1887/88

First Round Draw took place in London on Monday,September,12<sup>th</sup> 1887  
(see Heading to each Division for its part of the First Round Draw)

First Division:

Draw:

Scarborough .v. Shankhouse  
South Bank .v. East End,Newcastle  
Elswick Rangers .v. Bishop Auckland Church Institute  
Whitburn .v. Middlesborough  
Sunderland .v. Morpeth Harriers  
West End,Newcastle .v.Redcar  
Gateshead .v. Darlington

SCARBOROUGH 3 (H.Richardson,A.A.Clark,F.Newton)  
SHANKHOUSE 5 (W.Matthews 3,W.Thompson,J.Hamilton)  
(H.T. 3-0)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Recreation Ground,Scarborough)

N.B. Scarborough scorers:have followed YH and Shankhouse scorers have followed MH.No report in Scarborough Gazette

Newcastle Daily Chronicle 17/10/87 P.6/Morpeth Herald 22/10/87 P.3/York Herald 17/10/87 P.7:

NDC:"Played on Scarborough Recreation Ground.The match caused much interest,through the well-known prestige of both sides,the visitors having specially distinguished themselves as the winners of the Northumberland Challenge Cup in 1885,which they have retained ever since.The day though cold was fine,and there was a very good attendance of those interested in the game. The players took the field at three o'clock,the following being the teams:-"

"Scarborough won the toss,and elected to play with the wind.Play commenced in real earnest,and both teams were kept hard at work,the ball travelling up and down the field.Baines,by a splendid kick,stopped a combined rush of the opposing forwards,and Milner,from a throw-in,headed the ball nicely,but nothing resulted.From a corner kick by Shankhouse a scrimmage ensued,but a timely kick from Almond set the ball free.However,after ten minutes' play Scarborough scored the first goal,which was kicked by H.Richardson.Shankhouse made a smart rush,but failed in their object,and Scarborough shortly after registered their second goal by the aid of Newton.This put Scarborough on their mettle,and their captain,Hamilton,showed to advantage with some neat dribbling.Newton worked hard for Scarborough on the left wing,and by a smart run again put the leather through,amidst cheers from the spectators.R.Richardson made a good attempt on the right wing,and soon afterwards Morley was called upon to save, which he did neatly. R.Richardson had a shot at goal later on,but the ball went too high.The score at half-time was:-Scarborough,three goals,Shankhouse,nil.

Soon after change of sides, however, Matthews shot the visitors their first goal, and after twenty minutes' play he again scored. Subsequently the play was almost all in favour of the Shankhouse team, notwithstanding that the home team exerted themselves to the utmost to avoid defeat, but the visitors notched (an) other three points, and when time was called the game stood: Shankhouse, five goals, Scarborough, three."

MH: "The Northumberland Cup holders journeyed to Scarborough and met their opponents on the Recreation Grounds. A great deal of interest was evinced in the match amongst the followers of the home club, and when the teams appeared on the field there was a good number around the enclosure. Hamer won the toss and elected to play downhill, with a strong wind in favour of his team. Matthews kicked off at 3.15 and the ball was taken up by Hedley and Hamilton, but was kicked out. From the throw in by Turpin, Matthews headed past, and after a little play in front of the home goal the Scarborough right took it down, + (H.) Richardson sending past. From the goal kick the ball was worked well up by the Shankhouse forwards, and Almond saved by conceding a corner, which Ritson kicked behind. Clark and Newton here did some neat work, and looked dangerous until Todd saved by a high kick; it was, however, soon returned by the home right and R. Richardson scored with a long shot, about five minutes from the start. After the centre kick the ball was again cleverly worked down by the brothers Richardson, who centred to Milner, and the last-named rushed it through, thus making two goals in favour of his team. The Shankhouse left wing made a nice run, and when looking dangerous, Matthews gave hands when close in goal. From the free kick Ritson sent to Hedley, who made a nice run, but Hamer saved by sending out. The ball was again well taken up by the Shankhouse forwards, and Almond conceded a corner, which proved fruitless. Shankhouse now began to show better form, the stiffness by the long journey being worked off. After some pretty passing by the forwards, which was applauded by the spectators, Metcalf sent in a fast shot which went off the goal post. The home team now became very busy, and Newton scored another goal for his team, which caused great excitement around the ropes. Play was now in midfield for a considerable time, when Hedley made a dodgy run and sent past. It was returned by the home team, and H. Richardson sent it over the crossbar. The ball was again taken up by the visitors with some very clever passing, Thompson just missing with his final shot. Hedley and Hamilton returned, and the first-named sent in a fast shot. The home team got "hands" close in goal, and after some exciting play Wood saved by giving a corner, which Beal sent behind. It was again taken up by the visitors, Matthews and Riley both sending over the crossbar. Directly after half time was called, the score standing - Scarborough, three goals; Shankhouse, none.

After restarting Hedley took it down and sent past, which Thompson repeated directly after. Shankhouse here got three successive corners, but could not beat Morley, who was playing in good form. Play was continued in front of the Scarborough goal, Matthews at last scoring for his team with a fast shot. Play was still confined to the home territory, and the visitors got five corners very rapidly, but did not increase their score. Soon after Matthews scored another point, which was directly repeated by Thompson, making the game now standing equal. From the centre kick R. Richardson made a fast sprint, but was tackled by Ritson, who

transferred to Metcalf, and the latter just sent past. After some give-and-take play, Hedley put in two successive shots, which Morley fisted out. The game was still continued in front of the home goal, till Metcalf sent past. From the goal kick the ball was taken up by H. Richardson, who sent over the top. The visitors here made a grand rush, but Baines saved. It was again returned by Brydon, and Almond gave a corner, which Ritson nicely placed, but Hamilton kicked past. The "Blacks" still pressed, Hamer and Almond saving well. Hamilton, however, sent in a stinging shot, and Morley gave a corner. Ritson again kicked, and put it through without it again being touched. The visitors still pressing, and Hamilton scored the fourth goal. Directly after Matthews registered another point, thus giving his team a good lead. The home team here took the ball well up, but Todd sent to Metcalf, who gave to Thompson, the last-named rushing it through, but the point was disallowed for offside. From now until the call of time Shankhouse continued to have considerably the best of the game, and when the whistle blew the score stood- Shankhouse, five goals; Scarborough, three goals." +Not G. Richardson

YH: "Shankhouse (Black Watch) met Scarborough at Scarborough, when good representative teams were placed in the field. The event caused considerable interest in footballing circles, and there was a large attendance. The weather unfortunately was very unfavourable, as it was dull and threatening, and a strong north-easterly wind which was blowing at the time greatly interfered with the play. Scarborough won the toss, and elected to play with the wind. At 3.30 the ball was set in motion by the visitors...."

"The ball was passed to Clark, and after to the left wing, where Newton received it, and after a sharp encounter, Scarbro' was awarded the first goal, which was kicked by H. Richardson. When the ball was restarted the home team played up vigorously, and very soon a second goal was added to the Scarbro' laurels by Clark, with a low and well directed shot."

"The ball was returned, and the right wing was again characterised by a splendid run. When about half way down the field the leather was passed to Newton, who put it nicely through the uprights" ". At half time the score was Scarborough, three goals to nil."

"After having secured two corner kicks, Matthews scored the first goal for the visitors. This was followed by several other corner kicks, which proved how heavily Scarborough were pressed, although several attempts were made by Milner and Richardson to get the ball into the open. In a short time the centre forward of the visitors again scored. The excitement of the onlookers after this became intense, and every smart run play was heartily cheered or groaned at according to party feeling. The crisis came when Matthews secured a third point, and feeling became more marked. Morley during this time was hard worked. Rus. Richardson temporarily relieved the Scarborough position.." "(No description of last 2 goals)" "When the whistle was blown Shankhouse had won by 5 goals to 3."

Athletic News 18/10/87 P.5: "The Shankhouse men missed the train in the early morning and did not arrive until a quarter of an hour of the time fixed upon, having to go straight to the field. They were the worse for the journey, and had three goals scored against them, their prospects being anything but rosy at the

cross over.They,however,woke up in the second half,all their forwards doing well,and won by five goals to three.The Scarborough Club entertained their visitors right royally,and a jolly time was spent over the dinner table at the headquarters of the home side-the Bell-in the evening.”

Scarborough:S.Morley(Goal);J.C.Almond,J.Hamer(Capt.)(Backs);W.Furness, J.Baines,J.Beal(Half Backs);Rus.Richardson,H.Richardson(Right Wing),M.Milner (Centre),A.A.Clark,F.Newton(Left Wing).

(YH has W.White for W.Furness in MH :NDC has A.Furness)

Shankhouse:J.Wood(Goal);W.Todd,R.Brydon(Backs);+R.Riley,R.Turpin,C.Ritson (Half Backs);J.Metcalf,W.Thompson(Right Wing),W.Matthews(Centre), J.Hamilton(Capt.),W.Hedley(Left Wing). +Also spelt Reilly

Umpires:J.R.Smith(Leeds) and J.W.Hornsby(Newcastle).  
Referee:S.E.Brown(York).

SOUTH BANK 3 (G.Knox,Beadle,Jones)  
NEWCASTLE EAST END 2 (A.Muir,2)(H.T. 1-0)(F.T.2-2)(After Extra Time)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At South Bank)

York Herald 17/10/87 P.7/Newcastle Daily Chronicle 17/10/87 P.6/  
Northern Echo 17/10/87 P.4:

YH:”On the ground of the former.The ground was in a very greasy condition,in consequence of the heavy rain that had fallen,and many nasty spills were witnessed,but luckily no damage was done to any of the players.The play throughout was of a very even character,the home team being the heavier of the two,but what the visitors lacked in weight they made up for in speed and fine passing.South Bank won the toss and elected to play with the wind at their backs. On the ball being set in motion it was quickly worked down into East End territory,where,after five minutes’ play,a corner was secured.Hard lines was experienced on the ball being sent in,the leather falling on the crossbar,and rolling over.The home team continued to press and again obtained a corner,the ball this time striking a post and falling out of play.The visitors’ custodian following upon this was kept busily engaged in defending his goal,which,with the aid of the backs,Stones and Marshall,he succeeded in doing in good style.Ten minutes later the East End men with a bit of fine passing,got the ball up the field, and W.Muir and Hoban getting past the home backs,they were within an ace of scoring,but Knox was not to be caught napping,and with a strong kick he sent the ball well into the field of play.After some give and take kicking the ball was worked into close proximity to the home goal for a second time,and again sent out of danger,the home forwards following it up,and a nice run down the ground resulted in G.Knox sending it over the bar.A little later a corner was obtained,and the ball went through the posts,but as it had not touched a player,the point was not allowed.East End were next called upon to act on the defensive,and some capital straight shots were neatly stopped,but the home team,not to be denied, made a desperate onslaught upon their opponents’ citadel which ultimately

resulted in G.Knox drawing first blood.Half time was immediately afterwards called,the game standing :-South Bank,one goal;East End,nil.

After a breather play was resumed,and the home team nearly scored,but Chard saved,and the ball being cleverly worked down the field,with a bit of good passing a goal was obtained,but disallowed on the ground of offside.A few minutes afterwards Muir from the centre scored with a swift low shot,thus equalising.During the next twenty minutes East End had decidedly the best of the game,but failed to add to their score,and the home team,who seemed to be the better stayers getting possession of the ball,it was worked up the left wing in grand style,and Beadle breasted it through.This turn of affairs put the visitors on their mettle,and playing well together,Muir succeeded in again registering a goal for his side two minutes before the call of time.On the whistle being blown the score stood:-South Bank,two goals;East End,two goals.

The referee(Mr J.Bastard)ordered the men to play another half hour,a quarter each way.Play during the first quarter of an hour was of a very even nature,each team putting forth their best efforts,but nothing was scored.After about eight minutes' play in the last quarter-of-an-hour,Jones got the ball,and dribbling it in brilliant style up the right wing,ran clean through the backs,finishing up by registering a cleverly got goal for the home team.During the next five minutes play was very fast,each side exerting themselves to the utmost,but nothing further being scored,the home team were declared the winners by three goals to two."

NDC:"Played at South Bank.The ground was in a very greasy condition,owing to the heavy rains of the last few days.Play was very even in the first half,the home team scoring just before half-time was called.In the next half South Bank scored again,and the visitors notched two points,the last barely before time was called.It was decided to play an extra half hour.In the first quarter of an hour nothing was scored,but in the next quarter Jones,with a splendid spurt,got the ball through for South Bank,and the match ended in a win for the home team by three goals to two."(No teams)

South Bank:R.Knox(Goal);J.Fenney,T.Bradbury(Backs);Harrison,Peacock,Cooper (Half Backs);Beadle,Jones,J.Boal,G.Knox,T.Priest(Forwards).

Newcastle East End:W.Chard(Goal);T.Marshall,S.Stones(Backs);W.Campbell, A.H.White,W.Blackett(Half Backs);D.Scott,A.Muir(Right),W.Muir(Centre), T.Hoban,E.Hiscock(Left).

Umpire:R.Cranford(East End)

Referee:J.Bastard.

ELSWICK RANGERS 3(Foster o.g.,M.D'Arcy,"scrimmage")  
BISHOP AUCKLAND CHURCH INSTITUTE 3(+See below,R.Bousfield,+see below)  
(H.T. 1-3)(F.T. 3-3)(A.E.T.)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Newcastle)

Newcastle Daily Chronicle 17/10/87 P.6/Morpeth Herald 22/10/87 P.3:

NDC/MH:"The Rangers kicked off up the hill, but the Institute returned the ball and kept it within the home territory for some time. J. McDonald, however, with some smart play took the leather up the field, but D(ow)ling relieved with a long kick. Following up the visitors kept up a continuous bombardment of the home goal, but owing to the splendid defence of the backs all attempts at scoring were frustrated for some time. Fast play succeeded, and +Sims(on) shot a beautiful goal.} On the kick off the Rangers took the globe to near the opposition goal, but the Institute nicely relieved. Much give and take play now took place in the home ground, and a long shot from ++ Andrews just missed. For some time the Rangers were occupied defending, but getting a chance McKie and the forwards rushed the ball up the field and secured a corner. On being kicked with much judgment, a bit of a struggle occurred at the goal, and the leather went in off Foster. After some time the Rangers got up the field, but the Institute dribbling well, a fine shot from Bulman went into the goalkeeper's hand, and he was rushed behind. Almost directly after the recommencement Bousfield shot a magnificent goal. Some good play succeeded for the next few minutes before the whistle blew, McKie and ++ Andrews being most prominent by their brilliant play. The score at half time was- Bishop Auckland three goals; Rangers one goal. In the succeeding portion of the game the Rangers played on the offensive, but owing to the fine saving game of the opposing halves, they were unable to score. At one time a fierce struggle took place at the goal, but Blacklock, with marvelous quickness, saved, and the ball was taken up the field. The Rangers got it down again, but Wales and Bousfield dribbled right up again, when McDonald saved. Blacklock was again besieged, but he was equal to the occasion, and a couple of corners ensued, but resulted in nothing. The ball getting into touch it was thrown out, and a kick from D'Arcy cannoned off Lowe's head, scoring the Rangers' second goal. A couple of corners were afterwards secured, and from a scrimmage from the second, the Rangers obtained their third point, thus equalising matters. For a few minutes afterwards Elswick had the worst of the match, and time being called the score stood:- Institute three goals, Rangers three goals.

An extra half hour was played, but neither team, although magnificent play was shown, managed to score, the game resulting as above stated."

+A reference to Sims the Elswick back in fact : Athletic News 18/10/87 P.5:"The two additional goals the visitors obtained in the first half were each lucky, for, in the case of the first, M'Donald, the Rangers' goal-keeper, rather unwisely, handed the ball gently out to Sim(on)s at back to kick away, and that player failed to realise the situation until one of the forwards dashed in, and in the second case, M'Donald slipped on the soft ground in defending his charge, and the ball rolled through." (Second goal not referred to in the NDC/MH Report)

++In fact "Andrews" was a nom de plume for Amos: Athletic News 18/10/87 P.5:"the International and Corinthian, stepped on to the field with the Bishop Auckland Church Institute team to play against the Elswick Rangers, at Newcastle. It was generally thought that in accordance with custom, he would be helping his old club, the Old Carthusians against Hanover United, and although

there were many enquiries,as to who "Andrews" who was announced to appear could be,the secret was pretty well kept until the team reached the scene of action...." (he had hoped to play also in that game but surely against the rules of the competition?).He was taking up a curacy in Gateshead at Christmas and hadn't made his mind up who to play for but pledged to Bishop Auckland in the FA Cup,he played in the replay but they lost(see below)

Manchester Courier 17/10/87 P.3:"Playing downhill in the first half Auckland only just held their own,although they had the services of ++Amos,the international player,but they crossed over with three goals to one in their favour.The Rangers equalised the score just before time,and an extra half hour was played without any further result." +MH has Andrews but his real name was ++A.Amos the Old Carthusian.

Elswick Rangers:John McDonald(Goal);J.Sims,A.Perkins(Backs); M.D'Arcy,G.McKay, J.McAllum(Half Backs);Jno.McDonald,Scott(Right Wing),J.Melville(Centre), J.Nugent,J.Baxter(Left Wing).

"most of whom hail from Lord Armstrong's works": Athletic News 18/10/87 P.5

Bishop Auckland:T.Blacklock(Goal);J.Dowling,J.W.Bulman(Backs);R.Bousfield, A.Amos,W.Lowe(Half Backs);J.Wales,J.Lunson(RightWing),R.S.Hay(Centre), A.Foster,C.H.Ford(Left Wing).

Umpires:Geo. Young for Elswick Rangers and J.Buchanan for Bishop Auckland.  
Referee: J.Reed,jun. of Middlesbrough.

REPLAY:Sat Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>

BISHOP AUCKLAND CHURCH INSTITUTE 0  
ELSWICK RANGERS 2 (J.Melville 2)  
(H.T. 0-0)(At Flatts Farm,Bishop Auckland)

Morpeth Herald 29/10/87 P.2/Newcastle Daily Chronicle 24/10/87 P.7:

MH:"These clubs met on Saturday,on Flatts Farm,Bishop Auckland,to play off their tie.Much interest was centred on the match,and popular opinion was in favour of the Institute.Melville kicked off for Elswick shortly before three o'clock, and for the first few minutes the play was loose.But then both teams settled down to the struggle before them.The visiting side forced the play,which was very fast,and on the whole a trifle in favour of the home team.Both goals were several times in danger,and at the end of the first half neither side had scored, though some excellent attempts had been made.Soon after the kick off after the interval,the visitors' goal was in jeopardy from a corner kick,and twice McKay, the Rangers' half back,headed out.The pressure being relieved,the ball was worked into midfield,and,after some give and take play,the visiting forwards made a smart attack on the home goal,which ended in the ball being sent through."Offside" was claimed and the goal was disallowed.The ball was taken up the field from the goal kick,and a shot by Foster went wide.Immediately after

McDonald saved his goal. The ball was then run down the field, and again put through the home goal, but the point was disallowed. Soon after the Newcastle goal was in danger, but the pressure being relieved, the visitors rushed the leather down, and from a scrimmage registered the first goal. A few minutes after the visitors scored again, Melville making the successful shot in each case. Nothing further was scored and the game ended in a victory for the visitors with the score – Elswick Rangers two goals ; Bishop Auckland none.

The best club undoubtedly won. The Newcastle men played a fine determined game, McDonald, the goalkeeper, especially deserving praise. Bulman, Dowling, Amos, Lowe, Hay, and Foster were the pick of the home lot.”

NDC:”The teams were the same as on the previous week, except that Davison played in the place of Scott on the outside right wing for the visitors. The home team won the toss, and elected to play with the sun at their backs. Melville kicked off for the visitors, and passed to McDonald, but Amos sent the ball down the field. It was immediately returned to Nugent and Baxter, who did a splendid piece of passing, and became very dangerous, but Auckland goalkeeper saved well. The play was now very fast, the ball travelling up and down the field. The Elswick forwards, however, got possession, and forced Blacklock to give a corner, but nothing came of it. Play was resumed by Bulman. Nothing of any moment took place till half time. On the resumption of play Hay kicked off for the home team, when the Elswick forwards began to show prominently, but could not score until within ten minutes of time, when the Auckland goalkeeper missed, and Melville scored for Elswick. Directly after the ball had been started, Melville again shot a goal, which Blacklock failed to stop. Nothing of importance took place till the call of time.” (No listed teams, but see above)

Bishop Auckland: T. Blacklock (Goal); J. Dowling, J. Bulman (Backs); R. Bousfield, A. Amos, W. Lowe (Half Backs); J. Wales, J. Lunson (Right Wing), R. S. Hay (Centre), A. Foster, C. H. Ford (Left Wing).

Elswick: J. McDonald (Goal); J. Sims, A. Perkins (Backs); M. D’Arcy, G. McKay, J. McAllum; J. no. McDonald, Davison (Right Wing), J. Melville (Centre), J. Nugent, J. Baxter (Left Wing) .

Umpires: J. Buchanan and George Young.  
Referee: J. Reed (Cleveland Association).

MIDDLESBROUGH 4 (A. Borrie, Others 2, S. Humberstone) WHITBURN 0  
(H.T. 2-0) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) (At Middlesbrough)

York Herald 17/10/87 P.7/Northern Echo 17/10/87 P.4/Sporting Life  
17/10/87 P.4:

YH/SL:”The tie between these teams was played at Middlesbrough, the Durham men, who had the choice of ground, agreeing to journey to the Cleveland capital where, under normal meteorological conditions, there would no doubt have been a large gate. The weather, however, was very unfavourable, the rain falling

incessantly all the morning, and up to within half an hour of the match, and scarcely 500 persons assembled to witness the contest. As was generally expected, Middlesbro' proved too strong for Whitburn, but owing to the wet and slippery nature of the ground, and the greasy condition of the ball, neither side was seen to advantage, and the shooting at times was ridiculously erratic. The visitors' captain kicked off, but Middlesbrough made a sharp attack on the Whitburn goal, which was cleverly relieved, and the opposite goal was then assailed. The ball was got away by Miller, and after a good run, was centred to Borrie, who sent it just over the cross-bar. From the goal kick the ball was returned by McCrie to Borrie, who this time scored a rather flukey goal, the leather striking the upright, and passing through the posts. After three or four corners to the home team they were allowed hands in the Whitburn goalmouth and scored the second goal. With the exception of a fine breakaway by A.K. Dobson and his brother, which caused Dawkings to run out and relieve, the visitors during the remainder of the play in the first half were kept on the defensive, but nothing further was registered. On changing ends, the home players had the wind and the sun at their backs, and it was anticipated they would put on a heavy score, but several corners were obtained and good chances missed before \*----- was afforded an opening, and he sent the ball through with a swift low shot which Young was unable to reach. Ten minutes after the fourth goal was obtained by Humberstone after an exciting scrimmage. Nothing further was registered, and the game ended in favour of Middlesbrough by 4 goals to nil. The Dobsons played best for the visitors, who are strongest in their forwards division, but their passing was extremely moderate. The back division of the home team was as usual strong, and Milner, Wynn, Walsh, Borrie, and Humberstone played a good game." \*Name omitted from the Reports

Middlesbrough: J. Dawkings (Goal); T. H. Wynn (Capt.), G. Millar (Backs); J. Walsh, G. McCrie, T. Bach (Half Backs); W. Fox, S. Humberstone, (Right), A. Borrie (Centre), F. Dennis, R. Wilson (Left).

Whitburn: J. Young (Goal); J. Stenton, F. Walkington (Backs); W. Stenton, J. Robson, J. Hope (Half Backs); W. Scott, Wm. Hogg (Rights), T. K. Dobson (Capt.) (Centre), J. E. Young, F. Dobson (Left).

N.B. Whitburn team also as listed in Sunderland Daily Echo 14/10/87 P.4

Umpires: F. Harditz for Middlesbrough and A. Grundy for Whitburn.  
Referee: P. Huntington (Port Clarence).

SUNDERLAND 4 (W. Monaghan 3, R. Smith)  
MORPETH HARRIERS 2 (J. Waterson, T. Crackett)  
(H.T. 1-1) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) (At Newcastle Road Ground, Sunderland)

N.B. Protest re Ford of Sunderland not being registered in time with the F.A.  
:Replay ordered.

Sunderland Daily Echo 17/10/87 P.4/Morpeth Herald 22/10/87 P.3/Newcastle Daily Chronicle 17/10/87 P.7:

MH: "In weather wretched in the extreme, this tie was played on the Newcastle Road, Sunderland. Considering the weather there was a surprising attendance of spectators-nearer 4,000 than 3,000-which showed the amount of interest that was taken in the contest. The ground was, of course, in a desperately soft state, rendering a good exposition of the game impossible. Just after the first half commenced the rain came down in torrents, continuing incessantly throughout the first "forty-five". There was no change in the composition of both teams. The Harriers won the toss and elected to play towards the road end during the first period, and at 3.20-five minutes after the advertised time-Smith started the ball for Sunderland, Davison at once got away, and by his efforts a corner was secured for the home team, but it proved fruitless. Taylor essayed a return, but Monaghan sent it back into Harriers' ground. The Harriers now visited the low end, but they did not long hold their position, and the play was of a give and take character for some minutes. Joblin and Manners each put in runs for the Harriers, but Ford was in his best form and the Sunderland back again and again placed the leather in the centre. Sunderland now assumed the attack, and a kick by Monaghan sent the ball behind, Smith also making a futile shot. At length Monaghan and Davison ran the ball up, and the former put it through. Soon after Richardson just missed scoring a second goal. The Harriers now warmed up and put in an extra effort, which after a capital run by the left wing, equalised matters, Waterson doing the needful. This put Sunderland on their mettle, and working down to the visitors' goal mouth a most exciting scrimmage took place, which brought out well the good defensive powers of the visitors' team. It at first seemed almost impossible for the Harriers to save their goal, but they did it in a handsome manner, and at half time the score was equal, each side having a goal to their credit. Crackett initiated the second period, and Patterson had immediately to save his charge. After a run by Morpeth, Rooney and Stewart brought the ball away with a rush, and, crossing to the centre, Monaghan dashed in and scored a second point, the Morpeth custodian falling. Kirtley had in turn to save his charge, but afterwards for some time Sunderland had possession of their opponents' ground, but their attempts to add to their score were for some time unsuccessful, the defence of the Morpeth back division being too good. But at length their efforts were rewarded by Smith scoring in rather an easy manner. After the restart Patterson saved a warm shot, but Monaghan was there, and rushing up made the Sunderland total four goals. It was now the Harriers' turn, but they could not score, and once more they had to defend against shot after shot from Sunderland. Once the ball alighted on the top of the crossbar and fell on the other side. Kirtley was next called upon to fist out, but he was not successful, and +Morpeth obtained a second point. No further scoring took place, and Sunderland continued this season's unbroken run of wins, the final score being Sunderland four goals; Harriers two. As stated above the ground interfered very materially with the game, which was not therefore what might have been expected from the two teams. Still it was well contested, and the losing side worked hard to alter the result."

+NDC: "Some capital play was now exhibited amongst the visitors' forwards. Kirtley again using his hands, it was at once returned, and a second goal was scored for Morpeth by Crackett."

Sunderland:\*W.Kirtley(Goal);P.Ford,J.Oliver(Backs);F.Dale(Capt.),W.Hastings, J.Richardson(Half Backs);P.Rooney,S.Stewart(Right Wing),R.Smith(Centre), A.Davison,G.Monaghan(Left Wing).

\*William Kirtley played in Sunderland's very first 2 Football league games.Doig was signed as his replacement,and famously was not registered in time for the away match against WBA on the following Saturday,which Sunderland won 4-0,but had both points deducted for playing Doig as an ineligible player.

Morpeth:T.Patterson(Goal);W.Donaldson,James Dick(Backs);R.Manners, Jas.Atkinson(Capt.),M.Manners(Half Backs);A.Taylor,J.Watson,(Right Wing) T.Crackett(Centre),T.Manners,Jas S.Jobling(Left Wing).

Umpires: James Allen for Sunderland and Belwood for Morpeth.  
Referee:Howcroft(Redcar).

REPLAY (Sat Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>)(At Grange House Field,Morpeth):

MORPETH HARRIERS 2 (T.Crackett,J.Watson)  
SUNDERLAND 3 (W.Monaghan 2,S.Stewart)(H.T. 2-1)

Morpeth Herald 29/10/87 P.2/Sunderland Daily Echo 24/10/87 P.4/Newcastle Daily Chronicle 24/10/87 P.6(No teams):

SDE:"Sunderland repeated on Saturday their performance of the previous week, by inflicting a duplicate defeat on the Morpeth Harriers,the first team winning by three goals to two,and the second by five goals to one.The match between the first elevens of these clubs,played a week ago,was declared void,owing to Ford, one of the recent acquisitions of the team,not being registered in time,and the Football Association ordered it to be replayed.The scene of this second encounter was the Grange House Field,Morpeth,and,as it proved,the match was more exciting than the preceding one.Wilkinson,of Durham University,who had promised to play in Ford's place,was,owing to business,prevented from doing so,and Allen,who has not donned the jersey this season,was selected to play in his stead.The home team won the toss,and elected to play with a slight wind and a brilliant sun at their backs.Smith set the ball in motion,and Davison dribbled a distance,but was then dispossessed.The Harriers then rushed the leather down the field and Crackett sent it through.Sunderland after the kick off got a corner, but the ball was soon returned to their own ground,and Kirtley leaving his goal to kick out the ball,which he missed,Watson rushed in and put it through.A large contingent of football enthusiasts now arrived on the ground,and learned with dismay that the Harriers had scored two goals to nil. The effect of their presence on the field in such large numbers was to encourage the visiting team,who now began to show better form.About ten minutes before half time,Monaghan,by a capital dodging run,passed the Morpeth backs and sent in a shot which it was almost impossible to stop.At half time the score remained two goals to one.Sunderland now not having the disadvantage of the sun in their faces,began to warm to their work,and commenced a terrific onslaught on the Harriers' goal.The defence was,however,good and it seemed as though they

would have some difficulty in breaking through. However, Monaghan, with his usual dash, soon found a loophole, and he was not long in sending a fast shot through the goal mouth. The cheering at this point was intense, hats and sticks being thrown into the air. With the scores now equal both teams set to work to get the winning point, but it was soon seen that the Harriers were overpowered. Attack after attack was made upon their goal, and two or three times Sunderland were very near scoring. At length Stewart, from a capital pass from Allen, added the third goal. Sunderland had now all their own way, and were not long in putting the ball through twice—once by Monaghan and once by Hastings, but on both occasions the players were offside. When the whistle blew the score remained—Sunderland 3 goals, Harriers 2 goals.”

Morpeth: T. Patterson (Goal); W. Donaldson, James Dick (Backs); R. Manners, Jas. Atkinson (Capt.), M. Manners (Half Backs); A. Taylor, J. Waterson (Right Wing), T. Crackett (Centre), T. Manners, Jas. S. Jobling (Left Wing).

Sunderland: W. Kirtley (Goal); W. Hastings, J. Oliver (Backs); J. Richardson, S. Stewart, F. Dale (Half Backs); J. Allen, P. Rooney (Right Wing), R. Smith (Centre), A. Davison, G. Monaghan (Left Wing).

Umpires: R. Belwood and J. Reed. Referee: Wardell, Middlesbrough.

NEWCASTLE WEST END 5 (J. Barker, J. Angus 2, T. Nicholson, J. McDonald)  
REDCAR 1 (Pearson)  
(H.T. 2-0) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) (At St James's Park, Leazes, Newcastle)

Newcastle Daily Chronicle 17/10/87 P.6/Morpeth Herald 22/10/87 P.3:

NDC/MH: “The fortune of the ballot gave the West End the choice of ground, and they naturally decided upon playing at home, and St. Jameses's Park, Leazes, found these teams contesting who should enter into the second round. A private fixture was played between them a fortnight ago at Redcar, when the Newcastle club was victorious by four goals to one. This result somewhat discounted the interest in the match under review, as the home team was generally supposed to be able to repeat the performance when the cup tie came to be played. Redcar are not nearly so strong as they were two or three years ago, the teams being as follows:”

“There was a fair number of people present when the game commenced. West End won the toss and elected to play downhill with a strong breeze in their favour. Farndale kicked off and the Redcar right wing took the ball up, but Chalmers returned, and Nicholson essayed a long shot, which Redcar saved by conceding a corner, which, though finely placed by MacDonald, was cleared by Alvey. Play was rather loose for the first few minutes. A long shot by Nicholson was well pushed out by Farndale. West End passing was very erratic, and their backs were fully employed. Nicholson made some good attempts to score, but Alvey and Farndale defended grandly. The visitors' left wing took the ball up, but Chalmers prevented them getting anywhere near Fyfe, and Barker getting possession, had a splendid run down the field. Redcar conceded two corners, but they were finally cleared, also a free kick near their goal. Smart gave a long shot

and Alvey returned, but Barker was in readiness, and scored with a splendid high shot, twenty-five minutes from the start. West End continued to press, and some splendid corners were sent in, by Barker and Raylstone, but they were all cleared. Play continued very slack, until Raylstone sent in a long shot, and Nicholson rushed the ball and goalkeeper through, but the point was disallowed. Redcar made occasional breaks away, but were never dangerous. The play was of a most monotonous description, West End forwards showing little combination. From a corner taken by Raylstone, Angus scored a second goal two minutes from half time - the score then standing: - West End, two goals; Redcar, nil.

With the high wind in their favour Redcar were still pressed, but a free kick by Swinburn was sent behind. The ball was rapidly taken down, and Duns conceded a corner. After ten minutes' play, Angus had a splendid run up the field and scored. After a short visit to the West End quarters, Smart had a short run and gave to Angus, whose final effort was stopped by Alvey at the expense of a corner, which was profitless. The Redcar left wing took the ball down, and a beautiful centre was headed through by Pearson. The visitors now played up much better, and gave the home defenders plenty of work. Swinburne sent the ball through from a free kick, but it having touched no one, no score resulted. West End were now playing in better style, and an exciting tussle in front of Redcar goal ended in Nicholson scoring. Shortly afterwards, from a nice pass by Angus, MacDonald notched the fifth point. Just in time Smart stopped a shot after Fyfe had fallen in trying to fist it out. The game finally ended - West End, five goals; Redcar, one goal."

Newcastle West End: Fyfe (Goal); J. Duns, J. Chalmers (Backs); W. Swinburn (Capt.), J. Raylston, J. Smart (Half Backs); J. Barker, R. Davidson (Right Wing), T. Nicholson (Centre), J. Angus, J. McDonald (Left Wing).

Redcar: \*J. Farndale (Goal); T. Alvey, B. Moore (Backs); H. Stickereth, R. Agar, J. Simpson (Half Backs); G. Pearson, H. Alvey, W. Farndale, J. Preston, J. Farthing (Forwards).

\*N.B. There were 3 Farndale brothers and all played in one match found v Guisborough with J. Farndale (Goal), G. Farndale (Back), W. Farndale (Forward). However, G. Farndale is listed as in Goal v Tyne Association in 86/87 Cup Tie

Umpires: Thomas for Morpeth and W. Manners for West End.  
Referee: Dr Wilson, Birtley FC

DARLINGTON 3 (H. Hope, R. T. Stabler, Brooks) GATESHEAD 0  
(H.T. 1-0) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) (At Feethams Ground, Darlington)

Morpeth Herald 22/10/87 P.3/Northern Echo 17/10/87 P.4 (No teams)/  
Newcastle Daily Chronicle 17/10/87 P.6 (No teams):

MH/NDC: "Played on the Feethams Ground, Darlington before 2,000 spectators. Gateshead won the toss, and Boswell kicked off. Darlington almost immediately carried the ball into the visitors' territory, and they had to kick out to save themselves. Soon after Brooks got a shot but it went somewhat wide. Darlington

forwards again got possession, when Wardroper missed, and the goalkeeper was left at the mercy of Brooks, who slipped at the critical moment. A corner followed for Darlington. The pressure was relieved by Gateshead taking the ball to the Darlington end, but it was very quickly taken back, and Gateshead got hands from Robinson, but to no advantage. A shot from Hutchinson fell inside, after which Gateshead got the ball away, and some fine passing was shown by their forwards. The home team again reasserted themselves, and H. Hope got a fine shot, but sent it over. Soon after Hutchinson followed suit on the same side, the ball having been worked close to the Gateshead goal by the home forwards. Hutchinson put in a low shot which was caught by Thompson and thrown out. Some give and take play followed. Then Darlington got a corner. The ball was carried back, but shortly after rushed up by Darlington forwards. It was passed from the centre to Brooks on the right wing, by whom it was nicely passed to H. Hope, who by a fine straight shot sent it through drawing first blood for Darlington (NE: "....about twenty minutes' play"). Play continued to favour the home team mostly. The Gateshead custodian made a splendid defence. He intercepted and fell on the ball in one case. J. Boswell got a chance for Gateshead soon after, but failed, as did Hutchinson for Darlington, by a capital save from Thompson. Play was now more even down to half time, after which Gateshead for the first quarter of an hour played up better. Boswell failed by a shot over the bar. The ball now travelled up and down the field rather rapidly. Then M. Hope had a good chance and failed. Brooks soon after had the Gateshead goal apparently at his mercy, but shot wide. Gateshead then pressed on Darlington goal, but were forced back, and Darlington having got hands off Gateshead, the ball was kicked from the field by Stabler, and struck Hutchinson, bounding through and scoring for the home team. Gateshead now did not play up so well, though Wardle once gave the Darlington goalkeeper a warm shot. Generally, however, Thompson had most to defend. About a quarter of an hour before the close H. Hope got the leather from the centre and passed to Brooks, who rapidly sent it through, thus scoring the third (NE: "...fifteen minutes off time"). Nothing more was done though at the last moment the ball was again passed between the posts for Darlington but it was after the whistle had sounded." (No lineups)

AFS lineup for Gateshead :Sporting Life 15/10/87 P.3 has teams for the match

Darlington: Robertshaw (Goal), J. H. Smeddle, J. Davison (Backs), T. Waites (Capt.), C. H. Glover, R. T. Stabler (Half Backs); H. Hope, Dr. Brooks (Right), J. T. Hutchinson (Centre), S. Robinson, M. Hope (Left). (Darlington Definitive/AFS with SL initials for the game)

Gateshead: H. Thompson (Goal); Douglas, Wardroper (Backs); Arnold, J. H. Oliver, Rule (Half Backs); J. D. Wardle, W. Boswell (Right), J. Boswell (Centre), G. B. McQuillan, J. Thompson. (Left). (AFS with SL initials for game)

Sporting Life 15/10/87 P.3 initials. Half Backs in SL for Match:  
W. Y. Hale, J. H. Oliver, W. Hall

Umpires: C. S. Craven and J. R. Douglas. Referee: Booth (Middlesbrough).

## SECOND DIVISION:

Draw:

Church .v. Cliftonville  
Oswaldtwistle Rovers .v. Witton  
Rawtenstall .v Darwen  
Blackburn Rovers .v. Bury  
Accrington .v. Rossendale  
Belfast Distillery .v. Blackburn Park Road  
Burnley .v. Darwen Old Wanderers  
Blackburn Olympic,a bye

N.B.Many initials taken from lists of professional players in Cricket & Football Field 1/10/87 P.7/Sportsman 21/9/87 P.4/Morning Post 21/9/87 P.3.

CHURCH walked over CLIFTONVILLE scratched

("In consequence of some disagreement regarding the date on which their cup tie should be played Cliftonville failed to turn up at Church and the home team played a hastily arranged home game with Clitheroe instead".The matter was brought before the F.A. because the date of 15/10/87 was disputed and the game was not played:see Nottingham Daily Express)(Game was to be played on 22/10/87 but Cliftonville played Blackburn Park Road who were also due to meet Distillery:see below)

+OSWALDTWISTLE 1 WITTON 4 (H.T. 1-2)(At Oswaldtwistle)(Sat Oct 8<sup>th</sup>)

+Near Accrington so try Accrington Times

\*N.B. Blackburn Standard 15/10/87 P.7 :“Witton,with only a moderate team, easily defeated Oswaldtwistle by four goals to one,and consequently their chances today(Saturday),when they meet the same club in the first round for the National Trophy,are indeed rosy.”(i.e.this was not a cup game,and the cup game took place on the next Saturday Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)

Sporting Life 10/10/87 P.4 gave this first match as a Cup Tie:

“Played at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday in unfavourable weather,the ground being in bad condition.Witton won the toss,and Whittam for the Rovers set the ball in motion.Animated play was the order of the day,Witton scoring immediately after the start,and the Rovers scoring a few minutes after that.Even play followed,and then Witton began to press,and after twenty minutes’ play again scored.The home team made a spurt,invading the Witton quarters,but failed to score,and at half-time the game stood in favour of Witton by two goals to one.On a restart being made,Witton continued to press,scoring the third and fourth goals in rapid succession after eight minutes’ play.No further goals were scored,and Witton won by four goals to one.”

Oswaldtwistle:J.Savage(Goal);J.Little,J.Hargreaves(Backs);W.H.Gastall,R.Wardle, J.Smith(Half Backs);Rawcliffe,J.Kirkham(Right Wing),W.Whittam (Centre), F.Fallon,M.Cranshaw(Left Wing).

Witton:W.Wilson(Goal),J.A.Pickup,F.Shorrock(Backs);Whiteside,J.Horsefield, E.Turner (Half Backs);T.Grimshaw,R.Haresnape,Nixon,R.Hothersall,H.Cunliffe (Forwards).

OSWALDTWISTLE 3 (Unrecorded,Wittam,2)

WITTON 4 (Turner 2,Grimshaw,1 Untraced)

(H.T. 1-2)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Oswaldtwistle)

Blackburn Standard 22/10/87 P.7:

BS:"On Saturday Enoch Rigby's lads from Witton village journeyed to Oswaldtwistle to \*again try conclusions with the Rovers of that place in the first round of the English Cup competition. There were about 1,500 spectators round the enclosure.+ (Hothersall) started the ball at 3.30, when the Rovers ran down, but Shorrock transferred, when Haresnape received a corner, passed the ball to Turner, who headed the ball through the home goal two minutes from the start. On resuming play Witton just missed scoring. The Rovers, however, played well, and pressed the visitors for a few minutes. Witton received a fruitless corner. From a throw in by the Rovers they shot over the bar; immediately afterwards the Wittonians had hard lines for a goal. Haresnape and Grimshaw, with the rest of the forwards made a combined run, but Hargreaves, playing a grand game, returned the ball; the visitors, however, gained another corner, but resulted in nothing. The home team now had a look in, but the visitors' backs were too good. Not to be denied, however, the Rovers dashed down the field, Wilson just saving in time. Shorrock, one of the Witton backs, got hurt, but resumed play immediately afterwards. Both teams now began to play very hard, the game being even for a short time until the Witton lads, with one of their well-known runs, enabled Turner to score their second goal. Oswaldtwistle immediately gained a fruitless corner, and keeping the pressure up for a time, troubled Wilson, who, however, kept them out in fine style but was immediately afterwards beaten by Oswaldtwistle for the first time. Nothing further resulted up to half time when the score stood-Witton 2 Oswaldtwistle 1.

From the re-start in the second half Haresnape and Grimshaw ran down the right, but Hargreaves stopped them in the nick of time. Oswaldtwistle, however, broke away and Wittam equalised the score. No sooner had the ball been started than Grimshaw gave Witton their third goal, Rawcliffe, one of the home forwards, giving some impudence to the referee for his decision, which delayed time. The home team again equalised, though the player was apparently offside. This point fairly put fresh spirit into both teams, and some exciting play was witnessed. Hands for the home team in front of goal was sent past. Oswaldtwistle now played a rough game. Pickup, being severely kicked, had to leave the field, Witton being left with ten men, and twenty minutes to play. The game, however, resulted in a victory for the Wittonians by four goals to three." +Not Horsfall

Lancashire Evening Post 17/10/87/Blackburn Standard 22/10/87 P.5 reported that, on Saturday afternoon, on the way to Oswaldtwistle, a serious accident happened to the Witton football team, and a party of friends, numbering in all about 30, when they were driving a waggonette. "When near Intack the first wheel of the conveyance broke down and eight of those seated in the front were thrown violently to the ground. The 2 most seriously injured were John Grimshaw (probably a relative of the Grimshaw who played in the game) who was severely crushed about the mouth, and John Thomas Barker."

Oswaldtwistle: J. Savage (Goal); J. Little, J. Hargreaves (Backs); W. H. Gastall, R. Wardle, J. Smith (Half Backs); Rawcliffe, J. Kirkham (Right Wing), W. Whittam (Centre), F. Fallon, M. Cranshaw (Left Wing).

Witton: W. Wilson (Goal); F. Shorrocks, J. A. Pickup (Backs); Whiteside, W. Almond, R. Pickering (Half Backs); R. Haresnape, T. Grimshaw (Right Wing), J. Horsefield (Centre), R. Hothersall, E. Turner (Left Wing).

Referee: R. Shorrocks (Church).

RAWTENSTALL 1 (C. Whittaker) (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) (At Rawtenstall)  
DARWEN 3 (J. Shorrocks, Howard Shorrocks, Another)

Lancashire Evening Post 15/10/87 P.3:

LEP: "This tie was played this afternoon, on the Rawtenstall ground, in splendid weather. Rawtenstall won the toss and played downhill. Rostron kicked up. The play was immediately taken to the Darwen goal, but Holden effectively fisted out, and Marsden relieved. It was only for a moment, and another shot was taken at goal, but it went wide. Another corner was secured by the home team, but proved fruitless. Barnes kicked a goal for the home team, and nothing further was scored before half time.

On the restart play was taken to the Darwen goal but Barnes shot past the post. The sphere was returned to the home territory and Darwen began to press. They got a corner, but nothing resulted. The visitors continued to press, and had several corners; but they were unable to score, owing to the grand defence of the home team. Directly afterwards, Shorrocks from a scrimmage, took possession of the ball, and it struck an upright, and bounded through. A second goal was scored directly afterwards, and the third goal immediately followed by Shorrocks for Darwen."

Athletic News 18/10/87 P.3 : "The Rawtenstall supporters assembled in large numbers to greet the Darwen eleven, who journeyed to the trysting place by waggonette. The game was fast and fairly interesting for a while, but, urged on by the cries of their townspeople, the home lot got desperate, and therefore made some unpardonable mistakes. Just on the verge of half-time, however, Whittaker managed to shoot the ball past Holden, the Darwen goal-keeper, amid loud rejoicings. With the change of ends came a change in the pressure, the home lot having their energies severely taxed to checkmate the onslaught of the

Darwenites, who re-commenced vigorously. They, too, displayed over-anxiety to score; but a rallying call from "Tot" Rostron caused them to cool down somewhat, and in a short time later they had the satisfaction of calling the game one each. At times Rawtenstall pressed prettily, and got the ball uphill, but on all occasions Leech was conspicuous by his powerful kicks, and sent the opposing forwards empty away. Ultimately a free kick fell to the Darwenites, and Howard Shorrocks headed a second point in goal style. Entwistle called on his men for a strong effort, which was responded to, and the Darwen goal-keeper had to kick out to clear. Harper and Kirk backed up well, and the visitors had to be smart to keep out the attacks of the home lot, but eventually they were driven back, and Strachan, centring nicely, J. Shorrocks on the outside left, made the score into three goals. Many thought the Rawtenstall men would break down entirely after this reverse, but the opposite proved the case, as they played up much better. On one occasion Barnes fisted out in his own goal, but nothing came of the free kick; and when the hour and a half was completed, victory was Darwen's, the score being three goals to one in their favour. It would be invidious to single out any of the winning team, though perhaps H. Shorrocks was a little off colour. Leech was very safe throughout, and Kirk and Spencer were the best of the Rawtenstall defenders. Cowell and +Anderton were the best forwards, +Prinder shooting anything but well." (No teams) +Probably Andrews and Pinder

Cricket & Football Field 15/10/87 P.4/Blackburn Standard 22/10/87 P.7/Preston Herald 19/10/87 P.3:"This match was played at Rawtenstall on Saturday. The visitors kicked off uphill and against the wind. The home team pressed, and Cowell almost scored, Leech kicking out. In attempting to save Strachan and Rostron made a good run, Kirk saving in nice style. The Darwen men played up strenuously, and made many runs up the ground, but the home backs were always on the lookout, and drove all intruders back. Cowell and +Anderton got the leather down, but +Lunder made a mistake. Holden then saved twice splendidly, and Harper and Kirk tried hard to break through the visitors' defence, but found Leech and Holden (hard) to beat. Just on half-time Whittaker scored for Rawtenstall. In the second half Rawtenstall did not score, but Darwen obtained three goals, and won by three goals to one." +Probably Andrews and Pinder

Rawtenstall: Spencer (Goal); J. Lord, Levi Barnes (Backs); J. Harper, Entwistle, J. H. Kirk (Half Backs); C. Whittaker, R. Barnes (Right Wing), Eli Pinder (Centre), T. W. Cowell, J. T. Andrews (Left Wing).

Darwen: W. Holden (Goal); J. Marsden, (J. R.) Leach (Backs); A. Thornber, D. Owen, T. Marsden (Half Backs); Thomas ("Tot") Strachan, Howard Shorrocks (Right Wing), Thurston ("Tot") Rostron (Centre), J. Shorrocks, (J. W.) Smith (Left Wing).

Referee: J. P. Hartley (Accrington)

BLACKBURN ROVERS 10 (W. J. Townley, Jack Southworth 4, N. Walton 2, J. Barton, W. Rushton, J. Douglas) (BS/BRGR)  
BURY 0 (H. T. 5-0) (At the Leamington Ground) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)

N.B.C&FF has Southworth 2,Walton 5,Rushton 2,Douglas as scorers!

(LEP has Southworth scoring a 5<sup>th</sup> goal instead of Townley and PH has Southworth scoring the first goal(i.e 5 goals and not Townley)

LEP:"Bury scratched before the match and played an ordinary game."

Cricket & Football Field 15/10/87 P.4/Blackburn Standard 22/10/87 P.7/  
Lancashire Evening Post 15/10/87 P.3:

BS:"The match between Blackburn and Bury on Saturday should have been an English Cup Tie but as the latter team were composed of more than one player who was ineligible they scratched previous to going on the field and consequently an ordinary game was contested"

BS:"The tie in the competition between these teams,in which the latter scratched before the game commenced,was played on Saturday,on the Leamington ground in the presence of a moderate number of spectators.The weather was beautifully fine,but the brilliant sun somewhat interfered with the players as they faced the hill.Forrest and Chadwick,for the Rovers,did not put in an appearance,and their places were filled by Barton and Rushton.Bury won the toss,and the Rovers set the ball in motion at a quarter to four.The Rovers were the first to assume an aggressive attitude,Wolstenholme being called upon to kick out.The visitors were making for the other end,but their career was stopped by a claim for hands. This enabled Townley to race away to the other end,where his beautiful centre was almost converted into a goal by a grand header by Southworth.Still keeping up the pressure Townley experienced hard luck in not scoring with a low swift shot,which hit one of the uprights.However,this player at length gained his reward,as by a pretty header he registered the first goal for his side after about thirteen minutes' play.Directly after the restart Townley placed the ball past Wolstenholme for the second time,but a claim for off-side by the visitors was sustained.Southworth next shot over the bar,but a minute later he notched the second goal.The Rovers' forwards were now playing a good combined game,and simply walked round the opposing back division.Walton was not long ere he gained two more goals for the Rovers,and before half-time arrived Southworth had carried the total to five.

After the teams had crossed over the game became even more one-sided than ever,the visitors rarely travelling beyond the half-line.The home forwards sent countless shots at the Bury goalkeeper,and for some time he managed to avert all danger.At length Barton,from a scrimmage,made the sixth goal,and before many minutes elapsed Southworth totalled the seventh.Rushton notched the eighth. Bury now got to the other end,where,owing to some loose play on the part of the backs they gained two fruitless corners.Matters were then transferred to the other end,where Southworth,from a corner,headed the ninth goal.Just before time was called Douglas,by a long shot,added another,a one-sided game ending in a win for the Rovers by 10 goals to none."

LEP: "The Blackburn Rovers met Bury at Blackburn this afternoon in the first round of the English Cup Competition. The match did not excite much interest and the attendance was comparatively small. Both Forrest and Chadwick stood out of the home team—the one because of a bad knee, and the other because he is sitting an examination. Their places in the field were taken by Barton and Rushton respectively.

Bury won the toss, and the Rovers started the ball at a quarter to three, with the sun in their faces. For a time there was nothing remarkable in the play, the Rovers taking matters exceedingly easy. At length Rushton attempted but failed to get one through, and a few minutes later Townley centred to Southworth, who tried to head through, but sent the leather over the bar. Townley then had a try, but struck the goal post. The pressure continued for a time, but ended with a kick behind. The Rovers next obtained a corner. Douglas centred well, but the ball was headed over. The home team, not to be denied, rushed up. Southworth centred to Townley, who sent it through after a quarter of an hour's play. A second goal by Townley, from a kick by Rushton, was disallowed on the ground of offside. From a bit of good play by Walton, Southworth got the leather, and put in a clinking shot, which grazed the crossbar in passing over. A moment later Southworth registered a second goal, by a hot shot, which Wolstenholme got in his hand, but failed to hold. In less than a minute Walton got a third goal, and then a fourth. A moment later Southworth put on a fifth goal. Nothing else was done up to half time, and when the whistle blew, the score stood at 5 to 0 in favour of the Rovers. From the start of the second half the Rovers began to press, and several times Wolstenholme's goal was in danger. Douglas sent in a beauty, which the Bury custodian got nicely away. It was very rarely indeed that the visitors got past the half-way flag, but on one of these occasions Hitchen sent in a long and fairly good shot, but the ball went over the bar. The Rovers got a second corner a minute later. They next obtained a free kick in front of the goal, and Heyes sent the leather to Southworth, who headed it to Barton, and the latter put it through, thus registering the sixth goal. The home team continued to press, but experienced hard luck, for repeatedly the leather was sent against the posts, and the forwards kept hovering in front of the goal. At length they were again rewarded with success, Southworth scoring the seventh goal. After this, Walton had hard luck in not scoring, and then, from a scrimmage, Rushton put on the eighth goal. As the result of a mis-kick they got a couple of corners, which availed them nothing. Some pretty play followed by the Rovers forwards, who experienced hard lines. From the last of a couple of corners, Southworth scored the ninth goal. From a long shot from Douglas the tenth goal was notched. Nothing else resulted and when time was called the score stood—Blackburn Rovers, 10; Bury, 1." (In fact 10-0)

C&FF: "Both clubs were fully represented and there was an excellent attendance, fully 2,000 or 3,000 being present."

Blackburn Rovers: J.W. Arthur (Goal); J. Beverley, F. Suter (Backs); A. Heyes, J. Barton, J. Douglas (Half Backs); J. Beresford, N. Walton (Right Wing), Jack Southworth (Centre), W. Rushton, W.J. Townley (Left Wing).

Bury:Wolstenholme(Goal);J.Ross,Duckworth(Backs);Malpass,Wright,Barnes(Half Backs);Richardson,G.Ros(Right Wing)Douglas(Centre),Howarth,Hitchen(Left Wing).

Referee:Helme(Farnworth)

ACCRINGTON 11 (J.M.Lofthouse 3,J.Bonar,J.Yates,R.Conway 2 ,H.L.Fecitt 4)  
ROSSENDALE 0  
(H.T. 4-0)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Accrington)(ACR gives missing 4<sup>th</sup> goal to Lofthouse)

Blackburn Standard 22/10/87 P.7/Cricket & Football Field 15/10/87  
P.4/Athletic News 18/10/86 P.3(No teams)/ Accrington Complete Record  
P.339(See below for protest):

BS/C&FF:"At Accrington on Saturday before 2,000 spectators.Accrington kicked off,and the visitors were early in the track of the home goal,Horne being troubled.The home left replied in a dribble,which ended in Fecitt heading over ,and a corner falling to the Reds later on ought to have been improved upon.The Valleyites showed pluck unlimited,and for a space of ten minutes McLennan and Stevenson were busily employed,but bad shooting by the opposing forwards failed them after many an invasion.Eventually the Reds shook themselves up,a lot of work being put in by Chippendale and Bryce,and after several unsuccessful attempts,Lofthouse shot through,a claim by the visitors failing to stand.Five minutes later Chippendale took a free kick.Lofthouse just failed by a neat overhead kick,but Bonner rushing up got a second past Horne.Bryce was again to the fore with a long one,which Taylor negotiated,and a rush by the Rossendale front landed them at the other end,where McLennan only just cleared.Lofthouse got up by a timely pass by Bonner,and a third goal resulted from a capital middle by the former,Yates having the credit of this.Rossendale,however,braved the reverses spiritedly,and a fine attempt by Weir just topped the Accrington bar.At half time Accrington were leading by four to nil.After the restart the Reds pressed again,and Conway just headed wide.Fecitt put in a steamer,and Taylor only just got away another attempt by the Accrington centre.Then the ball just skimmed the post at the other end,and Horne was called upon.The Reds, however,had all the play,and Wilkinson and Bonner were very near.Taylor repelled a shot when a yard through and no score was allowed,but Conway shot a fifth without doubt and a little later Lofthouse ran up the half dozen.Towards the end of the game it was a mere matter of fusilade on the Rossendale goal. Fecitt got four goals in succession,thus rattling up double figures,and Conway put on the eleventh,by which number Rossendale were defeated."

N.B.Presumably before half-time Lofthouse scored the 4<sup>th</sup> goal.

LEP:"At Accrington in fine weather,before 2,000 spectators.The "Reds" were again without the services of their skipper,Haworth,while the visitors brought their full strength.Accrington kicked off,and from some foolish play on the part of Bryce,Rossendale got in front of the home goal,and Horne had to use his hands. Rossendale played up splendidly,and on one occasion the ball only passed a foot wide of the Accrington posts.Two or three chances were spoiled by inaccurate

shooting. A subsequent shot resulted in the downfall of the visitors' goal, a protest being fruitless. Not long afterwards, from a free kick, the Reds again scored, Bonar administering the final touch in a scrimmage. After this the visitors fell off considerably in their play, though they had very hard lines. Yates scored a third goal; and at half-time the score was - Accrington 4, Rossendale 0.

On resuming the "Reds" maintained a severe pressure on the visitors' goal, but the "Bicks" defended finely, especially Ashworth; while the custodian (Taylor) repelled some capital shots. Ultimately Conway shot clean through, and again the Rossendale citadel was attacked, and conquered. Horne only just saved, and the "Reds" forwards, dashing again, attacked successively, Taylor kicking the leather through; and Fecitt scored the eighth goal. Result - Accrington 11, Rossendale 0."

Accrington: J.K. Horne (Goal); J. Stevenson, McLellan (Backs); J. Wilkinson, R. Bryce, (R.W.) Chippendale (Half Backs); J.M. Lofthouse, J. Bonar, R. Conway, H.L. Fecitt, Jack Yates (Forwards).

Rossendale: J.W. Taylor (Goal); F.W. Ashworth, J.W. Howarth (Backs); J. Ashworth, H. Watts, J.E. Spencer (Half Backs); F. Heseltine, J.R. Riley (Rights), C. Weir (Centre), J.E. Whittaker, F. Barnes (Lefts).

Check not brother J. Heseltine

Referee: Tom Marshall

BLACKBURN PARK ROAD 2 (T.G. Fish, T. Pomfret)  
BELFAST DISTILLERY 1 (A. McManus)  
(H.T. 0-1) (Sat Oct 8<sup>th</sup>) (At the Audley Hall Ground, Blackburn)

Blackburn Standard 15/10/87 P.7 / Cricket & Football Field 8/10/87 P.4 /  
Manchester Courier & Lancashire General Advertiser 10/10/86 P.3 / Sportsman  
10/10/87 P.4 / Sporting Life 10/10/87 P.4 / Belfast News Letter 10/10/87 P.7:

BS: "On Saturday afternoon these teams met in the first round of the English Cup competition on the Audley ground. The weather was simply wretched, and militated not only against good play, but also the attendance, which at the most did not number more than a hundred. The natives played up the hill in the first half, and for the most part had to act on the defensive. The visiting forwards came rapidly down the field with a combined rush and scored, much to the amazement of the home supporters, from the foot of McManus. This seemed to give the Irishmen a great deal of confidence, as they played up with great determination, their passing and dribbling being characterised with much neatness. They secured several corners, and once or twice got near to lowering the citadel of the home eleven. Supported by their half backs, the Roadsters then had a look in at the other end, where Slater shot over the bar. The Irishmen kept up the pressure till half time arrived, when the score stood - Belfast Distillery, one goal; Park-road, nil. The Roadsters opened the second moiety of the game with a good combined rush, and the Distillery backs had all their work cut out to prevent any scoring. At last the ball was got away, and the visitors' forwards sped away to the other end,

and sent the ball behind on three occasions. The Roadsters' forwards for some time could not make any headway against the Distillery half backs, who played a grand game throughout, but at length Fish got well down and scored a goal with a rather lucky shot, thus equalising the game. The home forwards then increased their efforts with the result that just on the call of time Pomfret added the winning goal, and the game ended - Park Road two, Belfast Distillery, one."

C&FF: "The visit of the crack Irish club to Blackburn this afternoon was marked by very unfavourable weather, and as a consequence the spectatorate at the Audley Hall ground was not "very fine and large". Both clubs were fully represented..."

"Rain fell in torrents when the game commenced. The Irishmen are a fine body of men. Losing the toss, the Distillery men had to play down the incline, with the rain in their faces, but they put in some fine work, and two minutes after the start, from a fine run by Stansfield, McManus scored, a claim of off-side being unsuccessful. The Irishmen were a very fine and tricky crew, and they overmatched the "Roadsters" in many parts of the game. What attacks Park Road did make were either badly directed or else frustrated by the fine defence of the Irishmen. Several corners fell to the visitors, but the danger was averted. Then Fish from a throw-in shot over the bar. The home team now began to play up, and they experienced very hard lines. The additional weight of the Irishmen was against them, and Spencer, the visitors' custodian, played a demon game. "Hands" fell to the Irishmen in mid-field, and from the kick in Frankland almost headed the ball through his own goal. A couple of corners to the Irishmen followed, but without avail. The game continued to be very exciting, but neither side could score. Half-time arrived with the score Belfast one, Park Road none.

When the game recommenced the visitors fought vigorously. The half-backs played admirably, the leather rarely passing them. Fish, with a clear coast, scored the first notch for the Roaders, a quarter of an hour after the re-start. Give and take play followed until about five minutes before the close when Pomfret made the second and final score for the home team."

SM: "At the outset Park Road had only ten men, and the Irishmen, starting with a rush, succeeded in scoring - through McManus, before the absentee appeared."

SL "They were, however, at a great disadvantage, being small men, compared to the big fellows from Ireland."

BNL: "This match came off on Saturday at Blackburn, and was largely attended. The Belfast men played down the incline, and did some brilliant work. McManus scored about two minutes from the start. The Englishmen did their best to make a point, but were repulsed, and at half-time the score stood - Belfast Distillery, one goal; Blackburn Park Road, nil. In the second half the English team played much better, and seemed to be well matched. Fish for Blackburn scored the first and Pomfret the second goal, and at call of time the score stood - Blackburn Park Road, two goals; Belfast Distillery, one goal. The Distillery team was as follows:-

Goal,Spencer;backs,Silo and Henderson;half backs,(W.)Crone,Reynolds,and R.Crone;forwards,Johnston,Stanfield,M'Mannus,Stewart,and McClatchey."

N.B.Belfast Telegraph and Northern Whig have short reports with no teams:all other reports have the Distillery team below.

Sport(Dublin) 15/10/87 P.7:"Rule 27 of the English Challenge Cup Competition reads as follows:-

"The centre of the ground shall be indicated by a suitable mark and a circle with a ten yards' radius shall be marked round it,inside of which no player of the side not kicking off may stand.A line defining the six yards from the goal posts shall also be marked out."

The Distillery allege than none of these conditions were complied with,and have lodged a protest on that ground,and also on the ground that the Blackburn Park-road team turned up eighteen minutes after the advertised time.

I also understand that Park-road have lodged a protest on the ground that one of the Distillery members,Reynolds,is a professional."

Blackburn Park-Road:G.Lee(Goal);J.Redhead,Joseph Charles Frankland(Backs); W.Isherwood,Eastham,T.Catterall(Half Backs);Thomas Pomfret,A.Mackereth (Right Wing),Walmsley(Centre),Thomas Slater,T.G.Fish(Left Wing).

Distillery:W.Spencer(Goal);Silo,Barbour(Backs);Reynolds,S.Crawford,W.Crone (Half Backs);J.Johnston,O.Stanfield (Right Wing),A.McManus(Centre),R.Stewart, J.M'Clatchey(Left Wing).

Umpires :A.Leaver(Park Road) and A.Thompson(Distillery).  
Referee:S.Ormerod(Accrington).

(The F.A. ordered the game to be replayed but Blackburn Park Road scratched as did Cliftonville:see above and they played each other in Belfast on 22/10/87).

BURNLEY 4 (D.Friel,W.McFettridge 2,\*Another)  
DARWEN OLD WANDERERS 0  
(H.T. 2-0)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Burnley)

(F.A. ordered the game to be replayed after protest).

Lancashire Evening Post 15/10/87 P.3/Burnley Express 19/10/87 P.4/  
Blackburn Standard 22/10/87 P.7/Preston Herald 19/10/87 P.3/Cricket &  
Football Field 15/10/87 P.4(Last 3 papers have same report with no teams):

LEP:"Played this afternoon,at Turf Moor,Burnley,before 3,000 spectators.The Wanderers kicked off against the incline,with a strong wind,the sphere going out untouched.In the first minute Lomax had a good try,and almost missed a sure chance.Play then changed,and in as many minutes Bolton saved thrice,and was

closely pressed, a shot by Friel passing just outside. One of Sugg's went over, and one by McFettridge touched inside the post. The pressure was kept up, and the home team experienced hard lines, the shot by Friel putting its mark on the crossbar. After half an hour's play, Friel scored from a scrimmage for Burnley. At half time the score was: Burnley, 2; Wanderers, 0.

The second moiety was not quite so lively. After five minutes' play, Waugh made a grand screw shot, in advancing to save which Bolton was knocked down, and for a few moments disabled. Moorhouse shot a goal, which was promptly disallowed: as was also a second, shot by Friel, whereupon the referee was saluted with groans. The visitors showed stubborn defence, but the home forwards broke through repeatedly amid cheers. A swift shot from Friel rebounded from the bar, and was headed through by McFettridge. Result-Burnley 4, Wanderers 0"

BE: "Burnley met the Darwen Old Wanderers in the first round of the English Cup competition at Turf Moor, on Saturday, and with the exception of Elston (for whom McCrae was substituted), placed their strongest team in the field."

"The visiting forwards, starting against the incline, were soon prominent, being loudly cheered for their pretty passing. Lang, Keenan, and Friel were successively cheered for smart play, and the ball being returned McFetridge and Gallocher made unsuccessful attempts at scoring, while Sugg received an encouraging cheer for a splendid run. For the first 20 minutes play was pretty even, but Burnley afterwards showed their superiority, the forwards and half backs testing the defence of the visitors. Three corners were obtained in quick succession, but Bolton proved himself equal to every emergency until, at the close of half an hour's play, McFetridge and Waugh, from a centre by Gallocher, passed to Friel, who shot through with lightning rapidity. Ten minutes later, after some capital combined play on the part of the forwards, McCrae sent across in magnificent style and Waugh passed to McFetridge, who elicited a loud cheer by registering a second point for Burnley.

On the change of ends the Darwen players were kept on the defensive, the Burnley players repeatedly clustered round the goalkeeper, and at times quite a bombardment was maintained on the Darwen fortress. After a splendid run by Gallocher and Friel (who had exchanged places at the interval), the latter headed against the crossbar, and on the ball returning into play, McFetridge shot the third goal. A minute later the ball was again sent through, this time by Friel, but, amid some groans, the point was disallowed on the plea of off side. Burnley, however, maintained the pressure, and the cross-bar and uprights were frequently struck, but it was not until close upon time that the fourth point \*(which resulted from good play on the part of Gallocher and Friel), was registered. The game, therefore, ended in favour of Burnley by four goals to nil."

Burnley: J. McConnell (Goal); A. Lang, W. H. Bury (Backs); J. Keenan, + John Abraham, F. H. Sugg (Half Backs); P. Gallocher, R. McCrae, D. Friel, W. McFettridge, D. Waugh (Forwards). + Also listed as Abrams

Darwen Old Wanderers:W.Bolton(Goal);Maurice Hitchin,G.Moorhouse(Backs); James Richardson,R.S.Entwhistle,Pearson(Half Backs);Hamer,J.Aspden, J.W.Almond,Eccles,L.Lomax(Forwards).

?Brother H.Entwistle

+See report in Blackburn Standard 12/11/87 P. 3 about his falling out of the train(just manging to get out the way of another train!) on the way back from the Club's game against Burslem on 5/11/87,suffering only slight injuries!

Referee:R.P.Gregson(Secretary,Lancashire Association).

York Herald 31/10/87 P.7:"The committee of the Football Association,having ordered these clubs to replay their tie in the first round of this competition,the match was arranged to be played on Saturday(29<sup>th</sup>).Burnley offered monetary temptations to the Old Wanderers to scratch,but until almost the last minute they refused.They scratched ultimately so the Burnley Club have a walkover."

BLACKBURN OLYMPIC a bye

THIRD DIVISION:

Draw:

Liverpool Stanley .v. Halliwell  
Higher Walton .v. Heywood  
Bootle .v. Workington  
Hurst .v. Astley Bridge  
Preston North End .v. Hyde  
South Shore .v. Denton  
Bolton Wanderers .v. Everton  
Fleetwood Rangers .v. West Manchester

LIVERPOOL STANLEY 1 (C.M'Goldrick)  
HALLIWELL 5 (D.Weir 2,D.Hay 2,J.Hewitson)  
(H.T. 1-0)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Walton Stiles)( C&FF has Crombie,Weir,Hay 2,Mullin as scorers)

Liverpool Mercury 17/10/87 P.7/Liverpool Daily Post 17/10/87 P.7/Cricket & Football Field 15/10/87 P.4:

LM:"This tie was decided at Walton Stiles,before only a moderate number of onlookers,and,though Stanley were finally well beaten,the contest was interesting.Halliwell,about half an hour behind the time,started the ball against the wind,but at once crossed Stanley's goal line from a throw in.Stanley then took up the attack,mainly from a good kick by Roberts on the right,and after an attempt to score from the left,the ball was sent across to M'Goldrick,who beat Fairclough in a fine shot.Halliwell left,on resuming,went away smartly,but Weir got wide in shooting.Protracted play in open ground followed,and then Stanley

had a good opportunity of scoring from a foul near goal. The visitors' defence was equal to the emergency, however, and Weir and Hewitson again got off, but only a corner rewarded the effort. M'Gregor and W. Brown next gave trouble on the Stanley left, and during the sustained assault shots were levelled without success by Goodall and M'Gregor. J. Wilson next spoiled a corner taken by M'Dougall, and again Stanley became aggressive, but gained nothing beyond a corner. The visitors then pulled themselves together, and contributed a really good bit of combination. Three hot shots were sent in, but R. Brown cleared cleverly, particularly from Tag Hay and Weir. Hewitson kicked over later on, and just before half time Wright saved by sending the ball out.

On changing ends Halliwell, who now tried Weir at centre, assumed the upper hand, their combination being far superior to that at the commencement, and Stanley were almost continuously placed on the defensive. Weir was the first to score for Halliwell which he did in a long ground shot, and towards the close of play he got another goal, which was followed by three others (Hay two, and Hewitson one), Stanley being thrown out of the cup competition by 5 goals to 1."

LDP: "On recommencing, the Stanley forwards went off with a rush, and a corner was conceded, but after this Fairclough had little or nothing to do, the ball very seldom getting beyond the half-backs, and when it did, Robb and Lucas, who were lying very well up, were always to be relied upon. Tag Hay shot over, but immediately afterwards Weir equalised. Goodall, who had gone back, put in some good work, and R. Brown saved well a hot shot from Hewitson. W. Brown and W. Wilson eased the pressure, but the visiting forwards soon had the ball back, and Weir again scored, the third being put through by "Tag" soon afterwards, whilst Hewitson, with a low swift shot, made the Halliwell total into four. The kick off saw Weir (who played centre vice Mullin during the second half), Hay, and M'Dougall exhibiting some nice short passing, and a corner followed. The ball was well placed, and a scrimmage in the goal mouth caused uneasiness, but the ball was headed over, and just before time Hay again beat Brown, the game ending as above."

Liverpool Stanley: R. Brown (Goal); G. Wright, W. M. Wilson (Backs); J. Roberts, J. Wilson, D. Steel (Half Backs); C. M'Goldrick, R. Jones, A. Goodall, W. M'Gregor, W. Brown (Forwards).

Halliwell: W. Fairclough (Goal); J. Lucas, J. Robb (Backs); J. Derham, J. Crombie, W. Walkinshaw (Half Backs); D. Weir, J. Hewitson, Mullin, David ("Tag") Hay, H. McDougall (Forwards).

HIGHER WALTON 8 (W. Jackson 2, T. Naylor 2, J. Blackburn, T. Iddon 3)  
HEYWOOD CENTRAL 1 (Not traced) (H.T. 2-1) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) (At Walton)

\*N.B. It appears that Heywood scratched before the game: see below.

Preston Herald 19/10/87 P.3/Lancashire Evening Post 15/10/87 P.5:

PH: "These teams met at Higher Walton on Saturday, before a fair number of spectators. The ground was in excellent condition, and the afternoon was fine. The visitors arrived late, and, consequently, a start was not effected until four o'clock. \*The Heywood club scratched and a friendly game was played. Platt, for the visitors, set the ball in motion, with the sun in their faces. At first the game was fairly even, though slightly in favour of Walton. Jackson compelled W. Warburton to kick out, and, after the visitors had had a look in, W. Mather looked like scoring, but he handled the ball. The visitors' goalkeeper had to save, after which Iddon had a shot, but sent the ball high over the bar. The home team pressed until Chapman was called upon to save a shot. The Waltonians paid another visit, and Jackson scored their first goal fifteen minutes from the start. On the re-commencement the home team again approached the Heywood citadel, but the latter played up a little, and Daly was called upon to save. Both ends were visited in turn, and the visitors, going down in a line, equalised. Elated with their success, the Heywood team pressed, but not to be denied the Walton lads had an opportunity, but Jackson shot wide. A scrimmage ensued in the visitors' goal, and they had to repel at the expense of a corner, which, however, was cleared, and the ball taken to the other end, where a fruitless corner fell to the visitors. W. Mather had a grand opening, but shot wide of the mark when near in. The game was now very even until the home team had a free kick for hands in front of the visitors' goal, and the leather passing through the uprights without being touched the point was disallowed. Warburton was called upon to save a couple of shots, after which Naylor notched a second point for the home team just before half time, which arrived with the score two to one in favour of the Waltonians. On resuming the game was very one sided, Walton frequently making severe attacks on the opposing goal. Naylor scored a third point, Blackburn a fourth, Jackson a fifth with a splendid shot, and the sixth, seventh, and eighth were scored by Iddon. The game thus ended in a victory for Walton by eight goals to one."

LEP: "At Walton before a large number of spectators. \*Heywood scratched. Platt set the leather rolling half an hour late, owing to the late arrival of the visitors. Several attacks were made on the visitors' citadel, but repulsed. Some minor advantages were secured on both sides, and some good chances were missed by the home team, when Jackson, after an exciting bit of play, headed the ball through. Another very likely chance shortly occurred, but the ball went wide. The home goal was now imperilled, and Chapman forced to save, but the visitors returning to the charge succeeded in equalising. Following this the home forwards pressed heavily. A tussle round the goal ensued, but the visitors' custodian averted the danger. The game now became very slow and uninteresting, until Baldwin shot the leather through from a free kick, but the goal was disallowed and was at once imitated by Naylor. Half Time-Walton 2, Heywood, 1.

Following the restart the ball travelled to the home position(?), and Jackson shot the ball, hitting the bar, but Naylor and Jackson compensated by scoring consecutive goals. Jackson soon afterwards scored, and Iddon followed. The home forwards, who in the first half played a poor game, sharpened up and kept the ball almost entirely in the visitors' quarters, the shooting of Jackson and the charges of Baldwin exciting great admiration. Iddon succeeded in scoring twice again."

Athletic News 18/10/87 P.3:"Heywood Central scratched,after arriving on the ground,and then played their full strength."(No lineups)

Higher Walton:E.Chapman(Goal);J.Mather,(T or J)Daly(Backs);J.Baldwin,W.Rose, J.Coulston(Half Backs);W.Jackson,T.Iddon(Right Wing),W.Mather (Centre), T.Naylor,J.Blackburn (Left Wing).

Heywood Central:F.Warburton(Goal);Arthur Glaister,W.Ramsden(Backs); W.Warburton,W.Woosey,Blundell(Half Backs);J.Lomax,G.Pinner(Right Wing), W.Platt(Centre),A.Livesey,J.Cooper(Left Wing).

Referee:Duxbury(Darwen).

BOOTLE 6 (J.Wilding 2,B.Lewis 2,T.Morris,R.Anderson)  
WORKINGTON 0 (H.T. 1-0)(At Hawthorn Road)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)

Athletic News 18/10/87 P.3/Liverpool Mercury 17/10/87 P.7/Liverpool Daily Post 17/10/87 P.7:

AN:"Although the issue between Bootle and Workington was voted a foregone conclusion,the play during the first part of the game hardly favoured such a sanguine view of affairs.For fully 35 minutes play was of such an even character that it really seemed as if the Bootle supporters had "counted without their host". At length,however,Wilding succeeded in squeezing the ball through,and thus at the interval Bootle were leading by one goal to nil.Following the change of ends Workington fell off amazingly in their play,and,as the onslaught was maintained, they were in the end decisively beaten by six goals to nothing. Wilding again scored,Lewis(twice),Morris and Anderson being the executants."(No teams)

LM:"These clubs met at Hawthorn road,when about 3,000 spectators lined the field of play.Bootle started the game,and the Workington goal was immediately made the scene of hostilities.Gurdham,however,removed the danger,and the visiting forwards made an aggressive movement towards the Bootle goal,but Albert Allsop stopped the rush and gave the sphere to Anderson,who along with Hastings sped down the home left.The latter shot but the ball passed outside the posts.Good play was then shown by Watson on behalf of Bootle,who again menaced the Workington goal,but Harrison fisted out,and then the visiting forwards got away,only to be arrested by Veitch.Lewis and Wilding next became prominent on behalf of the "stripes",and Harrison had to work hard to keep his goal intact,a quick shot by Morris nearly scoring.Moorewood and Heys then gave the Bootle defence some trouble but Veitch stopped the danger in time,and play was taken to the centre.From here the Bootle van took up the aggressive movement and laid siege to the Workington goal,which was eventually reduced by Wilding for the first time.Play then continued even up to half time,with no further score having been made.

Upon resuming Workington were again speedily pressed.Woods,with a long range shot from the centre of the field,landed the ball in front of the visitors'

goal, and Wilding scored for a second time. This aroused the visitors, and their forwards put in a fine run. Veitch and Watson were overpowered, and for a short time it seemed as if Workington would score, but Watson speedily recovered himself, and the danger was removed. The home forwards then made an aggressive movement, and the result was that Lewis scored a third goal for Bootle, after a run and pass by Wilding. The Workington forwards then had hard lines, Hayes heading over the Bootle crossbar. Lewis, Hastings, and Anderson next showed up prominently for Bootle, but nothing resulted from their movement. Veitch relieved his side from a raid of the visiting forwards, and Morris getting possession of the leather, ran down the Bootle right. When within range he passed to Lewis, who, however, was robbed before he had time to shoot. A stinging shot, however by the latter was well stopped by Harrison, a few minutes later. A corner by Bootle then resulted, but this was abortive. Morris shortly after scored a fourth point for Bootle from a pass by Anderson. Lewis and Anderson then added a further goal each for the home team, who had the best of the remaining play, although Workington broke away on one or two occasions. The game thus ended in favour of Bootle by 6 goals to nothing."

LDP: "The above clubs, having been drawn together in the first round of the English Cup, met at Hawthorn road on Saturday, before 3,000 spectators, a well played game ending in Bootle's favour by six goals to nil. Izatt and Weir were conspicuous by their absence, the place of the first-named being well filled by Morris, while C. Allsop did his best to fill the position of the Bootle centre half. Workington won the toss, and defended the pavilion goal, the home team having the sun in their faces. Lewis kicked off, and Anderson and Hastings travelled smartly down the wing, the first-named calling upon Harrison to clear a difficult shot. Biltcliff and Harpwood took play to the home end, and Jackson conceded a corner. This got rid of, the visitors were called upon to show what their defence was worth, Harrison fisting out three hard shots in quick succession. Watson pulled up Biltcliff and Watson tried a long shot, which went outside. Close to the home goal Veitch got his hands in the road, but nothing came of the free kick. Lewis and Wilding cleverly dodged the visitors' backs but the only result was a corner, Harrison making good use of his hands. A foul against Workington and the home forwards put on severe pressure, but thirty-five minutes had elapsed when Wilding, in a scrimmage following a corner, shot the ball past Harrison. Just before half-time Workington's goal had some narrow escapes, Morris and Lewis giving most trouble, but the visiting backs defended well, and ends were changed without further addition to the score.

Morewood restarted, and for some time the game was confined to Workington quarters, without, however, any tangible result. Henn and Morewood got into home quarters, the first-named sending in a low shot, which just grazed outside the post. Lewis, Morris, and Wilding were now working beautifully together, and a good centre by Morris enabled Hastings to score the second goal. For once the home backs were at fault, Morewood getting past them both, but shooting badly when a couple of yards from Jackson. This was about the last effort of the visitors, upon whom the pace began to tell, and up to the call of time Bootle held the upper hand, Lewis scoring a third goal, after Harrison had thrown out a good shot from Wilding, Morris the fourth from a centre by Hastings, Lewis the fifth, and the same

player headed through the sixth just on the call of time. For the visitors Guirdham and Harrison showed the best defence, the goalkeeper being frequently applauded for his smartness, and Guirdham paying close attention to Morris and Wilding. For Bootle Allsop and Woods played a good half back game, while the play of the forwards was quite up to the best play of the season."

+W. Izatt and J. Weir (see Sporting Life 15/10/87 P.3).

N.B Izatt appeared for Everton v Bolton FA Cup tie :see Athletic News Association Notes report on that game (18/10/87 P.3): "Izatt, who was expected to assist Bootle against Workington, was among the forwards."

Bootle: J. Jackson (Goal); T. Veitch (Capt.), A. Watson (Backs); Albert Allsop, C. Allsop, F. Woods (Half Backs); (Right), J. W. Wilding, T. Morris (Right Wing), B. Lewis (Centre), R. Anderson, W. Hastings (Left Wing).

Workington: H. Harrison (Goal); J. Brown, A. Guirdham (Backs); J. Henn, H. Brown, L. Kaye, (Half Backs); F. Hayes, T. Botham, A. Morewood (Centre), T. Biltcliffe (Capt.), J. Harpwood (Forwards).

Umpires: J. C. Woods for Bootle

Referee: W. Forrest

HURST 5 (Wooley, Kerfoot, Partington, Others 2) (H.T. 3-1)

ASTLEY BRIDGE 3 (Hall 2, Another) (At Hurst Cross/Ashton-under-Lyne) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)

(F.A. ordered a replay after a protest but then HURST SCRATCHED 22/10/87):

NO LINEUPS FOUND/KR SOURCE SCORERS

Cricket & Football Field 15/10/87 P.4: "When the result of the draw for the National Cup competition became known Astley Bridge were not altogether enraptured, but the trip to Hurst was nicely accomplished, and the day was an excellent one for football. The Bridgeites, however, hardly expected to return home defeated by a couple of goals. The players were pretty confident of success, but they found the Hurst lads in fine trim. Astley Bridge had a fine team, but Hurst had to play several second team players. The Bridgeites kicked off, and Hurst at once took up the attack, and the ball, after two minutes' play, dashed past Knowles amidst frantic cheering from the 3,000 spectators. This was a surprise for the visitors, who did not anticipate such an early disaster. The ball was at once taken to the other end on the kick-off, but Nussey kept the ball out, and would not allow the Bridgeites to get past him. Shorrocks was repeatedly cheered for his fine dribbling. Centring the ball nicely after one of his runs, Hall rushed up, and passing the backs, sent the ball through, thus making the game equal. The play was very exciting, each side showing up better. Hurst soon afterwards took the ball up the field again, and it was once more put between the Bridgeites' posts. Half time arrived with Hurst leading by three goals to one. The Hurst team no doubt deserved every goal, for playing against a stiff wind, they fairly surprised their

opponents. In the second half it was thought that Astley Bridge would at least make a draw, but when Hurst again scored it was all up with the visitors, who were apparently very disheartened. Hall managed to add another point, and yet another was put through. Hurst, however, would not allow the Bridgeites to score further, and when the whistle blew the game ended in a win for Hurst by five goals to three. Scholes and Hall were about the best players for Astley Bridge, and Nussey was the most prominent for the home team.”)(No lineups)

Manchester Courier 17/10/87 P.3(No lineups):”At Ashton-under-Lyne. Astley Bridge kicked off, and play soon became fast. Eaton was very useful in handing out some good attempts. Hurst had the best of the game, scoring three goals to their opponents’ one. On changing ends Astley had the advantage of the wind, but both teams played finely, and scored two goals each, Hurst thus winning by five goals to three.”(No lineups)

Athletic News 18/10/87 P.3:”The English Cup tie between Nussey’s “lambs” and Astley Bridge is now a thing of the past, and Astley have received the “order of the knock”. Perhaps in all the ties decided on Saturday there was none keener than the one up at Hurst Cross. Astley Bridge came with the best intentions, and having beaten Hurst’s first team three weeks ago, and knowing that their opponents could not play three of their “pros.”, Astley believed that they had a sweet thing on, but alas! as Burns says:-

The best-laid schemes o’ mice an’ men gang aft a’glee.

And although Astley played a good game, Shorrocks especially, they were beaten on their merits, five goals to three. Of course, they protested—all clubs do so when beaten by Hurst, and the strangest thing is that, no matter how trivial, if the protesters come from Blackburn way, “the powers that be” invariably sustain them. Why Hurst should be used as a “scapegoat” is a mystery. This time Astley Bridge alleged the ground was too short, but as it was put right after a former protest, surely this last paltry excuse will not be upheld by the Association.”

Nottingham Evening Post 24/10/87 P.2”Astley Bridge v Hurst. This disputed tie should have been played here, but the Hurst men scratched rather than replay a match that they claimed to have fairly won.”

Lancashire Evening Post 22/10/87 P.3:”HURST v ASTLEY BRIDGE. The former club, although victorious in the match last Saturday, have scratched to Astley Bridge in preference to re-playing the tie with a weakened team, as ordered by the Association.”

PRESTON NORTH END 26 (J.D. Ross 7, J.B. Gordon 5, S. Thompson 5, F. Dewhurst 3, G. Drummond 2, J. Graham, J. Goodall, D. Russell, N.J. Ross) HYDE 0 (H.T 12-0) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) (At Deepdale, Preston)

N.B. Hyde were playing with 10 men during the period when Preston were ahead 3-0 until a substitute came on with the score 12-0. This may be only the 2<sup>nd</sup> time there was a substitute recorded in an FA Cup tie.

Preston Herald 19/10/87 P.3/Manchester Courier & Lancashire General  
Advertiser 17/10/87 P.3/Cricket & Football Field 15/10/87 P.4/Lancashire  
Evening Post 15/10/87 P.5/Athletic News 18/10/87 P. 3/Sporting Life  
17/10/87 P.4/Sportsman 17/10/87 P.4:

PH:"The tie between these clubs named was played at Deepdale on Saturday,in favourable weather,and before about 2,000 spectators.The home team kicked off up hill at 3.35,at once getting near the visitors' goalkeeper,but the ball was returned,and Pressdee got well down the right,and even past Ross,until Howarth ran across,with the result that the ball was at once returned to the Hyde territory.Here Gordon,notwithstanding the desperate efforts of Wilson and J.H.Hall,got well up to the goal line,where a corner was conceded,and this was so accurately taken by J.Goodall that Dewhurst headed the ball through the goal, thus recording the first point for the home team before the game was three minutes old.Scarcely had the ball been kicked off than the home left easily gave the go-by to Hurst and Gregory,and Drummond put the ball at lightening-like speed at Bunyan,who fisted from right under the bar,only to have it quickly returned by Thomson,but this shot was also repelled.The attack was kept up though for a minute,Wood and Hopkinson broke away,but only to be turned back by Howarth.A couple of corners next fell to the home team,and Thomson shot hard at Bunyan,Drummond putting the finishing touch on the second goal.Try as they would the Hyde backs could not get the ball away from their goal by many yards,and they good-humouredly put up with the manner they were frequently out-dodged.Seventeen minutes elapsed in this way,when Ross jun. shot a third goal.At this juncture,Bowers,the Hyde centre half-back,retired from the game with a sprained arm.Some of the visitors appeared inclined to roughness,but this did not avail,as just after Ross jun. had given Bunyan a warm one to repel, Dewhurst scored a fourth goal.The pressure continued,though for a while the Hyde forwards got so near to Addison that that custodian had to clear his citadel. Drummond soon scored a fifth goal.From another corner Graham smartly kicked a sixth point,Thomson quickly following with a seventh,Gordon headed an eighth from a pass by Dewhurst,and Ross jun. kicked the ball through for the ninth time. ++The last-named player soon took the record into double figures,while Thomson made the eleventh,Gordon completing the dozen.Half time arrived with the score:-North End,12,Hyde,0. +LEP definitively gives 10<sup>th</sup> to Nick Ross not J.D.Ross in 42<sup>nd</sup> minute:see below

In the second half +another player took the place of Bowers.Just after re-commencing Pressdee and J.Hall put forth commendable efforts to get up the right,but in vain,and in two minutes Thomson shot the thirteenth goal.Trying again,the Hyde forwards at least succeeded in getting the ball over the home goal line,but from Addison's first goal-kick,the ball was strightway taken to the other end,where Thomson scored a fourteenth point.The remainder of the game was played within a few yards of Bunyan,who kept out numerous shots,while others struck the crossbar,and rebounded into play.In seven and a half minutes Ross jun. scored the 15<sup>th</sup>,the remainder of the goals being scored by-Thomson 16<sup>th</sup>,Ross jun. 17<sup>th</sup>,Ross jun. 18<sup>th</sup>,Gordon 19<sup>th</sup>,Russell 20<sup>th</sup>,Ross jun. 21<sup>st</sup>,Gordon

22<sup>nd</sup>, Gordon 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dewhurst 24<sup>th</sup>, Ross jun. 25<sup>th</sup>, and J. Goodall 26<sup>th</sup>. Final result: North End, 26; Hyde, 0."

+Reserve was Knowles: see SL 15/10/87 P.3

MC: "North End played a strong team, and Hyde never had a chance of getting into the home team's quarters. Goals were rattled through in the most easy manner by the home side, points being made by Dewhurst (two), Drummond (two), Ross, jun. (two), Graham, Thompson (two), Gordon (two), and Ross (one), the score at half time being: - North End, twelve goals; Hyde, nil.

In the second half the North End completely penned their opponents, and goals were added at regular intervals. The Hyde custodian played a grand game, and was in no wise to blame for the heavy score piled on against him. North End fired, shot, and passed with the utmost precision. Goals were scored by Gordon (three), Ross (five), Thompson (three), Dewhurst (one), Russell (one), and Goodall (one), the result being a victory for North End by 26 goals to nil." (No teams)

LEP: "These teams met at Deepdale this afternoon, in fine favourable weather, but before only (missing) spectators. The teams took the field punctually at half past three, Sam Thomson, when noticed having a cordial reception. The home team kicked off uphill, the start being a most determined one. Just over two minutes from the start Gregory gave a corner, and Jimmy Ross putting the ball in perfectly, Dewhurst headed the first goal. Again the home side came away with a rush, and shots by Drummond and Thomson were only just saved, the latter at the expense of a corner. The game was now an incessant attack on the Hyde goal, and shots by all the forwards and Jack Ross all but taking effect. At the end of 12 minutes, Thomson put the ball close to one of the uprights, and Drummond, dashing up, notched the second point. The swarming round Bunyan continued, Jimmy Ross being responsible for the third goal at the end of 17 minutes. The game continued all in favour of the home team, a rush by the visiting right ending with Jack Ross giving forward to his brother. He at once rushed forward, finally giving Bunyan a hot one, which he fisted back. Dewhurst, however, applied his head, the result being the fourth goal. At the end of 25 mins. Addison had to make his first kick. Afterwards Drummond was responsible for the fifth goal, and a minute later Graham, with a grand shot, put on the sixth, and Thomson added the seventh with a fairly long swift shot, making the third goal inside five minutes. Three minutes later a grand header by Gordon, off a centre by Dewhurst, put on the eighth, the ninth following a minute later, Ross being responsible. ++ Three minutes from half time Jack Ross placed himself in the proud position of having a goal to his credit. Thomson notched the eleventh, and Gordon the twelfth, at which score the game stood at half time.

On crossing over the visiting left pair became dangerous, but lost their chance by dallying. The rush to the other end was not long in coming, and with it the first goal of the second moiety. The second followed out of a scrimmage, consequent on a grand centre by Russell, Thomson being last to touch the ball. Jimmy Ross immediately afterwards made the North End score into fifteen, Thomson adding goal sixteenth, Jimmy Ross the seventeenth and eighteenth, Gordon nineteenth,

Russell twentieth, Jimmy Ross twenty-first, and Gordon both the twenty-second and the twenty-third. After this North End had an attack made on their citadel, but cleared the danger. At the other end Dewhurst notched the twenty-fourth goal, Jimmy Ross the twenty-fifth, and Goodall the twenty-sixth."

(Summary: J.D. Ross 7, Gordon 5, +Thomson 4, Dewhurst 3, Drummond 2, Graham 2, N.J. Ross, Russell, Goodall, +1 Unrecorded) +Thomson was credited with 13<sup>th</sup> by PH

AN: "Preston North End did not care to trust their second team to play Hyde in the Cup ties, and instead put their full team in the field, with the exception of Robertson and Trainer, J. Goodall playing half back and little Addison in goal. Of course, the match was too one-sided to admit of criticism, and Hyde will have a great respect for North End in future. Twenty-six goals were scored, and all the players, with the exception of Howarth and Addison, had a hand in the goal-getting. Twelve were run up in the first half, and fourteen in the second, and North End had the pleasure of establishing a record in the English Cup Competition. Sam Thom(p)son made his first appearance with the team this season, and seemed to get along fairly well, though his leg is not yet right."

SM: "This tie, which was played at Deepdale, before only a moderate number of spectators, was remarkable in several respects, as during its progress at least two records were made. The Hyde men are not well known in football circles, still they are by no means to be despised. Physically they are quite the equal of the Prestonians, but are entirely lacking in skill. The North End team set out to make a big score with more determination than ever before since they became so widely known. They played their best team except that J. Goodall took Robertson's position at half-back, the latter still being on the sick list. The home team started play up the incline, and right off the determination of the home men was very noticeable, the third kick at the ball almost scoring a goal. The registering commenced when the game was only two minutes and a half old. The next four goals occupied thirty-one minutes and a half, and then three goals were put up in five minutes. But good as this average was it was maintained up to the sounding of half-time, the next four goals being obtained in seven minutes, or in all making seven goals in twelve minutes. When ends had been changed the scoring was more equally performed-six goals only occupied fifteen minutes and a half. After this the home team eased off a little, but before the sounding of time had put on a total of twenty-six goals to nil.

During the progress of the game the home custodian made one goal kick, and had really never once to save his charge, though he twice rushed out. The score of twenty-six goals creates a +record in the English Cup competition, and has seldom been beaten in any other competition or ordinary match. The goals were scored by the following players:- Gordon (five), J. Ross (eight), Thomson (five), Dewhurst (three), Drummond (two), N.J. Ross, Russell, and J. Goodall (one each)."

+THIS IS STILL A RECORD FA CUP SCORE!

SL: "Thom(p)son reappeared in the home team, and J. Goodall dropped back to half back to make way for him."

Preston North End: Addison (Goal); R.H. Howarth, N.J. Ross (Backs); J. Goodall, D. Russell, J. Graham (Half Backs); J.B. Gordon, J.D. Ross (Right Wing), S. Thomson (Centre), F. Dewhurst, G. Drummond (Left Wing).

Hyde: Bunyan (Goal); Gregory, J.H. Hall (Backs); Hurst, \*Bowers/Knowles, Wilson (Half Backs); Jos. Hall, Pressdee (Right Wing), Robinson (Centre), Wood, Hopkinson. (Left Wing).

\*Went off injured when 3-0 and a substitute (probably the reserve Knowles) came on when it was 12-0 after half-time (see PH Report). C&FF Report states Wilson was the player who went off injured.

Umpires: J. Hallsworth for Preston.

Referee: R.G. Barlow (Manchester).

DENTON 1 (Bromley)  
SOUTH SHORE 2 (Parkinson, Hacking) (H.T. 1-1) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) (At Ashton Road, Denton)

Denton scratched (before the game)

Athletic News 18/10/87 P.3: "Denton were down to play South Shore in the English Cup competition, but as several of their men were ineligible, they deemed discretion the better part of valour, and scratched. South Shore, however, had turned up, and it was decided to play an ordinary match instead. The result was that a really clinking game was much enjoyed by some 3,000 spectators, South Shore winning by two goals to one—a result very creditable indeed to the hatters. The South Shore backs and goal-keeper played splendidly."

Birmingham Daily Post 17/10/87 P.7/Lancashire Evening Post 15/10/87 P.5/Cricket & Football Field 15/10/87 P.4/Preston Herald 17/10/87 P.3: "Played at Denton, Lancashire. The South Shore had the choice of ground. Denton however scratched and an exhibition game was given by the seaside men, the attendance being large and enthusiastic. South Shore played against the wind, Parkinson scoring with a beauty. Bromley equalised matters before half time. Hacking scored in the next half. The South Shore won by 2 goals to 1." (No lineups)

N.B Sporting Life 15/10/87 P.3 had the following Denton line-up for the match: J.C. Booth (Goal); G. Siddon, J. Arrandale (Backs); J.G. Clarke, J.E. Edwards, J. Moss (Half Backs); A. Walton, W. Plant (Right Wing), J. Blades (Centre), C. Arrandale, S. Bromley (Left Wing). Dress at Old Soldier's Hotel.

Denton & Houghton Examiner 22/10/87 P.4:

DE: "There was a large assemblage of persons on the Football Ground on Saturday afternoon. Doubtless the great attraction was the belief that the first round of the English Cup was to be contested between the local Club and Blackpool South Shore, but in consequence of their being under the necessity of

playing short of two of their best men if the Cup Tie were proceeded with, the Denton players decided to scratch and to play an exhibition game. The home team played against the wind and for the first ten minutes pressed their opponents heavily, when the ball was suddenly transferred to the other end of the field, and Booth allowed it to slip through the goal somewhat easily. Some exciting play followed this near the home goal posts. The Denton men played up in fine style and made several brilliant shots, but the vigilance of the visitors' goal-keeper prevented them from taking effect, until a little before the call of half time when they got the "leather" through the visitors' goal posts. About five minutes after play was resumed the visitors again scored, and almost immediately afterwards, Denton had a free kick from "hands", which was rapidly followed by a "corner" for Denton, but this was not improved upon. Other grand shots at goal were made, but proved ineffective. As the time for play was closing, the efforts on the part of the home players waxed more and more strenuous, but they failed to equalise matters, and when the whistle blew the score stood South Shore 2 goals Denton 1 goal."

Denton: Booth(Goal) ; Seddon and Arrandale (Backs) ; Moss, Edwards, C. Arrandale(Half Backs) Walton, Plant(Right Wing), Blades (Centre), Clarke, S. Bromley (Right Wing).

South Shore: Langley(Goal), Caffrey, More(Backs), Sharples, Berkins, Wilson(Half Backs), Howson, Berkinson(Left Wing), Thackeray(Centre), Wilson, Acking(Right Wing)

BOLTON WANDERERS 1 (R. Roberts)  
EVERTON 0  
(H.T. 0-0)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Pike's Lane, Bolton)

(F.A. ordered the match to be replayed at Everton after a protest re W.G. Struthers of Bolton not having been registered for a month before the match)

Liverpool Mercury 17/10/87 P.7/Cricket & Football Field 15/10/87 P.4/  
Liverpool Daily Post 17/10/87 P.7/Lancashire Evening Post 15/10/87 P.3(No teams):

LM: "Played at Bolton on Saturday before 3,000 spectators. The home team won the toss, and Goudie kicked off. The Wanderers ran down, and Struthers sent in a shot which went wide of the posts. Then the Evertonians showed prominently, but hands to the Wanderers followed shortly after. Each end was assailed at this juncture, and Howarth at length got the ball, and banged a shot through, but was declared offside. A little later the Everton men got dangerously near the Wanderers' goal, but could not score. Later, Steele sent in a shot to Joliffe, and the ball struck the bar, whilst a minute afterwards he got one past the Everton custodian, and was ruled offside, so that half time arrived without either side being able to score. On restarting the Wanderers made a sudden onslaught on the Everton goal, and Struthers was only just robbed of the ball by Joliffe coming out. The ball continued to be kept in the vicinity of the Everton goal, and after a big

scrimmage Roberts got the ball, and lifting it over the heads of the players, got the first goal for the Wanderers. Next an exciting run by the visitors ended in a fine shot by Watson, but Unsworth just managed to keep the ball out. During the second half Davenport disgraced the Wanderers through striking Dick, who had floored him awkwardly. Towards the finish Everton had a grand chance of scoring, but failed, and the result was a victory for the Wanderers by 1 goal to nil."

C&FF: "In glorious weather between 3,000 and 4,000 spectators gathered at Pike's Lane this afternoon to witness the tie in the first round of the Cup competition, which it would be predicted would be a tight fit. The Everton team, which had been kept secret up to date, was:-(listed). Wanderers (listed). Referee, Mr Sam Ormerod, Accrington. The Wanderers won the toss, and Goudie kicked off right on time. The Wanderers ran down, and Struthers sent in a shot which went to the right of the post. Then the Everton lads showed prominently and delighted their friends, who had travelled to Bolton in strong force. Hands to the Wanderers close in followed, and Everton were again away up the right wing, the defenders of the home goal being obliged to concede a corner. Everton were again well forward, when the Wanderers sustained a claim of offside, and the ball was transferred to midfield. Not for long, however, as the visitors once more ran up and shrieks of "Shoot" were heard as the ball whizzed past the post. The Wanderers' right took up the running, and the next minute "Kenny" was engaged trying to screw in. He got the ball to the centre, but here Struthers dallied and was robbed. Watson sent in a stinging shot at the other end, and a corner was conceded, but nothing came of this. The ball travelled rapidly down the right, and Howarth following up quickly, met the custodian before he could reach it, and banged a shot through. The Everton backs were, however, in front of Howarth when he started, and the inevitable "offside" robbed the Wanderers of what would otherwise have been a clever goal. The game up to now had been tremendously fast, point succeeding point with exciting rapidity, and whilst neither side could claim any advantage, both had deserved to score more than once. Another free kick to the Wanderers promised well, but Owen failed to reach Roberts' shot in time to do any good with it. Next Roberts tried a long high shot but Joliffe repelled, as he did three following in rapid succession, from both sides of the "compass". Izatt made a splendid run up for Everton, and getting the ball well in front of Goudie, had a nice opportunity, but failed to score. A stiff scrimmage on the Wanderers' right resulted in the ball being kicked behind. Directly afterwards Watson brought the ball along, and passing over Cassidy, got the ball past Unsworth. The offside whistle had however just previously sounded, and so both sides remained "as you were". At the other end Owen went very close, spectators holding their breath as the ball travelled towards the goal. The next minute the same player took another shy, and Dick missing his kick it looked as if he must succeed this time, but Joliffe again got up in time to avert disaster. Some pressing on the Everton left was followed by a couple of shots from Farmer and Cassidy, neither of which had the desired effect. George Dobson now put in some useful long kicking, the home right failing to get the better of him, and then Parkinson cleared a dangerous run by the Everton centre by kicking out, a procedure which met with the disapprobation of the Everton contingent on the stand. Half-time was now rapidly approaching, and both sides continued to struggle hard for the initial advantage. Brogan and Davenport caused some

anxiety by a determined rush, and Cassidy made an attempt which went a good deal wide. A foul was then conceded to one of the Everton forwards, but nothing came of the free kick. The Wanderers once more came away, and after striking the bar with a clinking shot, Steel repeated his attempt with the result that everybody thought he scored—except apparently the referee, who disallowed the point on the ground of offside. Half-time now arrived with the game in this position: (0-0). On re-starting the game was soon very much alive as Struthers getting possession made one of his old runs through the centre, and looked like scoring when Joliffe came out in the nick of time. The ball continued to vapour round the Everton fortress, and then both teams rushed together in a body to scrimmage out the ball on dropping from a high kick on the Wanderers' right. Roberts waited his opportunity, and judiciously lifting the ball over the heads of the crowd, scored the first goal of the match to the credit of the Wanderers. Encouraged by success the Pike's-lane team pressed forward, and both "Kenny" and Howarth had shots, though Dobson was a hard nut to crack. An exciting run by the Evertonians ended in a fine shot by Watson, but Unsworth just managed to save, and then Joliffe was once more called upon. Roberts having been penalised for a foul Everton made nothing, and the free-kick through nice passing of their forwards kept the Wanderers' backs busy. Struthers and Steel were prominent in a pretty concerted run, but immediately afterwards "Billy" made but a feeble attempt at a promising centre shot. Much give and take play followed until Farmer had a grand opportunity to distinguish himself, but after waiting to aim kicked with bad effect. Struthers had bad fortune with a fine shot that struck the crossbar and then an unseemly scene occurred. "Kenny" was tackled by Murray and some pushing occurred, whilst the Wanderer had the appearance of attempting to kick one of his antagonists. Directly afterwards "Kenny" was floored by Dick, and on rising he squared up to the Everton back, and struck him on the face. A fight was imminent, and amid a scene of some excitement a few of the spectators ran on to the field. The referee, however, soon settled matters, and play was resumed, with the result that Struthers repeated his feat of striking the crossbar. The game progressed as fast as ever, and the excitement and partisanship exhibited on the stand spread to the players, Davenport once more coming dangerously near to a quarrel with Dick. The Wanderers on the whole did the most of the pressing, though Everton made many attempts to break through the defence, which, however, was thoroughly up to the mark. With the approach of time, as the game appeared every minute a greater certainty for the Wanderers efforts were redoubled. Bullough prevented Farmer screwing in at the expense of a corner which was, however, a cheap get off, as the ball was carried up the field. Brogan tried a long shot which had no chance, and Roberts followed up a throw with a lift over the bar. Hands close in to the Wanderers caused some excitement, terminating with the downfall of Davenport, who was rather severely winded in the scrimmage. Cries of "Do a rush" now greeted the Evertonians, but they could not make any headway, and Davenport and Howarth were well in front when Dick cleared. Directly afterwards Davenport sent a beauty directly into Joliffe's hands, but the whistle sounded with no change in the game. Final result Wanderers 1 Everton 0."

LM Football Notes: "Everton were bracketed with the Bolton Wanderers, and journeyed to Pike's lane, with a team strengthened by Izatt, of Bootle fame."

Bolton:W.Unsworth(Goal);J.McKernon,J.Parkinson(Backs);P.A.Bullough,W.Steel, R.Roberts(Half Backs);J.K.Davenport,J.Brogan(Right Wing),W.G.Struthers (Centre),R.Owen,P.Howarth(Left Wing).

Everton:C.Joliffe(Goal)A.Dick,G.Dobson(Backs);M.Higgins,A.Gibson,G.Murray (Half Backs);W.Izatt,R.Watson(Right wing),D.Goudie(Centre),G.Farmer,J.Cassidy (Left Wing).

Referee:Sam Ormorod(Accrington).

“REPLAY”(Sat Oct 29th)

EVERTON 2 (R.Watson,G.Farmer)

BOLTON WANDERERS 2 (R.Roberts,J.Brogan)(H.T. 1-1)(At Anfield Road, Liverpool)

Liverpool Mercury 31/10/87 P.7/Cricket & Football Field 29/10/87 P.4/  
Liverpool Daily Post 31/10/87 P.7/Lancashire Evening Post 29/10/87 P.3/Field  
7/11/87 P.714/Sporting Life 31/10/87 P.4/Sportsman 31/10/87 P.4:

LM:”In fine weather about 8,000 spectators gathered on the Anfield ground to witness this undecided tie in the first round of the English Cup,and speculation ran high as to which team would win.Both teams were the same as played at Bolton a fortnight ago,with the exception of Struthers,whose place was taken by (+Steel).Punctually to time Goudie kicked off against the wind and sun.The Wanderers ran up and Dick kicked out.From the throw in Watson and Izatt ran the ball down.Parkinson interposed,and Dick gave a corner,but the ball was got away.Soon afterwards Roberts from a long shot,sent the ball through the uprights(LEP:”seven minutes from the start”)(LEP:”with the aid of Goudie”).A dispute took place,the Everton umpire claiming that the ball did not go through, but the referee ultimately gave it as a goal.Nothing daunted the Everton forwards again rushed down the field.The ball,however,was returned,and Steel sent in a hard shot,which Joliffe cleverly saved.Hands against Izattt,and then Farmer made a grand run down the left.A corner only was conceded,from which Higgins kicked over the bar-a nice chance missed.The Wanderers again had a nice concerted run up the field,but Dick spoiled them of their chance by returning the ball.Watson had a nice run,but the Wanderers’ back cleared.Brogan made an attempt at goal, and then Farmer ran down the left,passed the ball to the right wing,and Izatt kicked over.Farmer here had a hard shot at goal,which Unsworth stopped.By a combined rush of the Everton forwards,Watson equalised with a beauty,amidst the ringing cheers of the home supporters.The game up to now had been of a give and take nature,and both sides missed chances of scoring.From the kick off Owen showed some fine tactics.Everton eventually got a corner,but the ball was soon up the field again,and Steel sent a hard shot over the bar.The home team again pressed,the pressure only being relieved by Higgins kicking over.Roberts here distinguished himself,and hands were given against Everton.Following the free kick Joliffe was called upon to fist out a number of shots.Steel made another try for goal,and then Parkinson had to kick out to save.A foul throw in against the

visitors, and Izatt bringing the ball down the right passed it to the left, but Cassidy shot wide. Steel and Owen were playing well when half time arrived, with the score 1 goal each.

On re-starting, Watson quickly took the ball up the field, and missed a chance through falling. Again the Wanderers were at the home goal, and M'Kernan just missed scoring. Joliffe was called upon twice to save; and Dick kicked the ball right over the housetops. From the throw in, the ball was passed to Brogan, who shot for goal, and the ball was rushed through the posts-making goal no 2 for the Wanderers (LEP: "Brogan putting the ball through while several forwards looked after the goalkeeper"). The visitors again became aggressive, until Murray passed to Goudie who tried for goal, and Unsworth saved. The ball continued to travel up and down the field in quick fashion, and then Davenport and Brogan put in a nice bit of short passing, but Dobson compelled "Kenny" to run the ball out. Farmer made another run up the field, and became dangerous, M'Kernan just clearing in time. Foul in front of goal, and then a corner fell to Watson, nothing resulting. The home captain here got kicked on the leg, and play was stopped. On recommencing Brogan became conspicuous, and then Watson sent the ball over the bar. Just on the call of time a corner was conceded to Everton, and the ball being well placed, Everton equalised, amidst the greatest enthusiasm ever witnessed on the Anfield ground (LEP report runs out before this point). A consultation took place, with the result that an extra half hour had to be played. Resuming, the Everton players never gave the Wanderers a look in, shot after shot being poured in in quick succession, for Unsworth to save. As the Wanderers were being pressed, M'Kernan came in for a great deal of unpleasant comment through kicking the ball out of play every time that he had the chance. Try as they would the Evertonians could not score, and one of the hardest games witnessed on the Everton ground resulted in a draw of two goals each." + Not Owen: see below

C&FF: "Having to re-play their tie, owing to the disqualification of Struthers, the Wanderers journeyed to Anfield-road this afternoon. They left per the special train at 1.15, and alighted at Sandhills, where a wagonette was in waiting to convey them to Everton. Great interest was taken in the match, and after the close shave at Pike's-lane, Liverpool people were confident of their team winning, especially as the Wanderers could not play Struthers. The teams were:-(Teams listed). The match was favoured with fine weather, and there were 6,000 spectators. The Wanderers won the toss. Everton kicked off facing the sun. The Wanderers obtained a corner, and then a second followed, but Everton cleared, Izatt and Watson getting well down the field. Kernan stopped Farmer when in a good position to shoot. Seven minutes from the start, Roberts by a long shot, scored the first point. A long shot by Steel was well cleared by Joliffe. Farmer next shot, but only a corner was gained, from which Gibson kicked wide. There was a splendid rush by Cassidy, Farmer, and Goudie, beautifully foiled by Unsworth. Everton came with a rush, but Unsworth headed behind. Again Everton worked down, and Parkinson saved a warm one from Farmer. Gibson passed to Farmer, and the latter to Cassidy, who kicked wide. A fine shot by Gibson was well cleared by Unsworth. Watson scored a beautiful goal after twenty-five minutes' play amidst great excitement. Steel shot over from a good position. Higgins then had a

shot at the other end, and Joliffe saved two good shots well. Half-time: One goal each.

Steel re-started, and the Wanderers at once took the game to the home end, where Everton had several narrow escapes. Everton replied, but Izatt missed his kick, and Steel put in a smart shot from the centre, but Joliffe hit out, and a free kick from the Wanderers was splendidly placed by Roberts, but stopped by Joliffe. The Wanderers now pressed, playing a better passing game than their opponents. Goudie got away, but shot wide. Brogan and Davenport raced back, but a goal kick only resulted. Steel next ran down and Owen headed over. Everton now made a grand effort to get up, but proved weak in front of goal, and the Wanderers worked the ball away, mid-field being the scene of some severe play. Although the light was fading fast, the referee decided that the teams must play an extra half hour, and amidst a scene of indescribable excitement the game was continued. Both sides had marvellous escapes, and at the call of time the game still remained unchanged. Final Result: Everton 2 Wanderers 2

N.B. There is no mention in the report above of the 2 goals in the second half (but see below).

C&FF: "Growls from the Grumbler: "The Pike's Lane contingent was of necessity, somewhat altered, Steel taking the centre rank, whilst little Parkinson, the Derby pet of last week was behind the captain at half-back. Everton thought their previous team good enough to win, especially when favoured with the familiar surroundings of home..." "Mr Sam Ormerod had evidently had enough of refereeing between these doughty warriors - perhaps not got over his "claim and claim again" experiences of a fortnight ago - but this was the only mistake on the "k'rect card" issued, and Mr R.P. Gregson reigned in his stead."

(2<sup>nd</sup> half) "Owen looked like altering the result, but Dick entered an emphatic protest by lifting the leather right over a row of houses. Not long after this Brogan was credited with a really brilliant goal. After struggling under difficulties with three or four opponents on the wing, he sent in a screaming shot; "Kenny" led the van of three or four who charged Joliffe through, and Howarth arrived at the corner of the goal just in time to see the leather pass through. With the game still 2-1, and the Wanderers still pressing, the game looked gloomy for Everton; and despite several attempts at a breakaway, their light seemed to have gone out, until encouraged by Farmer's almost successful endeavour to elude McKernan, they once more asserted a determination not to submit. The Wanderers, however, again banged the leather through, but for some previous error that I could not make out from the stand the point did not count. "Trains wait for no man", however much man may wait for trains, and I was just wending my way out to catch the first express, when I saw Watson and Farmer fail to score when they appeared certain to succeed. The former had the ill luck to strike the corner of the upright and the latter, headed a few inches over. Very hard lines indeed. Directly after George Dobson was injured, and when I finally bade farewell to the enclosure, the Wanderers seemed certain to win, and that with greater ease than on the occasion of the previous encounter. Judge of my surprise, therefore, when on reaching Bolton, I was met with the intelligence that Everton had effected a

draw, and maintained that result even after the extra half-hour. Well done Everton! Bully for the gate next time!"

Everton: C. Joliffe (Goal); A. Dick, G. Dobson (Backs); M. Higgins, A. Gibson, G. Murray (Half Backs); W. Izatt, R. Watson (Right Wing), D. Goudie (Centre), G. Farmer, J. Cassidy (Left Wing).

Bolton: W. Unsworth (Goal); J. McKernan, J. Parkinson (Backs); P. A. Bullough, D. W. Parkinson, R. Roberts (Half Backs); J. Brogan, J. K. Davenport (Right Wing), W. Steel (Capt.) (Centre), R. Owen, P. Howarth (Left Wing).

Referee: R. P. Gregson (Lancashire Association).

N.B. W. Steel (Capt.) moved to No 9 as Struthers was not eligible to play as a forward and D. W. Parkinson (who did not play in the first game) took Steel's place in the Half Back line.

N.B. Everton protested against a decision of the referee, but it was not sustained.

Athletic News 12/11/87 P.2: "About the first business was a consideration of the Wanderers' Exhibition match, and Mr Bentley, the Wanderers' representative, was informed that it was very satisfactory, and the club was not even censured. Mr Nisbet then stated the Everton case, and the Wanderers' representative replied, but previous to doing so he made a formal objection to the protest being considered as it had not been lodged by the referee in accordance with the rule. It was not considered very long, as the two were soon called in the room and informed that the protest had been dismissed, and the tie must be replayed today (Saturday), the Major to be the referee, and Messrs Duxbury and Hughes the umpires." (FA Committee Meeting Tuesday Nov 8<sup>th</sup>)

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

BOLTON WANDERERS 1 (J. Brogan)  
EVERTON 1 (G. Farmer) (H.T. 0-1) (At Pike's Lane, Bolton)

Lancashire Evening Post 12/11/87 P.3 / Liverpool Mercury 14/11/87 P.7 /  
Liverpool Daily Post 14/11/87 P.7 / Cricket & Football Field 12/11/87 P.4 /  
Sporting Life 14/11/87 P.4 / Field 19/11/87 P.788 / Preston Herald 15/11/87  
P.7:

LEP: "These teams met today for the third time in the National Cup competition, the match being played at Bolton, before 5,000 spectators, and in dull, but fine, weather. Teams: - Team (listed). A start was effected at 3.5, the home centre setting the ball in motion. Following a preliminary canter by the visiting forwards, Brogan had an excellent opportunity, but sent the ball flying over the bar. Directly afterwards the home custodian had to save a hot shot from the Everton right, and play for a while continued in the home quarters, Unsworth at one time making a miraculous save. Two corners fell to Everton in very quick succession, but though the pressure was great, nothing resulted. Some diversion was caused by the home

forwards getting well down, and all but scoring, Smalley saving at the critical moment. Play was now exceedingly fast, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed amid the Liverpoolians when Farmer, passing all the backs, scored a magnificent goal, Unsworth being unable to reach the ball. Ten minutes later an exciting scrimmage took place under the Everton bar and the Wanderers claimed a goal, but it was disallowed. In the succeeding quarter of an hour the Wanderers had much the better of the game, but though they had several narrow shaves, they did not equalise. The Wanderers again put the ball through, but the point was disallowed. Shortly afterwards Steel shot over the bar, and the Wanderers continued to have slightly the advantage, but were unable to gain an equalising point, despite the fact that Owen had more than one opportunity. At half time the issue was - Everton 1, Wanderers nil.

On resuming the second half it was noticed that the Wanderers had altered their positions, Davenport going centre forward, and Steel centre half back. This change seemed to work well, Everton being pressed to their own quarters for a considerable time; but their defence was superb, and danger was repeatedly averted amid great excitement. The Wanderers had a free kick within a few yards of the goal mouth, but the ball was cleverly got away, and the play transferred to the other end. The home team made strenuous efforts to get on terms with their opponents, but their shooting in front of goal was feeble. The last few minutes' play was exciting, and amid great enthusiasm the Wanderers equalised. (LM: ...Owen centred, and Brogan scored the equalising point for the Wanderers.) Result - Wanderers 1, Everton 1.

It was thought that the Wanderers would get the match, Everton having played unqualified men" (They did not protest no doubt because of the prospect of a good gate in the replay)

LM: "The Everton men were delayed by their train being late." "...as darkness had come on no extra time could be played"

C&FF: "It is thought that Weir and Smalley are not eligible, they not being qualified on the 15<sup>th</sup> October, the last day for the first round. The matter will be referred to the Emergency Committee, and their decision will probably be arrived at on Tuesday. The Wanderers did not play Struthers on that account."

Bolton: W. Unsworth (Goal); J. McKernan, J. Parkinson (Backs); P. A. Bullough, D. W. Parkinson, R. Roberts (Half Backs); J. Brogan, J. K. Davenport (Right Wing), W. Steel (Centre), R. Owen, P. Howarth (Left Wing).

Everton: \*R. E. Smalley (Goal); A. Dick, G. Dobson (Backs); M. Higgins, A. Gibson, \*\*J. Weir (Half Backs); G. S. Fleming, R. Watson (Right Wing), D. Goudie (Centre), G. Farmer, W. Izatt (Left Wing). \*Late Lostock Hall \*\*Late Third Lanark

Umpires: Duxbury (Darwen) and C. Hughes (Northwich Victoria).  
Referee: Major Marindin (President, Football Association).

THIRD REPLAY: Sat Nov 19<sup>th</sup>

EVERTON 2 (D.Goudie,R.Watson)  
BOLTON WANDERERS 1(J.K.Davenport)(H.T. 2-0)(At Anfield)

Liverpool Mercury 21/11/87/P.7/Cricket & Football Field 19/11/87 P.4/  
Lancashire Evening Post 19/11/87 P.3/Sporting Life 21/11/87 P.4/Sportsman  
21/11/87 P.4/Field 26/11/87 P.824:

LM(Football Notes):"On Saturday the early hour of commencement in no way affected the attendance,as when Struthers opened hostilities the ground was full to repletion,the covered stand being as well packed as the unreserved spots were.""For the winners Smalley made no mistake;Gibson played magnificently, while Dobson and Dick were better than Parkinson and M'Kernan.Higgins was rarely prominent,and Weir,though doing good work,in the latter half,was tame earlier in the game;Farmer,Goudie,Watson,and Izatt played well together,but Briscoe cannot be considered a success.Struthers(about whom all these renewed fights had been rendered necessary)was the weak spot of the Wanderers,and it is evident his day has passed.Nothing unforeseen occuring,Everton will meet Preston North End next Saturday,though it is stated that a protest has been lodged against \*\*Weir and \*Smalley's qualifications."

LM:"Saturday was the fourth meeting day of these clubs in their attempt to get through the first round of the National Cup competition,and,the contest having been rendered famous through previous undecided games,there was a larger crowd of spectators than has ever been seen on the Anfield ground.Punctually at a quarter past two Struthers kicked off,and the Wanderers following up,Everton were at once in trouble,but Brogan shot over the line,and from the goal kick Farmer and Izatt rushed up the left,Goudie taking a centre,and scoring within two minutes.Everton,with this early success,continued the attack with spirit,this time on the right,and with Watson and Briscoe getting up to the line,the former beat Unsworth near the post,which gave the home team a flying start in not more than five minutes' play.The Bolton forwards relieved by good passing,and Smalley was forced to fist out.A throw in near the corner looked dangerous,but Everton,on the ball going behind,moved up the right wing at the lead of Watson, Izatt shooting over.Bolton at once broke away in a rush,and shot wide,when Everton retaliated with a similar movement,and also shot over.Play in neutral ground intervened for a short time and then Weir centred well,Izatt just failing to reach the ball,and missing a chance.Gibson in the continued pressure,tried a long shot,but the Wanderers got off from the goal kick,and took a throw in at the corner.Farmer and Izatt came to the rescue and got within shooting distance. M'Kernan interposed,and Farmer again returned to the attack,to no purpose. Dobson was next called up to turn a movement by a good kick,and Gibson passing up to Goudie,a chance was given,but not taken.Bolton then went down the hill,Dobson clearing by kicking out,when Steel compelled Smalley to give a corner when punching out a puzzling shot.With this let off,Everton went away from the place kick,Farmer,from a pass by Gibson,lifting the ball over the bar; Watson,a moment later,shooting just outside the post.Gibson next contributed a grand bit of play,heading well off Struthers,and otherwise pulling up a forward

raid;and after some exchange kicking by Roberts and Dick,and a free kick by M'Kernan,half time was announced with Everton leading by 2 to nothing.

On Goudie restarting,the visitors at once became threatening;but Dobson was at hand.Again the Wanderers dribbled up,though not permitted to be dangerous,Gibson spoiling the effort.Dobson had to kick up once more,but relief did not come till Everton lines were crossed in a bad shot.A free kick by Gibson further improved the outlook for Everton.Still the Wanderers returned and got a corner. After a check by Dick,Farmer and Izatt put themselves in command,and shot into Unsworth's hands.Both ends were then visited,and Everton were given a corner,which was well placed by Higgins,but as a result of the consequent skirmish,Weir was wide in his shot.Everton continued the pressure,though shooting badly,until a rush by the Wanderers' right,when twice Everton lines were crossed,Struthers kicking tamely.Goudie next had an opportunity,though a difficult one,but the Wanderers' left moved off,a poor shot rolling over;and after Weir had had two attempts to clear,Dobson went to his aid and kicked up,upon which Farmer and Izatt once more made a futile visit to the Bolton goal.Despite a useful kick by Higgins,the Wanderers went up the field in earnest,and upon Smalley fisting out on the right,he was beaten by a return by Davenport on the left.With only 20 minutes left for play the Wanderers put on more energy,and Dobson had to rush in,giving a corner,from which Watson and Goudie dribbled off.A fine bit of passing by the Wanderers' forwards gave Everton an anxious moment.Farmer,however,rushed away,Unsworth safely taking charge of Weir's shot,and on Farmer and Izatt again becoming dangerous,M'Kernan kicked out hard.A kick over the stand gave Wanderers an advantageous throw in,and Everton were put hard on the defence,but the Wanderers' shooting was faulty. Everton then laid themselves out for a defensive movement,kicking out being largely indulged in,whilst near the finish Farmer reinforced the defence line by going half back.With the forwards thus weakened,the home team still gave trouble,Izatt nearly scoring,whilst Goudie hit the bar.Dick took a free kick near the touch line well up,and Gibson headed to Goudie,but the latter just failed to get a kick in,which incident brought about a termination of hostilities,the referee's note of "time" being echoed by a tremendous shout of victory by 2 goals to 1 by the Evertonians."

C&FF:"(The orders of the Committee(through Mr Alcock,the secretary) were to commence at 2.15 and to play on till one or other was knocked out)"

SL:"The two men introduced into the Everton team for the third match-Smalley of Lostock Hall,and Weir,of the Third Lanark(Glasgow)-again appeared with the Everton men,and Struthers,whose non-registration in time for the first match robbed the Wanderers of the fruits of victory won,was now eligible,and re-appeared in his usual place as centre forward."

Everton:R.E.Smalley(Goal);A.Dick,G.Dobson(Backs);M.Higgins,J.Weir,A.Gibson(Half Backs);W.Briscoe,R.Watson(Right Wing),D.Goudie(Centre),G.Farmer,W.Izatt(Left Wing).

Bolton:W.Unsworth(Goal);J.McKernan,J.Parkinson(Backs);P.A.Bullough,W.Steel, R.Roberts(Half Backs);J.K.Davenport,J.Brogan(Right Wing),W.G.Struthers (Centre),P.Howarth,R.Owen(Left Wing).

Umpires:Duxbury and Hughes.Referee:W.H.Stacey,Sheffield.

(London Standard 24/11/87 P.6: Bolton had protested about \*2 Everton players and a special F.A. Meeting was held at which their protest was not sustained and Everton were cleared to proceed with their game against Preston North End) (Subsequently Everton were disqualified after a protest(over 7 Players:see below) but they had already lost their Second Round match against P.N.E.6-1 on 26/11/87.Therefore Bolton were given a bye into the Fourth Round because the Third Round draw had already been made.Actually it was termed the Second Round because Preston had already beaten Halliwell 4-0 in the Third Round on 3/12/87 ) \*Weir and Smalley

At the F.A. Meeting on 5/12/87: Everton were suspended for 1 month for professionalism involving Dick,Watson,Izatt,Murray,Weir,Cassidy and Goudie, none being able to play in a Cup Tie or ordinary game until they had completed their 2 year residential qualification.Bolton were thus reinstated to play Preston North End the following Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> at Deepdale,the latter club having volunteered to meet the Wanderers in order to relieve the F.A. from a difficulty.

FLEETWOOD RANGERS 4 (H.P.FisherW.,Bennett,J.W.Robinson,J.Patterson)  
WEST MANCHESTER 1 (Scorer not recorded)  
(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Fleetwood Copse Ground)

KR Source FLEETWOOD EXPRESS . Fleetwood Chronicle for 1887 not yet available on line

/Athletic News 18/10/87 P.3/ Lancashire Evening Post 15/10/87  
P.3/Manchester Courier & Lancashire Advertiser 17/10/87 P.3:

AN:"Fleetwood Rangers and West Manchester met at Fleetwood.West Manchester having defeated the Rangers last year in the Junior competition to the tune of four goals to one,about 2,500 spectators were brought together expecting to witness an exciting and fast game.Fleetwood won the toss,and even play ensued for about ten minutes,after which the Rangers began to press,and experienced many hard lines,no less than five corners falling to their lot.Shortly before half-time the visitors' left wing broke away.A claim for hands was not allowed,and a goal was scored without opposition,half-time arriving-West Manchester 1,Rangers,0.

On resuming,the Rangers pressed hard,and kept up a regular cannonade, equalising in about five minutes.Fisher did the trick with a magnificent shot,Bennett following suit in less than two minutes.The visitors tried hard to equalise,but the grand play of the home halves was too good for them,Butcher and Roskell,at back,having little to do.Robinson,after several attempts,managed

to add another to the score, which was quickly followed by one from Patterson. No further score was made, and the home team entered the second round by four goals to one. For the visitors, Bolton, Sinclair, and Falconer were by far the best, the latter playing a champion game. The home team were in grand form, Fisher, Patterson, and Stirzaker being the most conspicuous. Special mention is due to Stirzaker, who played a most magnificent and judicious game throughout."

LEP (No lineups): "This match was fixed to commence at three o'clock this afternoon, at Fleetwood, but at the advertised time the West Manchester team had not arrived. At the direction of the referee (Mr Darling), the Rangers kicked off soon after three o'clock and put the ball through the goal. The West Manchester men arrived at four o'clock, when Fleetwood lodged a protest, and claimed. West Manchester kicked off, playing up the field. The game was very fast, and for a considerable time neither side could claim an advantage. But after about half an hour's play West Manchester got their first direct shot at the Fleetwood goal, and Anderton failed to stop the ball. The Rangers played with redoubled energy, and sent in two splendid shots, but both were smartly stopped, and at the interval the score was - West Manchester, one, Rangers, nil.

In the second half the Fleetwood Rangers outplayed their opponents, and scored four goals in succession, besides sending many shots close past the posts."

MC (No lineups): "At Fleetwood. West Manchester did not arrive at the advertised time, and the Rangers played under protest. The Rangers had the best of the game, but could not beat the Manchester goalkeeper in the first half, whereas West Manchester got through the Rangers' goal at the first attempt. In the second half the Rangers scored four times in succession, while West Manchester failed to obtain a point, and the visitors retired defeated by four goals to one."

Fleetwood: M. Anderton (Goal); W. Butcher (Capt.), R. Roskell (Backs); John Sandham, W. Stirzaker, Rigby (Half Backs); J. W. Robinson, W. Wright (Right), W. Bennett (Centre), J. Patterson, W. P. Fisher (Left Wing).  
(SL initials for match but not H. P. Fisher or J. Roskell)

R. Roskell (2 of 3) or K. Roskell (1 of 3): in list of professionals

West Manchester: Beardshaw; G. Falconer, Brooks; J. Kennedy, Sinclair, Ashburn, C. Bolton, Milne, Tomlinson, Chalmers, Lewis.

Referee: Darling.

(The game was played under protest because West Manchester were 30 minutes late: Fleetwood kicked off before they arrived and scored a disputed goal)

(Check Details of protest)

FOURTH DIVISION

Stoke .v. Burslem Port Vale

Leek .v. Northwich Victoria  
Chirk .v. St Oswalds,Chester  
Crewe Alexandra .v. Druids  
Vale of Llangollen .v. Oswestry  
Chester .v. Davenham  
Macclesfield .v. Shrewsbury Town  
Over Wanderers .v. Wellington St George's  
Wrexham Olympic,a bye

STOKE 1 (G.Lawton)  
BURSLEM PORT VALE 0 (H.T.0-0)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Stoke)

The Port Vale Record P.27/AFS:

#### FIND LOCAL REPORT

Lancashire Evening Post 15/10/87 P.3(No lineups):"At Stoke in fine weather before 3,000 spectators.Stoke kicked off against the wind.The Vale pressed,and Randalls headed over,Rowley clearing soon after.Stoke conceded a corner in defence and \*Gray shot past the post.The game now became more even Sayer and Owen causing Morgan to handle.The Vale again pressed gaining two corners in quick succession,and Sayer shot over the bar.At half time there was no score, although Port Vale had had much the better of the game.

On restarting the Vale dashed away.Rowley cleared,and the game became even, Sayer showing his best form.Stoke now played well,Owen shooting over,from a run by Balham.Lawton scored after 15 minutes' play.Stoke continued to press, Balham and Owen putting in good runs,but could not beat Morgan in goal,who played grandly for the Vale.Reynolds,May,and Elson worked well,but failed to score.Sayer shot past the post,and Reynolds run the ball up.Result-Stoke 1,Port Vale 0." \*May

Stoke:W.Rowley;T.Clare,A.Underwood;E.M.Smith,G.Shutt,S.Meakin;  
J.Sayer,G.Lawton,L.Balham,A.Edge,W.Owen.(Stoke History)

Burslem P.V.:W.Morgan(Goal); G.Bateman,W.E.Powell(Backs);F.Bettany,  
W.Elson,W.Poulson(Half Backs);C.Simpson, J.H.Sproston(Rights),  
W.Reynolds(Centre),J.Randells,T.May(Lefts).

(PVR order and initials)(SL 15/10/87 P.3 team for match but different order within positions)

Referee:J.J.Bentley(Bolton)

LEEK 2 (No record of scorers)  
NORTHWICH VICTORIA 2 (T.Lever,E.Bostock)  
(H.T. 0-0) (F.T. 2-2)(After Extra Time)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Westwood Ground,Leek)

Northwich Guardian 19/10/86 P.8/Crewe Chronicle 22/10/86 P.6/Football in Leek 1870-1892 P.79-80:

#### CHECK LEEK TIMES FOR SCORERS AND TEAMS M4215

NG/CC:"This match was played at Leek on Saturday.The Victorians had been anxious to play this match on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst,so that if the game ended in a draw,it could be played off at Northwich,as they did not relish the idea of playing an extra half hour on their opponents' ground.Leek,however,objected to playing before the 15<sup>th</sup>,the last day.The Victorians consequently asked the Association to fix the date,and Leek were ordered to play on the 8<sup>th</sup>.This they refused to do,so Northwich were obliged to play on the 15<sup>th</sup>,and had an intimation given to them that in case the match was undecided at the end of two hours' play,Leek would have to take the responsibility."

NG:"The Victorians were not in such a very grand condition for such a hard game,as it proved to be.In addition to the heavy match they had with the Bolton Wanderers on Wednesday,they were on their way from 8.30 a.m,as Leek is such an awkward place to get to,and stoppages of an hour and three-quarters at Crewe,and of two hours at Stoke,made the journey very tedious and wearying.The team was a strong one.Leek had also their best team in the field."

NG/CC:"Northwich played with a slight wind in their favour in the first half,but uphill.The play was fast and exciting,and for a long time both goals were kept intact. Towards the close of the first half a good run enabled Lever to score the first goal.This was disallowed,however,much to the disappointment of the visitors.Ends were then changed,with no score on either side.

On resuming,the Leek team worked very hard,and had the best of the play for some time,during which they scored twice.With two goals against them,and time passing very rapidly,the outlook for the Victorians was very black;but to their credit,be it said,they stuck to their guns manfully,and making desperate efforts,succeeded,first through the instrumentality of Lever and then of Bostock,in equalising the score,and of cleverly pulling the match out of the fire.By the rules an extra half hour was to be played in the case of draws on the last day,unless two draws have been made,and this was done in the present instance,although under protest from Northwich.Both sides strained every nerve to secure the winning point,but it was not to be gained,and the extra time expired with the score unaltered,and the result still a draw.The game was so hard and fast that both teams were glad to hear the whistle blown for the cessation of play.For Northwich,the two full backs and the goalkeeper played in grand style and made some clever saves.The others played hard,but were not in anything like the form they were in on Wednesday.Leek played well to a man,and as if they meant to win,and it was through no want of energy on their part that they did not do so.Taken on the whole they had the best of the game."

NG:"Unless the English Association strike Leek out of the competition for disobeying orders,the tie will be continued at Northwich on Saturday next.The latter is most probable."

Manchester Courier 17/10/87 P.3(No lineups):"At Leek before 2,000 spectators. In the first half neither scored,Leek pressing severely.Northwich played extra backs.On resuming Leek scored twice.Fifteen minutes from time Northwich scored their first goal,and quickly followed with a second.An extra half hour resulted in no further goals,the match ending in a tie-two goals each."

FIL:"Leek were drawn at home in the first round for the national trophy,and on October 15<sup>th</sup>,Northwich visited Westwood ground to play off the tie.There was no scoring in the first half,but early on resuming the homesters put two goals to their credit.Playing an open game with the idea of adding to their score,Leek allowed the visitors to equalise,and though extra time was played the score remained equal at two goals each."(Teams listed but no initials and forwards order unspecified)

Leek:W.Merritt(Goal);G.C.Wardle,F.Abbott(Backs);G.Tudor,J.Smethurst,  
E.Creathorne(Half Backs);W.E.Allen,J.Brentnall(Right Wing),J.Lowe(Centre),  
H.Stonehewer,W.T.Vickerstaff(Left Wing).

Northwich:T.Fallows(Goal);W.Downes,J.Maddock(Backs);J.Scowcroft,  
W.H.Hughes,E.Cross(Half Backs);T.Hankey,H.Holland(Right Wing),  
E.Bostock(Centre),T.Lever,W.Goulding(Left Wing).

Umpires:G.A.Hughes(Northwich) and T.Armitt(Leek).Referee:H.Brown(Stoke).

REPLAY (Sat Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>):

NORTHWICH VICTORIA 4(H.Holland 2,E.Bostock,E.Cross)  
LEEK 2 (H.Wardle,J.Brentnall)  
(H.T. 2-0)(At Northwich)

Northwich Guardian 26/10/87 P.8/Football in Leek 1870-1892 P.80/Sporting  
Life 24/10/87 P.4:

NG:"This undecided tie in the first round of the English Cup competition was played off at Northwich on Saturday.The weather was beautiful,and brought out 1,500 specatators,about 300 coming by special train from Leek.Both teams had done all they could to get in form,as they knew the struggle would be keen.Leek arrived in Northwich at 11 a.m.,and had luncheon at the "Angel"at 12 prompt, after which they rested ready for the fray.They were short of Vickerstaffe and Allen,the former owing to indisposition,while the latter positively refused to play again.Northwich played the same team as on the previous Saturday.At 2.50 the two teams faced each other,Leek having the wind in their favour.For a space of ten or fifteen minutes the visitors played with great dash,and had the advantage, but could not score.Afterwards the Victorians put on full steam,and scored their first point through the instrumentality of Holland.The game was very even for some time,and then Bostock,after a fine piece of play by Lever,added a second goal for the Victorians.Half time then arrived.

On resuming Northwich pressed, and scored a third goal, Holland again doing the needful with a magnificent side shot. Seeming satisfied with this substantial lead, the Victorians eased off, a fault which many a team has had to regret, and Leek were quick at taking the opening, and Wardle and Brentnall scored twice in rapid succession. Roused by the danger of the position, the home team pulled themselves together again, and quickly placed the issue out of danger, Cross, from half back, scoring a fourth goal, with a grand shot. The game remained unaltered when time was called, and Northwich had won a hard game by 4 goals to 2."

Manchester Courier 24/10/87 P.3 (No lineups): "This undecided tie was played at Northwich on Saturday, in beautiful weather, and before 1,500 spectators. Leek had the wind in the first half and pressed for 15 minutes. Northwich then had a turn, and scored two goals. Shortly after the change of ends Northwich added goal number three. Leek then scored twice quickly, but Northwich responded with a fourth, and finally won by four goals to two. The game was very fast and exciting."

FIL: "The misgivings that Leek would not be able to hold their own when they visited Northwich were fully borne out, and the visit to the Cheshire town on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, effectually put an end to the pretensions of Leek for the English Cup. They were well beaten by four goals to two, notwithstanding that the referee was to be blamed for allowing at least one very doubtful goal for the home team. Vickerstaff and Allen were again absent from the Leek team, H. Wardle and Hambleton taking their places."

SL: "The weather was fine, and there was a large attendance. The visitors had the sun and wind in their favour. At an early stage of the game Maddock gave a corner, which was well placed by Hamilton, but was got away. The Victoria right forwards were soon conspicuous for a nice piece of passing, which resulted in Holland scoring the first goal for Northwich twelve minutes from the start. A corner in favour of Leek was taken by Creathorne who sent the ball behind. "Hands" in front of the Leek uprights gave Northwich an opportunity of increasing their score but they failed to seize it. Lever next got busy on the left, and flooring the six-foot Wardle amid considerable laughter and excitement, enabled Bostock (who was hurt soon after the game commenced) to notch a second goal for the home team. Soon after crossing over Hankey ran the ball down the right wing, and passed to Holland, who put on goal number three. A corner next fell to Northwich's lot, and was entrusted to Hankey, who sent the ball behind. Two other corners were taken by Cross, but nothing came of them. Then Wardle succeeded in getting past the Northwich backs, and shot the first goal for Leek. The game now became much more exciting. Hamilton took a corner for Leek but sent the ball behind. The visitors still pressed for a few minutes, and Brentnall increased their score to two. Cross responded with a fourth for Northwich, and the same player took a corner, but nothing came of it, and a corner in favour of Leek, taken by Creathorne, proved equally fruitless. Nothing else was done, and Northwich left the field victorious by four goals to two."

Northwich: T. Fallows (Goal); J. Maddock, W. Downes (Backs); W. H. Hughes, J. Scowcroft (Capt.), E. Cross (Half Backs); T. Hankey, H. Holland (Right Wing), E. Bostock (Centre), T. Lever, W. Goulding (Left Wing). (SL)

Leek:W.Merritt(Goal);G.C.Wardle,F.Abbott(Backs);J.Smethurst,G.Tudor,  
E.Creathorne(Half Backs);C.Hambleton,J.Brentnall(Right Wing),J.Lowe  
(Centre),H.Stonehewer,H.Wardle(Left Wing).(SL)

Umpires:G.A.Hughes(Northwich) and T.Armitt(Leek).  
Referee:Lamont(Liverpool).

CHIRK 4 (W.Owen,G.Owen 2)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)  
CHESTER ST OSWALDS 1 (Cross) (H.T. 1-1)(At Chirk)

Wellington Journal & Shrewsbury News 22/10/87 P.8/KR Source:Oswestry  
Advertiser/Eddow's Shrewsbury Journal 19/10/87 P.3/Sporting Life 17/10/87  
P.4:

CHECK KR SOURCE OSWESTRY ADVERTISER :1887 NOT YET ON LINE

WJ:"Played on the ground of the former on Saturday.The match was played to see which team would enter the second round of the above cup.As these teams had previously met at Chester,the game resulting in a draw,much interest was evinced in the match.The home team won the toss,and Cross started the globe for the visitors.Just after the start an attack was made on the home citadel,but Wynn saved,and the ball was transferred to the visitors' goal.Some even play now ensued in midfield,but nothing resulted.Two corner kicks were now awarded to the Chirk men,but they proved fruitless.Chirk seemed as though they intended to score,but their efforts were of no avail,for the play of Thompson and Hughes at back,and Everitt in goal,was too good for them.Povey at this time had to handle, and directly afterwards had to kick out.From a grand rush by the Chester men they sent in a shot scoring No. 1,which proved to be their only goal.Up to half time the game was very fast,and as the whistle blew,Owen scored a goal for Chirk,making matters even.On crossing over the home team began to press,but the attempts were foiled by the good play of the goalkeeper,backs,and half backs. After about 25 minutes' play,however,the Chirk men scored three times in quick succession.The game thus ended in favour of the home team by four goals to one."

SL:"This tie was played off at Chirk on Saturday.Chirk won the toss,and Cross started the game for Chester.The Saints at once rushed up the field,and got hands near Chirk uprights,but the ball was sent over.Chirk now pressed and got five corners in succession,but nothing tangible resulted.By a fine combined run Chirk worked the ball up to the Saints' goal,and by a good shot Cross scored the first goal for Chester.Chirk now worked up,and by a fine screw kick W.Owen equalised the score.On changing ends Chirk at once settled down to press,and scored three goals in about seven minutes from the feet of G.Owen(two) and W.Owen(one).St Oswald's played up gamely,and Povey had to stop shots from M'Neil and Cross,but at the call of "Time!" they were beaten by four goals to one."

Chirk:Povey(Goal);J.Jones,T.Wynn(Backs);D.Jones,J.Wyse,P.Griffiths(Half Backs);  
W.Owen,J.Roberts(Right Wing),T.Williams(Centre),G.Owen,G.Griffiths(Left  
Wing).

Chester St Oswald's:T.Everett(Goal);J.Thompson,Hughes(Backs);L.Bebbington,  
R.Roberts,J.Mercer(Half Backs);Jos.Boardman,W.Pixton(Right Wing),  
Cross(Centre),Lunt,Wm.M'Neil(Left Wing).

Umpires:Thomas for Chirk and Tom Jones for Chester.  
Referee:A.H.Hunter(Oswestry).

CREWE ALEXANDRA 5 (E.R.Payne,J.H.Pearson 2,E.Osborne,G.Price)  
DRUIDS 0  
(H.T. 1-0)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Crewe)

Crewe Guardian19/10/87 P.8/Northwich Guardian 19/10/86 P.8/Crewe  
Chronicle 22/10/86 P.6/Wrexham Advertiser 22/10/87 P.3/Sporting Life  
17/10/87 P.4:

CG/NG:"The Crewe Alexandra team played their first English Cup tie on Saturday at home,their opponents being the Welsh Druids.A short time since the Druids were defeated by Aston Villa by four goals to two,since which occasion they had materially added to the strength of their team.A warm hour-and-a-half was therefore anticipated by the railway men,who were still short of Bell.At about 2.40 Price started the leather for Crewe,playing towards the Castle Market end. The home forwards at once got away,but the ball was returned,and Hickton at once caught a shot from R.Davies,which he returned.Again the Crewe men went away,play being exceedingly fast.Osborn passed on to Ellis,and he having been arrested by Bowen,the ball travelled over to the right wing.Here a splendid bit of combined play on the part of Price,Pearson,and Payne ended in the latter sending a lightning long shot clean through the posts from the right corner.Only three minutes had elapsed,and a great shout of applause greeted this brilliant achievement.Play continued very fast,and another opportunity was lost by the Crewe forwards,one of whom shot wildly.A foul fell to the home team near the Druids' goal,but was unproductive,and immediately afterwards a second followed,Humphries having held Ellis in a very ludicrous manner.For some time Payne and Pearson gave the visitors' backs a merry passage,but R.Jones got the ball away,but J.H.Williams kicked out.The Druids now took a turn at the offensive,both the Williams working very hard.After some neutral play Pearson got off,and sent in a fine shot,which J.Jones was successful in punting out.Osborn now gave the visitors a corner,but though the ball was well sent in,it was got away by the home team.The visitors' forwards worked hard,and A.Jones and Edwards were conspicuous;but the home backs were too good,and all attempts to get past them failed.Each side attacked in turn,and the visitors made great efforts to score,but failed.Half time found the game in favour of Crewe by one goal to nil.

On play being resumed,the Crewe men went with a rush for the Welsh citadel, and after a hot scrimmage Pearson scored a second point for Crewe with one of

his familiar low shots. After some equal play, Payne, Tinsley, and Price tried to rush another through, but J. Jones was in good form, and spoiled their attempt. Shortly after Tinsley scored another goal, but it was disallowed, the whistle having been blown for a foul in favour of the Welshmen right in front of the Crewe posts. This looked dangerous, but after a moment of suspense, the leather got away, and Osborn, running down the left until just after the half line, shot from the touchline, and placed the leather clean through the posts, much to the surprise of the spectators. Soon after Pearson made a pretty dodging run on the right, falling on his knees when well down and tackled. But he was up like a shot as the visitors' backs over-ran him, and before they could recover, the plucky "Jackie" sent in a regular corkscrew, which going well down, as usual, quite beat the custodian, and skimmed between him and the posts, amid great enthusiasm. Immediately before the call of time the home forwards again besieged the Welsh goal-posts, and from a tough scrimmage, Price headed still another goal, making in all five, while the Druids retired without having scored a single point."

WA: "These teams met at Crewe on Saturday in the presence of about 3,000 spectators to decide who should enter the second round of the above competition. The ball was set in motion by Price for Cheshire, and the Welshmen at once took up the attack, and compelled Hickton to fist out. The home forwards now got to work, and after about three minutes' play, Payne scored the first goal for the Cheshiremen. Some useful work was done directly afterwards by the Welshmen, the right wing being especially noticeable for good play, but the home custodian could not be beaten. R. Jones next sent in a long shot, which looked dangerous, but the back division of the Crewe were on the alert, and averted disaster. Jones, in a few minutes' time, was called upon to defend his charge, which he did in a creditable manner. A corner, directly afterwards fell to the Druids, the ball being sent behind the posts. A good shot by W. Williams was next cleared, after a bit of nice passing by A. Jones and his partner. After some give and take play A. Jones was again prominent by a fine run, but Cope tackling frustrated his attempt to score. R. Davies was next to the front by a fine shot, which, however, was headed to more neutral ground by Cope. Payne now became troublesome to the visitors' custodian, and sent in a warm shot, which Jones succeeded in warding off. Payne was again on the move, but could not score further before half time was called.

On recommencing it was evident that the Druids were out-done, and from a run by the Cheshire right wing, Jones was early called upon to defend, and the Welsh goal was besieged, the visitors' custodian clearing shot after shot, his performance being cheered by the onlookers. Pearson next exhibited good play, and sent in a "daisy cutter", which beat the Welsh goalkeeper. The home team still continued to press the Druids, and succeeded in scoring three more goals, the visitors failing to score. When time was called the Alexandra had won the tie by five goals to none."

SL: "The Druids team was fairly representative, and Crewe were only short of +Bell (half back) who had his shoulder dislocated in the Welsh cup tie against Northwich Victoria." +Not Kell

Crewe:E.Hickton(Goal);C.T.Conde(Capt.),A.G.Cope(Backs);J.Bayman,  
F.W.Halfpenny,E.Osborne(Half Backs);J.H.Pearson,E.R.Payne(Right Wing),  
G.Price(Centre),I.Tinsley,J.Ellis(Left Wing).

Druids:J.Jones(Goal);E.Bowen,R.Jones(Backs);R.Humphries,R.Davies,W.Williams  
(Half Backs);R.Thomas,J.H.Williams(Right Wing),J.Williams(Centre),A.Jones,  
R.Edwards(Left Wing).

Umpires:F.M.Abraham(Crewe) and Ll.C. Kendrick(Ruabon).  
Referee:R.E.Lythgoe(Liverpool).

VALE OF LLANGOLLEN 1 (J.Roberts) (Sat Oct 8<sup>th</sup> )  
OSWESTRY 3 (George Evans,C.Davies (o.g.),Howell)(H.T. 0-2)

(F.A.ordered a replay after a protest that Oswestry had not registered whole of  
their team)(Sheffield Daily Telegraph 10/10/87 P.7 no teams but confirms  
scorers)

Llangollen Advertiser 14/10/87 P.3/Sportsman 10/10/87 P.4/Wrexham  
Advertiser 15/10/87 P.2:

LA:"These teams met in the first round of ties for the English Cup at Llangollen  
on Saturday.The weather all day was threatening,heavy clouds hovering the  
vale,and just as play had commenced a heavy shower fell,which,by moistening  
the ground,made considerable difference in the game.Contrary to general  
expectations the home team made a gallant stand against their more famous  
opponents,who,but two or three years back won the championship of Wales,an  
honour which,as yet the Llangollen club has laid but a futile claim to.The Vale of  
Llangollen team had been in practice only a few days,and played minus one of  
their best forwards(Bob Roberts)(WA:"...their best forward) while the Oswestry  
players were in splendid form,their passing,and the pace with which they  
covered ground revealing the fact that they had disregarded neither practice nor  
training.The leather was started about half past three o'clock,with Oswestry  
having won the toss,defending the top goal.Play was spirited but otherwise  
uneventful,for some twenty minutes,when G.Evans,an Oswestry forward,drew  
first blood from a goal scrimmage.That was followed ere long by a second goal in  
their favour accidentally kicked by an opponent while endeavouring to defend  
his goal from a similar attack as the one which resulted in the first score.  
(WA:"...the ball being kicked through by Davies,one of the Llangollen players")

When sides were changed,nothing further transpired to alter the game,and  
Oswestry,probably stimulated by the good luck that had already befallen  
them,were rather hard upon their rivals.The emergency,however,afforded  
Oswald Davies,a plucky Llangollen wing player,an opportunity to distinguish  
himself by displaying the finest bit of play witnessed that day.Having obtained  
possession of the ball,he,with admirable courage and great ability,conveyed it  
through thick and thin from one end of the field,and placed it in front of the other  
citadel,but unfortunately the run would have proved totally worthless had it not  
incited greater activity into the home team,which was eventually rewarded,

J.Roberts forcing the leather between the posts.This success infused for a time new blood into them,and immediately another determined run was made,but the ball was sent behind.Llangollen,however,soon after,when Oswestry got their third and last goal,betrayed signs of exhaustion.The goal was obtained from a foul a few yards from the posts,Oswestry alleging that the ball before going under the bar had touched Simon's shoulder,which the other side questioned,but the referee declared a goal.That closed the score,so that when the whistle sounded,the game stood-Oswestry,three goals;Vale of Llangollen,one.Oswestry played a magnificent game throughout,while Llangollen,with one or two changes and regular practice,will stand a good chance of gaining a favourable position in the Welsh Cup competition.It might be added that the players in the home team who created the most favourable impression were Oswald Davies,J.Jones,and B.Simon."

SM:"In this tie,at Llangollen,on Saturday,Oswestry were fully represented,but Llangollen were without their best forward,+B.Roberts.After some fairly even play for twenty minutes,the first goal was scored for Oswestry by G.Evans.A quarter of an hour afterwards,the Llangollen centre half-back put the ball through his own goal by mistake.A third point was disallowed for off-side,and the score at half-time stood-Oswestry two goals,Llangollen none.In the second portion Roberts and Howell notched points,and the Oswestry side thus won by three goals to one."+Not R.Roberts

Vale of Llangollen:G.Morris(Goal);W.E.Jones,B.Simon(Backs);C.Davies,E.Jones, J.Jones (Half Backs);E.Evans,Oswald Davies(Right Wing),J.Richards(Capt.) (Centre),E.T.Davies,J.Roberts(Left Wing).

Oswestry:R.T.Gough(Goal);S.Powell(Capt.),George Plimley(Backs);T.Davies, T.Ellis,W.Howell(Half Backs);H.W.Sabine,J.Roach(Right Wing),J.Evans(Centre), George Evans,A.R.Wilcock(Left Wing).

Umpires:F.Evans(Llangollen) and A.Farmer (Oswestry).  
Referee:M.Earlam(Davenham)

(F.A. ordered tie to be replayed at Llangollen again because Oswestry had not registered all of their players)

"REPLAY":(Sat Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>):

VALE OF LLANGOLLEN 0

OSWESTRY 2 (H.W.Sabine,J.Evans)(H.T. 0-2)(At Llangollen)

LlangollenAdvertiser 28/10/87 P.3/Oswestry Advertiser CHECK/Wrexham Advertiser 29/10/87 P.3/Sportsman 24/10/87 P.4(No teams)/Sporting Life 24/10/87 P.4:

CHECK OSWESTRY ADVERTISER

LA: "Thanks to the vigilance of the English Football Association, on Saturday Oswestry had to once more face Llangollen in the first round of ties for the English Cup, and again on the Llangollen ground, owing to the fact that they had not registered the whole of their players. The weather was most favourable, and the ground in excellent condition. Oswestry played the same team to the man, but not so Llangollen, who, again having to dispense with the services of B. Roberts, as well as those of Oswald Davies and J. Roberts, had to make considerable change, and so placed the following men on the ground: (see below)

The ball was kicked off by Oswestry at 3.30, with the home team defending the bottom goal, and for a time the play on each side was of about equal merit, but ere long the visitors showed their superiority, and fairly penned their opponents. The Llangollen wings being extremely weak, almost the whole of the defensive work fell to the lot of the backs and the goalkeeper, and thus matters stood for about thirty minutes - the keeper supported by his comrades, being fully occupied in bravely defending the citadel from the attacks and the tantalising shots of the enemy - when from a scrimmage in close proximity, Sabine cleverly sent the leather through. When the ball was restarted, Oswestry made a splendid charge down the ground, and in less than two minutes had scored their second goal, a well-directed shot by J. Evans placing the ball between the posts at the furthest top corner. Apparently alarmed at this unexpected piece of ill-luck, Llangollen, instead of losing courage, made a commendable attempt to release themselves from their dire position, with the result that after crossing the territory they soon caused some uneasiness to Gough, the goalkeeper. However, no further score had been made when sides were changed.

Llangollen did not give Oswestry so much liberty the last half of the game, but played more pluckily, though they failed to display any fine passing, so conspicuous a characteristic of the visitors, G. Evans especially making some grand points. Time was called without any further change in the score, and the cheer at the close declared Oswestry to be the winners by two goals to none. The score in the first instance, as will be remembered, stood - Oswestry, three goals; Llangollen, one. Notwithstanding that Saturday's result was more favourable to Llangollen, the assistance given by the forwards was not equal to that given on the former occasion, so that the laurels this time fall to the share of the backs and the able goalkeeper, who, though heavily pressed, fisted away most awkward shots. It was pleasant to notice our old favourites, John Jones and Ll. Jones, again in harness, and may they give their valuable help to win many a coming match. The roudy element, which we much regret became somewhat conspicuous on Saturday, should be immediately coped with and firmly put down. "Oswestry will now run to the third round, being a bye in the second."

SL: "These teams, having been ordered to re-play their match in the first round of the competition, met on Saturday at Llangollen. The teams were first ordered to meet at Oswestry, but on Friday a message was received ordering the match to be played at Llangollen. Both teams were fully represented. In the first half, after some rough play, the visitors succeeded in scoring twice. In the second half the crowd were rather unruly, but no other points were scored, and when the whistle sounded for time, Oswestry had won by two goals to none." (No teams)

Vale of Llangollen:M.Griffiths(Goal);W.E.Jones,B.Simon(Backs);Llew Jones, Jos Jones,John Jones(Half Backs);E.Evans,J.Richards(Right Wing),Evan Jones (Centre),E.T.Davies,Cromwell Davies(Left Wing).

(LA specified positions)(WA specified positions have G.Morris;W.E.Jones,J.Jones; J.L.Jones,O.Davies,J.Jones and same forwards except reverses 10/11)(Keeping Llangollen Paper lineup as it is the local paper)

Oswestry:R.T.Gough(Goal);S.Powell(Capt.),G.Plimley(Backs);W.Howell,T.Ellis, T.Davies (Half Backs);H.W.Sabine,J.Roach(Right Wing),J.Evans(Centre), George Evans,A.R.Wilcock(Left Wing).

(Probably A.R.Wilcock not W.Wilcock: as in WA:CHECK OA both games)

Umpires:J.E.Jones for Llangollen and A.Farmer for Oswestry.  
Referee: J.Meredith(Druids)

CHESTER 2 (J.Higginson,\*Unknown)  
DAVENHAM 3 (R.Leach,J.Stanley,L.Stringer)  
(H.T. 2-1)(F.T. 2-2)(After Extra Time)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Chester)

\*Carty took the corner.

Cheshire Observer 22/10/87 P.2/Crewe Chronicle 22/10/87 P.6/Sporting Life 17/10/87 P.4/Northwich Guardian 19/10/87 P.8(No teams):

CO:"A large concourse of spectators assembled on the Chester ground on Saturday to witness the encounter between the above teams in the first round of the English Cup Competition.Neither team was fully represented,the Chester team being without the services of T.Jones,and his position was unfilled for about ten minutes after the commencement of the game,Lowe being at Saltney with the second team.Winning the toss,the Cestrians elected to play downhill with the sun in their eyes.They made an excellent beginning playing steadily and combinedly, and the ball was speedily taken into the visitors' quarters,Carty feeding the forwards continually.Against their opponents' much improved passing form,the Davenham backs were utterly unable to contend,the result being that a sharp shot was sent in by Clare and the leather striking the crossbar rebounded.+The Cestrians claimed a goal on the ground that the ball was through the posts before the custodian fisted it out.The referee,however,decided against them;but soon after another run down was effected,and this time Higginson on the extreme left was successful with a grand shot.On restarting,each side pressed alternately,the visitors' backs kicking out to save on numerous occasions.Corners were frequently conceded,but the Davenham goalkeeper kept his charge intact for some time,and after several brilliant runs on the left by Stringer the visitors equalised.Chester renewing their efforts and playing coolly again,exhibited some good passing and obtained several corners.From one of them,entrusted to Carty, the ball was headed through,constituting the second goal for the home team.The remainder of the play in the first half,which was fast and exciting,was slightly in

favour of the visitors. At the call of half time the score stood - Chester, two goals; Davenham, one. On restarting the visitors assumed the aggressive, and after considerable give and take play they succeeded in scoring their second goal. Blake was now repeatedly called upon to exercise his defensive skill, which he did in a very clever manner. The strength of the backs was also severely tried, the forwards being in distress, and unable to make any progress. The play, however, was very stiff, and owing to the invaluable services of the backs, Davenham were unable to make any further impression until the call of time. The game being then equal, it was decided to play an extra half hour, and during that period Stringer succeeded in notching the winning point for the visitors." + see CC Report below

CC: "The Chester goal-keeping told considerably against their adversaries' play, and won for Chester a tie up to the call of time."

"The Chester team then played up hard and made a magnificent try for a goal, but the ball touched the bar, and it was not allowed, although it was undoubtedly seen to go through by more than one of the spectators on the reserved side of the field, and considerable dissatisfaction was expressed at the judgment."

"Blake was "chaired" to the Ermine Hotel, amid a scene of excitement rarely witnessed. This gentleman has a brilliant future ahead of him."

SL: "This match took place at Chester in fine weather, and before about 2,000 spectators. Chester won the toss, and Roberts, for Davenham, kicked off against the wind. Chester at once took up the aggressive, and after some good play, appealed for a goal, which was disallowed. After Davenham had made an unsuccessful attempt, the home forwards obtained three successive corners, which came to nil. After about twenty minutes' play, Higginson scored first goal for Chester. Shortly after, the visitors worked up, and Leather made matters even, and before half-time was called Chester had added another point. In the second half Davenham, with a slight wind in their favour, went to work with a will, and were very nearly scoring. After the Chester had obtained a free kick for a foul, the Davenham forwards again got to work, and compelled the home goal-keeper to save. Chester were next prominent, Turner doing a good run, which ended in a corner for Chester, which was unsuccessful. Vernon now made a good shot for the visitors, the goal-keeper conceding a corner, from which Stanley made matters even before call of time. It was decided to play an extra half hour, Davenham winning by three goals to two."

Chester: W. Blake (Goal); W. V. J. Walley (Capt.), T. Walker (Backs); F. Lee, E. Carty, C. Lowe (Half Backs); A. Turner, T. Fleming, J. McMillan, H. Clare, J. Higginson (Forwards). (Chester History order)

Davenham: F. Leather (Goal); J. Moss, H. Goulding (Backs); Vernon, A. Pye, W. Goulding (Half Backs); R. Leather, W. Rowbotham (Right Wing), T. Roberts (Centre), L. Stringer, J. Stanley (Left Wing).

Umpires: H. Roberts and E. Johnson. Referee: J. Cooper (Wolverhampton).

MACCLESFIELD 1 (Armitt) (H.T. 1-1) (At Macclesfield)

SHREWSBURY 3 (H.Pearson 3)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)

Eddow's Shrewsbury Journal 19/10/87 P.3/Wellington Journal & Shrewsbury News 22/10/87 P.8/Macclesfield Courier 22/10/87 P.7???

ESJ:"A strong team was originally picked,including-Forwards,Rowlands and Roberts(left),Pearson(centre),Brazier and Watkins(right);half-backs,Stanford, Steadman,and Morris;backs,Jones and Salt;goal,Roberts.When,however,they assembled at Shrewsbury Station it was seen that only ten men were present. Bowdler,however,went by a later train,to take Rowlands's place.The Macclesfield team was as follows:-Goal,Morton;backs,Millington and Hall;half-backs,Gaskell and Plant;right wing,Bayley and Taylor;left wing,Armitt and Howarth;centre, Upton and Jepson.Umpires ,Messrs Mcillraith and Bancroft.Referee,Mr Johnson (Stoke).

Several hundred spectators lined the ropes when the teams appeared.Salt won the toss for Shrewsbury,who played one man short.Macclesfield commenced a terrific onslaught on the visitors' goal,the result being a goal within two minutes of the commencement.This pressure was resumed,and Roberts,the goal-keeper, had a warm time of it for some minutes.Here Salt and Jones saved over and over again,and had it not been for the grand form displayed by these two players, Shrewsbury must have suffered heavily within the first half hour.Shrewsbury at length had a chance,and Watkins made a plucky effort to score,the golkeeper having to use his hands.Watkins again did excellent service,as did also Brazier, who put in a shot just skimming the goal post.He was warmly cheered by the spectators.The game now became perhaps the most exciting one witnessed round Macclesfield for an age,and both goals were attacked in quick succession, but the custodians thereof were equal to the occasion,except once when the home man failed to stop a shot of the Shrewsbury forwards,matters being thus equalised.Macclesfield again took up the offensive,and Roberts had to fight hard for his position,but he successfully held it against a series of most determined attacks.Thus matters remianed when the half-time whistle blew.Half-time result:Shrewsbury 1 Macclesfield 1.

On resumption of play Shrewsbury were reinforced by Bowdler and the game was taken up in earnest.To say that the whole team worked to a man would be no exaggerated description of the play,the tables were completely turned on Macclesfield,and do what they would they were unable to withstand the quick scientific game of the Shrewsbury forwards,they had nothing-comparatively nothing-to counteract the sad havoc + Bowdler and Brazier on the one wing and +Watkins and Roberts on the other were making,neither were they able to cope with the capital passing game of the backs and half-backs,and the result was that, despite the tolerably strong wind which was blowing in their faces,Shrewsbury managed to score two more goals before the "time" whistle blew.It is only fair to state that Macclesfield struggled hard to make up their lost ground,but being a somewhat heavy team,and failing to keep up the good form they exhibited in the earlier part of the game,they could score nothing,and the game resulted:- Shrewsbury 3 Macclesfield 1."

WJ & SN: "Played on the ground of the latter (i.e. Macclesfield) on Saturday. The visitors won the toss, and began to play with only 10 men, Bowdler arriving later on. About two minutes from the start Macclesfield scored their first and only goal. Some fine play was now exhibited by the Shrewsbury backs and goalkeeper, who saved several splendid shots. Watkins and Brazier did good service for their side, the latter player sending in a shot which just skimmed the goal post. The game now became very exciting, the Salopians sending in a shot which the Macclesfield goalkeeper was unable to save, thus equalising matters. No more goals were scored by either side up to the call of half time, when the teams crossed over.

On restarting the game the Shrewsbury men were joined by Bowdler, and they managed to score two more goals before the call of time. The play of the Shrewsbury team was all that could be desired, Bowdler, Brazier, Watkins, and Roberts doing all they could to win. Macclesfield were unable to keep up the good form they exhibited at the commencement of the match, and eventually the Shrewsbury men won a good game by three goals to one." (No teams)

Macclesfield: Morton (Goal); Millington, Hall (Backs); Gaskell, Plant (Half Backs), Bayley, Taylor (Right Wing), Upton, Jepson (Centres), Armit, Howarth (Left Wing)

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(MC gives the following (i.e. missing Gipton, Bayley, Armit and including Lee, Smith, Morton (twice):

Morton, Plant, Hall, Millington, Lee, Gaskell, Howarth, Smith, Jepson, Morton, Taylor (Missing out the scorer Armit probably in place of second Morton which may be an error: that is missing )

Shrewsbury: G.R. Roberts (Goal); E.N. Salt, J.H. Jones (Backs); W. Morris, W. Steadman, G. Stanford (Half Backs); J. Watkins, G. Brazier (Right Wing), H. Pearson (Centre), C. Bowdler, J. Roberts (Left Wing).

+N.B. Statement re wings different in ESJ report

Umpires: Mcillwraith and Bancroft. Referee: Johnson (Stoke).

OVER WANDERERS 3 (W. Hulse, G. Bailey, Bennett) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) (H.T. 2-1)  
WELLINGTON ST GEORGE'S 1 (Murphy) (At Over Ground, Winsford).

Wellington Journal & Shrewsbury News 22/10/87 P.8/Northwich Guardian  
19/10/86 P.8/Crewe Chronicle 22/10/87 P.6:

WJ: "Played on the ground of the latter (i.e. Over Wanderers) on Saturday. By an unfortunate oversight, St George's had, until two or three weeks ago, neglected to register their amateurs, and as the Association (in the case of mixed teams at least) requires that both amateur and professionals shall be registered a month before participating in any English Cup tie, the Saints had consequently only eight men eligible to take part in Saturday's match. Thus it was almost a foregone

conclusion that the Cheshire men could not fail to secure a victory under the circumstances; but, notwithstanding the tremendous odds against them, the Saints, with only eight men, and one of them practically a cripple, journeyed to Over on Saturday to fulfil their engagement, determined at least to do their level best, and they did it. Arriving at Winsford, it was found the field was fully a couple of miles away, and as this distance had to be traversed on foot, the circumstances was another obstacle in the way of the Saints' success. There was a tolerably large number of spectators, and these could not but admire the plucky way in which the visitors played. St George's had apparently some difficulty in arranging their "eight", but as the teams faced each other it was seen that Murphy took the right wing, Williams the left, Roden played centre, Pickering and Phillips half back, while Pearce, Jones, and Luter were in their usual places. The positions of the men, however, were afterwards changed on several occasions, Jones after a time going from back, and taking the left wing, and Williams the right, Murphy going centre, and Roden back. The Wanderers won the toss, and for the first half played uphill against the slight wind which prevailed. Roden started the ball, which was carried into the Wanderers' half, and a foul off one of the home team near goal was awarded the Saints, but Murphy kicked behind. For some little time the visitors continued to more than hold their own, and soon afterwards Murphy would probably have scored had he not been prevented in a very unfair manner, two of the home team charging him over, as he was making for the ball, which was eight to ten yards distant, and leaving their back to return the ball. This sort of play was carried on more or less during the greater part of the game, and as the Saints had only three forwards it can readily be supposed that they had very little chance against their numerically stronger opponents. Still they continued to play up desperately, Over also at this time putting in some good forward play, and but for wretched shooting might have scored, the ball on two or three occasions being shot high over the bar. A long kick by one of the visitors' backs gave the Saints' forwards another chance, and they were not slow to avail themselves of it, for the three dribbled and passed in a very pretty style through the half backs and beyond the backs, but the final effort only produced a bye-a near one, though. The Wanderers retaliated, and for a time the play was entirely carried on in the visitors' territory, Luter on one occasion fisting out well, but really the backs were seldom beaten. Time after time they cleared, but before their forwards could get near the ball it was back again in the vicinity of the Saints' goal, once more to be returned by Pearce, Jones, Phillips, or Pickering. At length, the home team put in a good run, and opened their account with a very easy goal, which Luter would probably have saved had the backs not been so close upon him. Nothing daunted the Saints still kept at it vigorously, but they could not prevent the home men securing their second goal, almost in a similar manner to the first, both having been put on in about half an hour. It was the Saints turn to be in the ascendancy now, and from the restart the three forwards put in one of the most neatly executed runs of the day. Neither the half backs nor the backs could touch them, and then, when in front of, and but a few feet from goal, Jones (who was now playing forward) passed to Murphy, who shot through making first goal for St George's. The point was appealed as being offside, but the goal was allowed, and as the Saints proceeded to the centre of the field, a hearty round of applause was accorded them. At half time the score was unaltered, the Wanderers leading by two goals to one. It is useless to go through the second half of the game in detail;

suffice it to say that it was greatly in favour of the home team. Pearce, Roden, and Phillips, however, for a long time kept the opposing forwards at bay, and Luter had not more than a couple of shots to stop, which he fisted out. Time after time Pearce and his compatriots repelled their opponents, and the Saints' defence appeared impregnable until at length one of the home backs sent in a long shot from right on the centre line, straight for the goal. Luter hit at it, but though he caught it, there was so much screw on that it twisted off his hand through the goal, and the Wanderers thus registered their third goal, the cheering being loud and continuous. There still remained a long time to play, but so well did the visitors' backs defend, that the score remained unaltered at the call of time. Jones played a most determined game on the left, and several times the Wanderers' goal was in imminent danger, but the referee's whistle sounded with the score still the same, and St George's were defeated (though not disgraced by any means) by three goals to one. Taken as a whole the game was not a first class one, and if St George's had had their full team on the field there can be no reasonable doubt but that they would have won with something in hand; indeed had Luter kept goal as he has done on many other occasions, the result would no doubt have been at least a draw, but still he could hardly be blamed for the two first that went through, as it is probable that he never saw them until they were over the line, the backs being too close upon him."

NG: "This cup tie came off on Saturday, at Over. The weather was all that could be desired, and a large concourse of onlookers witnessed the game. The visitors brought their full team, but they had made a fatal mistake in not having them all registered; consequently, only eight of their men were eligible. Nothing daunted, however, they played a stubborn game. Over played their usual team."

"J. Dodd won the spin, and the visitors kicked off. The game at once became fast and exciting. The visitors, however, were soon found wanting, Finney and Bailey getting nicely away on the right, the former putting a beauty across, when W. Hulse, just in the nick of time, put on the finishing touch, and scored a neat goal. The home team continued to press, and a corner was conceded to Over. Nodes put it nicely in, from which Bailey headed a second goal. Shortly after the Saints broke away, and through a misunderstanding between the Wanderers' backs and goal-keeper, who were appealing for off-side, the visitors were allowed an easy goal. Half-time was now called, and on changing ends the home team, with the sun at their backs, kept up a continual bombardment on the Wellington goal. The backs, however, defended grandly for some time, until Bennett, with a tremendous shot, brought about another downfall of the strangers' fortress. J. Dodd received a slight twist of the knee, but it is hoped nothing serious. All played well for the Wanderers." (CC has this last paragraph in full as its Report)

Over Wanderers: T. Walker (Goal); Phillip Bennett, Nathan Hatton (Backs); Thomas Noden, Chas Hatton, E. Hulse (Half Backs); A. Finney, G. Bailey (Right Wing), J. Dodd (Capt.), W. Hulse, J. Stoneley. (Forwards).

Wellington St Georges: A. Luter (Goal); B. Pearce, R. Jones (Backs); J. Pickering, W. Phillips (Half Backs); P. Murphy (Right Wing), J. Roden (Centre), W. Williams (Left Wing) (only 8 men because 3 not registered)

Umpire:E.Edkins(Over Wanderers) and W.Dodd(Wellington).  
Referee:C.L.Hughes(Liverpool/,Cheshire Association).

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#### FIFTH DIVISION

Draw:

Aston Shakespeare .v. Burton Wanderers  
Walsall Swifts .v. Wolverhampton Wanderers  
Walsall Town .v. Mitchell St George's  
Warwick County .v. Birmingham Excelsior  
Small Heath Alliance .v. Aston Unity  
Stafford Road .v. Great Bridge Unity  
West Bromwich Albion .v. Wednesbury Old Athletic  
Burton Swifts .v. Birmingham Southfield  
Oldbury Town .v. Aston Villa

ASTON SHAKESPEARE 2(H.Wilson ,Roberts)  
BURTON WANDERERS 3 (W.Murfin,T.Bancroft,Untraced 1)  
(H.T. 2-0)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Aston Cross)

(F.A. ordered replay after protest)(BSN gives Wilson 2 as Aston Shakespeare Scorer)

KR Source Birmingham Saturday Night/Birmingham Daily Post 17/10/87 P.7/  
Lichfield Mercury 21/10/87 P.3/ Sporting Life 17/10/87 P.4:

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BDP/LM:"The above teams met at Aston Cross.About 1,500 spectators lined the ropes.Shakespeare won the toss,and elected to play downhill.The Wanderers pressed hard,and Sheffield had to give two or three corners.The home team played in fine style,and after thirty minutes' play Wilson obtained the first goal for the Shakespeare,and afterwards the game became faster,and soon Roberts put the leather through the posts,making the second goal.At half time the score was-Shakespeare 2;Wanderers 0.

Upon changing ends the visitors played with more vigour,and after about fifteen minutes' play,Murphin scored.The excitement now increased,and about six minutes before time the Wanderers scored a second goal.A draw now seemed inevitable,but from a corner,just half a minute before time,the visitors scored the winning goal.The match ended in a win for the Burton Wanderers by 3 goals to 2."(LM has same report but has no teams)

Burton Chronicle 20/10/87 P.3:"Played on the ground of the former,before a large concourse of spectators.The game was hardly fought from first to last.

Shakespeare won the spin of coin, Burton kicking off. Seizing the ball the Wanderers rushed away, but the home backs repulsed. The Shakespearians retaliated, and the Astonians at length scored. Fast play ensued, each in turn pressing. It was an exciting game, the Burton club winning by 3 goals to 2." (No teams)

SL: "This English Cup tie was played at Aston Grounds, Birmingham, on Saturday. The game was fast from the opening. The Shakespeares, by perseverance, got the upper hand, and Wison and Roberts each scored. At half-time they were two goals ahead. The Wanderers in the second half played a desperate game, and Murphy soon scored. A second point was put through, and a third was secured a minute or so before time, leaving the Wanderers the winners by three goals to two."

Aston Shakespeare: T. Garvey (Goal); Ravenhill, Yates (Backs); Ludford, Roberts, Solloway (Half Backs); Wilcox, + W. Garvey (Right Wing), H. Wilson (Centre), J. Turner, B. Garvey (Left Wing). + Check initial

(BSN has a different order and has 4<sup>th</sup> Garvey for BDP Ravenhill)

Burton Wanderers: A. Sheffield (Goal); J. Black, J. Collins (Backs); Tunncliffe, R. Scattergood, G. Chandler (Half Backs); F. Buxton, W. Murphin (Right Wing), J. Bancroft (Centre), T. Bancroft, W. Fellows (Left Wing). (BSN has the initials)

"REPLAY":

ASTON SHAKESPEARE walked over BURTON WANDERERS who scratched:

Birmingham Daily Post 24/10/87 P.7: "Burton Wanderers v Aston Shakespeare. This match should have been played on the latter's ground, but the Wanderers scratched."

WALSALL SWIFTS 1 (J. Higgins) (As per Walsall History)  
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 2 (T. Hunter, "scrimmage")  
(H.T. 1-1) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) (At the Chuckery, Walsall)

Walsall Observer 22/10/87 P.3/Birmingham Daily Post 17/10/87 P.7:

FIND WOLVERHAMPTON PAPER

WO: "These teams met on Saturday last, at the Chuckery, to decide who should have the honour of passing into the second round of the National Cup competition. There were between 4,000 and 5,000 persons assembled to witness this match, made all the more interesting from the fact that the two teams on the previous Saturday made a draw in the Birmingham Cup competition.

Winning the toss, the Swifts' captain chose to kick with the wind and hill in their favour; and from the "spot" kick the visitors at once made tracks for the home goal, but the backs were in the way, and the ball was sent whizzing down the field,

where the home forwards made things pretty lively for the "Wolves' " backs. They, however, for a time cleared their lines, until the Swifts with a rush came down the hill, and a long shot from the right was sent in. Llowarch ran out and kicked at the ball, but missed, and then amidst the greatest enthusiasm the Swifts scored first point. From the centre kick the Wanderers came in a string, and H. Wood came very near to scoring. Retaliating, a grand high shot by Jones was as grandly saved by the Wolverhampton custodian, who with difficulty punched out. The game at this point was very fast and exciting, each goal in turn being besieged. Tracey saved two splendid shots from Wood and Allen, and gave a corner. This was safely cleared, but Hunter ran the ball close to the lines, and with a beautiful shot equalised, amid another enthusiastic outburst. This completed the scoring up to half-time, which arrived with the scoring standing at one each.

In the second half the "Wolves" played a superior game in the front rank, and were several times very near "chalking". The home team's defence were playing splendidly, however, and frustrated all attempts to score until after twenty minutes' play, when they obtained the winning point from a scrimmage. Still pressing they placed the ball through again, but the point was disallowed. Breaking away, the home forwards essayed a run, but were stopped by Mason, and the ball returned to mid-field, where some give-and-take play ensued. Then the "Wolves" again attacked, but without success, and the game ended in a win for the Wanderers by two goals to one."

BDP: "These teams met at the Chuckery, Walsall, in the presence of between 3,000 and 4,000 spectators, the draw of the previous Saturday for the Birmingham Cup enhancing the interest in the match, and a special train from Wolverhampton bringing a very large contingent of the supporters of the Wanderers. The home team won the toss, and chose the upper half of the field, which gave them the advantage of the wind; but for the first ten minutes or so they had quite as much as they could do to hold their own, and their goalkeeper had to use his hands almost at the outset, whilst almost directly afterwards the ball was headed in out of a scrimmage, and headed away again by Tracey. It was then got down to the other end, and shot for goal from the right wing. The goalkeeper ran out and kicked it, but it twisted from off his foot, and dribbled obliquely between the posts, putting the first point to the credit of the home team. Afterwards the play became more even, and was fast and exciting, with good play on both sides, the passing of the home team being particularly noticeable. Both goals were placed in extreme peril more than once, and each goalkeeper had the ball put in upon him twice in succession as rapidly as he could punch or throw out. Nothing more in the way of scoring was done, however, until about ten minutes from half-time when Hunter equalised with a grand shot, which there was no chance of resisting. In the remaining ten minutes there was much lively work about the home goal with an occasional break away, and Tracey was called upon to exert himself three times more.

In the second half the visitors had the best of the play throughout, but they were unable to break through the home defence until about mid-way through the half, when from a scrimmage from a corner kick they got a point ahead. Twice afterwards they got the ball between the posts, but without adding to the score,

both being disallowed, and at the finish they were the winners by 2 goals to 1. Morley retired about twenty minutes from the end, having sustained an injury of the shoulder, which interfered seriously with his play for some time."

Walsall Swifts: James Tracey (Goal); T. Proffit, Samuel Reynolds (Backs); Jack Morley, Fred Jenkyns, George E. Morris (Capt.) (Half Backs); J. Jones, R. Colley, Thomas Athersmith, J. Higgins, Matthew Fallon (Forwards).

N.B. Some names taken from a team photo in Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News on line at BNL? (Trace edition)

(All initials in WO used as per above names)

CHECK Walsall History initials of W. Proffit, T. Reynolds, C.A.L. Jenkyns and J. Fallon. John or Jack Morley?

Wolverhampton Wanderers: A. Llowarch (Goal); R. Baugh, C. Mason (Backs); A. Fletcher, H. Allen, A. Lowder (Half Backs); T. Hunter, B. Shaw, R. Danks, H. Wood, B. Griffiths (Forwards).

Umpires: Tapper for Walsall Swifts and Dallard for Wolverhampton Wanderers. Referee: C. Crump (President of the Birmingham and District Football Association).

WALSALL TOWN 1 (D. Webster)  
MITCHELL ST GEORGE'S 2 (A. Bailey, J.H.G. Devey)  
(H.T. 1-2) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) (At the Chuckery, Walsall)

N.B. The Walsall Town and Walsall Swifts Cup ties were played on Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup> at Chuckery: this was a large area of mostly fields: see the full explanation of this area in Mark Bradbury's book "Lost Teams of the Midlands" P.348.

Walsall Observer 22/10/86 P.3/Birmingham Daily Post 17/10/87 P.7/Lichfield Mercury 21/10/87 P.3/Sporting Life 17/10/87 P.4:

#### SATURDAY NIGHT FOR SCORERS SPELLINGS AND INITIALS ETCETERA

WO: "This important fixture was played on Saturday last, on the Chuckery. There were not more than a thousand persons present when the home team, having lost the toss, started the ball up the slope, and at once made an onslaught on the visitors' goal. The ball was returned, however, and after a few minutes desultory play, Bailey, with a very high kick, dropped the ball into Osborne's hands, and he failing to hold the ball, the first point was registered for Mitchell's. The visitors returned to the attack, and after a goodly run by the left wing forwards, they put in a quick shot, which the home-keeper, however, returned; but Devey, with a well-timed rush, safely landed the ball between the sticks for the second time. Shortly after Osborne had to concede a corner in saving a splendid shot of Devey's, but this proved fruitless. Give-and-take play followed, and then the Town had a short innings. Cope put in a beauty, but Stansbie just managed to get it away at the cost of an abortive corner. Corner again, the ball was passed on to the right wing, and

Webster, with a magnificent oblique shot, completely baffled Stansbie, and scored the best goal of the match. Encouraged by their success, the Town continued for a short time to press, but the backs were playing a strong game, and prevented them from becoming too dangerous. Going to the home goal, random shooting by Harrison nullified a good chance, and then a lightning flash by Hunt almost came off, just skimming the bar on the wrong side. Half-time now arrived with the score Mitchell's 2, Town 1.

In the second half Mitchell's at first played a strong game, and were soon busy round the home team's goal. A well-placed corner was splendidly cleared by Jones; but Mitchell's again returned to the attack, and the ball went behind. And now the Town seemed to be improving their play, and forced a corner, which, however, came to nothing. A run by Mitchell's looked dangerous, but a fine block by Jones effectually stopped their career, and the ball was sent to Mitchell's end. Shortly afterwards, the visitors' left winger (Breese) sent the ball through goal, but as he was palpably "off-side" the goal was disallowed. Rushing to the other end, Stansbie had all his work cut out to clear, and immediately afterwards a shot by Webster went over. From a corner kick Evenson put in a splendid shot, but Hawkes cleared just as everyone was shouting goal. At this time the Town were pressing severely, and but for the fine defence of Hawkins and Gray they must have scored. Corner after corner fell to the town, but Stansbie or the backs neutralised all attempts, and the whistle went "time" just as the Town were forcing a strong scrimmage just under Mitchell's goal, thus leaving the score as at half-time-Mitchell's 2, Town 1."

BDP: "This tie was played off on the ground of the former, the Chuckery, Walsall, before 1,200 or 1,400 spectators. The visitors won the toss, and chose to play from the upper end with the wind. From the very outset they attacked, and in a couple of minutes, Bailey with a splendid and unexpected shot, put a goal to their credit. Ten minutes later the ball was sent in from the left, and was driven back by Osborne; but Devey met it, and cleverly returned it, registering a second for the brewery men. A spell of fast play followed, in which the home team seemed to show traces of having been disorganised by their reverses, but were saved from further disasters by their goalkeeper. Then they pulled themselves together a bit, got possession of the ball, ran it down, and Webster, with a magnificent shot, passed it between the posts. This was about a quarter of an hour from half time. In the first part of the second half the visitors pressed their opponents; but later on the game was more in favour of the Town, who were, however, unable to break through the strong defence of the Birmingham team. The latter, a bigger and heavier set of men than the Walsall team, used their advantages in this respect mercilessly, and it was complained by the friends of their opponents at all events, that they were systematically saving time in the second half by kicking out. At the finish they were the winners by 2 to 1." (LM has the same report but has no teams)

SL: "The Chuckery, Walsall, was occupied by two English Cup matches on Saturday-the above and the Swifts and Wanderers' match. Both were well attended. Mitchells assumed the aggressive from the outset, and six minutes from the start Hunt scored for them. Returning to the attack a second point was scored

by Harrison, with very little ado. The Walsall had a look in, and the Mitchells' defence was pressed for some time. Ultimately Webster scored for them, and at half time the game stood - Mitchells two, Walsall Town one. On changing over the home team again attacked vigorously but were held at bay, though Webster nearly scored on one occasion. The remainder of the game was very fast, but nothing further resulted, Mitchells winning by two goals to one."

Walsall Town: J. Osborne (Goal); Alf. Jones, T. Brittle (Backs); W. Pearson, K. Bennett, C. Lee (Half Backs); D. Webster, R. Evenson (Right Wing), C. Shaw (Centre), B. Cope, J. Somerfield (Left Wing).

J. Brittle? S. Lee?

Mitchell St G.: H. Stansbie (Goal); Hawkins, J. Gray (Backs); Barton, J. Richards, A. Bailey (Half Backs); Hunt, W. Harrison (Right Wing), J. H. G. Devey (Centre), J. Breeze, Marshall, (Left Wing).

Umpires: Smallwood (Walsall Town) and Cheetham (Birmingham St George's).  
Referee: Blackham.

WARWICK COUNTY 1 (Lovesey (o.g.))  
BIRMINGHAM EXCELSIOR 4 (W. Siddons 3, E. Genever) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) (H.T. 0-2)  
(At County Cricket Ground, Edgbaston)

(Birmingham Saturday Night 15/10/87: has Devey, Farham?, Genever, ..... as scorers : see below for different BDP scorers) (NEP/DDT also give Devey as scoring 1<sup>st</sup> goal: see below)

KR Source Birmingham Saturday Night/Birmingham Daily Post 17/10/87 P.7/  
Sporting Life 17/10/87 P.4:

CHECK SATURDAY NIGHT

BDP: "This match was played at the County Cricket Ground, Edgbaston, before a goodly number of spectators. The County decided to defend the goal at the pavilion end. Playing against a rather strong wind Princep started the ball. The visitors quickly got near to the County goal, and within five minutes a centre from \*Farnon was smartly put between the posts. Throughout the first half the visitors proved themselves the better team, but scoring was by no means as frequent as it might have been had the forwards shown anything like accuracy in shooting. The defence of the County was very good at times, repeatedly turning the opposing forward. Hornby in particular kicked remarkably clean and strong. The front division of the home team on the whole played an inferior passing game, and the attacks they made on the Excelsior goal were decidedly weak. A few minutes from the interval the ball was brought to the top of the field by the Excelsior right wing. \*Farnon had plenty of time to steady himself, and centred accurately to Siddons, who headed it through for the second time. The score at half time was 2 to nil for the Excelsior. Immediately on crossing over the visitors ran the ball near to their opponents' goal, and Genever added a third point. The ball went

outside on the Excelsior left wing. The County considered that they were entitled to the throw in, and without loss of time the ball was shied into play. The referee, however, decided that the visitors had a right to the throw, and blew his whistle to stop play; in the meantime Bennett ran the ball into goal, and, centring to ++(Chamberlain), that player scored. The referee maintained that the Excelsior should have the handling of the ball, and disallowed the goal. Directly afterwards Smart sent in a capital centre from the left, and in trying to get it away with his head, Lovesey put it through his own goal. The fourth point was obtained by Siddons with a moderately swift shot. He was standing about thirty yards from goal, and although the ball went along the ground, Ward let it go through without making the slightest attempt to check it. There was no addition to the score, and the result was Excelsior 4, County 1." +Farnaux ++H.B. Dain obvious printing error in Report

SL: "This English Cup tie attracted a goodly number of spectators to the County ground, Birmingham, on Saturday. The Excelsior men were soon on the aggressive, and in five minutes they had scored, \*Farnon putting the ball through. The Excelsior continued to have the best of the game, and a few minutes before the close of the first half, Siddons scored a second point for them. Genever added a third immediately on crossing over. Then the County scored, but the goal was disallowed. A goal fell to them, however, by Lovesey putting it through his own posts. Siddons scored a fourth for the Excelsior, who thus won by four goals to one."

Nottingham Evening Post 15/10/87 P.3: "Played on the ground of the former, before a fair attendance). Princep started for the County against the wind. A fine run down the right wing enabled (the former) (Farnaux?) to centre prettily, Devey scoring easily for the Excelsior. Very even play followed. Siddons dribbled down the right and headed a second goal for the Excelsior who won by four goals to one." (No teams) (see also Derby Daily Telegraph 17/10/87 P.3)

Warwick County: (C.) H. Ward (Goal); A. J. McKarness, G. F. Hornby (Backs); F. B. Westcott, J. R. Page, T. H. Copps (Half Backs); J. S. Bennett, E. C. Princep, B. Westcott, W. W. Chamberlain, J. Smart (Forwards)

Birmingham Excelsior: A. Harvey (Goal); W. Lovesey, D. Leonard (Backs); G. (F.) Hawley, F. Lee, G. Kendrick (Half Backs); A. Farnaux, E. Genever, H. Griffiths, J. Spittle, W. Siddons (Forwards).

(BSN has Devey as 12<sup>th</sup> man and as a scorer as does DDT: CHECK BSN)

(The F.A. sustained an objection that Lovesey of Birmingham Excelsior was not properly registered and ordered a Replay)

"REPLAY": Sat Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>: At County Cricket Ground, Pershaw Road, Edgbaston

WARWICK COUNTY 0

BIRMINGHAM EXCELSIOR 5 (W. Siddons, J. Devey 3, E. Genever) (H. T. 0-3)

Birmingham Daily Post 24/10/87 P.7/Sporting Life 24/10/87 P.4:

#### CHECK SATURDAY NIGHT FOR ALL DETAILS

BDP: "By order of the National Association this match was replayed on the County Ground, Edgbaston. The result of last week's contest, it may be recollected, was in favour of the Excelsior, but the Association sustained an objection against Lovesay on the ground that he was not properly registered. The Excelsior kicked off, and advanced towards the pavilion end goal. They were promptly checked and prevented from making any headway by one or two smart returns by McKarness and Deykin. Hayes had not yet put in an appearance, but the County forced their opponents back and got a corner. The ball was entrusted to Mason, but it was sent outside. The Excelsior for a time pressed hard, but their shooting was bad. Two sharp attacks were made by the County team, but nothing came of them. The right wing of the visitors got away, and when near goal \*Forman centred, and Siddons, with a clever screw shot, put it through the posts. Hayes then appeared on the scene, but the visitors resumed the attack and a shot from Genever slid off Spittle's leg, and went between the posts. The point was allowed, but it was palpably offside, inasmuch as Spittle was standing by the goalkeeper when the ball came from Genever fully twenty yards away. A few minutes later a shot from the Excelsior struck the crossbar, and, rebounding into play, was quickly put through for the third time. At half time the game was unchanged. The County did not offer such a good resistance in the second half, and their forwards fell away considerably. The result was that Genever added the fourth point, and soon afterwards Devey obtained a fifth. Both teams never relaxed their effort, and the game became more even. There was no addition to the score, however, and the Excelsior won by 5 goals to nil." +Farnaux

SL: "By order of the Association this match was replayed at the County Ground, Birmingham on Saturday. On the previous occasion the Excelsior won by four goals to one. The County played a good defensive game at first, and the Excelsior, whose shooting was decidedly inaccurate, were for some time unable to gain any headway. Seddons, however, eventually scored for them, and with this encouragement they pressed the County hard, Genever adding a second, and a third was scored from a scrummage before half time. In the second half the whole of the County team fell off considerably, and Excelsior having matters all their own way, won by five goals to nothing, Genever adding the fourth, and Devey the fifth point."

Derby Daily Telegraph 24/10/87 P.3: "Replayed at Edgbaston today. The Excelsior kicked off, and after a quarter of an hour's play Siddons scored the first goal for the Excelsior, which was succeeded five minutes afterwards by another by Devey, who immediately added a third.

On changing ends the ball was immediately taken into Warwick quarters, and after five minutes' play, (G)enever scored the fourth goal for Excelsior, which was immediately succeeded by a fifth by Devey, the final result being Excelsior five goals, Warwick County none." (No teams)

Warwick County:T.Mason(Goal);A.J.McHarness,A.C.Hayes(Backs);G.F.Ward, C.Deykin,J.R.Page(Half Backs);H.Mason,O.Malins(Right Wing),E.C.Prinsep (Centre),Chamberlain,J.Smart(Left Wing).

Birmingham Excelsior:B.E.Joynt(Goal);S.Leonard, D.Leonard(Backs); G.(F.)Hawley,F.Lee,G.Kendrick(Half Backs);+A.Farnaux,E.Genever(Right Wing), W.Siddons (Centre),J.Spittle,J.Devey(Left Wing).

(Team including John Devey,not R.Devey,listed in Mike Bradbury Book P.118)(BDP specified positions)

+CHECK NOT FARNON

SMALL HEATH ALLIANCE 6 (A.Smith 2,W.H.Figures 2,W.Dixon,A.Stanley)  
ASTON UNITY 1 (F.Barlow (o.g.))  
(H.T. 4-0)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Coventry Road)

Birmingham Daily Post 17/10/87 P.7/Sporting Life 17/10/87 P.4:

TRY SATURDAY NIGHT NEWS 4173 AVAILABLE

BDP:"The above teams met at Coventry Road.About 2,000 spectators were present.The Alliance kicked off with a slight wind against them.They soon began to press the Unity,but after a few minutes' play the backs relieved,and the game for a time was confined to midfield.Figures broke away,and making a good run, shot across the mouth of the goal,and Smith coming up just in time,gave the finishing touch.Even play followed this.The Alliance again made an attack,and the ball was passed to Figures,who,after steadying himself,sent in a swift low shot,which went through the posts.Smith scored a third goal for the Alliance.The home team continued to press the Unity,and Dixon scored another goal;thus at the call of half time,the score stood–Small Heath Alliance 4,Unity 0.

On resuming the Unity took the ball down the field,but it was returned,and after an excellent bit of play amongst the forwards,Stanley ended by scoring.The visitors then made an attack on their opponents' goal and in a few minutes a corner was given them,which was badly taken,the ball going behind the posts. Smith sent in a shot and upon Davis throwing out,Figures returned it and scored. From a foul in midfield the Unity ran the ball towards the Alliance goal,where a scrimmage ensued,and Barlow,from a miskick,put the ball through his own goal. There was no further scoring and the game thus ended in a win for the Alliance by 6 goals to 1."

Small Heath Alliance::C.C.Charsley(Goal);R.Evetts,F.Barlow (Backs); G.Dixon,J.Hare, H.Morris(Half Backs);W.Dixon,R.Adams(Right Wing), A.Smith(Centre), W.H.Figures,A.E.Stanley(Left Wing).

Aston Unity:Davis(Goal);Thomas,Wollaston(Backs);H.Roberts,Waldron,A.Dixon (Half Backs);J.Green,W.Devey(Right Wing),J.Barton(Centre),A.Wilson,Rainsford (Left Wing).

Umpires:Fred James for Small Heath Referee:W.H.Jope (SL 15/10/87 P.3)

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 7 (J.M.Bayliss 3,E.Horton,T.Pearson,J.J.Wilson 2)  
WEDNESBURY OLD ATHLETIC 1 (Untraced)  
(H.T. 3-0)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At West Bromwich)

Birmingham Daily Post 17/10/87 P.7/Lichfield 21/10/87 P.7/Sporting life  
17/10/87 P.4:

CHECK SATURDAY NIGHT NEWS 4173 AVAILABLE

No scorers in SL,only some in BDP,so where did scorers come from?

BDP:"These teams met at West Bromwich.The Athletic won the toss,and elected to kick downhill,with the wind against them.Shortly after the ball was set in motion the Albion worked the ball well to the wings,when Pearson centred to Bassett,who returned it to Bayliss,who put it through.Aldridge gave a corner,but the leather was got safely away.Pearson centred,when Styche was called upon to do the needful.The ball struck the crossbar and went underneath.Wright ran out to meet the ball when he missed his kick and compelled Dudley to give a corner, but nothing resulted.The Athletic played with considerable dash,but the Albion appeared to be too much for them.The game was now of a give and take character.Bayliss,who was making a good run up the field,was stopped when near goal,on account of offside.Several times the Albion were within an ace of scoring.A scrimmage took place near the home team's goal,in the course of which Roberts ran out to meet the ball,and missed it.It seemed that a goal was inevitable,but the backs cleared the goal,when Bayliss made a fine run up the field,and with a low swift shot lowered the visitors' citadel.Shenton,in running to meet the ball,missed his kick.Bayliss,who was close at hand,obtained the ball, and sent in a shot which went over the crossbar.The visitors'custodian played admirably.Bassett and Woodhall sent in two excellent shots ,but upon each occasion they were fisted out.The visitors made a run down the field when Green gave a corner.Knight made a smart shot for goal,which just missed the upright.At half time the score stood-Albion 3;Old Athletic 0.

On crossing over the score was increased,and Albion won by 7 goals to 1."

N.B.LM has same report but has no teams.

Cricket & Football Field 15/10/87 P.4:"Almost immediately after changing ends Pearson,with a grand low shot added the Albion fourth."

West Bromwich. :R.Roberts(Goal);A.Aldridge,H.Green(Backs);E.Horton,  
C.Perry,G.Timmins(Half Backs);G.Woodhall,W.I.Bassett(Right Wing),  
J.M.Bayliss(Centre),J.J.Wilson,T.Pearson(Left Wing).

Wednesbury Old.Athletic:Thomas Wright(Goal);Thomas Styche,J.Dudley(Backs);  
John Shenton,J.Purcell,J.Roberts(Half Backs);G.H.Holden,W.Pope(Right Wing),  
William Malpass(Centre),T.Knight,Henry Wood(Left Wing).

BURTON SWIFTS 7 (Roberts,Thornley 2,Sambrook 2,Others 2)  
SOUTHFIELD(BIRMINGHAM) 0  
(H.T. 5-0)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Shrobnall Street Enclosure)

KR Source Burton Evening Gazette:CHECK PLUS REPORT

CHECK SATURDAY NIGHT NEWS 4173 AVAILABLE

Birmingham Daily Post 17/10/87 P.7(No lineups):"At Burton.The Swifts played  
with more dash than the Southfield,but the wind bothered both.In the first half  
the Swifts had it all their own way,and at half time had scored 5 goals to nothing.  
In the second half the Swifts again had the best,and scored 2 more goals,thus  
winning by 7 goals to nothing."

Burton Chronicle 20/10/86 P.3:"These teams met on the ground of the brewery  
team.The home eleven had all the best of the game,and won by seven goals to  
nil."

Burton Swifts:Gallimore;Nicklin,Roberts;Clay,Robinson,Hubbard;  
Kinsey,Thornley,West,George Murfin,Sambrook.

Southfield:G.T.Morgan(Goal);J.Webster,Henshaw(Backs);T.Rainsley,A.Panbourne  
,A.Randall(s)(Half Backs);C.Cumming(s),J.Haynes(Right Wing),C.Knight(Centre),  
(E..?)Barrett,W.Deebank(Left Wing).(SL 15/10/87 P.3 for the game)

STAFFORD ROAD 2 (Foster,Hawley)(At Molyneux GroundsWolverhampton)  
GREAT BRIDGE UNITY 1 (Not traced)  
(H.T. 0-0)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Molyneux Grounds,Wolverhampton)

(Replay ordered by F.A. after protest)

KR Source unknown:

FIND WOLVERHAMPTON PAPER AND BURTON EVENING GAZETTE

Birmingham Post 17/10/87 P.7/Lichfield Mercury 21/10/87 P.3(No lineups)  
:"These teams met on the Molyneux Grounds,Wolverhampton.During the first  
part of the game the home team were at times hard pressed by their  
opponents.Each side had opportunities for scoring,but nothing resulted.

On resuming play Stafford Road played with more combination,and within five  
minutes Foster scored for them their first goal.This was soon followed by  
another from a scrimmage.Towards the close of the game the visitors rallied and  
were successful in sending the leather between the posts.The game ended in  
favour of Stafford Road by 2 goals to 1."

Nottingham Evening Post 15/10/87 P.3" ...before 500 spectators.During the first half the Unity played with the wind."

Stafford Road:Purslow;Fulwood,Riley;Cheers,Brown,Mason;  
Brown,Hawley,Kirby,Foster,Pickerill.

Great Bridge:Saunders(Goal);Powell,E.Rowley;H.J.Burns,Edward Morton,  
C.Millward; Soury,William Pittaway,Dennis Smith,J(ob.)White,Joseph Evans.

"REPLAY"(Sat Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>):

GREAT BRIDGE UNITY walked over STAFFORD ROAD scratched:because only had 7 players eligible to play in a Cup Tie.

Friendly Played:

Great Bridge Unity 1 Stafford Road 1 (H.T. 1-1)(At West Bromwich) (No Teams)(Athletic News 25/10/87 P.2)

Nottingham Evening Post 22/10/87 P.3:"These clubs met at Wolverhampton last week in the first round of the National Cup,when Stafford-road won by two goals to one,but a dispute arose,and the Association ordered the game to be played again.The clubs met at Great Bridge.During the first half the game was very even,each side scoring a goal,and at half-time the record was one goal each."

Birmingham Daily Post 22/10/87 P. : "This match was replayed at Wolverhampton.Both teams played a grand game,and the result was a draw-1 goal each."

OLDBURY TOWN(CROSSWELLS) 0  
ASTON VILLA 4 (Albert Brown 2,A.Allen,D.Hodgetts)  
(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Oldbury)

Birmingham Daily Post 17/10/87 P.7/Lancashire Evening Post 15/10/87 P.3/Lichfield Mercury 21/10/87 P.7/ Sporting Life 17/10/87 P.4/Sportsman 17/10/87 P.4:

CHECK SATURDAY NIGHT NEWS 4173 AVAILABALE

BDP/LM:"These teams met at Oldbury,in the presence of about 3,000 spectators.As was generally expected the Aston Villa beat their opponents,who nevertheless made a creditable fight.During the first half,in fact,the home team exhibited very good form,their defence being really brilliant.During the second portion of the game,however,combination and steadiness asserted themselves,the result being that Villa scored three goals,two of which were put on within ten minutes from the call of time.The Villa on Saturday were not seen at their best,but that they are approaching to last year's form was apparent from the fact that they played up much better in the second than the first half.Hunter having lost the toss,kicked off towards the town end,against a slight breeze.The

Villa were soon swarming round their opponents' goal, where a corner kick was conceded them, but nothing came of it, Riddell heading the leather out of danger. The Oldbury men then made several breakaways, but they never got past Coulton and Cox, who defended in grand style, although the latter's kicking was not as clean as it might have been. From a long kick by Coulton the Villa forwards obtained the ball, and bore down in a body for the opposing goal, the passing being extremely pretty and neat. The effort was without result, for Hodgetts shot outside. After the goal kick Allen and Hodgetts displayed some neat passing, and the latter centred accurately, but Riddell, who was playing a fine game, met the ball with his head, and averted the downfall of the goal. The Villa kept up a continual pressure, and five minutes from the kick off Brown, having received the ball from Hodgetts, scored with a low swift shot. After the centre kick had been taken the Perry Barr men dashed in the direction of the Oldbury goal; but Green kept the ball a moment too long before shooting, and Hazelwood took it from him. The Oldbury half back kicked it to his forwards, and they attacked the Villa citadel, which appeared in imminent danger, but Coulton fortunately cleared. The fight was soon waged in its old quarters; but try as hard as they could the Perry Barr men could not break through the Town's defence, and at half time were only a goal to the good. Two men who showed the best form for the home team were Riddell and Hazelwood, the latter of whom was the source of much trouble to Brown and Green, who, by-the-bye, seemed to be a little nervous, and refrained from his usual rushing tactics.

Immediately after the restart the Villa attacked, and a splendid low shot was ably dealt with by the goalkeeper, Matthews. The Town forwards then broke away, and playing with more combination than had previously marked their efforts, got into the vicinity of the visitors' goal, Neil making a long shot, which Warner had much difficulty in getting away. Had he been charged a goal would have been inevitably the result, but Coulton and Cox protected him. Hodgetts then made a run down on the left, but his final shot went wide, whilst an attempt by Green was just as inaccurate. Play was confined to the vicinity of the Town's goal for some minutes, but relief was afforded by Southall and Barber, who ran down the left wing in grand style. Yates was passed, and Coulton, when about to tackle, lost his footing, so that the two forwards had only Cox to evade. He, however, watched his opportunity, and took the ball from Southall just as he was about to shoot, much to the relief of the Villa supporters. Cox, indeed, during the second half, played a remarkably fine game, kicking better than in the first part. The downfall of the Town's goal was looked upon as certain when Hunter secured the leather a few yards from goal, but his shot was weak, and Matthews easily saved. A few moments later the Villa captain made amends in a low swift shot. Matthews stopped the ball with his legs, but ere he had time to kick it away Allen rushed him and the ball between the posts. Although two goals in the minority, the Town made some plucky attempts to score, and a long shot by Neil gave Warner a deal of trouble. The Villa, however, continued to hold the upper hand, and a few minutes from time Hodgetts scored a third goal. The Oldbury men retaliated by making a combined assault on their opponents' citadel, and managed to force the ball through, but the point was disallowed on the ground of a previous foul. Just before the whistle blew Brown added another goal for the Villa, who were thus victorious by 4 goals to none."

SL: "Although a comparatively new club, Oldbury Town (Crosswell's), held up very stubbornly against the English Cup holders at Oldbury, on Saturday, in the first round of the English Cup. Their goalkeeper, Matthews, was active, and particularly energetic, while Bradbury and Riddell, especially the latter, who is an old Villa man, played a good defensive game that did them infinite credit, as it prevented the cup holders from putting a very big score to their credit. The forwards tackled well and were smart on the ball, with result that the Villa did not, as was generally expected, have matters all in their own hands. The Villa, on the other hand, played a dashing game, but were decidedly unfortunate with some of their shots, in fact times out of number the ball passed over the bar. Hodgetts and Allen worked very hard on the left wing, and Archie Hunter did likewise in the centre, although he made several mistakes. The backs played in their usual brilliant form. The Oldbury team played a stubborn game throughout, and were several times near scoring. The Villa scored a quarter of an hour from the start, Albert Brown putting the ball through from Hodgett's centre, and then they did nothing further until the second half. Allen scored the second point after Hunter had put the ball into Matthews' hands. Hodgetts secured the third, and Brown the fourth, the Villa winning by four goals to nil."

Oldbury: J. Matthews (Goal); A. Bradbury (Capt.), T. Riddell (Backs), M. Hazlewood, F. Bunn, J. Stanton (Half Backs); H. Aston, W. Bunn (Right Wing), W. Neale (Centre), J. Southall, W. Barber (Left Wing).

Aston Villa: J. Warner (Goal); G. Cox, F. Coulton (Backs); J. Burton, H. Devey, H. Yates (Half Backs); Albert Brown, T. Green (Right Wing), Archie Hunter (Capt.) (Centre), A. Allen, D. Hodgetts (Left Wing).

## SIXTH DIVISION

Draw:

Staveley .v. Derby County  
Ecclesfield .v. Derby Midland  
Sheffield Club .v. Lockwood Brothers  
Long Eaton Rangers .v. Park Grange  
Belper Town .v. Sheffield Wednesday  
Owlerton .v. Eckington Works  
Derby St Luke's .v. Derby Junction  
Sheffield Heeley .v. Attercliffe  
Matlock .v. Rotherham

STAVELEY 1 (A. Rollinson)  
DERBY COUNTY 2 (I. Monks 2)  
(H.T. 1-0) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) (At Recreational Ground, Staveley)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 17/10/87 P.7/Derby Daily Telegraph 17/10/87 P.3/  
Sheffield Independent 17/10/87 P.6/Sporting Life 17/10/87 P.4/Sportsman  
17/10/87 P.4:

“A protest has been entered against Williamson, it being alleged that he was not eligible to play.” (Not sustained by the FA)

Cricket & Football Field 12/11/87 P.2: “Derby County was on the job with a large pile of affidavits, to prove that Williamson, one of their players, was borne within the six mile radius. Staveley could not get over these legal documents, though their representative asserted that they were wrong, and consequently the tie was awarded to Derby County, at which the Staveley gentlemen waxed wroth.” (FA Committee Meeting Tuesday Nov 8<sup>th</sup>)

Athletic News 25/10/87 P.2 also mentions this and the protest against Roulston on the basis of a breach of the six mile rule for qualification to play for Derby County and both protests were dismissed after detailed evidence being produced.

SDT: “Teams representing these clubs met on the Recreation Ground, Staveley, on Saturday, to compete in the first round of ties for the above cup. For the last two or three weeks the match and its probable results have been the chief topics in the football circles of Staveley, and certainly no previous match in the history of the village club has ever created so much excitement in the Staveley district. Both combinations rank amongst the foremost in the Midlands, and, as they had never before met either in cup ties or ordinary matches, and there being, judging by their records, nothing to choose between the pair, it was not at all surprising that such a great amount of interest was manifested in the present encounter. It may also be mentioned that a certain amount of rivalry has this year sprung up between the two clubs owing to Sam Willshaw, an old Staveley player, having seceded from the latter club and thrown in his lot as a professional with the Derby County team. The home club was strongly represented, and the players knowing the tough struggle they would have, had endeavoured to get themselves into condition by doing a lot of practice. W. Marshall, who has not yet recovered from the effects of an accident received three weeks ago, whilst taking part in a match, was unable to play, but his place was filled by J. Hay. It was thought by a number of spectators that Willshaw, with Marshall (J.), another ex-Staveley player who now resides in Derby, would take the field against their old colleagues; but contrary to expectations, they did not appear, it transpiring that they are not at present qualified to take part in cup contests. Nevertheless their places were taken by two excellent substitutes, and the visitors turned up with a powerful team. A large number of supporters of the County eleven journeyed to Staveley by special train, which also conveyed the Derby players, and when the game started there would be between 3,000 and 4,000 spectators present. It was 3.15 before a start was made, and the County captain having won the toss, of course took advantage of the very fast wind blowing right from the entrance goal. Hay kicked off for Staveley, and a temporary raid on the Derby goal was checked by Latham. Spilsbury soon compelled Lilley to handle, and Bakewell shot high over the crossbar. The home forwards then broke away, and Bestwick, the Derby

custodian, had to beat away in hot haste. Then the visitors again threatened, and appealed successfully for a foul, but the leather was allowed to go through without being touched. Again the play was transferred to the County goal, and a grand shot by Madin was saved by Bestwick. Hereabouts the strong wind favoured the Derby men, and Lilley the Staveley custodian, repelled two shots by Bakewell and Plackett exceedingly well. A corner next fell to the Derby players, but H. Lilley, at back, headed away, and Needham and Rollinson rushed to the other end, where Madin put outside. After Lilley had stopped a grand shot by Spilsbury, the home front ranks got away by magnificent crossing, and Madin eventually lowered the County colours. To the great surprise of the Staveley men, the point was appealed against, and after some discussion amongst the officials, the referee gave his decision in favour of County. This was received with much dissatisfaction by the Staveley players. The game was ultimately resumed, the home team playing under protest. In less than three minutes the Staveley forwards again got away. Some fine passing by Madin, Hay, and Rollinson resulted in the latter again passing the leather between the County posts amid tremendous cheering. There now remained about five minutes to half time, and nothing further was done.

On changing ends the home men had the wind behind them and at once attacked severely, calling upon Bestwick to bestir himself. Then Spilsbury attempted to get away, but Young intercepted his path and S. Hay grandly frustrated a run by Bakewell. Some considerable time elapsed, in which the home men had generally the best of matters, and then Bakewell dribbled down the right wing in good style. Passing over to the centre, Monks was given a nice opportunity, and he succeeded in beating Lilley, the Staveley custodian. Re-starting the County goal was the scene of a desperate onslaught, but the home men were unfortunate, and then Spilsbury ran down the right wing forcing a corner, which was put outside, but from the second the ball was forced through the Staveley goal in a scrimmage. From this point the home team were constantly attacking, and once Hay missed, and the result was : Derby County, 2 goals; Staveley, 1 goal.

It should be mentioned that during the game Rice and Potter were both injured and the latter was insensible for several minutes. At times the play of the visitors was somewhat rough. A protest has been lodged against Williamson, it being alleged that he was not eligible to play. The backs on both sides played grandly."

DDT: "Bitterly cold weather prevailed at this match this (Saturday) afternoon. Staveley played down hill in the first half, and against the wind. The game was very even for a long time, the County having hard lines on two occasions. Spilsbury being very unfortunate. Staveley got two goals through in rapid succession, Rollinson getting the second in a minute after the first. The first was disallowed, Staveley being one to the County none at half-time.

Play in the second half was extremely exciting, and until the last ten minutes defeat appeared to stare the County in the face. After that, however, they played a magnificent game, and shots literally rained on Lilley from all quarters. Monks equalised five minutes from the close, and then amidst great excitement Monks scored a second goal from a corner kick. Staveley made tremendous efforts to equalise, but it was all to no purpose, and the County were declared the winners

by two goals to one. The County had, on the whole, the best of the play, but their forward game was not as well combined to that of Staveley. Spilsbury played finely throughout, and Plackett and Needham did well in the second half. The others were only moderate. Williamson, Rowleston, Lawrence, and Warmby presented a grand defence."

SL: "The meeting of the Derbyshire Cup holders and the acknowledged premier club of the county met in the above competition at Staveley on Saturday before 3,000 spectators. The County kicked up hill with a high wind to aid them, and from the outset they began to play a very fast game. Needham early gave Lilley trouble, but the ball was transferred to the opposite end, Latham relieving at an opportune moment. Spilsbury caused Lilley to fist out, and ere a minute had elapsed, Plackett had a shy which went wide. A change in the play was made by Rollinson, Needham, and S. Hay, but Rowleston intervened, and Bakewell after a good run, missed a chance of scoring. Good play by Young and S. Hay was applauded, and Staveley's left wing, through a miskick by Latham, had an opportunity, but Rollinson was badly supported. Needham, for Staveley, skimmed the upright, and Rowleston stopped a second attempt by that player from becoming dangerous. A foul close in the Staveley goal was well got rid of, and Lillie, Young, and Rice kept the County at bay. Rice passed the ball to Staveley's right wing, when Madin pounced on it, and from a difficult position put the shere under the bar, J. Hay in the meantime knocking Bestwick through. This play on Hay's part very likely cost the Staveleyites the match, as the ball would have gone through, and as it was the referee decided him offside, and disallowed the point. This decision apparently roused the Staveley men, who played up in the most excellent style, and in less than a couple of minutes Rollinson easily beat Lilley. This was the only legitimate point scored up to half time. Staveley, during the last few minutes of this half displayed football of a character that is rarely witnessed for brilliancy.

On the restart the Staveley backs played like demons, and the village lads were apparently playing their opponents down, but such was not the case, although no other score was made up to about ten minutes before time. The County at this juncture woke up amazingly. Twice had they hard lines, Bakewell shooting over the crossbar, and Spilsbury sending in a shot that went with the rapidity of a cannon ball, but Lilley stopped it. Monks also caused Lilley to put out a hot 'un. A temporary run up the field was put out by a County back, and Bakewell sped along, centred to Monks, who equalised, amidst throwing up of hats of County supporters. There was not more than six minutes to play, and in this time Plackett hit the crossbar, and the ball went under. J. Hay, after this, apparently missed a chance of equalising at the other end. Whistle blew, County two; Staveley one. The match was one of the best-contested matches seen at Staveley for a long time, but, if anything, the losing side had a shade the best of the play."

Athletic News 18/10/86 P.2: "As I intimated last week would be the case, the City executive found themselves unable to play two of their men (Marshall and Wilshaw) in consequence of the professional rules receiving a stricter interpretation than they had been led to expect. Accordingly, Monks, of the second team, had to be placed in the centre, T. Needham going with Plackett on the left

wing.As to the goal,it was supposed that the services of Pittman,the second team man,would have to be utilised,but on Saturday morning it became known,much to the satisfaction of the friends of the club,that T.H.Bestwick (Marshall's predecessor)had consented to take charge of the goal.For the rest,the team was the same as the previous week,except that Lawrence was again in his place, +Morley going to Trent Bridge.It had been intended that Latham should take his old place at half-back,and Roulston be tried at full-back,but it was decided at last to keep the Donnington man at half.The Staveley team was minus W.Marshall, who is damaged,and room was thus made for old Jack Hay,who played centre forward,with Madin and Meakin on the right,and Needham and Rollinson on his left.Both the Lilleys,of Longates,played for Staveley,one in goal and the other at full-back.Mr Jope was referee(a very popular selection) and the umpires were Will Shaw(not Wilshaw) and George Hay."

+To play full-back for Notts County?

Staveley:J.W.Lilley(Goal);H.E.Lilley,W.Young(Backs);J.Rice(Capt.),S.Hay,I.Potter (Half Backs);W.Madin,R.Meakin(Right Wing),Jack Hay(Centre),W.Needham, A.Rollinson(Left Wing).

Derby County:T.H.Bestwick(Goal);A.Latham,S.E.Lawrence(Backs);Albert Williamson,+W.H.Warmby,+W.Roulston(Half Backs);G.Bakewell, B.W.Spilsbury(Right Wing),Isaac Monks(Centre),T.Needham,L.Plackett(Left Wing) +Also spelt as Wharmby and Roulstone/Rowlston

+Derby Daily Telegraph 3/10/87 P.3:"...the home team playing a new man in Rowlston of Castle Donington,whilst Warmby made his debut as a centre forward."(Derby County v Walsall Swifts 1/10/87)

Umpires:George Hay(Staveley) and William Shaw(Derby County).  
Referee:W.H.Jope(Wednesbury Old Athletic).

ECCLESFIELD 4 (J.E.Ellis 3,T.Hulley)  
DERBY MIDLAND 1 ("out of a scrimmage")  
(H.T. 2-1)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Ecclesfield)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 17/10/87 P.7/Sheffield Independent 17/10/87 P.6:

SDT:"At Ecclesfield on Saturday.This expected good match drew the best "gate" for Ecclesfield for some seasons,and the spectators were not disappointed,as, after a game and plucky fight,the home team returned themselves victors by four goals to one.The visitors won the toss,and played with the wind.The first stage was a succession of races from either goal,both sides leading off with much spirit, and from a splendid centre by the "come again" Hulley,Ellis scored a neat goal. The Derbeians were not disheartened,and though frequently repulsed by the backs,Stringer and Whitham,their continuous struggle was rewarded by a deserved goal.This was due,no doubt,to the partial disablement of Stringer,who received an ugly cut on his lip,and although he was in a dazed condition throughout the remainder of the game,still he was a useful member of the team.

This accident was the more lamentable, as previous to it, Stringer had given his opponents a taste of his prowess by "bringing off" some well-directed rushes. Before half time Ecclesfield scored again, literally forcing their opponents' defence, the final touch being administered by Hulley's head. The usual half time five minutes here intervened. Re-commencing, the visitors pressed for a while but Ecclesfield, repeatedly cheered by their enthusiastic supporters, came with a rush, and managed to notch another point, Ellis succeeding from a shot by Woolhouse rebounding off the goalkeeper. Although time was nearing the Midland played up like men, and for some ten minutes they had the best of the game, Brook being called upon to save a few hot shots, which he did in inimitable style. The home team pulled themselves together for a final effort, and Ellis again obtaining possession, he, almost unaided, gained the fourth and last goal for his side, the game soon after terminating - Ecclesfield 4 goals; Derby Midland 1 goal."

Derby Daily Telegraph 17/10/87 P.3: "This match, in the first round of the English Cup competition, was played this (Saturday) afternoon, at Ecclesfield, before 1,500 spectators. The visitors winning the toss, kicked off with a strong wind at their back in the first half. After some fast play Ellis scored for Ecclesfield by a good low shot, and shortly afterwards the visitors equalised out of a scrimmage. Hulley scored a second goal for Ecclesfield, and at half-time the score was - Ecclesfield, 2 goals; Midland, 1.

When the game was restarted Ecclesfield pressed strongly, and Ellis soon kicked a third goal. The visitors then played better, but were unable to score. Ellis again put in a good shot, which beat the Midland custodian. No further score was made. Result: - Ecclesfield 4, Midland 1. The game was rough." (No teams)

Derby Daily Telegraph 19/10/87 P.2: "Ecclesfield is one of those places where footballers grow, and there are very few of the Yorkshire clubs who have not recruited their ranks from the little Yorkshire town. Amongst other Sheffield clubs Lockwood Brothers drew upon it last season to the tune of six of their best players. At least four of these men have played with Lockwood Brothers this season, but they have recently decided to throw in their lot with their own local club, and this is how it came about that the Midland found them such formidable opponents. They played a clinking game all round, but were assisted a good deal by the nature of the ground - a regular "hill side" - and by the long thick grass, conditions the Midland are not used to. The real cause of the defeat of the Midland, however, was the wretched exhibition of Salt in goal. He has never been seen to less advantage, and did not seem able to negotiate the tamest shots. The game was very even all through, and if it had not been for the failure of Salt, and the brilliant performance of the Ecclesfield custodian, the result would have been very different. As it was the Mids. scored two more, what appeared to be very fair, goals, but they were not allowed. Ecclesfield played a very rough game throughout, and there is scarcely one of the Derby men who has escaped without injury of some sort. The Mids. unfortunately, could not play their full strength, being without Allsopp, Evans, and Daft."

Ecclesfield: C. Brook (Goal); M. Whittam, E. Stringer (Backs); R. Howell, A. Hemingfield, F. Bloom (Half Backs); T. Hulley, H. Woolhouse (Rights), J. E. Ellis (Centre),

A.Watson,F.Brears(Lefts).

Derby Midland:G.Salt(Goal);L.G.Wright,J.Gilbert(Backs);R.Ratcliff,J.Flowers,  
T.Brown(Half Backs);W.Owen,E.Hickingbottom,F.J.Waring,A.Hickingbottom,  
H.Kinnersley(Forwards).

Referee:J.Tomlinson.

SHEFFIELD CLUB 1(C.G.Booker)  
LOCKWOOD BROTHERS 3 (S.Drabble,A.E.Layton,H.Ibbotson)  
(H.T. 0-2)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Bramall Lane)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 17/10/87 P.7/Sheffield Independent 17/10/87 P.6/  
Sheffield Evening Telegraph 15/10/87 P.3/Field 22/10/87 P.637:

SDT/SET:"There was a welcome change in the weather last Saturday from the previous one when this match was decided at Bramall Lane.As was evidenced by the presence of upwards of 2,000 spectators there was a good deal of interest taken in the contest,and it was generally understood that although the game would be a near one the old club would pull it off.This conjecture,however,was entirely wrong,as Lockwood Bros,from first to last had the measure of their opponents.In fact the latter played in such a lethargic manner,that they appeared disinclined to seriously dispute their adversaries' superiority.The winners certainly acquitted themselves better than expectation,considering the disorganisation which naturally follows the advent of a majority of comparatively new members.They played best,and of course they deserved their handsome victory.Sheffield Club kicked off in the direction of Shoreham street, and with the strong sun at their backs.At first Lockwoods were the aggressors, the ball just going outside the post.Then the Club forced their opponents back, and were awarded a corner,which,although well placed,was well got out of danger.After this a determined assault was organised on the Sheffield Club goal, and Beardshaw twice saved his stronghold well.Frost for Lockwoods played well back.Then the latter's forwards wended their way up,and Drabble getting possession scored the first goal for Lockwoods amid loud applause.The Works' goal was momentarily in danger,but the ball was soon taken to the other end, where White,Layton,and Ibbotson were the means of another goal for their side.(SI"from a scrimmage")(F:"Later on Layton registered another for Lockwood Brothers")The Club was granted a corner,but the ball was dropped outside the post.Then a very near thing for Lockwoods occurred,Wright and Parker being the assailants.Frost and his custodian just managed to force their adversaries to propell the ball a few inches outside.Salkeld was so pressed that he had to concede a corner,but this was of no avail to the attacking side. Lockwoods left and centre had a try,and nearly scored,while Beardshaw (who had twice previously knocked away)had left his position.The Sheffield Club representatives were playing anything but in their usual style,and seemed altogether disorganised,their attacks being very feeble,and not followed up so as to ensure success.Soon after half time was called,the game stood:-Lockwood Brothers,2 goals;Sheffield Club,nil.

The game was recommenced with greater energy than had hitherto been displayed. Play was stopped a little while, for Baines being slightly injured, but he soon recovered. Although the ball travelled fast from end to end, Lockwoods still having slightly the best of it. Drabble distinguished himself on the right, and centred grandly, but his centre confrere headed over. Then the Club were awarded a corner, which after a sharp scuffle, was got out of danger. Frost, Salkeld, and Milner were difficult to pass, and for this reason Creswick had comparatively little to do, although several times the ball was dangerously near his quarters. At length this was enhanced by a corner to the Club, but from the kick the ball was taken right down to the other end, where, from a good pass from the left, Drabble missed a golden opportunity. Salkeld and his men had to bestir themselves from an attack from Lockwoods' right, and right well did they do their duty. Lockwoods men again attacked, and this time were successful, their +centre (SI: "and white scored a third goal ... by means of a fast low shot.") doing the needful for the third time. The ball was again put through by the extreme left man, but after an appeal that player was ruled offside, and thus the score did not count. Parker had two chances of heading, at least into the goal mouth, but he altogether misdirected them. Bingham and Robinson stopped what looked a dangerous unanimous on-rush of their adversaries, and the other end was the locale of the play, but several successive attacks were repulsed. At last the ball was brought in Lockwoods part of the field, and Booker seeing a grand opening, with a fast low shot scored the first goal for the Club amid cheers. Time was growing apace, and each strove hard to augment their scores, and it looked any odds on the Club scoring another, but Creswick wonderfully caught the ball and saved his side from almost a sure reverse. Time was called—Lockwood Brothers, 3 goals; Sheffield Club, 1 goal." +Presumably Ibbotson: White was on the left wing

Sheffield Club: W.F. Beardshaw (Goal); W. Robinson (Capt.), A.E. Bingham (Backs); J.F. Smith, A.B. Wood, H.B. Willey (Half Backs); F.E. Baines, C.G. Booker, A.C. Liddell (Centre), W.S. Wright, G.A. Parker (Forwards).

Lockwood: C. Creswick (Goal); F. Salkeld (Capt.), A.E. Frost (Backs); T. Milner, F. Rawson, G. Harris (Half Backs); J. Sellars, S. Drabble, H. Ibbotson, A.E. Layton, A. White (Left Wing).

Umpires: J.H. Barber (Sheffield) and J. Housely (Lockwoods).  
Referee: W.H. Stacey.

LONG EATON RANGERS 6 (W. Smith 2, T. Hardy 2, J. Orchard, T.S. Vessey)  
PARK GRANGE 3 ("scrimmage", G. Shaw 2)  
(H.T. 2-1) (At Recreation Ground, Long Eaton) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)

Long Eaton Advertiser 22/10/87 P.2/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 17/10/87  
P.7/Sheffield Independent 17/10/87 P.6/Nottingham Journal 17/10/87 P.7/  
Derby Daily Telegraph 17/10/87 P.3:

LEA: "Long Eaton scored their first victory on Saturday, when they met the Park Grange club on the Recreation Ground in the first round of the English Cup. There was a considerable attendance. Park Grange have done well this season; the home

team have been out of form, and it was natural to suppose the visitors were confident of coming and conquering. Alas! They had a representative team. Start was in goal for the home players, and W. May joined Vessey on the right wing, Locker and Hardy taking the left side. The other players were the same as the previous Saturday. Long Eaton lost the toss, and had to kick off against the wind from the town. The ball was taken away down the out wing and sent through (without the visitors getting a kick) in about a minute. The rapidity of the movement staggered the visitors a little, but they soon began to be troublesome, Smart having to save. Again the forwards broke away, Locker sending in a beautiful shot and Vessey did the needful with his head. The visitors appealed, and the referee gave "off-side". We may mention that \*Mr Frost had been engaged as referee, but Mr Beard was sent, and a formal protest was entered by Long Eaton against him acting. In the following twenty minutes Locker certainly played with remarkable dash, but he shot wide several times. Hardy ultimately sent a shot through, scoring the second goal for the home team. A foul was given against Plackett in front of the pavilion, but those who witnessed every move saw no reason for the decision, and the visitors scored from a scrimmage which followed the foul kick. In the remainder of the first half the visitors were frequently dangerous. "Loco" played admirably occasionally, and Vessey seemed to be busy, but the general play was much under the average.

Shortly after change of ends, the Grange forwards made a serious attack, Shaw sending in a low shot, and Start, who fell in the effort to save, allowed them to equalise. Very little of interest followed until a stiff shot was well saved by Cunningham, but Orchard caught the ball in a smart way and scored with a brilliant shot. A good deal of erratic play followed, "Tich", Hardy, and others missing chance after chance, while repeated efforts by the visitors were baffled by the backs. Foul after foul was given against Long Eaton. At last, from a scrimmage, Shaw again scored, equalising the game. The home team had evidently held their opponenets rather cheap, and matters looked serious, though there was no fear of the result. With a little combination the forwards ran down, and ++Tich scored the fourth goal. Another rush quickly followed, and Hardy added a fifth, while the Rangers made another determined effort and Vessey notched a sixth goal. All was now over. The whistle sounded." +W. Locker ++W. Smith

Athletic News 18/10/87 P.2 : "The Grange had a representative team in the field, and the same might be said of the Rangers. Winfield was again absent, though it was hinted that he would have played had "the powers that be" thought fit to ask him to do so. W. May took J. Start's place on the right wing; and F. Start filled the position that Bestwick took on the previous Saturday in the Birmingham Cup tie- that of goal-keeper. Play proved interesting throughout, for, though the Grangeites are a very light set of players, they are smart and fast. Still, they cannot be placed in the first rank, and the defeat of six goals to three which met their efforts pretty accurately represented the state of the game. At one time in the second half the scores stood three all, but Long Eaton woke up, with the result just mentioned."

\*"The Association pursued a rather curious course in appointing a Sheffield man to referee in a game in which a Sheffield club was engaged;and it was generally thought that the precedent was a bad one to set."

SDT:"The Park Grange Club having been drawn against the Long Eaton Rangers, and the latter having choice of ground,the Sheffield team met their opponents on the Recreation Ground,Long Eaton,on Saturday.The weather was fine,but somewhat cold,and the match was witnessed by a fair number of spectators.The game did not commence until nearly 3.30,when Park Grange,having won the toss,Smith set the ball in motion for the Rangers,and the home forwards getting off well together,a rush was made for Cunningham's charge,and the ball being shot into goal,passed through off Crawshaw's leg,the Rangers thus being credited with the first goal immediately after the commencement.Wigmore,Emmerson, and Shaw now created a diversion,and Start had to skip about pretty briskly to defend his citadel.After the visitors' centre forward had missed a chance,Smith and Wiseman transferred the leather to their forward division,and Vessey manipulated the ball between the visitors' posts with his cranium;he was, however,palpably offside,and the point was disallowed.Vessey and Locker now had a try,but the latter player put the ball on the wrong side of the posts.Play for a short time was in the visitors' quarters,and the backs and goalkeeper for the Grange men exhibited some fine defensive tactics.Hardy now put in a capital shot,which Cunningham did not get away till the ball had gone just over the goal line,thus registering a second point for the home team.The visitors' half backs now got the ball away,and Orchard fouling,and the ball being well put in,Shaw put on a capital finishing touch that nonplussed Start,and registered the visitors' first goal.Play up to half time was somewhat loose,and when the whistle blew the score remained unaltered.Long Eaton Rangers 2,Park Grange 1.

On making a fresh start the visitors put in some grand work and by a bit of combined play,took the leather up the field,Shirtcliffe,Stansfield,and Shaw putting in some really good dribbling all the way up the field,and finally equalising matters amidst some excitement.Play now became very fast on both sides,and Orchard was able to register the Rangers' third point.The Grange forwards made strenuous efforts to again equalise,+but were unsuccessful,and W.Smith being placed in possession,this player shot a fourth goal for the home team.From now to the finish the victors had slightly the best of the game,and before time was up were credited with two more goals to their total,the final result being-Long Eaton Rangers,6 goals;Park Grange,3 goals." +They did equalise to make score 3-3

"The victors were doubtless the better team of the two,but it must be admitted that the visitors on more than one occasion experienced hard lines when attempting to score,and the two first goals that were registered against them were certainly lucky ones for the home team."

NJ:"Played at Long Eaton on Saturday afternoon,before 1,000 spectators.Locker at once ran the ball to the visitors' goal,and W.Smith scored.Vessey just afterwards headed through,but was off side.The home team,however,continued to press,and soon registered a second goal.The visitors obtained the next point

from a free kick. The Rangers then, pressed, though kicking against the wind, but no more goals were added up to half-time. The second half was exciting. Seven minutes before time the score was three goals each. The Rangers then played up splendidly for the winning goal, and scoring thrice in quick succession, won by six goals to three."

Long Eaton: F. Start (Goal); G. H. Smith, J. Wiseman (Backs); J. Orchard, J. Plackett, W. G. Newsum (Half Backs); W. May, T. S. Vessey (Right Wing), W. Smith (Centre), W. Locker, T. Hardy (Left Wing).

Park Grange: H. Cunningham (Goal); G. Crawshaw, J. Emmerson (Backs); C. Clayton, C. Wilkinson, W. Harrison (Half Backs); Shortcliffe, W. Stansfield (Right Wing), E. Wigmore (Centre), J. Emmerson, G. H. Shaw (Left Wing).

Umpires: B. Bestwick (Long Eaton) and G. H. Ward (Park Grange).  
Referee: T. Beard (Lockwood Brothers).

BELPER TOWN 2 ("scrimmage", H. Gill)  
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 3 (T. E. Cawley 2, G. Waller)  
(H. T. 0-3) (At Windmill Lane, Belper) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)

N.B. Where did the scorers come from?

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 17/10/87 P.7 / Derby Daily Telegraph 17/1/87 P.3 /  
Sheffield Independent 17/10/87 P.6:

SDT: "These teams having been drawn together in the first round of the English Association Challenge Cup, met on the elevated ground of the former club at Windmill-lane, on Saturday afternoon. Wednesday, as it will be seen, were minus several of their cup team, Brayshaw, Hudson, Winterbottom, and Hiller being absent from various causes. The substitutes, however, played a good game. Belper won the toss, and strange to say, elected to play both against the wind and hill. A strong breeze was blowing when the game commenced, just after the advertised time. Immediately the ball was started it was passed to the left wing, and taken down the field. Cawley and Waller were the only two players who seemed to kick the leather, and in less than half a minute a good goal was scored. The ball struck one of the posts and bounded through. Wednesday were none the less surprised than Belper by this unexpected success. From a foul, pretty close in, Parker had to save sharply, and a second shot went wide. Belper went to the other end, but were stopped by Thompson, who played a grand reliable game throughout the match. The Wednesdayites again got in front of the home goal, and Parker had to fist out from Waller. A. Waite shot into Smith's hands, and then Cawley and Mosforth executed a nice run, which ended in the concession of a corner. Nothing resulted, and Cawley caused the Belper custodian to handle. Hereabouts the visitors were pressing, but occasionally runs were made to the other end, but the backs and Smith were not beaten. A splendid chance was then missed by Wednesday, and a diversion was brought out by Gill and A. Waite. The ball was shot across the goal line, and the Belper forwards missed a good opportunity. For a short time Belper had the best of the match, and Thompson had to be on the alert. In a few minutes

the Wednesdayites, by a clever executed run of the forwards, shot a second goal, amid cheers. (LEA: "Cawley played a shot beautifully in goal which Parker fisted out, and just heading it again Cawley put on the second goal for Wednesday.") This made the Belper players work more vigorously, and they caused Smith to use his hands smartly. Mosforth again was as near as possible scoring, and a corner was given. This was put wide. Cawley was conspicuous by a capital run, and Waller headed outside. Then Sheffield took two corners, and Parker was found plenty to do. A shot from Waller hit the bar, and another from Mosforth was wide. A very foolish goal was then obtained. Parker attempted to stop a free kick, missed the ball, and it went through. This was the state of the game at half time: -Wednesday, 3; Belper, 0.

The wind continued to interfere with play after re-commencing. Belper at once assumed the aggressive, and caused Smith to fust out. Three times he beat out splendid shots, and performed magnificently when hampered by two or three opponents. Mosforth got on the ball, and was only just stopped in time. Belper played desperately, and made some wild shots, though several caused Smith trouble. He however did his work admirably, and it was a treat to see him. At this point the Wednesday backs had plenty to do to keep their goal from being captured. After more even play the Belper right wing got away, and a fine goal was scored, amid cheers. From now till the close Belper had the best of the play, but occasionally, Mosforth, Waller, and Cawley, by their combined runs, found the Belper backs ample work. Webster sent a beauty just over the bar, and Mosforth shot slightly wide. Cheered on by the spectators Belper made strenuous efforts to reduce the odds against them, but they were very erratic in front of goal, and lost several favourable chances. Smith again had to display his defensive powers, which he did in capital style. The home team headed wide, and were as near as possible scoring twice. Continuing to have the best of matters, the home team scored a second goal. From now to the close both teams put forth renewed efforts and Smith fisted out two splendid high shots. When the whistle blew the game remained in this state, the score being -Sheffield Wednesday, 3 goals; Belper, 2 goals.

For the winners, Betts, Thompson, Mosforth, Cawley, and Waller, excelled, but undoubtedly the fine goalkeeping of Smith won them the match. On the whole play was tolerably even, and there was not much to choose between the teams. The Belper goalkeeper's mistake cost them the contest."

Belper: H.S. Parker (Goal); H. Mellor, G. Inskip (Backs); H. Hobson, W.C. Waite (Capt.), H. Woodward (Half backs); H. Gill, A. Waite (Right Wing), E. Loomes (Centre), J. Wibberley, R. Stenson (Left Wing).

Sheffield Wednesday: J. Smith (Goal); Wise, F. Thompson (Backs); W. Betts, J.W. Dungworth, W. Cooper (Half Backs); H. Kinman, Webster (Right Wing), G. Waller (Centre), T.E. Cawley, W.H. Mosforth (Left Wing).

Umpires: N. Harrison (Belper) and Cropper (Sheffield).  
Referee: Sands (Nottingham Forest).

OWLERTON 2 (W.Ellis,F.Lee)(H.T. 1-0)(At Owlerton)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)  
ECKINGTON WORKS 1 (A.Dickens)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 17/10/87 P.7/Sheffield Independent 17/10/87  
P.6/Sheffield Evening Telegraph 15/10/87 P.3(Short report):

SDT:"Played at Owlerton.Great interest was centred in this tie,as Eckington knocked Owlerton out of the Hallamshire Cup last season after two keen struggles,and Owlerton having played Wednesday such a tight game last Saturday,caused a large number of spectators to assemble.The visitors won the toss,and Owlerton kicked off uphill.A neat run by the home left wing ended in Jennings having to save.W.Bentley then made a run,but his final shot went outside.The visitors could not get away,and W.Bentley,from a cross shot through the visitors' goal,but on appeal the goal was disallowed.Heavy kicking by Levick and Elliott transferred the leather to the other end,but Callis returned,and W.Bentley and C.Hobson caused a lot of trouble,Jennings again having to punt away.The home team swarmed round the visitors' goal,but shot after shot was repelled.At this time Jennings was keeping goal in splendid style for the visitors. T.Levick and Hurst at last got away,and the latter caused Callis to throw away. The leather was then nicely taken up the right wing by W.Bentley and C.Hobson, and from the latter player's shot,Ellis rushed up and headed through the visitors' goal.This reverse made the visitors play with great vigour,and for a time the home backs and half backs were kept busily employed.Smith shot over the bar, and from the kick off the leather was taken to the visitors' goal,and an exciting scrimmage ensued,but the ball went just outside.The visitors made several determined rushes for the opposite goal but the Owlerton backs prevented any score.Half time arrived in favour of Owlerton by one goal to none.

On change of ends the visitors' goal was at once attacked,but Levick lunged away,and one of the visitors' right forwards shot across,and Callis running out and missing,Dickens had no difficulty in making the game level.Fast play now ensued,and Jennings was soon called upon to beat away,as was Callis directly after.Ellis and L.Bentley missed chances at the other end by erratic shooting.A foul in the centre of the field was taken by Owlerton and passed to the right wing,and C.Hobson passing into the goal,a splendid bit of heading by L.Bentley and Lee ended in the latter scoring the second goal for Owlerton.Several corners were taken by Owlerton,and although neatly placed they were got away. Owlerton were now having the best of the play,and caused Jennings to beat away several times.Eckington made several desperate attempts to draw level,but without success.A corner by Eckington was nicely put in and Owlerton had a narrow escape.Lee then made a splendid run down the centre,and passing to Ellis,that player missed an easy chance by shooting over the bar.Richards and Austin at half back kept the ball in the visitors' quarters,but no further score resulted,and when the whistle blew the score stood-Owlerton two goals; Eckington one goal."

Owlerton:A.Callis(Goal);H.Thornton,W.Watson(Backs);W.Hobson,T.Austin,  
F.Richards(Half Backs);W.Bentley,C.Hobson (Right Wing),W.Ellis,L.Bentley,F.Lee.

Eckington:H.Jennings(Goal);H.Levick,F.Elliott(Backs);E.Fairley,A.Booth,  
C.Robertshaw(Half Backs);T.Levick A.Dickens,Hurst,T.Wiseall,J.Smith  
(Forwards).

Umpires:H.Levick and C.Thompson.Referee:W.H.Hall.

DERBY ST LUKE'S 2 (R.Wright,G.Halksworth)

DERBY JUNCTION 3 (J.Radford 2,A.Peach)(H.T. 1-2)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Peet Street  
Ground)

Derby Daily Telegraph 17/10/87 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 17/10/87 P.7/  
Sporting Life 17/10/87 P.4:

DDT:"A brilliantly fine,though somewhat cold afternoon,and with every prospect  
of an exciting encounter between these old rival clubs-St Luke's and Derby  
Junction-brought together on Peet-street ground this (Saturday) afternoon fully  
2,500 spectators to witness this match.Both teams have shown exceptionally  
good form this season,and the contest was looked forward to with great interest  
by their respective partisans.Junction played their full strength,but St Luke's  
were minus the services of Wild,whilst owing to a mistake on the part of the  
secretary in not registering him in time,it was found that +Rowlston,brother to  
the County crack,was not qualified to play.Consequently,W.Twigg reappeared in  
the back division and the vacant position on the left was filled by Harry Mee.  
Punctually to time the teams made their appearance on the field,and Siddons  
kicked off uphill for Junction.For a minute or two play was confined to the centre  
of the field.The Junction right then got possession,and Radford put in a shot  
which almost beat Parsons.Luke's retaliated,and Halksworth ran down the wing,  
sending in a shot,which Smith kicked away.Junction returned to the charge,and  
Bassano and Dolman were hard pressed.Parsons negotiated a wonderfully good  
shot from Hopkins,but immediately afterwards Junction took the first corner,and  
before the backs could relieve,Radford drew first blood for Junction.Up to this  
period the visitors had had much the best of the game,but on kicking off again  
the Saints woke up,and Coles and Halksworth went off at their best pace.The  
last-named sent in a capital centre,which Wright,with a fast shot,converted into a  
goal,amid great cheering.Play ruled rough and fast,and Junction maintained the  
pressure,but shot wildly.After a time Luke's backs relieved,and the forwards  
went away in a body.Halksworth again centred well,and Mee headed into goal,  
but Smith fisted away.Then Junction took another turn,and Hopkins shot grandly  
into Parsons' hands.Siddons made another effort,but Bassano cleared,and then  
the game was suspended for a few minutes owing to Radford getting hurt.On  
resuming Wright and Mee troubled Smith,and from another centre by  
Halksworth,Wright again headed into Smith's hands.Potts and Hind then cleared  
their lines,and play was quickly transferred to the opposite end.From a throw in  
on the left the ball was worked in front of Luke's goal,and a rather tame shot at  
goal was dealt with as feebly by Parsons,and the consequence was that Radford  
was able to score a very easy goal.On kicking off again Luke's pressed for a time.  
Ayre and Mee had a chance,but when the interval took place the game stood two  
to one in favour of Junction.

On resuming ,the Junc.,with the hill in their favour,got dangerous.Peach and Hopkins dribbled down,and the former very nearly scored.Directly afterwards, however,Bassano let the same player in again,and he registered a third goal with a shot which no custodian could have stopped.Keeping up the pressure Junction continued to have much the best of the game.Eventually the Saints broke away, and Halksworth and Coles made a gallant attempt to score.A corner fell to St Luke's but it was badly placed,and from the goal kick Junc. went down in a body, and a fierce scrimmage ensued in front of Luke's fortress.Parsons and several of the opposing forwards were down with the ball underneath them,but after a struggle"Spoff" emerged with the ball in his arms,and for a time danger was averted.Dolman now went half back,and Orme went back,and the change worked better for a time,the ball travelling to the opposite end,where Coles was given a half chance.Dolman next shot over the bar,and Parsons stopped a rattling shot from Radford.Playing up with more spirit,Luke's were soon at the other end again,and Coles and Halksworth getting by Potts the latter shot a second goal. Encouraged by their success,the same pair came again,and Hind conceded a corner.This was put outside,and Shannon was soon racing down the field,but coming into contact with Orme,he got the worst of the dual.Close upon time the Church Club made a determined attempt to draw level,but were unsuccessful, and the match terminated with the following result-Junction 3;St Luke's,2."

+F.Rowlston?

Derby St Lukes:W.E.Parsons(Capt.)(Goal);H.Bassano,W.Dolman(Backs);F.Harvey, W.Twigg,B.Orme(Half Backs);S.Coles,G.Halksworth(Right Wing),R.Wright (Centre),W.Ayre,Harry Mee(Left Wing).

Derby Junction:Harry Smith(Goal);George Potts(Capt.),Thomas Hind(Backs); Richard Smith,I.Siddons,J.Walker(Half Backs);Joseph Radford,John Bromage (Right Wing),John Shannon(Centre),A.Peach,William Hopkins(Left Wing).

Umpires:George Oakes(St Luke's) and E.Bromage(Junction).

SHEFFIELD HEELEY 9 (I.Swallow,G.Sykes(no other scorers recorded)  
ATTERCLIFFE 0  
(H.T. 4-0)(At Sheaf House Ground Sheffield)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 17/10/87 P.7/Sheffield Evening Telegraph 15/10/87 P.3/Sheffield Independent 17/10/87 P.6/(No teams):

SI:"Much delay was caused at the outset owing to Attercliffe being unable to get a team together.Some of their players were competing for the Sunday School Shield,and they had a minor team in the field at the same time.+At least three players were obtained from members of the club who had come on the ground to witness the match."

+Sporting Life 15/10/87 P.3(Attercliffe Team for the match): J.Taylor(Goal); H.Ward,G.Shorncliffe (Backs),J.Smith,F.Unwin,F.Bailey(Half Backs);H.Bennett, J.Webster(Right Wing),F.Bloom(Centre),J.W.Farnsworth,W.H.Smith(Left Wing).

SDT:"At Sheaf House on Saturday,in beautiful weather and in the presence of a good company of spectators.As this was the first time the new part of the ground had been utilised the onlookers in their criticism took a decidedly favourable view of the change Mr Garratt has,at considerable trouble and expense, completed.The combatants play the reverse way to which they have hitherto been accustomed,and as this brings the ground within the minimum of the Association rules(English),viz,110 by 70,all sorts of matches can now be played upon it.The bar of the hotel has been taken further back,and,while forming a crescent,has enabled the proprietor,even with an awning in front of it,and which will be very useful in wet weather,to accomplish this all-important change.Great credit is due to Mr Garratt for his substantial recognition of the wants and comforts of the patrons of the winter pastime.Regarding the match,the sequel at a glance is sufficiently explanatory,and although the defeated team were short of several of their regular players,the disparity should not have been so great.But this,no doubt,was owing to the excellent form shown by the victors.Heeley had somewhat improved their team to the previous week,while on the other hand their opponents were minus several of their most prominent men owing to the ties of the Sheffield Sunday School Union taking place,for their Shields.The wind at the commencement was playing very strong,and the ball was often out at the sides.Heeley won the toss,and during the first half decided to kick towards Heeley.The home team at once began to press,and within five minutes of the commencement had scored their first goal from the toe of Swallow.The visitors then made two or three runs to the opposite end,but only to be returned by Tomlinson.The Heeleyites,nothing daunted,came again,and having played half an hour,placed goal number two to their credit,the executant being G.Sykes.Shortly afterwards from a foul close,a third goal accrued to Heeley.Almost immediately the ball was kicked off,a fourth goal was added.Half time was now called,the game standing in favour of Heeley.

After the change of ends each goal was in turn threatened,but without success until they had played twenty minutes,when Heeley were again victorious in securing a fifth goal,and immediately afterwards a sixth.Five minutes later a seventh goal was added.The Attercliffeites seemed quite at sea with their opponents,who came again,and had no difficulty in adding the eighth goal,and quickly a ninth.Nothing further occurring,time was called leaving the home team easy winners."

Sheffield Heeley:A.Hill(Goal);T.A.Tomlinson,J.Smith(Backs);C.E.Knowlson, I.Swallow,W.H.Jackson(Half Backs);G.Sykes,H.Nicholson(Right Wing), A.Shaw(Centre),W.H.Hirnsforth,A.Johnson(Left Wing).

Attercliffe:F.Pashley(Goal);R.Hockley,G.Shirtcliffe(Backs);T.Bailey,F.Unwin, J.Smith(Half Backs),J.W.Farnworth,W.Pashley,A.Jackson,J.Taylor,J.Webster.

Umpires:W.Deane and W.Nicholson.Referee:W.E.Clegg.

MATLOCK 2 (G.Turner,W.Taylor)  
ROTHERHAM 3 (C.W.Musson,McCormack 2)

(H.T. 1-1)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Matlock Bridge)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 17/10/87 P.7/Sheffield Independent 17/10/87  
P.6/Derby Daily Telegraph 17/10/87 P.3/Derbyshire Times 22/10/87 P.6:

SDT:"The above teams met in the first round of the English Cup tie at Matlock Bridge on Saturday.The weather at the commencement of play was threatening, and a strong wind prevailed.The fixture evidently possessed a large amount of interest,as nearly 2,000 spectators were present,and cheered lustily the efforts of the contestants.A special train from Sheffield was taken advantage of,and an influx of about 300 supporters of the visitors took a prominent stand on the field.At 3.30 play commenced by a kick off from Rotherham,who approached the "reds",but the leather was quickly reversed.Thrice the Town goal was menaced, and on each occasion was neatly negotiated,but for some length of time the visitors had the advantage.Rotherham shortly after gained possession.Kitchen, however,was all there,and toed the ball out with a bang.A scrimmage took place; Johnson preserved the goal intact;Rotherham pressed and cornered.Kitchen again saved,and the ball travelled down the field.The Town team next ran to the "reds" and the post was struck.Another scrimmage and the leather was once more sent out of play.Charging was now freely engaged in,and the rough play which was seen throughout the game,was here subdued by the referee,and fouls were given.The shouts from the lookers-on were deafening,and both teams played with vigour after the ball was again in motion.Taylor travelled rapidly, and a corner was allowed.After another corner,which the custodian narrowly shielded from threading the goal,the ball glided past.Taylor and C.Platts now played up well,but no further record was made for the home team for some time,the Rotherites persisting in kicking out to save.Matlock failed to score for some time,and keenly felt the loss of their best men,and combination was lacking.Evans played well.A perpendicular ball from the visitors came in a threatening manner to goal,but it was ably headed out,and Taylor,with a brisk run,played into Turner's quarters,and the attack culminated in a goal for the "reds".The "chocolate and blue" men warmed,and shortly before half time a ball was threaded by Musson,the game at the sound of the whistle standing thus-Rotherham,1'Matlock,1.

When ends were changed the visitors stormed,but the Matlock backs made some fine dashing play,and their captain was seen to advantage.Taylor then ran along his side swiftly,but a diversion was soon caused,and Rotherham penned Matlock in,but a shot was fisted by Barber,and the ball was propelled to midfield.M'Cormack shortly made a run,and the adversaries failed to prevent a shot,which gave two to Rotherham.Shortly after the visitors fouled again.The ball then came into the vicinity of Matlock's possession,and in a scrimmage,Matlock again scored.Intense interest in the proceedings was now evinced,both teams taxing their powers to the utmost.Rotherham Town were compelled to sustain the loss of a man(W.Damms),who was by the referee +ordered off the field for threatening an opponent.The game continued brisk and spirited throughout,but nothing further was gained,and at the signal the complete score stood in favour of the "chocolate and blue" team thus-Rotherham,3 goals;Matlock,2 goals."

+First sending off in an F.A. Cup tie?

DDT"From a scrimmage in the Matlock goal,the home forwards broke away,and scored through the agency of Turner.The excitement ran high and seemed to affect the players,who indulged in questionable charging.Rotherham equalised befor half time.On crossing over Rotherham had matters pretty much their own way,and soon scored through the agency of McCormack.Two minutes later a scrimmage occurred in front of the Matlock goal,and after several attempts McCormack again rushed the ball through.The game continued to be rough,and in consequence of a Rotherham man named Damm threatening to strike a Matlock player,Mr Malpas,the referee,very properly ordered him off the ground,and Matlock then played up and put another goal on.Nothing further resulted however."

SI:"Played at Matlock Bridge.Matlock were minus (S.)Bagshawe,(A.)Bradbury,(T.)Needham,and (G.N.)Farnsworth,and the visitors were without two of their team.The substitutes,however,played well,and for about a quarter of an hour from the commencement of the game the teams were evenly matched.Matlock then carried the ball into their opponents' citadel,and in a scrimmage a good goal was scored by G.Turner.Shortly afterwards,Musson retaliated,and Rotherham equalised.Nothing further was recorded up to half time.

Then a hard and even game was witnessed for upwards of half an hour.The home team then made several good attempts,and had two consecutive corners,but were unable to score.M'Cormack got a splendid goal,the same player adding another to the Rotherham score a short time afterwards.About ten minutes before the call of time Taylor scored a second point for the home team."

Derby Daily Telegraph 19/10/87 P.2:"Matlock were placed to a great disadvantage,as they had no less than four of their forwards,Bagshaw, Needham,Farnsworth,and Bradbury,on the sick list,and also W.Smith,full-back, while in less than ten minutes from the from the commncement of the game, Johnson,one of their full-backs,received a bad kick on the thigh,which rendered him very little use to his side,although he pluckily stopped on the field through the game.With Buxton not being in for the Derbyshire Cup,and Bakewell having scratched,to Matlock,they were fortunate to obtain the services of +Kitchen,who played a fine game at back,and Taylor,Evans,and Elliott,of Bakewell,rendered good service in the forward division.Two second team men,++H.Turner and G.Turner,had to take the left wing.The latter played a very good game throughout.He scored the first goal for his side,besides having one disallowed. The chief feature of the match was the fine play of Askew and the brothers Platts at half back.Had Bradshaw and Bradbury been in the forward division,and Johnson had not been disabled,the result would have been very different." +Of Buxton:see DT ++Listed in DT and Elliott appears to have played Centre and not Joseph Smith

Matlock:F.Barber(Goal);T.Johnson,W.Kitchen(Backs);John Askew,Charles Platts(Capt.),S.Platts(Half Backs);Wilfrid Taylor,A.F.Evans(Right Wing), G.Elliott(Centre),George Turner,H.Turner(Left Wing).

Rotherham: Fred Micklethwaite (Goal); Albert Rogers, Fred Turner (Backs); Walter Damms, Ralph Stubbs, T. Sherwood (Half Backs); (F.) W. Thomas, W. Gummer (Right Wing), C. W. Musson (Capt.) (Centre), J. Damms, J. McCormack. (Left Wing).

Umpires: T. Ballington for Matlock and George Simpson for Rotherham.  
Referee: J. Malpass (Derby YMCA).

#### SEVENTH DIVISION

Draw:

Basford Rovers .v. Lincoln Albion  
Notts Rangers .v. Notts Jardines  
Lincoln Lindum .v. Grantham  
Notts Swifts .v. Notts Forest  
Gainsborough Trinity .v. Boston  
Mellors Limited .v. Notts Olympic  
Lincoln City .v. Horncastle  
Cleethorpes .v. Grimsby Town  
Lincoln Ramblers .v. Notts County

BASFORD ROVERS 3 (G. Chambers, R. Hammond, A. Grain)  
LINCOLN ALBION 2 (J. Lusby 2)  
(H.T. 3-2) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) (At Vernon Road, Basford)

Where is scorer of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lincoln goal from as all 3 papers give a "scrimmage" and give Irons as scoring the 3<sup>rd</sup> goal for Basford but A. Grain in lineups?

Nottingham Journal 17/10/87 P.7/Lincolnshire Chronicle 18/10/87 P.3 and  
21/10/87 P.2/Nottingham Evening Post 15/10/87 P.3:

NEP/LC: "This fixture to decide the first round of the National Association Cup tie was played on the Vernon-road ground, Basford this afternoon. The Rovers won the toss, and kicked with the wind, which at the time was blowing half a gale from one end of the field to the other. The first 15 minutes was very fast, and the first goal fell to the Rovers being kicked by Chambers. Directly afterwards Lusby, who was playing well, put the leather through the posts for the Albion, thus equalising. The visitors then began to press very hard, and took the ball to their opponents' end where, from a scrimmage, it was put through. The game then became more equal, the ball being taken from one end to the other, whilst at the Albion end two splendid shots were sent in, but they were repelled in fine style by the goalkeeper, though not without the cost of a corner, which was not scored from. For 20 minutes play became fast, but no goals were scored, until Hammond got the ball down to the visitors' end, and shied it through from a long fast shot. Immediately before the call of half time \*Irons scored the third for the home team, to the visitors' two.

On resuming the play was very even, several corners having been given to both sides, from which nothing resulted. Tair sent some good shots for the Rovers, but the visitors' custodian repelled them in splendid form. A corner was given in favour of the visiting team, and a scrimmage occurred in front of goal, but ultimately the ball was got away. After about 35 minutes' play in this latter half the ball was put through by the Ramblers, but the goal was not allowed, as it was ruled the Lincoln man put the ball through with his hand. When the whistle sounded for time the home team were victorious by three goals to two." (NJ Report almost identical )

Athletic News 18/10/87 P5: "Although the whole of the Lincolnshire clubs who had entered for the English competition had put off their games in connection with the first round until Saturday, the last day, little excitement was experienced, as the whole of the results (with the exception of one game) were foregone conclusions. This match was between Lincoln Albion and Basford Rovers at Nottingham. The Albion is a good old-fashioned club of working men athletes, whose success is entirely dependent on their own exertions and subscriptions, and who play on one of the extensive common lands of Lincoln.

The luxury of enclosed grounds with big "gates" and wealthy patrons are unknown to them, but a genuine love of the game itself has always kept them fairly well going, and in their first venture at English Cup honours they worked hard and consistently for success; but, after a splendidly-fought game, in which both sides kicked three goals, they were knocked out of the competition, one of the Lincoln goals being disallowed.

Years ago there used to be great rivalry and keen struggles between Lincoln Rovers, Lindum, and Albion; but now the first-named are metamorphosed into Lincoln City, and they have left their rivals a long way behind in the race; but still the Albion are to be congratulated on the good game they played, and although they had very hard lines it is to be hoped the experience may bring more support and more members to the club."

NJ: "Irons obtained the third goal for the home team just before half-time,..."

Basford Rovers : S. Burrows (Goal); E. Woolley, W. Slaney (Backs); H. Carnell, G. Allen, G. Tarr (Half Backs); R. Hammond, A. Grain (Right Wing), G. Chambers (Centre), E. Middleton, W. T. Hind (Left Wing).

Lincoln Albion: W. Brelsford (Goal); Newbold, Hylton (Backs); H. Wright, E. Mettam (Capt.), G. Green (Half Backs); H. Smith, G. Brammer (Right Wing), J. Lusby (Centre), Fullalove, Stothard (Left Wing).

Umpires: G. Robinson for Basford Rovers and G. G. Boulton for Lincoln Albion.  
Referee: W. Procter, jun.

NOTTS RANGERS 10 (T. Cooke 2, F. Geary 5, A. Shelton, J. B. Partington, W. Hodder)  
JARDINES LIMITED 1 (A. Elliott) (H. T. 6-0) (At Meadow Lane) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)

Nottingham Evening Post 15/10/87 P.3/Nottingham Journal 17/10/87 P.7:

NJ:"This match,which incited more interest in Nottingham than any of the ties in the first round of the English Cup competition,was played on the Meadow-lane ground on Saturday,in cold and cheerless weather.There was also an extremely strong wind blowing,which materially altered the game-as the ball was extremely difficult to manipulate,and good combination was rendered difficult. The attendance,despite the coldness of the weather,was a good one considering the numerous other attractions,there being fully 2,000 people present.The Rangers' captain was successful in the spin of the coin,and of course his team availed themselves of the strong wind which blew in the direction of the Trent. The visiting team were (not) very dangerous in the first half,seldom getting near the Rangers' goal,although one time Jeffries was very slow when the ball was centred by Thorpe.On the other hand the Rangers caused Jardine's backs considerable trouble,repeatedly assailing Hexter's goal,After about five minutes' play Geary crossed to Cooke,who placed the ball beautifully,and Meads put it through his own goal.Geary scored a second by a long shot,and the ball was put through for the third time by Archer.A foul had occurred previously,however,and the point was not allowed.That was immaterial,however,as F.Geary headed the third goal,and +two more were added in quick succession,the Jardine's backs being beaten at all points.A sixth followed about five minutes afterwards,Cooke scoring with a long shot,Hexter making a miscalculation;and at half-time the score was Rangers 6 Jardines 0.

Immediately after the commencement another goal was registered by Geary,and the result of the game was unquestionable.The eighth goal came from the foot of Hodder,who received the ball from Geary.That player scored the ninth immediately afterwards with a very nice low shot.After this,when too late, Jardine's played up much better,and the result of a good run on the part of the forwards was that Elliott scored with a beautiful screw shot (Rangers 9,Jardines 1).The game was more even after this,but only a few minutes had elapsed before Geary made a splendid run,carrying the ball through the Jardine's backs and beating Hexter with an oblique shot.No other points were scored,and the following was the result:-Rangers 10,Jardines 1."

+Lancashire Evening Post 15/10/87 P.3:" Alf Shelton,from a good corner by \*Parkinson,scored the fourth goal,\*Parkinson the fifth,and Geary,who was playing splendidly,added the sixth." \*Partington.(No other scorers and no teams)

NEP:"This match was played on Meadow Lane Ground before a large number of spectators.The Rangers won the toss and kicked with the wind.They immediately assumed the offensive,pressed their opponents,and at half time had scored six goals to none.In the second half the Rangers registered four more goals,while Jardine's scored their first and only goal.The Rangers played throughout with dash,and their passing was almost perfection.Geary distinguished himself, scoring five goals out of the 10."

Athletic News 18/10/87 P.5:"Notts Rangers polished off Jardine's in rare style. Indeed Jardine's backs,Meads and Chesterton,were no match for the speedy and

clever forwards of the Rangers.Archer,Geary,Cooke,and Hodder played grandly, with the result that the eleven captained by Charlie Shelton won by ten goals to one.Geary was a host in himself,obtaining no fewer than five points,and the Rangers are heartily glad to have him back amongst them.It is to be hoped that the Irishman will not foresake them again for any other club.”(No teams)

Notts Rangers:W.Dawson(Goal);W.Topham,H.Edwards(Backs);S.Mack, C.Shelton(Capt.),A.Shelton(Half Backs);T.Cooke,W.Archer(Right Wing), F.Geary(Centre),W.Hodder,J.B.Partington(Left Wing).

Jardines:R.W.Hexter(Goal);R.Chesterton,S.Meads(Backs);G.Jefford,T.Sadler, J.Parrimore(Half Backs);E.Jeffries,A.Elliott(Right Wing),J.Butler(Centre), J.Thorpe,F.Turner(Left Wing).

Umpires:G.Gilbert and H.Williams.Referee:A.T.Ashwell(Notts)

GRANTHAM 4 (Wood,M.Lane,G.Sutton 2 )  
LINCOLN LINDUM 0  
(H.T. 3-0)(At London Road, Grantham)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)

Lincolnshire Chronicle 18/10/87 P.3 and 21/10/87 P.2/Grantham Journal  
22/10/87 P.3/Nottingham Journal 17/10/87 P.7/Boston Guardian 22/10/87  
P.3:

LC:”On the London-road Grantham before 500 spectators on Saturday.The visitors,+who played one man short,kicked off twenty minutes late.Grantham had a strong north-west wind in their favour.A couple of corners fell to Grantham,but nothing came of them.Wood was the first to score,putting in a swift low shot. ”Hands” were given against Lincoln,and Lane notched the second goal for Grantham.”Hands” against each side,and a corner was awarded to Grantham.Slater endeavoured to score,but unsuccessfully.Sutton headed the third goal for Grantham just before half time.

On changing over,Wells-Cole,who had been playing tolerably well,was kicked on the head by one of the Grantham men and the game was suspended for a short time.He soon came round,however,and play was continued.A corner for the home team was followed by “hands” against them.Sutton got the fourth goal for his side two minutes before the final whistle sounded.The match thus ended in a win for Grantham by four goals to nil.”

GJ:”This match in the first round of the English Cup competition took place last Saturday at Grantham,on the London-road ground.About five hundred spectators assembled to witness the game;a number smaller than was expected when the excitement of the contest and the fine weather was considered.Lincoln Lindum arrived with only ten men+,Nicholson,their half-back,not having turned up,and were thus considerably handicapped.Grantham winning the toss,elected to play with the wind in their favour,and so the visitors had to defend the pavilion end goal.From the kick-off,at 3.30pm,West took the ball,and by some clever dribbling on the part of some Lindumites they forced Broadbent to defend his charge.

Grantham then took care of the leather and soon transplanted it to the visitors' territory, where they secured a corner, but nothing more. Very shortly after Wells-Cole had to allow another corner, which Geeson placed well in the mouth of the goal, but H. Williams (on), by some fine play, took it out of dangerous quarters. A little manoeuvring in the centre of the ground was followed by the visitors' forwards breaking away, and calling upon Broadbent to save, and by some very exciting play close to the Lincoln goal. All the Grantham forwards-Lane in particular-had good chances of scoring offered, but failed to take advantage of them, until Cocks missed a very easy shot at back, and by doing so he left a way open to Wood, who cleverly placed the ball through the posts amidst loud applause. After the kick-off, "hands" was given very near the Lincoln goal, and Segar placing the ball in a good position, offered a splendid chance to Lane, who failed to score, however. A minute after, the same player was again favoured with an opening, and this time he proved equal to the occasion. Play was more even, when Saunders sent in a good shot from the wing, and after its failure, Slater should have easily added a third point to the local score. Sutton, after the kick-out, attempted a dribble, but failed to pass Wells-Cole, who was playing a fine game, and a free kick for "hands" was taken by Clements, but kicked out. He, however, sent in a good shot directly after, but Wells-Cole was equal to the occasion, and neatly headed it on the wing. "Hands" against Grantham proved of little use to the visitors, and the next point of interest was a neat dribble by Wood, who passed to Lane, only to see that player fail to secure an easy goal. Clements then showed some pretty form, passed to Geeson, who sent the leather on to Slater, and the last-named just put the leather well past the posts. He certainly deserved the goal, and a narrower shave could not be attained. The Lincoln men now woke up a bit, and gave Broadbent rather an anxious time. He repelled all the attacks of West and Williams, however, until Segar and Austin relieved him. Sutton was stopped in the middle of a pretty dribble by the ball bouncing up and striking his hand, but the visitors could not resist the Grantham attack, and shot after shot was sent at their goal. These attempts, however, were ill-judged, until out of a general scrimmage, Sutton headed the ball through about two minutes before half-time, the game then standing-Grantham Town 3, Lincoln Lindum 0.

For about five minutes after the change of ends the Lincoln men looked like scoring. They played with considerable dash and combination, and were soon credited with a corner. H. Williams, however, kicked the ball behind. This appeared to dishearten the visitors, they then played badly and very loosely, but in this they were almost equalled by the home team. As a consequence the ball was now in the mouth of the Lincoln goal, and then close to Broadbent, the wonder often being however each team refrained from scoring. The goal-keepers and Wells-Cole were the only players who appeared to keep their heads, and play in anything like form. Another corner fell to the lot of the Lindumites, but was served in the same manner as related above, and Slater at last showed some pretty dribbling up the wing, but failed to score: the other Grantham men apparently admiring him, and so neglecting the proper support. At a quarter to five, Wells-Cole received a nasty kick on the head from Wood, and the game was stopped for two minutes, at the end of which time he was again able to take his place back. Slater was chiefly instrumental in securing a corner for Grantham,

which Geeson kicked behind, and after some desultory play, Sutton secured a goal about two minutes before the whistle blew, the game thus ending-Grantham Town 4, Lincoln Lindum 0."

Athletic News 18/10/87 P.5: "Lincoln Lindum have once again struggled into existence, owing chiefly to the persistent pluck and determination of our old friend Teddy Richardson, but the "little 'un" is badly backed up, and a want of spirit on the part of those who should rally round and support him is not only likely to discourage him, but also to sink the club once more into oblivion. On Saturday the uphill contingent encountered Grantham, and became easy victims to the combined strength of the Victoria and Town clubs, who have wisely amalgamated to form one good representative eleven. The match was somewhat one-sided throughout, and Grantham won easily by four goals to love.

Singularly enough, these two clubs were drawn together last season in the first round of the English Cup, but on that occasion the game was much closer, Grantham winning, after an exciting struggle, by a majority of one goal."

+NJ: "...a start was made at 3.30, the game having been delayed on account of the non-arrival of the visitors' captain." GJ: "Nicholson, their half-back, not having turned up"

Grantham: J. Broadbent (Goal); J. Austin, J. Segar (Backs); C. E. Clements, F. Geeson, F. Streets (Half Backs); A. E. Slator, G. Sutton (Right Wing), M. Lane (Centre), Wood, Saunders (Left Wing).

Lincoln Lindum: Parker (Goal); Wells-Cole, Cocks (Backs); Allott, H. Williams (Half Backs); H. Newsum, C. Newsum (Right Wing), West (Centre), Lowe, W. Williams (Left Wing).

+NJ has the same lineup with additional Lowe (no initial) at no 6, but no evidence of a substitute.

Umpires: Strickson for Grantham and T. Richardson for Lincoln Lindum.  
Referee: A. Chaplin, Derby.

NOTTS FOREST 2 (G. Tutin, S. Norman)  
NOTTS SWIFTS 1 (C. F. Daft)  
(H. T. 1-0) (F. T. 1-1) (A. E. T.) (At Gregory Ground) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)

Nottingham Evening Post 15/10/87 P.3/Nottingham Journal 17/10/87 P.7:

NEP: "Although the result of this tie in the English Cup was considered a foregone conclusion, and the weather was winterly, with rain threatening, there was a fairly large attendance at the Gregory Ground this afternoon, when the Foresters met the Swifts. Winfield did not take the field for the "Reds", as had been expected, and Danks also being absent, the team underwent reorganisation, Ward going from half back to the outside right, where he was partnered by G. Tutin, A. Pike playing half back. The Swifts brought F. Woolley from full back to half back, and played

H.Woolley on the outside of the right wing.The Foresters winning the toss,kicked with the wind during the first half,play being started at 10 minutes past three o'clock.The game was more eccentric than clever in its early stages,Ward in particular shooting too hard and high,with the result that two good chances were missed.The play was slow,and the Swifts fairly held their own,Warburton and H.Woolley making dashes along either wing,and carrying the ball over the goal line.The Foresters settled down a little better,and were often pressing,but two corners availed them nought,and Whyatt saved a shot by Leighton cleverly.The Foresters attacked repeatedly,but in a half-hearted fashion,one opening being missed in an unaccountable manner,by three Red forwards.Indeed,their exhibition in front of goal was so poor that the spectators jeered at the Foresters, and "chaffed"them relentlessly.Fox sent in a grand shot,which Whyatt splendidly repulsed,but after 25 minutes' play George Tutin scored a somewhat lucky goal. On resuming the Foresters still pressed,and George Tutin headed through the posts,but was declared offside.Another shot,which would inevitably have scored,was handled by one of the Swifts' backs in the mouth of the goal,but although the goal was three or four times in imminent danger,the Swifts defended stubbornly and the score was not increased.At half time the Foresters, having had the advantage of the wind,were only leading by one goal to none.

Upon changing ends the Foresters immediately went into their opponents' quarters and took two corner kicks which proved useless.The Swifts twice broke away,but failed to make use of their opportunities,and owing to the "blacks" massing themselves in front of goal,the Foresters,though constantly aggressive, were unable to score,in addition to which their shooting was shockingly bad.The Swifts played pluckily,and Warburton breaking away gave some trouble to Widdowson,having twice to handle.Fox ran to the other end,but Whyatt dealt neatly with his shot,and the Swifts returned to the attack with the result that Widdowson had again to throw away.The Swifts got a corner,but H.Woolley kicked behind,and Fox running up secured a corner,but the Foresters were unable to improve upon it.A quarter of an hour from the finish one of the forwards of the Forest when starting with a clear run for goal,got his knee badly wrenched,and had to be carried off the field,the Foresters playing with ten men afterwards.The Swifts taking advantage of this mishap,forced the pace,and secured a free kick for a foul near goal;but they did not turn it to account. Fletcher,from a free kick,sent the ball through the Forest posts,but as it had not touched any player in course of transit the point did not count.A determined assault by the Swifts just before "time"nearly ended in the capture of the Forest goal,some of the spectators being of the opinion that the ball had passed under the bar when Widdowson punted out,but the officials ruled against the Swifts. Leighton went to the other end,but the Swifts were not to be denied,and going down in force secured a corner.Warburton dropped the ball well from the flag, and Daft headed through,amidst cheering.Less than ten minutes' playing time remained and no goal being scored,the game at the end of the regulation hour and a half was a tie of one goal each-a most unexpected result.

It was decided to play an extra half hour,and the Swifts started with the wind in their favour.Norman missed a chance almost immediately,and the Swifts playing up vigorously took two corner kicks,the Foresters' play being of the most inferior

description. Waking up a little the "Reds" pressed, but were unable to get the ball through, and when favoured with a free kick for a foul near goal Hancock kicked high over the bar. The game hereabouts became almost farcical, but improved after a bit. The Swifts were, if anything, playing a better game than their opponents, but when the first quarter of an hour had expired, failed to improve their score.

The Foresters, getting the wind, rallied, and took two corners, but the defence of the "Blacks" was obstinate and not to be broken through. H. Pike just skimmed the bar with a capital shot, but the Swifts got to the other end, and Hancock was compelled to give a corner, from which Ward cleared. Five minutes only remained, when the "Reds" made a desperate effort to win the match. Norman shot straight into the goal mouth, but Whyatt cleared, and threw away. The ball went to H. Pike, who sent in another true shot, and Norman, charging Whyatt at the right moment, got a goal, amidst enthusiastic cheering. Norman getting the ball from Fox put it through the posts, but was given offside, and the Foresters won a hard-fought game by two goals to one."

Notts Forest: T.H. Widdowson (Goal); H. Billyeald, W.T. Hancock (Backs); Arthur Pike, Harry Pike, S. Norman (Half Backs); A.W. Ward, Oliver Tutin (Right Wing), George Tutin (Centre), E.J. Leighton, F. Fox (Left Wing).

Notts Swifts: G.H. Whyatt (Goal); H. Guy, H. Fletcher (Backs); A. Smith, G. Spreckley, F. Woolley (Half Backs); H. Woolley, T.H. Gadsby (Right Wing), C.F. Daft (Centre), B.F. Warburton, W. Woolley (Left Wing).

Umpires: C.J. Caborn for Notts Forest and H. Page for Notts Swifts.  
Referee; G. Robinson, Basford Rovers.

GAINSBOROUGH 7 (Fred Spiksley 2, J. Maddin 2, H. Robinson, H. Chambers, G. Vamplew) BOSTON 0 (H.T. 4-0) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)  
(LC scorers) (R&GT has Chambers 2, Madden 3, Robinson, Spikesley as the scorers) (BG scorers see below)

KR Source Retford & Gainsborough Times CHECK / Lincolnshire Chronicle 18/10/87 P.3 and 21/10/87 P.2 / Boston Guardian 22/10/87 P.3 / Sheffield Independent 17/10/87 P.6:

LC: "These teams met at Gainsborough, before 1,200 spectators, on Saturday afternoon, and after a very one-sided game, the Trinitarians won by seven goals to none. Boston won the toss, and kicked with the sun behind them, and for the first quarter of an hour the game was evenly contested, both goals being assailed in turn. After ten minutes' play Wilkinson had the misfortune to break his arm, and was compelled to leave the field. Shannon, the Boston captain, at once proposed that the Trinitarians should introduce another man, and \*Watkin came in the place of Williamson. Spikesley scored the first goal after 20 minutes' play, and from that time to the end of the game the Trinitarians were pressing unceasingly. Chambers scored the second goal, Robinson the third, and Madden the fourth, and so the score stood when ends were changed.

Early in the second part of the game Spikesley scored the fifth goal, Madden and Vamplew following suit before the call of time. The home forwards played a magnificent game, and were well supported by the three half backs. Jubb and Fergus had little to do, and Judson had less. The Boston backs played a grand game, and Gresham stopped some hot shots in a marvellous manner. Julian was the best of the half backs, and rendered the forwards yeoman service, but the forwards were almost helpless before the Trinity half backs. Allin and Garnham made two or three good runs, but the other three did nothing."

BG: "This tie in the first round of the English competition took place at Gainsborough on Saturday and resulted in a victory for the home team by seven goals to nil. Boston won the toss, and the ball was quickly taken from the kick-off into the visitors' "twenties", a corner quickly resulting to Trinity, well taken by Vamplew. A keen struggle took place in goal, a foul resulting in the ball hitting the bar. Then the Boston right wing woke up, but (Fergus) and Jubb were equal to the occasion. Disbrowe on the left now gave the spectators a good display of speed and passing. Williamson and Chambers got the better of Vamplew and Fergus. Judson had to resort to hands and was nearly knocked through the goal, Jubb saving in the nick of time. A good rally followed, and Williamson and Maddin rattled the ball down the field, the Boston backs returning the ball well. Pearson had an encounter with Lowe and passed the ball to the centre, but Freeman assumed possession, and got away on the right, Pearson again relieving with a good pass to Maddin and Robinson took the sphere to Shannon, who sent it back cleverly, and the ball went out. Allen took possession, but did not pass accurately, and Williamson following up came into contact with Shannon, the result being that both players were disabled, Williamson sustaining a fractured arm. His place was taken by Watkin, a handsome concession by the Bostonians, and play resumed vigorously. Disbrowe now made an exhibition on the left, and centred neatly, causing Judson to save by a long kick. Garnham and Lowe returned up the right, Judson again having to save. Chambers now showed prominently and crossed to Brown. Maddin got hold and returned to his captain, who centred well, but the ball went out. Fergus saved twice in good form, but Trinity now pressed, and from a severe scrimmage Spikesley headed through drawing first blood for Trinity amidst cheers, 21 minutes after the start. The game alternated with varying fortune, Trinity having the best of the play, several corners resulting to the home team. From a free kick off Lowe, Maddin took a very fast low shot, and entirely defeated the custodian. Disbrowe now made a spurt, but Robinson from the return came up and sent the ball through for the third time, Madden shortly after making the fourth goal, half-time transpiring at this period.

On resumption play was mostly in the visitors' quarters and Spikesley kicked the fifth, Madden shortly after sending the sphere between the sticks for the sixth time, and Chambers from a smart hit making the seventh. Boston now gathered and attacked Judson, who had to fist out. Allin made a fast gallop on the left wing but the ball went out. Trinity now kept up a vigorous bombardment, but did not add to their total, which was really a substantial victory, and showing that defeating "City" last week was their true form."

Athletic News 18/10/87 P.5: "No more gentlemanly player than F.R.Shannon, the captain of the Boston Town Club, goes into the football field. On Saturday afternoon last, in their match against Gainsborough, Williamson, coming into contact with the player above-named, unfortunately had his arm broken, and although it was a Cup tie, and the result everything to Boston, Shannon insisted that a player should be substituted in Williamson's place. This is as it should be. In losing Williamson, Gainsborough Trinity are deprived of one of the most promising forwards in Lincolnshire. Until this season he played for a small country club, but was marked down as quality by the Trinity managers, was given a trial, and his skill with the ball against good clubs proved the wisdom of their judgment. I wish him a speedy recovery."

Gainsborough: R.Judson (Goal); R.Fergus, C.Jubb (Backs); (??S.) Pearson, N.Brown (Capt.), G.Vamplew (Half Backs); H.Chambers, \*Williamson (sub: \*Watkin: see above) (Right Wing), J.Madden (Centre), H.Robinson, Fred Spiksley (Left Wing).

Boston : W.Gresham (Goal); F.R.Shannon (Capt.), W.Kitwood (Backs); E.J.W.Disbrowe, G.Fawsett, W.Julian (Half Backs); T.Garnham, C.W.N.Lowe (Right Wing), Freeman (Centre), T.Allin, R.H.Disbrowe (Left Wing).

Umpires: W.Croft for Gainsborough and C.W.Thorpe for Boston.  
Referee: A.J.Bates (Nottingham).

MELLORS LIMITED 6 (V.Stevenson (o.g.), Fred Weightman 2, W.Mabbott 2, Frank Weightman) NOTTS OLYMPIC 3 (S.Lilley 2, H.Fulton)  
(H.T. 1-2) (F.T. 2-2) (A.E.T.) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) (At Muskham Street)

Nottingham Journal 17/10/87 P.7 / Nottingham Evening Post 15/10/87 P.3:

(Protest that Olympic Ground too small: F.A. ordered the game to be replayed as the ground was found to be 13 yards short of the minimum length: Nottinghamshire Guardian 22/10/87 P.3).

NEP: "These teams met in the first round of the National Cup competition this afternoon, on the Muskham-street ground. Neither teams were fully represented. From Mellors' Limited Herrod was absent at half back, his place being supplied by Jeacock, and Wilkinson's place at centre was taken by Gutteridge. The Olympians were short of Harvey and James, both of whom were disabled, Dunncliffe in consequence playing at half back, and Fulton on the left wing. The Olympic captain won the toss, and elected to play with the wind, which was rather rough, from the Muskham-street end of the field. Gutteridge started the ball at twenty minutes past three o'clock, and the game, to the greater extent hindered by the troublesome element, was of a somewhat wild description. Mellors' notwithstanding their disadvantage, played pluckily and attacked grandly, and after less than ten minutes' play the Olympian citadel was stormed, and Stevenson, the right full back, in his endeavour to make matters safer, missed his aim, and slid the ball through the posts. Gutteridge showed some pretty dribbling, but play became rather tame for a time. Mellors' gained a corner, but it was ineffectual, and Unwin getting near took the ball to the other goal, where some

exciting play ensued. The Olympian wings, especially the right, nearly succeeded in equalising by some neat combination, but Hill saved. Two more shots proved futile. Price and Mabbott looked like business, but the ball soon got returned to Mellors' quarters, and a corner was gained by the Olympic. Dunncliffe put in a good kick, but Mellors' resisted, and good play on the part of Dunncliffe and Lilley failed in its object. The Olympians continued to press and had several chances, one of which Unwin nearly utilised with success, the ball only skimming the bar. The Mellors' back division had plenty of work, and Unwin and Felton got dangerous. The latter's shot was repelled, but Lilley was in waiting, and put in a quick shot, equalising amid loud cheers. The brothers Weightman made a spurt without avail and Dunncliffe and Cooke soon returned. The Olympians being well up Tuxford put in a swift low shot, but the result was a corner, from which no particular benefit accrued. Just before half time a piece of careful play on the part of the Olympians resulted in a goal being obtained, Fulton putting on the finishing touch. Mellors' took a free kick not far from their opponents' goal, but that and a corner directly afterwards resulted in nothing, though Price put in a capital shot.

Upon a change of sides Mellors' found matters less difficult, and Gutteridge nearly added a second goal. Several exchanges then occurred, with little or no result. One of the Weightmans feebly lifted the ball over the bar, and Mellors' then obtained a corner without issue. Unwin and Cooke did the Olympians yeoman service. Mellors' were conceded a corner, but Machin headed over the bar, and F. Weightman shot, but Pilkington fisted away. Although they were on the spot, Mellors' failed to show sufficient dash, their partisans loudly urging them to "play up". The brothers Weightman tried hard to equalise, but their shots were fisted away. Mellors' then attacked grandly, and the ball, getting close to the Olympic goal, a shot was sent in by Fred Weightman, which rolled over the back's head and fell between the posts. The game became most exciting, each side making excellent bids for superiority. Spurred on by Marshall, their captain, Mellors' nearly scored a third time, but the corner which resulted was fruitless. The Olympic backs showed their prowess on more than one occasion. Time was soon after called, but, the score being equal, the extra half hour was played. Frank Weightman made a desperate effort to score, without avail. Olympic gained a corner, but Mellors carried the ball back, and Fred Weightman scored with a relatively easy shot, amid cheers. The spectators became still more enthusiastic a minute or two later when, after a stiff tussle, Lilley again equalised for the Olympic. Play was stopped for a time through Marshall receiving a nasty kick in the stomach. On resuming Mabbott sent in a long crooked shot, and Pilkington hardly attempted to save a fourth goal, which was registered for Mellors. Cooke had a capital chance to score, but missed it. Soon after Fred Weightman sent in a good shot, which Hayes was slow in repelling, and Mabbott, seizing his opportunity, put it through. Frank Weightman scored once again before the expiration of time, and Mellors' thus won by six goals to three."

Mellors Limited: A. Hill (Goal); Truman, A. T. Marshall (Capt.) (Backs); J. Toone, S. Machin, T. Jeacock (Half Backs); W. Price, W. Mabbott (Right Wing), F. Gutteridge (Centre), Frank Weightman, Fred Weightman (Left Wing).

N.B.In the first half Jeacock played Centre but changed places with Guttridge for the second half "and the change was a good one"(N)

Notts Olympic:H.Pilkington(Goal);V.Stevenson,H.Hayes(Backs);J.Dunncliffe, W.Tuxford,A.Jackson(Half Backs);W.Cooke,A.Hodgkinson(Right Wing), S.Lilley(Centre),G.Unwin,H.Fulton(Left Wing).

Umpires:H.Hill for Mellors and A.G.Hines for Notts Olympic.  
Referee:Jessop(Notts).

"REPLAY":Sat Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> :

NOTTS OLYMPIC 1 (S.Lilley)  
MELLORS LIMITED 2 (Frank Weightman,J.Toone)  
(H.T. 1-1)(At Churchville Ground,Radford)

Nottingham Journal 24/10/87 P.7/Nottingham Evening Post 22/10/87 P.3:

NEP:"This undecided tie in the first round of the Association Cup was played off on the Churchville Ground,Radford,today.It will be remembered that the teams met on the Muskham-street ground last Saturday,when a stubbornly fought contest resulted in the victory of Mellors Limited by six goals to three,after playing an extra half hour.It was afterwards discovered that the ground upon which the match had been played was 13 yards less than the minimum allowed by the rules of the Association,and an appeal by the Olympic to that committee resulted in that body ordering the match to be replayed.

Keen interest was felt in the second meeting of the clubs,and there was a large number of spectators.The toss was won by the visitors,who decided to kick towards the church end.Play was very even for the first few minutes,after which the Olympic forwards got the ball down,and after a low shot by Lilly scored the first goal.Mellors' began to press hard,but the Olympian's backs were playing a very good game,and it was not until about two minutes before half time that the visitors scored,Frank Weightman putting the ball through.The home team attacked,but kicked out.Play was then taken to the visitors' quarters.Mellors' made a tremendous effort to score,but the Olympic custodian saved cleverly,and the ball was ultimately got away.The game began to be very fast,each side striving hard to score.The visitors scored the first goal in the second half,Toone putting the ball through with a fast shot on the ground.Mellors' obtained a corner,and the ball was landed in the mouth of the goal,It was,however,handled, thus giving the home team the opportunity of clearing their lines,and of this they availed themselves,and transferred operations to the opposite end,where a corner was given,but this proved of no avail.The Olympic at this point had very hard luck.The ball struck the crossbar,but it was got away.Another foul was given in the mouth of the goal,but ultimately Mellors' got away,and the whistle blew, the visitors being victorious by two goals to one."

Notts Olympic:R.Hind(Goal);V.Stevenson,W.Tuxford(Backs);A.Jackson,H.James, A.Harvey(Half Backs);W.Cooke,A.Carter(Right Wing),S.Lilley(Centre), J.Dunncliffe,G.Unwin(Left Wing).

Mellors Limited :A.Hill(Goal);S.Herrod A.T.Marshall(Backs);S.Machin,W.Price, J.Toone(Half Backs);W.Mabbott,T.Jeacock(Right Wing),F.Gutteridge(Centre), Frank Weightman,Fred Weightman(Left Wing).

Umpires:A.G.Hines for Notts Olympic and H.Hill for Mellors Limited.  
Referee:H.Shelton

LINCOLN CITY 4 (J.Duckworth,J.Slater,E.Teesdale,1 untraced)  
HORNCASTLE 1 ("scrimmage")(H.T. 1-1)(At John 'o' Gaunts,Lincoln)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)

Lincolnshire Chronicle 18/10/87 P.3 and 21/10/87 P.2:

LC:"Although this match was a foregone conclusion from the first,1,500 spectators lined the ropes on John o' Gaunt's,and one of the tamest most uninteresting games imaginable,was witnessed.The City were without the services of Mettam,Fox taking his place and Slater playing forward.The Horncastle team were assisted by \*five of the Lincoln Rangers.City won the toss and kicked down the hill,with a strong wind behind them.The game opened slow, Lincoln attacking,and Butcher and Langley defending successfully.Lincoln, however,soon got the ball through,but the goal was disallowed,and Horncastle then made the play,and from a scrimmage succeeded in shooting the first goal. The City men seemed nettled by the visitors' success,and rushing the ball down the field,hands was given them near the goal.Duckworth manipulated the kick, and sending the ball on to a Horncastle man,shot it through on the rebound,thus equalising in a few minutes.From now till the call of half time the game was played in a spiritless fashion,which greatly disgusted the spectators.Only one good shot was put in during the whole of the initial period,and that was when Hallam sent in a stinger,which struck the bar.Lincoln also took a number of fruitless corners,but nothing else of interest occurred up to half time.

On resuming,the City,in response to the cries of their supporters,seemed as if they were about to play a more dashing game.They rushed the ball up against the wind in fine style,Shaw and Hallam being very conspicuous,and from a centre by the latter,Slater shot a second goal.Lincoln still continued the attack with some degree of vigour,taking two corners in succession,and again scoring from a throw in near the goal,Teesdale doing the needful.A break away by Horncastle, and the game again centred in front of their goal,Lincoln having a brace of corners,and having another goal disallowed,before they again succeeded in scoring another legitimate point,making the game four to one.The visitors disputed the goal,contending that the referee had blown his whistle before the ball was shot through,but it turned out that one of the spectators had blown a whistle just as the goal was obtained.From a foul which was given against Fox Horncastle got an unproductive corner,and then Hallam kicked another off-side goal.The game continued very slow till the end,the City,although taking four

more corners, playing very loosely, and failing to again score. A very wearisome game thus ended in a win for the home team by four to one. The visitors' backs, half backs, and custodian, played a fairly good game, Langley, at back being the pick of the lot, and the forwards once or twice passed nicely. Of the City team, the less said the better. They never exerted themselves, and greatly disappointed and disgusted their supporters."

\*Chalmers, Styles and Gresham were regulars for Lincoln Rangers.

Lincoln City: W. Jeffrey (Goal); R. Aspden, H. Simpson (Backs); W. Rawlinson, W. Fox, J. Duckworth (Half Backs); J. Slater, J. Turner (Right Wing), E. Teesdale (Centre), G. Shaw, G. Hallam (Left Wing).

Horncastle: Strawson (Goal); Langley, Butcher (Backs); Chambers, Hobday, Belton (Half Backs); Scrimshaw, Pogson (Right Wing), Fenton (Centre), Styles, Gresham (Left Wing)

CLEETHORPES 0 (H.T. 0-2) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)  
GRIMSBY TOWN 4 (J. Lundie, H. Smith, J. Lee, C. Atkinson (o.g.))

AFS (No teams or scorers in Lincolnshire Chronicle 18/10/87 P.3: short report):

TRY GRIMSBY GAZETTE AS PROBABLY AFS USED FOR TEAMS

LC: "This tie was played at Cleethorpes on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a good number of spectators. The game from the first was very one-sided, the visitors having pretty much their own way, and at the call of time Grimsby had proved victorious by four goals to nil." (No teams)

Sheffield Independent 17/10/87 P.6 (No lineups): "Played at Cleethorpes. Only about two hundred spectators witnessed the game, and the ground was not in good condition. The Grimsby men had matters pretty much their own way throughout, and scored two goals in each half."

Athletic News 18/10/87 P. : "As the man would not come to the mountain, the mountain pocketed its dignity and went to the man, or rather, as Cleethorpes would not come and be slain on Clee Gardens, Grimsby visited the "donkey drivers" on their own sand heap. An offer of £7 hardly realised the idea of £. s. d. entertained by the village club.

Grimsby Town, in order to solve their difficulty, arranged two matches, and, what is more, won both, beating Kiveton Park on Clee Gardens by four goals to nil, and singularly enough, Cleethorpes by the same score at the popular Lincolnshire watering place.

Neither of the games possessed much interest, but Grimsby Town wisely thought they had better draw a little from two sources than only a little from one. Twice one makes two, Mr. Editor."

Cleethorpes:G.Holtby(Goal);C.Atkinson,C.Coulbeck(Backs);W.Kelly,G.Taylor,  
W.Brown(Half Backs);Slight,Mason(Right),A.Burn(Centre),Dixon,Andrews(Left).

(AFS has second Brown for Burn).Initials from Sporting Life 15/10/87 P.3 team  
for the match:Seighton for Slight,and reserves M.Munby,J.Croft,and F.Wait with  
W.Frith as umpire)

Grimsby:H.Smith;J.Lundie,H.Taylor;J.Seal,H.Smith,W.Hopewell;  
H.Atkinson,J.Lee,H.Morton,D.Riddoch,H.Monument.  
(Grimsby Complete Record)(AFS)

NOTTS COUNTY 9 (A.E.Moore 3,H.Jackson 2,W.Gunn,H.B.Daft 3)  
LINCOLN RAMBLERS 0  
(H.T. 6-0)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Trent Bridge by arrangement )

Lincolnshire Chronicle 18/10/87 P.3/Nottingham Evening Post 15/10/87 P.3/  
Nottingham Journal 17/10/87 P.7:

LC/NEP:"The tie in the first round of the National Association Cup competition  
between these two teams ought to have been decided at Lincoln,but the consent  
of the team from this city having been obtained,the game was brought off on the  
Trent Bridge Ground on Saturday.The weather was hardly propitious,rain  
threatening,while the wind –which blew from the Gamston-Lane end-was rather  
high.Notts started the game with only ten men on the field.Morley was the  
absentee,and Gunn played back.The visitors kicked off against the wind,and  
Notts at once got into the visitors' quarters,where Brown obliged Jackson,but he  
did not get a proper hold of the ball,and Ambler cleared.Hare then brought out  
Holland,who threw away,and Notts going back to the other end,A.Moore was  
served from the right,and scored,with the game five minutes old.Several corners  
fell to Notts,who were doing most of the attacking,and,although they had lots of  
chances,they missed them all until after 25 minutes' play when A.Moore scored  
again.The visitors then broke away,and forced a corner off H.Moore,but they  
could not improve upon it,and,Notts replying,Jackson scored a third goal,which  
was quickly followed by a fourth,scored by Gunn with a splendid long shot,and a  
fifth by Moore.Before half time Daft put a sixth through,and at half time the score  
stood-Notts,six;Rambles none;the home team having simply run round their  
opponents.

Commencing the second half,Ambler was called upon twice in succession to stop  
hot shots,and then the visitors managed to make the game more open,and  
Simpson,the left half back,with a long shot,managed to puzzle Holland,but,not to  
beat him.Again Notts were forced back,Holland having to throw out,but the home  
forwards got on their running again,and after Jackson had struck one of the  
uprights from a corner,Daft scored a seventh point with a fine screw.Each goal  
was visited in turn during the next quarter of an hour,but the Rambles' attacks  
generally ended tamely,owing to weak centring and shooting,while Jackson  
scored another goal for Notts off a centre by Gunn.Towards the close Notts  
showed a vast superiority in the play,although the visitors came very near

scoring twice from a scrimmage close in the Notts goal. Daft scored a ninth goal, and Notts eventually won by that number of goals to none."

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

Lincoln Ramblers: E. Ambler (Goal); T. Proctor, C. Bavin (Backs); A. Simpson, W. Plumtree, C. Sylvester (Half Backs); A. Barnes, J. Wells (Right Wing), C. Pannell (Centre), T. Hare, J.F. Byron (Left Wing).

Umpires: Everall and Treavett.  
Referee: Wells (Long Eaton Rangers).

#### EIGHTH DIVISION

Draw:

Chatham .v. Luton Town  
Rochester .v. Royal Engineers  
Hitchin .v. Old Wykehamists  
Millwall Rovers .v. Casuals  
Crusaders .v. Lyndhurst  
Lancing Old Boys .v. Old Etonians  
Clapton .v. Old Westminster  
Old St Mark's .v. East Sheen

CHATHAM 5 (W. McLeod 2, C. Hibbard 2, H. Bathurst) (1 of 2 games played at Chatham Lines)

LUTON TOWN 1 (J.C. Lomax) (H.T. 2-0) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>).

SL scorers: SM gives W. McCloud 3, C. Hibbard 2

Luton Reporter 22/10/87 P.8/Sportsman 17/10/87 P.4/Sporting Life 17/10/87 P.4:

#### CHECK CHATHAM AND ROCHESTER NEWS 4441 AVAILABLE

LR: "A team of the Luton Town Club journeyed to Chatham on Saturday to play the Chatham Town Club, in the first round of the English Cup ties, the Luton team being C. Lomax, centre; E. Lomax, T. Small, left wing; G. Deacon, A. Smart, right wing; Reade, Taylor, Moody, half backs; Martin, Sanders, backs; Mileman, goal. The team (with two exceptions) left Luton by the 9.36 train, but did not reach Chatham until nearly two o'clock. Some 3,000 or 4,000 spectators witnessed the play, and from the beginning to end the Luton men were received with great courtesy. The respective teams settled down to work about the time appointed. A strong wind with rain did not auger well for Luton, several good shots being carried over and along their opponents' goal, and at least two goals should have been placed to the credit of the Luton Club during the first half of the game. Meanwhile the Chatham

team were playing in that combined style which meant business, their centre forward and backs exhibiting fine form. After changing ends, the Luton secured a goal, but although their forwards played well together, their efforts were fruitless. Their opponents, it was soon seen, were too strong for them, and ultimately the home players proved themselves to be the best team, by scoring five goals to one."

SM: "This tie was also played at Chatham and was won by the home team by five goals to one. M'Leod kicked three goals for Chatham, and C. Hibbard two, while Smart obtained the solitary goal for the visitors. The winners were the fastest team and displayed the best defence."

SL: "At Chatham, and ended in a victory for the home team by five goals to one. Goals kicked for Chatham by M'Leod (two), C. Hibbard (two), Bathurst (one), and for Luton Lomax obtained the only one." (No lineups)

Manchester Courier 17/10/87 P.3: "On the Chatham Lines. In the first half C. Hibbard scored out of a scrummage, for Chatham, and just before the change of ends M'Leod added a second goal. Although Luton had the advantage of a high wind in the second half, Chatham had matters pretty well their own way, and scored three times. C. Lomax then scored for Luton, who retired defeated by five goals to one."

Chatham: W. Salisbury (Goal); J. Albert (Capt.), E. Conquer (Backs); H. Blake, A. Jenner, W. Lush (Half Backs); J. Hibbard, W. McLeod (Right Wing), C. Hibbard (Centre), H. Hobart, H. Bathurst (Left Wing).

Luton: G. H. Mileman (Goal); A. Sanders, A. Martin (Backs); A. H. Taylor, J. Moody, T. Read (Half Backs); G. Deacon, A. E. Smart (Right Wing), J. C. Lomax (Centre), E. H. Lomax, T. Small (Left Wing).

ROYAL ENGINEERS 3 (E. M. Blair, E. H. de Vere-Atkinson, E. M. Loring)  
ROCHESTER 0 (H. T. 1-0) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) (Sappers Ground, Chatham Lines) (1 of 2 games played at Chatham Lines)

N.B. SL/REF scorers

KR Source: Chatham Observer/Sportsman 17/10/87 P.4/Sporting Life 17/10/87 P.4/Referee 16/10/87 P.6:

CHECK CHATHAM AND ROCHESTER NEWS 4441 AVAILABLE CHECK SCORERS AND JAMES/JANNER

SM: "This tie was played at Chatham Lines on Saturday, and ended in a victory for the Engineers by three goals to none. The attendance of spectators was somewhat small, while the weather was unfavourable. The Engineers penned Rochester and several corners fell to their lot in quick succession, from one of which the ball was rushed through the goal. The splendid back play of G. Mitchell

and Pedley and Sid Woodhams at half back prevented the officers increasing their score prior to half time.

After crossing over the Sappers displayed by far the best form, and Blair and Loring had easy chances of scoring, but failed when in front of goal. A quarter of an hour elapsed before Blair registered a second, and five minutes before the call of "no side" the same player scored a third goal. E.F. Prall made several fine runs for Rochester, but could not get the ball past Twiss, who kept goal in splendid style. H.H. Prall was injured through receiving a kick on the leg shortly after the start, and was of very little use to his side."

SL/REF: "At Chatham Lines, in a strong wind, and won by the Sappers, after an even game, by three goals (Blair, Atkinson, and Loring) to none. Von Donop, Walpole, and Blair, for the winners, and Mitchells, Pralls, and Woodham, for Rochester, played best. Lake was hurt at the beginning of the game, and was compelled to leave the field." (No teams) + Confusion as to whether H.H. Prall or Lake was injured

Derby Daily Telegraph 17/10/87 P.3: "Played at Chatham Lines before a fair number of spectators, the weather being very showery and the ground very slippery. The Engineers won the toss, and had a strong wind in their favour, and twenty minutes from the start a corner fell to the Engineers, and a goal was obtained. The score at half time was Engineers one, and Rochester none. The Engineers won by three goals to none."

Royal Engineers: Lieut J.H.A. Twiss (Goal); Lieuts A. Walpole, E.G. Young (Backs); S.C. Babington, C.B. Collins, B.A. Janner (Half Backs); E.M. Blair, E.H. de Vere-Atkinson (Right wing), E.M. Loring (Centre), Capt P.G. Von Donop, Lieut R.E. Picton-Jones (Left Wing).

(CO/SM except SM has B.A. James for B.A. Janner)

Rochester: F.F. Smith (Goal); G. Mitchell, P. Pedley (Backs); Sid Woodhams, E.J.D. Mitchell, H. Moore (Half Backs); E.F. Prall, Davisson, H.H. Prall (Centre), H. Shute, Lake.

(CO/SM except(?) CO has S. Woodhouse for Sid Woodhams and SM has H. Shute (twice: mistake) for Davisson)

N.B. ROCHESTER scratched to ROYAL ENGINEERS "at the last minute" on 22<sup>nd</sup> October (when meant to replay because of unregistered Royal Engineers players) as had 2 or 3 players crippled).

Sportsman 22/10/87 P.4: "Owing to the Engineers playing non-registered members, this match was ordered to be replayed at Chatham on Saturday afternoon. Rochester did not put in an appearance, and it seems that they scratched. The reason was that two or three of their best men were crippled in the last encounter, and were not sufficiently recovered to play."

HITCHIN 2 OLD WYKEHAMISTS 5 (H.T. 2-3) (Sat Oct 8<sup>th</sup>)(At Hitchin)  
(No scorers traced in any source)

Hertford Mercury and Reformer 15/10/87 P.5/Herts & Cambridge Reporter  
14/10/87 P.5/Sportsman 10/10/87 P.4/ Sporting Life 11/10/87 P.4/Referee  
9/10/87 P.6/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 10/10/87 P.7:

HM&R:"An Association Cup football match was played here on Saturday between Hitchin and the Old Wykehamists,and ended in the defeat of the home team by five goals to two.A large number of people witnessed the game."

H&CR:"This tie in the Association Challenge Cup was decided at Hitchin on Saturday last,neither side was fully represented,though both appeared to be fairly matched,but the play on the whole was of a rather indifferent character.If anything,the Old Wykehamists displayed the better combination,and at the close they earned the right to enter the second round of the competition by winning by five goals to two."(No teams)

SM:"This tie was decided on Saturday at Hitchin,neither team being fully represented.The Wykehamists won by five goals to two."

SL:"Played at Hitchin on Saturday.Neither side was fully represented all round.The Wykehamists won by five goals to two."

REF/SDT:"Played at Hitchin.Neither side was fully represented,but taken altogether the contest was of an even character.The Wykehamists won by five goals to two.The winners showed far better combination,but Hitchin played a good hard game,and,with more practice,ought to develop into a strong eleven."

Hitchin:E.A.Tasker(Goal);G.B.Gainsford,A.K.Bowen(Backs);W.(F.)A.Perry,  
Rev E.A.Lewis,H.Wiggan(Half Backs);J.W.Dennis,H.W.Parks(Right Wing),  
W.H.English(Centre),W.T.Hughes,J.T.Bennett(Left Wing).

HM&R has wrong initials:mostly did not report Hitchin games.

Old Wykehamists:P.M.Evans(Goal);C.L.Hemmerde(Capt.),F.H.Gresson(Backs);  
F.B.Debenham,J.F.Bowen,P.B.Halcombe(Half Backs);H.C.Humphrey, J.S.Watney  
(Right Wing),P.L.Canninge(Centre),E.A.De Brett,H.C.Bilborough(Left Wing)

Umpires:F.J.Humphrey and Reilly.Referee:R.Smith(Biggleswade).

MILLWALL ROVERS walked over CASUALS who scratched(Field 22/10/87  
P.637)

Sportsman 15/10/87 P.8:"The Casuals have scratched to the Millwall Rovers,as  
by accident their players were not registered until too late to permit their  
playing in the Cup."

LYNDHURST (Tooting) 0

CRUSADERS 9 (A.W.Lemarchand,R.G.Hogarth,W.Green-Price 4,E.C.Evelyn 2, T.M.Pike)(H.T. 0-4)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Casuals Ground,Upper Tooting)

N.B. Lyndhurst might have a connection with the Fox under the Hill Pub:The Marathon Football Grounds are opposite.

Sportsman 17/10/87 P.4/Sporting Life 17/10/87 P.4:

SM:"Played on the Casuals Ground,Upper Tooting,on Saturday last,in cold and showery weather,few spectators being present.It was soon evident the Lyndhurst were outclassed,the struggle during nearly the whole of the game being confined to the vicinity of the (Lyndhurst) goal.Quickly after the start Le Marchand scored for the Crusaders,followed two minutes later by another goal from Hogarth.Two others,kicked by Green-Price and Evelyn,were added before half-time was called.

In the second portion of the game,although the Lyndhurst men played better,five more notches were put on (three by Green-Price,one headed through by Bristowe,and one from Pike),the Crusaders thus winning by nine goals to love."

SL:"This Cup tie was decided on Saturday last at Upper Tooting.Winning the toss,the Crusaders played down-hill for the first half.Sturgeon started the ball shortly after three o'clock,and,after attacking on the left,were forced back,Le Marchand,from a pass by Pike,scoring for the Crusaders within five minutes of commencing.Still keeping up the pressure,the Crusaders bombarded their opponents' goal,Hogarth,with a daisy chopper,registering the second,Green-Price the third,and from a scrimmage,Evelyn the fourth,and,though at times,the Lyndhurst forwards broke away,they failed to pass the rival backs,the game at half-time standing four to love in favour of the Crusaders,and their goal-keeper so far not having to touch the ball.

After change of ends the Lyndhurst forwards attacked,but were repulsed ,and, after a good run on the left,Green-Price again baffled the Lyndhurst custodian, and then in quick succession secured two more goals,the latter going in off Bristowe. Lyndhurst then pressed for some time,and got dangerously near their opponents' goal,but the stubborn defence was too much for them to overcome, and in time,being pressed,Pike and Evelyn each scored,and at call of time the Crusaders left the field victorious by nine goals to nothing."(No lineups)

Manchester Courier 17/10/87 P.3:"At Wandsworth Common.In the first half Lyndhurst played uphill and against the wind,were severely pressed,and the Crusaders scored four goals.On changing ends Lyndhurst did little better,and the Crusaders scoring five goals,won by nine goals to nil."

Lyndhurst:S.Browne(Goal);A.Vigers,B.A.Bristowe(Backs);F.J.Smith(Capt.), C.A.Warren,H.B.Spurling(Half Backs);H.S.Le Roy,S.Spurling(Right Wing), E.P.Sturgeon(Centre),W.W.de Saullles,C.H.Lightfoot(Left Wing).

Crusaders:A.G.O.Kennedy(Goal);E.P.Anderson,H.C.Lawrence(Backs);  
E.C.Evelyn(Capt.),J.L.Nickisson, G.C.Boosey(Half Backs);T.M.Pike,  
A.W.Lemarchand(Right Wing),R.G.Hogarth(Centre),F.H.Stevens,  
W.Green-Price(Left Wing).

Umpires:Dr Stevenson and S.W.Pike.Referee:Rev.F.W.Pawson(Swifts).

OLD ETONIANS 4 (A.M.Goodhart,H.W.Bainbridge,T.C.Weatherhead 2)  
LANCING OLD BOYS 2 (T.Allatt,G.Webster)  
(H.T. 1-1)(Sat Oct 8<sup>th</sup>)(At Kennington Oval)

Field 15/10/87 P.592/Sportsman 10/10/87 P.4/Sporting Life 11/10/87 P.4  
(result only):

F:"The season at Kennington Oval,which is now identified with football almost as much as with cricket,opened on Saturday,with a match between these clubs for the first round for the cup.A fine afternoon attracted a modicum of onlookers. Although the Etonians at the moment do not possess so strong an eleven as they did a few years since,they were sufficiently powerful to overthrow the Lancing Old Boys,who,however,displayed form of more than average merit.The field of play was staked out in front of the pavilion,owing to the other part of the ground having to be returned.The Etonians,at the outset,played from the western goal, with a strong wind in their favour,with only nine representatives,but both Weatherhead and Bainbridge arrived in the early part of the game.Some fast play was witnessed and the Lancians showed at times excellent combination, C.R.Freeman and Allatt making good runs.The match proceeded for a while without any distinct advantage to either side,until at length Bainbridge effected a fine run on the left side of the ground,and middling the ball to \*Goodall,that player shot it between the posts,thus scoring the first point for Eton.The Lancians,however,soon redoubled their efforts and through the agency of Allatt,a goal was obtained for them.These were the only points registered up to half time,the score thus being level.

Positions were reversed,and the play became much faster.The Etonians were the first to show to advantage,and Bainbridge, with a well timed shot,placed a second goal to their credit.In spite of the good defence of the Lancians,a third point was soon gained for the Light Blues by Weatherhead.Still,the Sussex representatives did not relax their efforts,Webster and Rooke made determined runs,and for a time the Eton defence was placed on its mettle.At length the half backs were evaded,and Webster sent the ball under the crossbar.The play now became most interesting,the Lancians making vigorous efforts to equalise matters.In this,however,they did not succeed,while on the other hand, Weatherhead,with a vigorous kick,gained a fourth goal for Eton.Nothing else of a definite nature transpired,and the call of "time" left the Etonians victorious by four goals to two."\*In fact Goodhart

SM:"The tie between these two public school teams opened the season at Kennington Oval on Saturday.The weather,in striking contrast to the gloomy anticipations of the meteorological office,proved bright and summer-like,and

there was a very fair company present, though it must be admitted that the play was not of a very inspiring character, except for a few minutes in the second half. Both had representative sides, though the Etonians played two short for a few minutes, and then with ten men only till Bainbridge arrived nearly midway through the first half. In this the Sussex Collegians played against the wind from the Clayton-street end, give-and-take play ensuing until just after the arrival of Bainbridge, who passing to Goodhart, enabled the latter to score. + Pellatt, however, quickly equalised, and when the teams changed ends the score stood at one goal each, though but for too vigorous kicking, Preston should have obtained a second point after a brilliant run down by Dunn.

After crossing over Bainbridge added a goal to the credit of Eton by a slow but tricky shot that puzzled Druce, which Weatherhead supplemented with a third. Webster directly afterwards replied for Lancing, but Weatherhead, with another grand long shot, secured a further point, the Etonians finally winning by four goals to two." + In fact Allatt.

Old Etonians: J.F.P. Rawlinson (Goal), H.B. Smith, W.C. Bridgeman (Backs); G.E. Preston, T.C. Weatherhead, H.V. Macnaghton (Half Backs); A.T.B. Dunn (Capt.), A.H. Studd (Right Wing), A.M. Goodhart (Centre), H.W. Bainbridge, F. Marchant (Left Wing).

Lancing Old Boys: A.E. Druce (Goal), E. Jackson, C.H. Holland (Backs); T.W. Cook, C.H. Russell, H. Hammond (Half Backs); C.R. Freeman (Capt.), G. Webster (Right Wing), T. Allatt (Centre), A. Freeman, C.T.K. Rooke (Left Wing).

Umpires: E.S. Fardell (Old Corinthians) and Rev. S. Walker (Lancing College/ President Sussex Association). Referee: F. Barnett (Woodville).

CLAPTON 1 (R.H. Clark) OLD WESTMINSTERS 4 (E. Paul, C.E. Munro o.g., J.G. Veitch 2.) (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) (At The Spotted Dog, Forest Gate)

KR Source: Pastime/Sportsman 17/10/87 P.4/Sporting Life 17/10/87 P.4:

SM: "In anything but pleasant weather, at the Spotted Dog, Forest Gate, in the presence of a large number of spectators, the above teams decided their match, but owing to the heavy rain which fell on the previous day, the turf was in a very slippery and heavy condition. With the exception of Patrick and Ingram, who were absent, the Old Westminsters were fully represented, and an enjoyable game ultimately resulted in favour of the "old boys" by four goals to one. + Clark, having been successful in the toss, elected to defend the lower end of the ground for the first half, and at 3.20 Veitch started the game. Clapton, aided by a strong wind, soon compelled their opponents to retreat, and despite the efforts made by the Moons, Fox, Janson, and Wetton to prevent it, Clark from a sharp shot passed the ball through amidst great applause. On the resumption Clapton still continued to be the assailants, and W.R. Moon had serious trouble in saving his goal from danger, and once in particular stopped a very warm one by Prior by neatly turning the ball over the bar.

Having changed ends at half time the Old Westminster's showed their superiority, and within ten minutes quickly added a couple of goals, Paul being instrumental in gaining the first, whilst Munro, in trying to get the ball out of danger, misjudged his kick, and sent it through his own posts. Almost immediately afterwards, Veitch, from a splendid centre, added another chalk to the two already gained, and just before the final whistle sounded the same player scored the last event of the day, and thus brought the match to a satisfactory conclusion as above stated." +But Cowan is listed as the Captain in SM/SL lineups

N.B. The SL Report is almost identical to the SM Report.

Manchester Courier 17/10/87 P.3: "At Upton Park. Won by the Old Westminster's by four goals to one. During the first half the play was very fast, and during the second half Westminster played wonderfully well." (No lineups)

Clapton: W. Baker (Goal); A. E. Casselton, C. E. Monro (Backs); A. B. Mayes, S. Smith, P. A. Read (Half Backs); W. G. Connell, J. Bryson (Right Wing), R. H. Clark (Centre), J. Cowan (Capt.), J. S. L. Prior (Left Wing).

Old Westminster's: W. R. Moon (Goal); C. J. M. Fox, E. G. Moon (Backs); F. W. Janson (Capt.), H. Wetton, R. A. Ingram (Half Backs); C. R. W. Heath, J. E. Paul (Right Wing), J. G. Veitch (Centre), A. C. W. Jenner, F. W. Bain (Left Wing).

Umpires: R. E. Hetherington (Casuals) and J. J. Holdsworth (jun) (Secretary, Clapton F.C.) Referee: F. R. Barnett (Woodville).

OLD ST MARK'S 7 (J. H. Gamble, C. H. Talford 2, A. E. Clark, W. W. Powell, C. G. Pullen, ...) EAST SHEEN 2 (R. S. Ibbs 2) (H. T. 3-2) (At The Limes, Barnes) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)

KR Source Pastime/+Sportsman 15/10/87 P.8/+Sporting Life 15/10/87 P.3 (No East Sheen team in SL): +Teams for the match

Sportsman 17/10/87 P.4: "Played at Barnes, and won by St Mark's by seven goals to two. Score at half-time, three to two in favour of Old St Mark's." (No lineups)

Old St Mark's: R. Florance (Capt.) (Goal); F. J. Leese, H. Thornton (Backs); A. E. Clark, J. Lee, J. F. Wood (Half Backs); J. R. Schumacher, W. W. Powell (Right Wing), C. H. Talford (Centre), C. G. Pullen, J. H. Gamble (Left Wing).

East Sheen: F. D. Darbyshire (Goal); +E. E. Wigan, L. J. Moser (Backs); T. L. Taylor, W. H. Michael, W. Taylor (Half Backs); B. C. Pearce, J. R. Fuller (Right Wing), R. S. Ibbs (Centre), H. H. Stewart, F. Sambourne (Left Wing). +Not Wyan

(SM 15/10/87 P.8 has H. W. Stewart: A. W. Stewart?) (P/SM)

No Surrey paper report

Umpires: J. Parsons (Old St Mark's) and R. R. H. Lockhart-Ross (East Sheen). Referee: F. J. Wall (Rangers).

## NINTH DIVISION

Draw:

Reading .v. Dulwich  
Great Marlow .v. South Reading  
Old Brightonians .v. Swindon Town  
Old Carthusians .v. Hanover United  
Chesham .v. Watford Rovers  
Swifts .v. Maidenhead  
London Caledonians .v. Old Foresters  
Hendon .v. Old Harrovians  
Hotspur,a bye

READING 0 DULWICH 2 (W.Raybould, G.H.Quint)  
(H.T. 0-2)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Coley Park,Reading)

Reading Observer 22/10/87 P.6/Berkshire Chronicle 22/10/87 P.7/Reading Mercury 22/10/87 P.2/Sportsman 17/10/87 P.4/Sporting Life 17/10/87 P.4(No lineups in SL):

RO:"This tie was played in Coley Park,the ground of the latter,in the presence of a fairly large gathering of impartial spectators.Dulwich brought down a rather powerful eleven,including seven of the players who did battle with South Reading two seasons ago,when the Southerners won by two goals to one. Reading,however,were not strongly represented,although the club went outside of the newly-extended borough to make up a team,but not being accustomed to each other's play,they could not keep together,consequently they were overmatched throughout,if we except occasional bursts made by Skurray or Walker.The absence of the ever-green Edgar Field,too,was a loss to the town club,although not so brilliant a player as a few seasons since,he is still a good captain,and under his guidance the men generally exhibit their abilities in passing,whereas on Saturday there was too much individual play.

Dulwich won the toss,and quickly elected to kick down the hill,with the wind in their favour,which gave them a considerable advantage over their opponents. Murdoch set the ball rolling,and an unsuccessful attempt to run down the field was made by the Reading forwards,who received a check at the hands-or rather feet-of the opposing back division,who played a good game throughout.Dulwich kept up a rather severe pressure for several minutes,during which time Hayward used his hands on more than one occasion.At last the Reading men discovered an opening,and on getting possession of the globe,passed at the right moment to Skurray,who "fairly brought down the house" with a magnificent shot,which Sugden,as cool as the proverbial cucumber,sent away.Then Quint and F.D.Morris dashed down the right wing,but Salter nipped their efforts in the bud,and the Reading uprights remained intact.Shortly afterwards Raybould and J.Morris obtained possession of the leather,and amid applause the former drew"first blood" for the visitors.On resuming,Skurray,Murdoch,Walker,Fry,and Greenslade

did their utmost to equalise, but although they occasionally made runs into their opponents' territory they could not place the ball between the posts, whilst Dulwich, by the aid of Quint, again scored, thus the change of ends found the game two goals to love in favour of the visitors.

A brief interval was allowed for breathing time, and the game was re-commenced by Mayo kicking off. With the wind in their favour the Reading men now fairly held their own, but still had plenty to do to prevent their adversaries from increasing their score. In the back division, Salter and Cripps were playing a fine game, and it was mainly through their grand defence that the Dulwich forwards were kept at bay. Rallied on by their supporters' calls of "play up", the local forwards now frequently attacked, and a corner fell to the lot of Reading. Rogers was entrusted with the kick, but unfortunately for his side, the ball was sent behind, and the globe was again sent away from the goal with a free kick. Walker quickly returned it, and from a swift shot he narrowly missed scoring - Sugden cleverly clearing his lines. This was replied to by a splendid run on the part of the Dulwich left wing, which was ended by a stinging shot being sent at the Reading goal, the ball hitting the right hand post and would have passed through had not Hayward fisted it out smartly. Here a run was made by Skurray, and a cross shot narrowly missed scoring. Now a fine opportunity was afforded Murdoch, but he came too late on the scene, as Denny had sent the ball into mid-field. Still on came the Reading forwards, and in double quick time they had secured two corners, but as nothing definite resulted therefrom, a by no means too interesting game ended in the defeat of the Reading club by two goals to nothing. The accurate passing of the Dulwich team was much admired, but some dissatisfaction was expressed at the form exhibited by the Reading players."

BC/SM: "These clubs played off their tie in Coley Park, Reading, on Saturday afternoon. A bitterly cold wind was blowing down the ground, which would not permit of accurate play, and made matters anything but comfortable for the large gathering of spectators that witnessed the game. Reading was unfortunately weakened by their captain E(dgar) Field, and the Rev. A.L. Whitfield being unable to play, as was expected. Dulwich won the toss, and a few minutes after commencement of hostilities Raybould drew first blood for the visitors, and Quint put on a second goal a few minutes later, the teams changing over with the game two goals to love in favour of Dulwich. No other points were obtained, and an exciting struggle was won by Dulwich by two goals to none."

RM: "Winning the toss, the visitors decided to defend the town goal, which gave them the advantage of playing down hill, and with a strong wind at their backs. During the first portion of the game Dulwich severely penned the Reading team, and twice scored by the aid of Raybould and Quint. The second half was much more evenly contested, but as neither side scored, Dulwich retired victorious by two goals to nothing."

Reading: S. Hayward (Goal); T. Reed, A. J. Cripps (Backs); W. Salter, O. O. Hayward, A. G. L. Rogers (Half Backs); H. E. Walker (Capt.), F. Greenslade (Right Wing), C. E. Murdoch (Centre), T. Skurray, A. Fry (Left Wing).

Dulwich:J.F.Sugden(Goal);B.H.Cox,H.Denny(Backs);E.A.Whittle(Capt.),  
J.E.Macfarlane,H.G.Perrins(Half Backs);G.H.Quint,F.D.Morris(Right Wing),  
F.S.Mayo(Centre),W.Raybould,J.Morris(Left Wing).

Umpires:Seymour Owen and T.C.Bradbury.Referee:T.Cooksey(Clapton).

(Replay ordered after protest:they should have met and both claimed the match in consequence of some irregularity but at an F.A. Committee Meeting the tie was awarded to Dulwich:Reading Mercury 5/11/87 P.6).

Sportsman 24/10/87 P.4:"It will be remembered that the tie between these teams played at Reading on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. resulted in favour of the first-named by two goals to none,but owing to the club having played several unregistered men, the Football Association ordered the teams to meet again on Saturday on the ground of the Reading club.+Consequently the Berkshire club got together a good eleven to do battle for them,and were in no small way disappointed on Saturday morning on receiving a telegram from Dulwich declining to pay another visit to the "biscuit town",and claiming the match.Despite this the Reading eleven assembled in Coley Park,and kicked a goal,and lodged a claim for the game in the hands of Mr W.R.Barnett,the hon secretary of the Berks and Bucks Football Association,who was chosen to act as referee,and who happened to be on the ground.It is also stated that,thinking they would have to go to Dulwich,Reading had previously intimated their scratching.The Football Association will therefore have to settle the matter."

+Sportsman 22/10/87 P.8:

Reading Team for the match:S.Hayward(Goal);Edgar Field(Capt.),  
A.J.Cripps(Backs);A.G.L.Rogers,O.O.Hayward,W.Salter(Half Backs);Sear,  
Culverhouse(Right Wing),Russell(Centre),Clare,Brandon(Left Wing).

"Replay":Lancashire Evening Post 22/11/87 P.3:"This tie should have been replayed at Coley Park.Reading paraded a strong team,under the veteran Clapham Rover,Edgar Field,but having previously scratched under the impression that the match would be re-played at Dulwich,the Dulwich refused to come to Reading.Thereupon Reading kicked a goal and claimed the match.The disappointed spectators were treated to the Maidenhead v Kedrick Junior Cup Tie."

GREAT MARLOW 4 (E.J.Lunnon 2,R.A.Lunnon,H.Walker)  
SOUTH READING 1 (J.Chard)  
(H.T. 2-0)(Sat Oct 8<sup>th</sup>)(At Crown Hotel Ground,Marlow:"ten minutes' walk from the railway station")

Reading Observer 15/10/87 P.3/Bucks Herald 15/10/87 P.8/Sportsman  
10/10/87 P.4/Sporting Life 11/10/87 P4/South Bucks Free Press:

RO: "These teams met at Marlow on Saturday in the presence of a large gathering, to decide which club should take part in the second round of the above-named competition. As was generally expected, the Bucks men proved much too good for their opponents; though the Southerners played a very good game throughout. The result was four goals to one in favour of Marlow. A brief description of the game is appended. The visitors won the toss, and chose to defend the goal nearest the Crown Hotel. During the first twenty minutes the Marlovians continually peppered the South Reading goal, but the defence was too good to allow them to score. At length, however, E.J. Lunnon saw an opening and seizing his opportunity at the last moment, the South Reading colours were lowered, amid considerable applause, for the first time. Shortly after, Hayden got hold of the ball, when just in front of the goal-posts, and hands being allowed, gave the Marlow forwards another chance, of which they quickly availed themselves, E.J. Lunnon again doing the needful.

With the game in this condition, ends were changed. Now the Southerners rallied considerably, and Chard notched a point for them about ten minutes after the re-start. This, however, proved the last effort of the visitors, as Marlow put on a third and then a fourth goal, respectively by R.H. Lunnon and Walker, and retired victorious by four goals to one."

SL: "Played at Marlow on Saturday. The visitors won the toss, and at a quarter past three Lunnon kicked off for the Crown (Hotel) goal. Prior to change of ends Marlow had matters all their own way, and well peppered their opponents' goal. They could only get the ball through twice, however, E.J. Lunnon being the scorer. After the usual interval, Reading played better, and in a quarter of an hour they registered from the foot of Chard. Marlow responded with two more goals by R.A. Lunnon and H. Walker, and thus won easily by four to one." (No teams)

SM/BH: "Played at Marlow on Saturday, in splendid weather. Reading won the toss, and at 3.10 R.A. Lunnon kicked off. From the outset the home team had matters their own way, and severely peppered their opponents' goal, H. Walker being conspicuous with true shots. Nothing, however, was obtained until ten minutes before change, when E.J. Lunnon scored twice. The same player and H. Walker afterwards scored for the home team, and Chard for South Reading, and in the end the Marlow eleven won by four goals to one."

Hertford Mercury and Reformer 15/10/87 P.6: "The home side proved stronger than their rivals and won by four goals (two kicked by E.J. Lunnon and one each by R.A. Lunnon, and Walker) to South Reading's one (kicked by Chard)."

Great Marlow: Tom Walker ("Long Tom") (Goal); W. Mellett, F. Speller (Backs); R.A. Lunnon (Capt.), R.H. Lunnon, J.T. Flint (Half Backs); E.J. Lunnon, J. Bailey (Right Wing), W. Wise (Centre), F.C. Bayley, H. Walker (Left Wing).

South Reading: W. West (Goal); Ernest Steward (Capt.), W. George (Backs); Rev E.A. Maynard, F. Haydon, W. Dunster (Half Backs); Tom White, C. Smith (Right Wing), E. Nailer (Centre), J. Chard, W. Dolby (Left Wing).

Umpires:G.Barley(South Reading) and F.Plumridge(Marlow).  
Referee:W.H.Barnett(Hon Sec Berks and Bucks Association).

OLD BRIGHTONIANS 1 (N.Leete ) SWINDON TOWN 0  
(H.T. 1-0) (Sat Oct 8<sup>th</sup>)(Brighton College ground,Brighton)

Brighton Gazette 13/10/87 P.2/Sportsman 10/10/87 P.4/Sporting Life  
10/10/87 P.4/Derby Daily Telegraph 10/10/87 P.3:

BG:"This match in the first round of competition for the English Cup took place on Saturday on the Brighton College ground.The play was exceptionally fast, although only one goal was scored by the Brightonians,who won by one goal to none."

SM:"These two clubs contested their tie on Saturday at Brighton.The weather was splendid,but the attendance was very small.The Brightonians started the ball,and at the commencement the game was very evenly contested,but after twenty-five minutes' play N.Leete scored for the Brightonians,after some fine play by Bennett and Bond.No addition was made up till half-time.After change the game became slower,and nothing of importance,except a few corners, resulted,the game ending in favour of the Old Brightonians by one goal to none."

SL:"On Saturday the Old Brightonians won this cup tie at Brighton College Grounds by one goal to none.The play throughout was tolerably even and far from exciting.Twenty-five minutes from the start Bennett passed to Bond,who put in a shot,which the Swindon keeper saved,but N.Leete was soon upon the ball,and flooring the keeper,scored the only goal of the afternoon.For the winners,Hay,Lingard,(N.Leete),Wilson,and Bond,were excellent;while Horsington,J.Thomas,Gibbs,and Offer,were best amongst the losers.Swindon played one forward short during the latter half that player having been crippled."

DDT:"In splendid weather these clubs contested their tie in the first round of the Football Association Challenge Cup,at Brighton.The attendance was but small when the Brightonians kicked off.Twenty-five minutes from the start the Brightonians scored by N.Leete,and although several corners fell to each team, no addition was made to the score,which at half time was one goal to none in the Brightonians' favour.The second half was evenly contested,the Old Brightonians eventually winning by one goal to none."(No lineups)

Old Brightonians:A.C.Stanley-Stone(Goal);W.Leete,J.P.Muspratt(Backs);  
F.C.Lingard A.T.Hay,P.C.Muspratt(Half Backs);J.H.Bennett,C.D.Muspratt(Right Wing),N.Leete(Centre),G.L.Wilson,W.E.Bond(Left Wing).

Swindon:F.Crossley(Goal);F.Gibbs,H.Offer(Backs);W.McLeod,G.Everitt,  
S.J.Thomas (Half Backs),J.Thomas,R.T.Horsington(Right Wing),T.H.Bennett  
(Centre),R.L.Jones(Capt.),H.O.Thomas(Left Wing).

Umpires:J.Beanlands and J.F.Blackler.Referee:C.J.Smith.

OLD CARTHUSIANS 5 (H.C.Price 4 ,C.W.Waddington) HANOVER UNITED 0  
(H.T. 3-0)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Kennington Oval)

Field 22/10/87/Sportsman 17/10/87 P.4:

F:"Taking the fitful state of the weather on Saturday into consideration,there was a fairly large company at Kennington Oval to witness this tie in the first round. The Old Carthusians have a deserved reputation for their skill,from the fact that they won the cup in season 1880-81,and remembering also the gallant but unsuccessful struggle they made against Preston North End on this ground last season.Successful in the toss,the Hanover United elected to play at first from the Clayton-street goal,which gave them the advantage of a strong wind.At the start the play was fairly even,but Waddington,Parry,and Price soon became troublesome to the Hanover backs.J.E.K.Studd,of Cambridge cricket celebrity, showed good defence on more than one occasion.The game had proceeded for about a quarter of an hour,when Price had possession of the ball and the goalkeeper,who ran out to stop him,being eluded,the first goal was kicked for the Carthusians.This success was very soon followed up by a second to Charterhouse,while prior to half time a third was placed to their credit by Price.

Ends having been changed,capital defence was shown by Hanover,and many rushes by the Carthusians were arrested,and at times the ball was driven back into their own quarters.Several good runs were executed by Ainger,Escombe, and Parry,until at length Price,who kept on the alert in the centre,shot the ball between the posts,thus registering the fourth goal for Charterhouse.Dakin, Stenning,and Totman effected fine runs for the United,but they were unable to get behind the rival backs.Further attacks were made by Charterhouse,and Price again kicked the ball under the crossbar.These were the only distinct points,and at the call of time the Old Carthusians were hailed the victors by five goals to none."

SM:"In spite of the fact that Cobbold and P.M.Walters were absent from the old boys' team,while Barmby had to retire into goal,the Carthusians had matters pretty well their own way in this tie,decided on Saturday at Kennington Oval. There was again a very fair attendance in spite of the boisterous weather,but the exhibition was not of a very high class,a fact scarcely to be wondered at when the effects of the frost and rain on the turf is considered.Winning the toss,the Polytechnic representatives played from the gasometer goal for the first half, having the wind in their rear.Before ends were changed,however,their fortress had been lowered three times,while,on the other hand,they themselves had been unable to score.The first goal was obtained at the expiration of twenty minutes, Arthur turning the ball over to Price,who gave the final touch,the goal-keeper running out.Fifteen minutes later,after a melée near the Hanover uprights, Waddington put in a low one,which Knight stooping to stop,allowed to pass between his legs,Price directly afterwards adding a third.After crossing over the fight was almost entirely confined to the Hanover territory,the Carthusians never once having to handle.Nothing,however,was added until the last quarter of an

hour,when Price put in a couple more points,which left the Carthusians with an easy victory by five goals to none.”

Sporting Life 17/10/87 P.4:”At Kennington Oval,which,except in individual cases,when some fine play was shown by the Carthusians,was of a somewhat tame character,eventually resulting in favour of the Old Carthusians by five goals to none.”(No lineups)

Old Carthusians :C.Wreford-Brown(Goal);A.M.Walters, C.H.Tyler(Backs); T.W.Blenkiron,F.J.Barmby,S.R.Arthur(Half Backs); R.L.Escombe, W.H.Ainger (Right Wing),H.C.Price(Centre),C.W.Waddington,C.W.Parry(Left Wing).

Hanover United:H.Knight(Goal);J.E.K.Studd(Capt.),E.Staples(Backs); L.Harris,A.Savage, G.W.Turk(Half Backs);G.A.Parker,P.Dakin(Right Wing), C.Stenning(Centre), F.Kraeuslach,T.Totman(Left Wing).

Umpires:W.Tipson and W.Foster.Referee:J.Armstrong(Clapton).

CHESHAM 4 (J.Culverhouse,R.Russell,W.Brandon,W.Sear)  
WATFORD ROVERS 2 (W.S.Coles,H.Wheeler)(H.T. 3-1)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)(At Chesham)

Watford Observer 22/10/87 P.4/KR Source:South Bucks Free Press/Reading Mercury 22/10/87 P.2/Sportsman 17/10/87 P.4/Berkshire Chronicle 22/10/87 P.7(No report):

(F.A. ordered a replay after protest)

WO:”These teams were drawn together in the first round of the ninth division, and Chesham having choice of ground,the Rovers had to play a very uphill game,the Chesham club having nearly,although not quite,the worst football ground in the kingdom.The Watford team was a very weak one,and had to be made up at the last moment,one or two refusals coming in on the morning of the match-day,last Saturday,the 15<sup>th</sup> inst.The day was bitterly cold with a strong wind and occasional showers,but the Chesham people were not to be deterred, and came out in considerable numbers,cheering heartily whenever good play was shown by either side.Watford lost the toss and commenced with the wind against them and the hill slightly in their favour.Chesham at once led the game; their combination and passing was very good,Sear and Russell amongst the forwards playing up well.Rose at half-back was very difficult to pass,and a sure kick.Payne was the best of the backs.On behalf of Watford,Gardner was the best of the forwards,his passing and dribbling were at times quite brilliant.Waterman was not seen to advantage,while Poulton was certainly overmatched. He received a very ugly charge from behind in the latter part of the game;it is to be hoped that the Chesham half-back who is to blame would be more careful in future.Sargent saved his goal several times and was much applauded.He might have saved the last goal had he not been tackled by a man who was distinctly off side.Alec Sargent played up pluckily,although suffering with a splintered arm, although the best play of any man on the ground was shewn by Peacock at back,

the next best man being Russell the Chesham forward. The game was not at all exciting, Chesham leading from first to last. In the first half they scored three goals to one, and each side added another in the second half, the total four to two in favour of Chesham giving a fair measure of the strength of the respective teams. The goals for Chesham were kicked by Culverhouse, Russell, Brandon, and Sear, and those for Watford by Coles and Wheeler."

Sporting Life 17/10/87 P.4: "Played at Chesham. The home team won the toss. and Watford kicked off at half past three. After ten minutes' play Culverhouse and Russell quickly scored, when Coles retaliated. Close upon half time Brandon added the third goal.

Upon changing ends Chesham played a good passing game, and after a splendid run by Sear, he obtained a fourth goal. The home team continued harrasing the Watford goal-keeper, but Sargent was equal to the emergency, and saved his charge. Play was then transferred to the Chesham territory the visitors obtaining several corners, but no goals accrued. Hobbs played in fine form, and getting the ball away, Culverhouse put in excellent work. His repeated shots at goal were, however, well kept out. At length, after determined play, the Rovers made their second goal from the foot of Wheeler. Upon resuming, two corners fell to Chesham, but the score was not augmented. No other item of importance occurred, Chesham thus winning by four goals to two." (No lineups)

Manchester Courier 17/10/87 P.3: "At Chesham. Play commenced at 3.30. Culverhouse scored after ten minutes' play, and Russell quickly followed suit, Coles retaliating. Close upon half time Brandon added a third notch. Upon changing ends, by judicious passing, Sear scored. Give-and-take play followed, and finally Wheeler beat the Chesham goalkeeper. No other point was obtained, and Chesham won by four goals to two." (No lineups)

WO: "The Watford Rovers were much surprised on Wednesday afternoon by receiving a telegram to the effect that the match is to be played over again at Watford, on Saturday next, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, on account of the Chesham Club having played a man who was not registered by the Football Association. If the match comes off it is to be hoped that the Rovers will have a stronger team. Grover, Horton, and Wheeler are not good enough for the first eleven."

Chesham: F. Webb (Goal); A. Hobbs, G. Payne (Backs); A. Ruggins (Capt.), Rose, J. Bryant (Half Backs); W. Sear, J. Culverhouse, R. Russell, J. Clare, W. Brandon (Forwards).

Watford Rovers: A. A. Sargent (Goal); C. H. Peacock (Capt.), H. J. Capell (Backs); Horton, H. Grover, W. A. Sargent (Half Backs); Gardner, H. Wheeler (Right Wing), W. S. Coles, S. J. Poulton, G. Waterman (Forwards).

Referee: F. Nicholls (London).

"REPLAY": Sat Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>

WATFORD ROVERS 3 (W.S.Coles,P.H.Morton,E.Halsey) CHESHAM 1 (W.Brandon)  
(H.T. 2-0)(At Rose and Crown Meadow,Watford)

(F.A. Meeting on Tuesday had ordered a Replay due to a Chesham Player being unregistered)

Watford Observer 29/10/87 P.6/Bucks Herald 29/10/87 P.8/Sportsman  
24/10/87 P.4/Sporting Life 24/10/87 P.4:

WO:"Owing to the action of the Football Association,as mentioned in last week's Observer,the Watford Rovers,who had been defeated at Chesham on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst.,were allowed to have another try on their own ground in the Rose and Crown Meadow,on Saturday afternoon.The interest taken in the match was very great,and shortly before the appointed time large numbers of people,including a very strong detachment from Chesham,spread themselves round the ground,to see if the celebrated Rovers,who so nearly won the County Cup last year,were again to be defeated,or whether,with a much stronger team than the one taken to Chesham,and playing on their own ground,the light and dark blues would be able to reverse the verdict given against them at the shoemaking town.

One face was greatly missed from the Watford eleven,but will be again to the front when the County Cup ties commence.With this exception it is difficult to see how the team could have been improved.Chesham had unfortunately lost one of their best men,and were further handicapped by one of their players having been engaged in business the whole of the previous night.

When the game was started Watford was a man short,but he soon arrived and made up for lost time.Coles kicked off for Watford,and the ball,smartly returned by Chesham,was kicked out.After the throw in some very fast play up and down the ground brought the ball to the Watford goal,when Bryant kicked behind.Sargent kicked off,and Morton and Wellings went down to the Chesham end, where Beckley relieved.Aris and Sear got the ball down again and Cappell came to the rescue.W.A.Sargent passed to Wellings,and Morton,who took the ball down,kicked out.Thrown in,Chesham had a turn,a smart run by Sear being stopped,and the ball ran to Halsey,who missed his kick.Brandon and Russell looked dangerous,but Rowe relieved with a splendid kick.Chesham brought the ball up again,and a free kick for hands close to the Watford goal resulted in Bryant kicking over.Sargent kicked off and the ball travelled at a great pace up and down the ground until Coles got hold of it passing several men,and being well backed up by the rest,he kicked the first goal for Watford amidst great cheering.After restarting,Waterman and Halsey played well,but the ball was kicked out.Ruggins,Aris,and Brandon,passing well,brought the ball down the whole ground,but Roe was not to be passed,and with a long kick returned it to Poulton,and Peacock passing to Morton and Wellings,a grand attack on the Chesham goal resulted,Aris and Beckley doing all that was possible for their side.A great struggle took place,shot after shot was made and returned,Chesham being fairly penned.At last Morton got the ball past Beckley,and the goal-keeper, and secured the second goal for Watford.The game now remained entirely in favour of Watford,although the Chesham team played up with a vigour and dash on the part of everyone that tried the mettle of the Rovers' men most severely.

Watford at this time were playing in their last years' form, the defence of Roe, Sargent, and Poulton, the unselfish play of Coles, the dashing attacks of Waterman and Halsey, and the scientific play of Morton causing repeated bursts of cheering. Coles got the ball again and passed to Morton, who screwed only just outside the post; then Waterman and Halsey were busy, Halsey nearly scoring, and Morton and Wellings bringing the ball down again the former kicked behind, almost touching the post. This was too much for the Chesham men, who, playing well together, and passing beautifully, brought the ball down to the unpassable Roe, when it returned up the field like a cannon shot. After several charges "hands" was given to Watford, and Morton getting the ball, he again just missed scoring. Chesham came again, but there was Roe, and away went the ball to Sargent, who passed to Morton and Wellings, Wellings kicking behind. Two corners were given to Watford, Waterman placing the second well. The ball came back to him from a scrimmage, when he passed two men and kicked over. After a good attack by Chesham with no result, two corners fell to Watford, and the ball was kicked out just at half-time. Score: -two to none in favour of the Rovers.

After changing Chesham got the ball down to the Watford end, where it was cleverly caught and thrown away by Sargent. The ball was not, however, worked away very far, and Chesham again attacked but kicked over. Watford forced the ball back, and Halsey kicked a goal, which was given "offside". Within a few minutes, however, he had his revenge by kicking the third goal for Watford. "Hands" was then given to Watford, but nothing resulted, and then Chesham gained a corner, well placed by Beckley, but fruitless. A fine bit of play by Coles enabled him to kick a goal for Watford, but it was disallowed as "off-side". There is some doubt about it, but as both umpires were agreed, no more can be said. Halsey, who was playing well, had two shots at goal, both of which hit the post. A corner fell to Chesham, but the ball was worked away and brought down by Coles, who kicked behind. Some fine play by Brandon and Russell, well backed up, nearly obtained a goal, but Wellings just managed to save, and kicked behind. The corner resulted in the ball being kicked over. After some even play a strong attack was made on Chesham, and out of a scrimmage Coles kicked behind. Watford then had a corner, but nothing resulted. Several of the Watford men now showed evident signs of fatigue, and Chesham playing up to the last with the greatest vigour had the best of the game, forcing the Watford team back and sending shot after shot at the home posts. Sargent, in goal, who had been for a long time one of the "unemployed" was now busy, receiving and returning the Chesham compliments; once when mixed up with the other players some way from goal he got the ball and threw behind, a claim for "hands" being made against him amidst great laughter. Chesham were at last rewarded for the fine and determined play by all the team, and a goal from the foot of Brandon was placed to their credit, but it was too late for them to make matters equal, or to win, and shortly afterwards the whistle ended one of the hardest and most interesting games ever played in Watford. It is rather singular that the goals made in the two matches for the tie are now equal, Chesham first winning by four to two and then losing by one to three, a total of five each."

SM/BH: "Replayed at Watford on Saturday before a goodly number of spectators. The Rovers having lost the toss, Coles kicked off at 3.30. The home team scored a

few minutes from the start, and Morton quickly kicked a second. After half time the Rovers still had the upper hand, Wellings scoring a third. Coles obtained a fourth, but was ruled off-side. Chesham then played up, and Brandon sent the leather between the uprights. No further score occurred, the Rovers winning a fast and exciting game by three goals to one. Roe and Peacock played grandly for the winners, and Payne and Ruggins were best for the losers."

Watford: A.A. Sargent (Goal); W.N. Roe, H.J. Capell (Backs); W.A. Sargent, C.H. Peacock (Capt.), S.J. Poulton (Half Backs); G. Waterman, E. Halsey (Right Wing), W.S. Coles (Centre), + P.H. Morton, W.H. Wellings (Left Wing).

+ N.B. Also listed in London Caledonians team on 15/10/87! CHECK RULES  
He also played for Watford Rovers in the second round (see P.199 quote that came from Elstree)

Chesham: F. Webb (Goal); R. Beckley, G. Payne (Backs); F. Read, J. Bryant, A. Ruggins (Half Backs); W. Sear, J. Culverhouse (Right Wing), S. Aris (Centre), W. Brandon, R. Russell (Left Wing).

N.B Different orders in lineups

Umpires: E. Sargent (Watford) and T. Bayly (Chesham).  
Referee: J. Henderson (Morpeth Harriers)

SWIFTS 3 (E.C. Bambridge, C. Holden-White, A.O. Davies) MAIDENHEAD 1 (F. Lamb)  
(H.T. 1-1) (At Slough) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)

N.B Although A. Lamb is stated as scorer in many papers no doubt because he was centre forward, it appears from the MA report that F. Lamb scored from some way out and is recorded as the scorer in the Maidenhead History.

Maidenhead Advertiser 19/10/87 P.3/Berkshire Chronicle 22/10/87  
P.7/Reading Mercury 22/10/87 P.2/Sportsman 17/10/87 P.4:

MA: "The Swifts team was as strong on the field as it was on paper, each selected player turning up. The eleven included several internationals, amongst whom were that dashing forward E.C. Bambridge, that clinking back A.O. Davies, and that extraordinary goalkeeper (who, by the way, has been heard of very little lately, but who formerly did yeoman's service for the Pilgrims) Swebstone. The other notables embraced Playford, Holden-White, Purcell, and Platt, all tried and true men. The Maidenhead team was made up of bona fide Maidenhead men, the majority of whom were born in the town, and have worthily represented football clubs therein for many years past. They were accompanied on Saturday, by the 1.46 p.m. train, by a very large contingent of partizans, and the two slip coaches were uncomfortably packed-nineteen in a compartment being anything but pleasant.

Bambridge won the toss, and elected to kick for the Dolphin goal, and against a strong wind that blew down the ground. Poulton opened the account for

Maidenhead at precisely three o'clock, and immediately a rush was made by his side for Swepstone's charge, and the custodian had to exert himself to avert disaster. The right wing securing the leather, it was not long ere Purcell and Barker, by some clever passing, transferred the game to the other end of the field, and when F. Lamb had a miskick it appeared as though early disaster would be the lot of Maidenhead: but the shot that followed ended in a corner. Poulton afterwards gained possession, and, with the assistance of his forward-partners, got the ball well down again. Davies endeavoured to spoil his opponent's chance, and made a rush, but he was compelled to embrace Mother Earth by Morris, almost before he was aware of having collided with that player, and this, of course, evoked no little laughter from those spectators who enjoy this kind of play. Purcell and his confrere once more succeeded in seizing the ball, and a corner against Maidenhead was the result, but nothing coming of this, the "red and blacks" replied with a similar point, which, however, proved equally fruitless. Immediately afterwards F. Lamb made a splendid shot at goal from the rear of the back division, and the ball went through the goal well out of Swepstone's reach. This point was gained exactly twelve minutes from the start, and evoked rounds of applause from the elated Maidenhead partizans. The ball having been re-started, some grand passing was witnessed from Purcell, Garne, and Bambridge, by whom the ball was worked into the visitors' back division. From here Bambridge made a good shot, but Rookley caught the missile on the goal-line and threw it out. Bambridge thought the ball passed over the line, and appealed, but the referee was against him. A corner for Maidenhead preceded a good shot by A. Lamb, the ball striking a spectator who was leaning against one of the posts. After the kick-off, Playford ran away with the ball, and at an opportune time crossed to Bambridge, but the chance was missed, and the corner that followed also yielded "the birds" no advantage. A fine run down was made by A. Lamb, and matters looked promising until Holden-White came upon the scene and checked Lamb's career. Maidenhead, however, continued to give Swepstone plenty to do, but he was always on the alert, and coped with the most difficult shots. A corner magnificently placed by Haggis looked like the prelude to a second goal for Maidenhead, but the ball was unfortunately played behind. Now ensued some very dangerous manœuvres in front of the Maidenhead goal, but the back division acquitted itself admirably, and passing the ball on to Wilkins, the latter bolted with it and made a shot at goal. Swepstone punched the ball out in grand fashion, and was deservedly applauded. Maidenhead were credited with a corner, and then came a splendid run up by Playford and Bambridge, and an ugly shot was fisted out by Rookley. Not to be denied, however, the invincible Playford tried another brief canter, and after taking the ball right up to the goal-line, he proceeded in dribbling it very prettily back between his puzzled opponents for two yards, and then centred cleanly to "Bam", and the latter sent in a capital shot which proved successful, and equalised the score, nine minutes before half-time. Had not F. Lamb been so close on Rookley, the latter might have saved the goal. The custodian entrusted the ball to Lamb, and when he missed it Rookley had not time to prevent it going between the posts. Immense cheers from the partizans of the Swifts greeted this score. On the ball being re-started nothing of very great moment occurred prior to half-time, except that Swepstone had again to meet a shot or two, and that once the Maidenhead goal was in danger of being charged by the home forwards. Up to half-time, Maidenhead had registered 1 goal,

5 corners, and 18 byes, to their opponents' 1 goal. 4 corners (successive), and 2 byes. To the evenness of the play the wind materially contributed, as will be seen by the record below in reference to the second half of the match.

After the expiration of the usual breathing time, play was resumed, and immediately the Maidenhead goal was attacked, but with no success. Shortly afterwards, Bambridge was stopped in a splendid run by F. Lamb, but the popular captain unfortunately had the wind knocked out of him, whilst his nose bled somewhat freely. He was brought round in a few minutes, but was partially hors de combat, since he had to rest in goal, and Swepstone took his place forward. A run by Wakerill and his coadjutor transferred the game after awhile to the Dolphin end of the ground, but Davies soon sent the ball away again, saving a good shot at goal taking effect. At the opposite end Barker presently had a magnificent opportunity to gain the winning point, having Rookley at his mercy, but he kicked wildly over the bar, to the relief of the "red and blacks". A corner afterwards in favour of the Swifts was well-placed by Saunders, the ball going right across the goal, but no one reached forward to head it through, and another good chance was muffed. Rookley next coolly saved his charge from falling before Garne, whilst he subsequently with good judgment spoilt an excellent shot from Saunders, by punching the ball behind the posts, and well-met another from the foot of Playford. Bambridge came out of goal after a quarter of an hour's rest, and this seemed to encourage his men, for in a very short space of time they registered the winning goal from a longish shot from Holden-White, and, desirous of making assurance doubly sure, Davis scored another from a high and well-judged shot, the ball just touching Rookley's fingers as it passed through. It was evidently now "all up" with Maidenhead. The latter, however, never "funked" once, but continued to play with apparently indomitable pluck, and twice Swepstone had to run out to save shots taking effect. When time was called, no other point had been gained, and the Swifts were thus left victors of a hard fought contest by 3 goals to 1. During the latter half of the game the Swifts had by far the better of the contest. Maidenhead, although they frequently got the ball well away from goal, and threatened their adversaries' citadel, did not gain a bye, whilst the Swifts recorded 2 goals, 5 corners, and 11 byes. Added together the following is the number of points scored during the game: - Swifts 3 goals, 9 corners, and 13 byes; Maidenhead 1 goal, 5 corners, and 18 byes. The visitors' play throughout was good, and did them great credit, seeing what a powerful combination they were pitted against. The more prominent, perhaps, were Rookley, Haggis, Bradley, F. Lamb, Poulton, and Morris. It goes without saying that the Swifts' form was brilliant throughout, since they are such well-known exponents of the game. Swepstone saved them many a goal, whilst Davies was a tower of strength in the rear. Holden-White was the most conspicuous half-back, and of the forwards, Bambridge, Playford, and Purcell were perhaps the most successful."

BC: "Played at Slough. Bambridge won the toss, and elected to play against a strong wind blowing down the ground. At three o'clock Poulton kicked off for Maidenhead. Ten minutes later A. Lamb made a splendid shot out of Swepstone's reach, and drew first blood. Nine minutes before the change of ends, however, Bambridge equalised amid applause.

During the second half the Swifts added two more goals, by Holden-White and Davies, thus winning by three goals to one. Swepstone, Davies, Bambridge, and Playford for the winners, and Rookley, Haggis, and Poulton for the losers, were in good form."

RM: "Bambridge won the toss, and decided to play against the wind. During the first half A. Lamb scored for Maidenhead, and Bambridge for the Swifts. In the second portion of the game the Swifts twice scored - Holden-White, and Davies doing the needful; thus Maidenhead were defeated by three goals to one."

Lancashire Evening Post 15/10/87 P.3: "Played at the Dolphin Ground, Slough. Bambridge won the toss, and elected to play against a strong wind. Poulton kicked off at three o'clock. Ten minutes later, after some good play by the visitors, A. Lamb placed the ball out of Swepstone's reach, and scored. Eight minutes before the change, however, Playford showed some excellent dribbling on the left, and passing to Bambridge, the latter equalised." (No 2<sup>nd</sup> half Report and no lineups)

Swifts : H.A. Swepstone (Goal), A.O. Davies, A.W. Platt (Backs), F.E. Fearnie, F.E. Saunders, C. Holden White (Half Backs), G.K.T. Purcell, M.M. Barker (Right Wing), W.H. Garne (Centre), R. Playford, E.C. Bambridge (Left Wing).

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

Umpires: N. Peile (Swifts) and W.J. Dance (Maidenhead FC).  
Referee: N.L. Jackson (Hon Sec London FA).

LONDON CALEDONIANS 1 (J. Barbour)  
OLD FORESTERS 6 (Hermon W. Guy, Hugh Guy, H.C. Newberry 2, Ralph Guy, A. Robertson)  
(HT. 0-3) (At Essex County Cricket Ground, Leyton) (Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)

Field 22/10/87 P.637: 2<sup>nd</sup> report P.638 / Sportsman 17/10/87 P.4 / Sporting Life 17/10/87 P.4 / Essex Newsman 18/10/87 P.4:

F: "In spite of the unpleasant weather a fairly numerous company assembled on the Essex County Cricket Ground, on Saturday, to witness the match between these teams in the first round of the English Cup competition. The boys of Forest School were in great force in the covered stand, and they cheered the Old Boys in the most enthusiastic manner. The game was well contested, the play being fast throughout; but the Old Foresters always had the best of it, and left the ground victorious by six goals to one. The best team undoubtedly won, as the Forresters showed far better combination than their opponents, the clever passing of the forwards in front of goal being a feature of the game. In the first half the Old Boys played with the wind at their backs, and they had all the best of the game, their goalkeeper only handling the ball once. Five minutes after the start a well placed

corner kick by H.W.Guy resulted in a goal,the ball passing through off one of the Caledonian half backs.Four minutes later,Hugh Guy,with a good shot,registered a second point.For some time after this the play was fairly even,but at the expiration of half an hour,Newberry scored the third goal from a pass by R.C.Guy. No further point was scored in the first half.

Upon restarting after the change of ends,the Caledonians made a strong attack and Walker having stopped two shots in clever style,Barbour,by a finely judged corner kick,placed a goal to the credit of his side,Walker striking but failing to change the direction of the ball.Even play followed for a time,but in the last twenty-five minutes the Old Boys completely outplayed their opponents and scored three more goals.Ralph Guy registered the first by a clever shot after a pretty run;Newberry kicked the second from a pass by Ralph Guy;and Robertson obtained the third by heading through."

SM:"Played at Leyton on Saturday in the presence of a moderate company.The weather was cold and showery,and the ground slippery.The Old Foresters elected to play with the wind at their backs in the first half,and showing by far the better combination,they always had the best of the game.Five minutes from the start a well-placed corner-kick by H.W.Guy resulted in the first goal,the ball passing through off one of the Caledonians.Four minutes later Hugh Guy added a second point,and after a half-hour's play Newbery scored from a pass by Ralph Guy.

After change of ends the Caledonians attacked strongly and Barbour placed a goal to the credit of his side from a corner kick,Walker touching but failing to stop the ball.The Foresters again ascerted their superiority,adding three more goals,Ralph Guy scoring the first,after a pretty run,Newbery the next,and Robertson the last.The Foresters therefore won by six goals to one."

SL:"A moderate company assembled at Leyton on Saturday to witness the match between these teams in the first round of the English Cup.The weather was somewhat showery,and the slippery state of the ground somewhat affected the play.The game was well contested but the Old Foresters showed much the best combination,their defence,passing,and play in front of goal being superior to that of their opponents,and they won a most decisive victory by six goals to one. Playing in the first half with the wind at their backs,they forced the game almost throughout.After five minutes' play,the first goal was registered from a well-placed corner by H.W.Guy,the ball passing through off one of the Caledonian backs.Three or four minutes later Hugh Guy,by a good shot,scored a second goal.Some even play followed,but the Foresters again forced the game,and after half an hour Newbery,from a pretty pass by R.C.Guy,scored the third goal.

Nothing further occurred up to half-time,and upon resuming the Caledonians made a vigorous attack,Walker stopping two very hot shots.Then a corner fell to the Caledonians,and a splendidly judged shot by Barbour resulted in a goal, Walker hitting,but being unable to stop the ball.The play for a time was even,but towards the close the Foresters had much the best of the play,and added three more goals.The first of these was scored by R.C.Guy,after a clever run,by a

stinging shot,the second by Newbery from a pass by R.C.Guy,and the last was cleverly headed through by Robertson.For the victors Ralph and Hugh Guy,the Johnsons,Pelly,and Marsh,played well,and the whole team were capitally together.On the other side,Stewart,Barbour,M'Intyre,Sargeant,and Burns were the best."

London Caledonians :F.S.Walford(Goal);R.Haldane-Stewart,A.Humphrey(Backs) ; J.Barbour,H.McIntyre,A.J.Chipp(Half Backs);+P.H.Morton,W.Fry(Right Wing), F.Sargeant,(Centre),F.Robertson,J.Burns(Left Wing).

+BUT NOTE P.H.Morton in Watford Rovers team!! CHECK THIS TEAM FOR HIS INITIALS

Old Foresters:W.Walker(Goal);F.R.Pelly,R.B.Johnson(Backs);H.W.(Hermon)Guy, H.H.Johnson,Rev.F(.deQ.)Marsh(Half Backs);Hugh Guy,S.N.Sargeant(Right Wing),R.C.(Ralph)Guy(Centre),H.C.Newberry,A.Robertson.(Left Wing).

Umpires:E.Grieve(Old Foresters) and W.Bosher.Referee:M.P.Betts.

HENDON 2 (Harrow Back o.g.,A.Redford)

OLD HARROVIANS 4 (A.H.Davidson,H.G.Kinloch,G.K.Hext 2) (H.T. 0-4)  
(At Hendon)(Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup> )(Scorers as per HN)

Harrow Notes 22/10/87 P.128/Field 22/10/87 P.637/Sportsman 17/10/87 P.4:

H.N.:"Unfortunate in the toss,Hendon kicked off with the wind and rain in their faces,the result being that their back division had pretty well all the work to do in the first half,Mieville only having one shot—a very difficult one-to fist away. Previous to changing ends,Davidson,Kinloch,and Hext(twice) had put the ball through,numerous other shots being wide or parried by the goal-keeper.

After half time the game was more evenly contested,all being kept very busy.Hendon's first point was given to them by a Harrow back who,slipping, kicked the ball between his own posts,and the second Redford scored out of a scrimmage.For the winners,though all played up with a Cock House vehemence, Hext and Kinloch,Kemp,Macan and Greatorex were particularly brilliant;while for Hendon,Perry,Redford and Sheppard did their best to avert defeat."A.R.Cox and H.C.Buckingham most considerately went to Hendon as "reserves."

F:"This tie was played off in very wet weather at Hendon on Saturday last.and resulted after a very keenly contested match,in favour of the Harrovians by four goals to two.The Harrow forwards worked beautifully together,and were well supported by the backs;in fact,Farmer is to be congratulated on the excellent eleven he has got together,and it will take a good team to oust them from the competition.Hendon have two or three very good players,Kingdom,Perry,and Kelly in particular,but they are not well backed up."

SM:"This tie was decided at Hendon on Saturday in anything but comfortable weather,rain falling at intervals throughout the afternoon,whilst a strong wind

was also blowing, which materially assisted the Harrow men, who won the toss, and at half time had scored four goals, their opponents having but few chances, the play being nearly all in their territory.

On changing ends, however, they had their turn, but failed to utilise it to any extent, and eventually suffered defeat by four goals to two. A start was made at half-past three, and the Hendon men soon worked the ball into their opponents' ground, and looked very much like scoring at this early period of the game. The Harrovians' goal-keeper, however, prevented this, and the latter team took possession, and soon good passing took place, Hext easily obtaining the first goal for the visitors. Some good play now ensued, which, however, was all in favour of the visitors, who, after a time, scored three more goals in rapid succession - obtained by +Harrison, Hext, and Davidson. +In fact Kinloch

On changing ends the Harrovians evidently played principally on the defensive, and for a long time the Hendon men failed to do any good. At length, however, one of the Harrow men put through their own goal, and about five minutes before the call of time Redford obtained another. The match resulted, as stated above, in a victory for the Old Harrovians."

Sporting Life 17/10/87 P.4: "At Hendon, and resulted in a win for the Harrovians by four goals to two. Hext, Farmer, Kinloch, and Davidson scored for the Harrovians in the first half, and Redford for Hendon in the second, the other goal being given them by the Harrow back. Kemp, Greateorix, Kinloch, and Hext played grandly for the winners, and Redford, Kingdom, and Parry for the losers." (No lineups)

Hendon: R.W. Sheppard (Goal); C.G. Broadhurst (Capt.), W.G.A. Ravenor (Backs); E.B. Perry, W.J. Barton, G. Hannaford (Half Backs); C.A. Evors, E.H. Kelly (Right Wing), A. Redford (Centre), O.E. Kingdom, A. Henry (Left Wing).

Old Harrovians: L. Mieville (Goal); H.T. Grundtvig, H.T. Hewett (Backs); T. Greateorix, M.C. Kemp, G. Macan (Half Backs); J.H. Farmer (Capt.), J.D. Whittaker (Right Wing), H.G. Kinloch (Centre), A.H. Davidson, G.K. Hext (Left Wing).

Umpires: H.F. Smith and B. Hay-Cooper.

Referee: John Henderson (Morpeth Harriers, late Pilgrims F.C.)

HOTSPUR, a bye

Sheffield Independent 19/10/87 p.7: "A large number of protests were made, chiefly upon the ground of clubs including unregistered players in their teams for ties in the first round of the competition. Sixteen of these objections were sustained and all the games in question were ordered to be replayed on Saturday next. The game between Church and Cliftonville must also be decided on Saturday. Thus at the end of the week ties in the first round will be played as follows:

At Bishop Auckland, Church Institute .v. Elswick Rangers

At Morpeth, Morpeth Harriers .v. Sunderland  
At Belfast, Distillery .v. Blackburn Park Road  
At Darwen, Old Wanderers .v. Burnley  
At Church, Church .v. Cliftonville , Belfast  
At Astley Bridge, Astley Bridge .v. Hurst  
At Everton, Everton .v. Bolton Wanderers  
At Northwich, Victoria .v. Leek  
At Oswestry, Oswestry .v. Vale of Llangollen  
At Great Bridge, Great Bridge Unity .v. Stafford Road  
At Burton, Burton Wanderers .v. Aston Shakespeare  
At Birmingham Excelsior Ground, Birmingham Excelsior .v. Warwick County  
At Derby, Derby County .v. Staveley  
At Nottingham Olympic Ground, Notts Olympic .v. Mellors, Limited  
At Chatham, Royal Engineers .v. Rochester  
At Watford, Watford Rovers .v. Chesham  
At Dulwich, Dulwich .v. Reading”

## SECOND ROUND

DRAW:(London Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 1887)(Sheffield Independent 19/10/87  
P.7):

### First Division:

Darlington .v. Elswick Rangers or Bishop Auckland Church Institute  
Sunderland or Morpeth Harriers .v. West End, Newcastle  
Middlesbrough .v. South Bank  
Shankhouse, a bye.

### Second Division:

Blackburn Olympic .v. Blackburn Rovers  
Belfast Distillery or Blackburn Park Road .v. Witton  
Accrington .v. Darwen Old Wanderers or Burnley  
Darwen .v. Church or Cliftonville

### Third Division:

Astley Bridge or Hurst .v. Halliwell  
Fleetwood Rangers .v. Higher Walton  
Bootle .v. South Shore  
Preston North End .v. Bolton Wanderers or Everton

### Fourth Division:

Wrexham Olympic .v. Davenham  
Chirk .v. Shrewsbury Town  
Northwich Victoria or Leek .v. Crewe  
Over Wanderers .v. Stoke  
Vale of Llangollen or Oswestry, a bye

### Fifth Division:

Burton Swifts .v. Great Bridge Unity or Stafford Road  
Small Heath Alliance .v. Aston Villa  
Wolverhampton Wanderers .v. Aston Shakespeare or Burton Wanderers  
Mitchell St George's .v. West Bromwich Albion  
Warwick County or Birmingham Excelsior,a bye

Sixth Division:

Owlerton .v. Sheffield Heeley  
Derby Junction .v. Rotherham  
Long Eaton Rangers .v. Sheffield Wednesday  
Derby County or Staveley .v. Ecclesfield  
Lockwood Brothers,a bye

Seventh Division:

Lincoln City .v. Gainsborough Trinity  
Grantham .v. Notts Rangers  
Notts County .v. Basford Rovers  
Notts Forest .v. Mellor's Limited or Notts Olympic  
Grimby Town,a bye

Eighth Division:

Old Etonians .v. Old St Mark's  
Old Wykehamists .v. Crusaders  
Chatham .v. Rochester or Royal Engineers  
Old Westministers .v. Millwall Rovers

Ninth Division:

Reading or Dulwich .v. Hotspur  
Great Marlow .v. Old Foresters  
Old Harrovians .v. Old Brightonians  
Chesham or Watford Rovers .v. Old Carthusians  
Swifts,a bye

"The first named club in each instance has choice of ground.The round must be completed on or before Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>"

FIRST DIVISION

DARLINGTON 4 (Rogers,R.T.Stabler,Middleton,Hutchinson)  
ELSWICK RANGERS 3 (J.Nugent,G.McDonald,J.McCullum)  
(H.T. 1-3)(F.T. 3-3)(A.E.T.)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Feetham Ground,Darlington)

Morpeth Herald 12/11/87 P.2/Northern Echo 7/11/87 P.4/Newcastle Daily Chronicle 7/11/87 P.7:

MH:"On Saturday afternoon Elswick Rangers met Darlington in the second round for the English Association Cup at Feetham Ground,Darlington.There were about 2,000 spectators present and they evinced the greatest interest in the game.They were unstinted in their encouragement for the home team,but never in one

instance did they utter a good word for the visitors, who were treated somewhat shabbily. After the first score for the home team the crowd became so excited and the players were so animated by their shouts that they lost all control over themselves, and disregarded the scientific game altogether. The remainder of the game might without scruples be termed a "game of skittles", so much was brute force indulged in.

Darlington won the toss and chose the north end of the field, but there was not much to choose in choice of ends, as the ground was almost level, and there was hardly a breath of wind. Shortly after the commencement Sims kicked well down to Baxter, who passed to Nugent, who by a splendid screw shot scored for the Rangers. On resuming Harry Hope dribbled the ball up into the lines of the Rangers, where he centred, but Hutchinson, who secured the ball, shot wide. Darlington again attempted to score, but Sims ran in and relieved the pressure. The ball was carried along by Baxter, who passed to McDonald, and he scored the second goal for the visitors. A few minutes afterwards the Rangers again returned to the attack, and some fine passing took place amongst the forwards. Ultimately, McCullum, who was on the extreme right, sent in a splendid shot, thus scoring the third goal within a quarter of an hour after the start. The Rangers again pressed but their efforts proved futile. Hutchinson got away, and passed over to Rogers, who centred. A scrimmage in front of goal ensued and the last-named kicked the ball between the uprights. The crowd sent up a tremendous shout and waived their hats in a frantic manner. Shortly afterwards half time was called the score standing, Elswick Rangers three goals, Darlington one goal.

Within three minutes after changing ends Stabler for Darlington scored. Excitement now ran high amongst the spectators, and the players became so much excited that it was at this period when they commenced to go for the man instead of the ball, the play being of a poor character. Ultimately Middleton, Darlington, scored out of a scrimmage in front of the Elswick goal, thus equalising the score. Towards the close the Rangers suffered very hard lines. Two smart shots were sent in, one of which struck the crossbar and the other the left upright, and both rebounded into play. As no further score was made by either side the game resulted in a tie at the close of the usual time. The referee ordered the teams to play an extra half hour.

Shortly after resuming, Hutchinson scored from a pass from Hope. Both teams failed to make any other score during the remainder of the game. Result- Darlington, four goals; Elswick Rangers, three goals."

Darlington: Robertshaw (Goal); J. Davison, Henderson (Backs); \*Grieveson, C.L. Glover, R.T. Stabler (Half Backs); H. Hope, Rogers, Hutchinson, Waites, Middleton (Forwards).

Elswick: J. McDonald (Goal); J. Sims, A. Perkins (Backs); J. McCullum, M. D'Arcy, G. McKay (Half Backs); G. McDonald, Reid (Right Wing), J. Melville (Centre), J. Baxter, J. Nugent (Left Wing).

\*NE:".....Grieveson,of Barnard Castle,who assisted Darlington in this tie,and played in the half back line,was also fairly successful."

SUNDERLAND 3 (S.Stewart 2,T.Halliday)  
NEWCASTLE WEST END 1(D.McColl)  
(H.T. 0-1)(F.T. 1-1)(A.E.T.)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Sunderland)

Sunderland Daily Echo 7/11/87 P.4/Morpeth Herald 12/11/87 P.2/Newcastle Daily Chronicle 7/11/87 P.7:

MH:"Amid excitement which has never yet been equalled in the County of Durham,and for the matter of that the sister county,these teams met on Saturday, on the ground of the former,to decide the right to enter the third round of the English Cup.The weather was splendid,and it is computed that not less than 8,000 spectators were on the ground,the new stands lately erected by the Wearside club being taxed to their utmost capacity.The interest attached to the meeting,apart from being a cup tie,was of a character well known,these clubs having long been rivals in the field.The play throughout,apart from some roughish tactics on the part of the visitors,was a grand exhibition,and when it is stated that an extra thirty minutes had to be played some idea of the nature of the struggle will be obtained.The press box,which is in every way adapted for its requirements,was used for the first time.Excellent arrangements had been made for the comfort and convenience of the enormous crowd—the largest we believe, to ever attend a football match in Durham or Northumberland. Excitement,as we have said,ran high throughout the game,but everything passed off pleasantly. Taylor was unable to play for West End,owing to a slight accident,and his place was taken by Chalmers,who,if lacking the coolness of Taylor,proved an admirable substitute.Sunderland,owing to the new registration of some of its members,had a weaker team than has been the case for the last few weeks.

At 2.40 the combatants entered the field amid cheers from the vast multitude. The visitors having won the toss,elected to play downhill with the sun at their backs.From the kick off the ball was taken up,but went out.Duns returned another onslaught,and Stewart rushing up,compelled Fyfe to save,which he did well.A nice pass by Davison enabled Stewart to put in a shot,which,however,went over.Fyfe kicking away,the visitors took the ball down,and Nicholson shooting, Kirtley fisted out.The ball being returned,a corner was obtained,but without result,and for the next few minutes the home team lost a good deal of ground, owing to the neat passing of the Newcastle men.Ford relieving Stewart ran up, and his partner put in a shot,but it was too high to score.The ball was again taken down,and Olliver conceded a corner,but the ball was got away.The game continued fast and exciting,and McColl,Barker,and Angus,each in vain,tried to score,until after about thirty minutes' play,Raylston sent in a splendid shot,which Kirtley just managed to save.The ball was immediately returned,and McColl sent it through,thus scoring for West End amid great excitement.The game continued with undiminished energy on the part of both teams,but nothing further had been scored at the crossover.

Nicholson starting, Ford soon after sent in a shot which went over, and Duns kicking out of danger, his team did a little pressing, when Stewart sent the leather out of play. From deliberate "hands" by McDonald, the home team worked the ball down, and obtained a fruitless corner, and play was well over the field, the visitors at this time mainly acting on the defensive. After about twenty minutes' play, West End began to press, and kept the ball in their opponents' ground, despite the efforts of the latter. Several runs were then put in by Barker, McColl, and Angus for the visitors, and by Stewart, Smith, and Monaghan, for the home team. At last Sunderland got "hands" off Smart, and Richardson sent the ball through the posts, but as it had not touched any of the players, there was, of course, no goal. Fyfe re-starting, the ball was well returned, and Stewart by a piece of clever play scored for Sunderland, the performance being greeted with enthusiastic cheers by the Wearsiders. It was now within a few minutes to the call of time, and each team renewed their efforts to gain the winning point, but despite all endeavours, neither side was able to obtain it, and when the whistle blew the game stood one goal each.

It was immediately decided to play an extra fifteen minutes each way. The home team won the toss, and elected to keep their places, and soon severely pressed their opponents, Chalmers being compelled twice to concede corners. Richardson neatly placed the latter corner, and Halliday scored. From the kick-off Barker put in a capital run, but Ford returned, and Monaghan put in a shot, which Fyfe saved, giving a corner, and another being obtained, the ball went out. Play was next at the upper end of the field, but the ball was quickly returned, and the home team made several attempts to force their opponents, but without result.

On changing ends, after about eight minutes' play, the ball was taken up, and Stewart scored the third point. The visitors, although they tried very hard, could not add to their score."

Sunderland: W. Kirtley (Goal); T. Halliday, J. Oliver (Backs); F. Dale (Capt.), P. Ford, J. Richardson (Half Backs); S. Stewart, R. Smith (Right Wing), W. Hastings (Centre), G. Monaghan, A. Davison (Left Wing).

Newcastle West End: Fyfe (Goal); J. Duns, J. Chalmers (Backs); W. Swinburne (Capt.), J. Raylston, J. Smart (Half Backs), J. Barker, D. McColl (Right Wing), T. Nicholson (Centre), J. Angus, J. McDonald. (Left Wing)

Umpires: James Phillips and Dr Wilson. Referee: J. C. Stacey.

MIDDLESBROUGH 4 (Rev. E. J. Wilson, F. Dennis, A. Borrie 2)  
SOUTH BANK 1 (Duck) (H. T. 4-0) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)  
(At Linthorpe-road Ground, Middlesborough)

Northern Echo 7/11/87 P.4/York Herald 7/11/87 P.7/Newcastle Daily Chronicle 7/11/87 P.7/Sporting Life 7/11/87 P.4 (Long Report and Middlesborough forward positions):

YH: "The weather was fine, and about 1,500 spectators witnessed the match, which was won by the home team by four goals to one. South Bank kicked off with the sun in their faces, and the ball was immediately taken into the visitors' quarters, where Fenney conceded a corner. Nothing, however, came of the advantage, and a second similar point was gained a minute later. Walsh took the kick and centred the ball right in front of goal, but it was got away, only to be returned by Dennis, who headed it right across the goal mouth to the Rev. E.J. Wilson, who put it through amid loud cheers. On the ball being restarted the home team were conceded two more corners, but the attempt at goal proved abortive, and the visitors' forwards, getting possession of the globe ran it cleverly up the field until Bach stopped them by sending it back into the South Bank territory. Some fast play ensued in front of the visitors' goal, and after repeated attempts to score, Priest and G. Knox got the leather out of danger. The last-named made a splendid pass to Beadle, but that player missed his shot for goal, which he had entirely at his mercy. The visitors playing well together kept the ball near the home goal, and Jones looked like scoring, but just as he was putting in a final spurt, he slipped, and Wynn sent the ball out of danger, and Cochrane with a well judged kick, sent the ball to Borrie, who put it to Dennis, and that player sent it through with the greatest of ease. The visitors warming to their work made a good attack on the home goal, but the ball never got past the backs and a visit being made to the other end of the field, Dennis put the ball across to Borrie, who sent in a beautiful screw shot. Knox, however, was on the alert, and saved his charge at the cost of a corner. The home team failed to score from the kick in, but after the ball had been again up the field Dennis obtained possession, and dribbling it nicely down the left wing he finished up by passing to Wilson, who stopped the ball with a back kick, and Borrie shot it through the posts, registering the third goal for Middlesbrough. The home team continued to press, and despite the good play of Bradbury and Feeney, Borrie succeeded in scoring again from a clever pass by Dick Wilson. Play was all in favour of Middlesbrough up to half time being called, when the score stood - Middlesbrough, four goals; South Bank, none.

On crossing over the sun went down, and the home team again showed to advantage, and for about twenty minutes Knox repulsed several attempts to score, his fisting out being greatly admired. Eventually the two Wilsons with a bit of splendid passing got the ball into close proximity to the South Bank goal, but Dick Wilson fell and Bradbury saved. Immediately afterwards the visitors' forwards footed the ball down the field, and Beadle put it through the home goal amidst the greatest excitement. An appeal of offside was made and allowed. This piece of ill luck seemed to put the South Bankers on their metal and playing with considerable dash they made matters pretty warm for the home team during the next quarter of an hour, and ultimately they got a corner through M'Nellis fisting out to save his charge. They failed to score from the kick in, but not to be denied they rushed the ball right in front of the goal mouth where Duck sent it through, notching the first point for the visitors. Middlesbro', who had seemed to tire, owing to the fast play, wakened up a bit after this, and up to the call of time had the best of the game. Final result - Middlebrough, 4 goals; South Bank, 1."

NDC:"Played at Middlesbrough in splendid weather.The attendance was numerous and enthusiastic.Shortly after three o'clock Southbank kicked off,and within five minutes of commencing,J.Wilson registered the first goal for the home team.The Middlesbro' men had the best of the play throughout,and some few minutes after the first score Dennis put the second goal through for the home team.The ball was quickly in play again,and after a few tussles Borrie shot a splendid third goal for Middlesbro'.Play was very quiet from this point,the ball being passed up and down the field somewhat indifferently.Ultimately the ball was passed to Borrie,who succeeded in registering the fourth goal for Middlesbro' amidst great cheering,shortly after which half-time was called.

On play being resumed the visitors settled down to some very hard work,and,after playing a very plucky game,succeeded in putting the ball between the goal-posts about seven minutes before time,amid great excitement and cheering.The ball was quickly in play again,and the game became fast and exciting,both teams being greatly cheered.When time was called the game stood:-Middlesbrough,four goals;Southbank,one."

Middlesbrough:B.F.McNellis(Goal);T.H.Wynn(Capt.),G.McCrie(Backs);J.Walsh, O.H.Cochrane,T.Bach(Half Backs);Rev.E.J.Wilson,S.Humberstone(Right), A.Borrie(Centre),Richard Wilson,F.Dennis(Left).

South Bank:R.Knox(Goal);Bradbury,Fenney(Backs);Cooper,Peacock, Harrison(Half Backs);G.Knox,Priest,Duck,Beadle,Jones(Forwards).

Umpires:F.Hardisty(Middlesborough) and Skinner(Redcar).Referee:Howcroft.

SHANKHOUSE, a bye.

## SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN OLYMPIC 1 (J.H.Hothersall)

BLACKBURN ROVERS 5 (W.Rushton,E.W.Chadwick,W.J.Townley 2, John Southworth)(H.T. 1-2)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Hole-i'th'-Wall,Blackburn).

N.B The game was not played at the Rovers Ground,Leamington Street contrary to both Blackburn Rovers Complete Record and Shooting Stars history of Blackburn Olmpic.

Blackburn Standard 12/11/87 P.7/Lancashire Evening Post 5/11/87 P.3/  
Cricket & Football Field 5/11/87 P.4/Preston Herald 9/11/87 P.7:

BS:"The match between Blackburn Rovers and the Blackburn Olympic in the second round of the English Cup competition drew a large crowd of people to the Hole-i'th-Wall ground on Saturday,but the play that they witnessed was only of a moderate character.There were perhaps two reasons for this.In the first place the ground was in a slippery condition,owing to the recent heavy rains,and in the second one or two players carried selfishness to such an extent which entirely spoiled combination,and filled the majority of spectators with disgust.Neither

side put in their best eleven Barton and Rushton filled the places of Forrest and Walton in the Rovers' team, while Fletcher's services had to be requisitioned for the Olympic, owing to Bibby being seized with a serious illness.

The Rovers were the first to commence an attack, but they were repulsed, and the Olympians made several spirited raids on their opponents' fortress. However, the Rovers had the best of matters in the first portion of the game and scored two goals to the Olympic one. When the teams crossed over the fight for some time was of a pretty even kind, but at length the visitors forged ahead and obtained three goals, and as the home team could not add another point, the Rovers passed into the next round winners by five goals to one.

Arthur, what little he had to do, he did in his usual manner, but the backs only played a moderate game. Beverley made several miskicks, and Suter did not tackle with his customary effectiveness. Barton was the best of the halves, though Heyes and Douglas put in some useful work. Amongst the forwards Townley and Southworth exhibited much selfishness and spoiled combined play. Beresford and Chadwick were quick on the ball, and Rushton was not far behind. The Olympians' great fault is their erratic shooting at goal. Time after time in the match under notice did they get round Arthur, and had several chances presented to them, but in the execrable way in which the final efforts were made elicited remarks of disapproval from the spectators. Barrett defended his charge fairly well, and Fletcher and Gill proved themselves good backs. Gibson and Hunter both shone up splendidly, and Ecroyd stopped many dangerous rushes of the "light blues". Costley and Fielding did but very little in the forward division, but Garner, Carlisle, and Hothersall worked very hard."

LEP: "These teams met in the second round of the English Cup competition this afternoon, on the ground of the former, at Hole-i'-th'-Wall, in the presence of 5,000 spectators. The weather was warm, the ground being in grand condition, and there was little or no wind to interfere with the play. Great interest was taken in the match, as is usually the case when these teams meet, and before the game started the Rovers were made the favourites. The Rovers were the first to step into the enclosure, the Olympians being a little late.

The Rovers won the toss, and a shot from their left wing caused Barrett to fist out at once. Before the ball could be got away, Chadwick kicked over the bar. The Rovers still pressed, but Beresford made a bad shot. Not to be outdone, Townley centred well, and Rushton with a beauty scored two minutes from the start for the Rovers. Immediately on the restart Beresford centred another, and a scrimmage followed, but unfortunately the last-named player sent the ball over the bar. The Olympians then got away, but Hothersall shot too far. Some play followed in the Rovers' territory, and then Hunter, for hands, dropped a good shot in front of the visitors' goal, but the leather was got away. Garner next signalled himself with a dangerous centre, which Beverley got away. The other end was then visited, and Southworth put the ball over the bar. The Rovers then gained a corner, but the ball was got away. Southworth had a beautiful chance of scoring a minute later, but he spoiled it with a bad shot. Play was then transferred to the other end, and Arthur had to save twice, the Olympics forwards showing some

good crossing tactics. They continued to press, and all but scored through the efforts of Hothersall, Fielden, and Costley. After a temporary visit to the other end Hothersall put in some good dribbling, which caused Arthur to fust out. At length Beresford got on the leather, passed it to Chadwick, and the latter put it through, scoring a second goal for the Rovers about 20 minutes from the start. Resuming, the Rovers again got close up, and Rushton put in a beautiful shot, which, however, failed to score. Then the home left had a look in, and Fielden shot, Arthur fusting out smartly at the expense of a corner, which Hunter failed to convert into a goal. Rushton put in a very good shot, which went over the bar. A few minutes before the call of half time Hothersall dribbled the leather up the field, and sent in a lightning shot, which Arthur failed to stop, the first goal for the Olympic thus being scored. The Rovers were the next to press, but failed for a time to get near the home goal, although they got a free kick, which Douglas shot behind. The kick-out failed to get the ball away, and Chadwick tried to screw it through but missed. Costley next got the ball, and passed to Fielden, who tried twice to score, but on both occasions sent the ball over the bar, a fault of which Carlisle was guilty a moment afterwards. The ball was then slowly worked up to the other end, and Rushton passed it to Townley. The leather passed again to Beresford, who in turn sent it to Southworth, the latter making an unsuccessful shot. Nothing else resulted up to half time, when the game stood two to one in favour of the Rovers.

In the second half the Rovers commenced to press, and Barrett had to fust out. Some smart play was shown by Barton. After about ten minutes' indifferent play the Rovers got a fruitless corner. A foul by Suter gave the Olympians a free kick. Hunter kicked the leather against the bar. The ball was got away. Beresford ran up the field, and passed to Townley, who shot wide. Play was then transferred to the other end, but it was of a rather mediocre kind. On the whole the Light Blues had the best of the game for some time. Half way through the second moiety of the game, Townley, who was well up, shot at the goal, and Gill was unfortunate enough to put the ball through his own goal, scoring a third point for the Rovers. Garner and Carlisle were conspicuous next for some beautiful passing, but the latter made a mistake in not carrying the ball further up. He passed to Hothersall, who shot wide. About sixteen minutes from the call of time, Southworth dropped an easy one to Barrett, from the left corner, and he failed to stop it. Townley shot a fifth through, on the restart. The visitors continued to press, and Chadwick, with a good screw shot, almost scored again. Five minutes before the whistle blew, the Rovers got a corner, but failed to convert it into a goal. The Olympians were now played out. Nothing else was done up to the call of time."

C&FF: "For the second time teams representing these clubs, who have both held the trophy, met in the above competition. It will be remembered that on the last occasion when these clubs were in opposition in this competition the match ended most unsatisfactorily, as the Rovers were awarded a goal which never ought to have been allowed, and they won the game in consequence.

Unfortunately both teams were incomplete this afternoon. Both Forrest and Walton are still too bad to play, and James Southworth, who had promised to assist his old comrades at back, could not, owing to an injured arm. Knowing this

fact did not prevent persons thronging up to the Hole-i'th-Wall Ground to see the rival blues have a "set to".

"One of the Olympian backs-Bibby-did not put in an appearance,and Fletcher took his place.The Rovers won the toss,and decided to defend the Revidge goal. There were not more than 4,000 spectators present when the Olympic kicked off at two minutes past three,the attendance not coming up to expectation.Rushton immediately got possession,and the Rovers left were getting dangerous,when Hunter relieved with a grand kick.The Rovers came up again,and Barrett was forced to save.Chadwick then shot over,after which the Rovers pressed hard, Beverley sending in two fine kicks.Barton had a chance,but shot with appalling inaccuracy.A magnificent run on the Rovers' left,ended in Townley centring beautifully,and Rushton scored for the ex-cupholders in less than five minutes from the start.The Rovers almost scored again immediately.The Olympic then got away,but were not dangerous,though Arthur had to kick from goal.Heyes showed good form,but Rushton was robbed by Hunter,through selfish play.The Olympians made a determined effort to save,but the opposing backs cleared in the goal mouth.The game was very fast,but the Olympic could scarcely get past the half-way flag.Again the Rovers shot over,and next forced a corner.The ball was well played by Douglas,but the Olympic cleared.Chadwick effected a splendid run on the left and Southworth had a grand opening,but failed miserably,the ball going far, far away.Garner and Carlisle sped away finely,and , Beverley missing his kick,Arthur had to throw out.The Olympic returned to the attack,and Arthur again threw out.The Olympians were now dashing in,and twice shot over.At the other end two ineffective shots were made.Chadwick then scored a second point for the Rovers,amid cheers.About five minutes before half time Hothersall scored a beauty for the Olympic,and at half time the game stood in favour of the Rovers by two goals to one.

For some time in the second half play was very uninteresting,the Rovers' forwards time after time throwing ridiculously easy chances away.Towards the close of the game they livened up considerably,and Southworth scored the third goal for the Rovers.Five minutes later Townley put in the ball,and Gill in attempting to clear his lines kicked the ball through his own goal.The Olympic alleged that the ball did not go through, but the referee allowed the point.A minute later the Rovers again (scored),a futile objection being made by the Olympic.The Rovers pressed their opponents in the last five minutes but could not increase their score."

PH:"Between five and six thousand spectators assembled on the Hole-'i'th'-Wall ground on Saturday to witness the contest between the above teams in the second round of the competition.As Forrest and Walton are still on the retired list,Barton and Rushton,from the reserve team,took their places,and,as Bibby failed to put in an appearance,Fletcher's seviles had to be utilised by the Hole-'i'th'-Wall men.The home players started the game,but the Rovers were not long before they gained a corner.This,however,proved fruitless,but directly afterwards Townley obtained possession,and after a smart run,passed to Rushton,who scored the first goal,after four minutes' play.Again did the Rovers return to the attack,and a capital centre by Breseford caused a hot scrimmage in

the home territory, but the ball, after a couple of minutes' exciting play, was got away. The dark blues were then successful in carrying matters to the other end, and, from free kick for "hands", nearly scored. Not disheartened, the home men played up pluckily, and some pretty passing enabled them to get close to Arthur, but the final effort went over the bar. Carlisle and Garner now scampered down the right, and a hot shot by the former was just stopped by Arthur, a feat he performed cleverly directly afterwards. The Rovers then broke away, and dashed down on the Olympic fortress, but Rushton failed at the crucial moment. Hothersall now got on the ball, and eluded the opposing backs, but Arthur ran out and saved well. The Rovers right retaliated, and Beresford, when close in, parted to Chadwick, who registered the second goal. Time, 25 minutes. After some interesting play, the Olympians, by some good combination, got in close proximity to the visitors' goal, and a lightning shot from the foot of Hothersall placed a goal to the credit of the home team. No further points were added up to half-time, when the scores stood Rovers two, Olympic one.

On resuming the visitors were the first to make an attack but they were repelled, and the Olympians began to show to great advantage, and caused the Rovers' backs an anxious time for ten minutes or so, experiencing on more than one occasion exceedingly hard lines. A shot from Hunter in mid field grazed the crossbar and a scrimmage in front of the Rovers' goal ended in a corner. Encouraged by the cheers of their supporters, the dark blues played with great determination, but to no purpose, for the Rovers' forwards again got on the ball, and Townley shot, the ball bounding off Gill through the goal. Not long afterwards Southworth luckily added a fourth goal, and directly the ball had been restarted Townley raced down and added a fifth. This seemed to entirely upset the Olympic, but the Rovers on the other hand played with considerable energy, and had the best of the game, which eventually ended in favour of the Rovers by five goals to one."

Blackburn Olympic: D. Barrett (Goal); Gill, Fletcher (Backs); Eckroyd, J. Hunter, T. K. Gibson (Half Backs); J. Garner, C. E. Carlisle (Right Wing), J. H. Hothersall (Centre), + A. Fielding, J. T. Costley (Left Wing). + Also listed as Fielden

Blackburn Rovers: J. W. H. Arthur (Goal); J. Beverley, F. Suter (Backs); A. Heyes, J. Barton, J. Douglas (Half Backs); J. Beresford, W. Rushton (Right Wing), + John Southworth (Centre), E. W. Chadwick, W. J. Townley (Left Wing).

+ Also listed as Jack Southworth: they are one and the same person (see Blackburn Rovers Complete Record P. 120 and Shooting Stars Book on Blackburn Olympic 1878-1889 P. 114).

Referee: J. Dickinson, Great Lever.

DISTILLERY, BELFAST 2 (O. M. Stanfield, Stewart)  
WITTON 4 (R. Haresnape 2, R. Hothersall, H. Cunliffe) (AFS has Cunliffe 2, Hothersall, Turner) (H. T. 1-1) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Broadway, Belfast)

Belfast News Letter 7/11/87 P.3/ Northern Whig 7/11/87 P.7/ Lancashire Evening Post 5/11/87 P.3:

N.B.English reports incomplete or unreliable

BNL:"On Saturday,at Broadway,one of the most interesting and best contested matches of the season was witnessed when Distillery and Witton faced each other in the second round of the English Cup tie.The members of the local club enjoy a high reputation as exponents of association football,their performances of late being both creditable and promising.In the match with Blackburn Park Road a short time ago they played a very brilliant game,and in the first half were ahead of their opponents,who are amongst the crack football players of England. The team against which they were pitted on Saturday was a very powerful one,as their past achievements testify.In their matches with Everton and Blackburn Park Road they have come out triumphant,and in their struggle with Bootle on Saturday week a draw resulted.

The weather,although threatening,was,on the whole,satisfactory,the ground being somewhat soft from the recent rain.The attendance was large,and the greatest possible interest was manifested in the game throughout.Witton succeeded in winning the toss,and M'Manus started the ball for the local team. For some time the play was very fast,the ball after a few minutes being forced into the Distillery ground.The Witton forwards followed up their advantage,and Haresnape by a good shot scored the first goal for the visitors(LEP:"Haresnape scored the first goal two minutes from the start").On the ball being restarted the play was not so vigorous for some time until W.Crone and M'Clatchey combining their opponents were kept busy.The ball was passed to R.Crone who,by a spirited run,brought it well into the visitors' territory.A corner kick followed,but did not result in anything.The leather was then brought down towards the Distillery ground;and Johnston obtaining possession forced to within a short distance of the Witton goal.Smith and Pickering,the English backs,however, relieved pressure.For some time the play was confined to the Witton territory, but none of the shots took effect.The ball was soon carried into the Distillery territory,and Hothersall had a good kick at goal,which Spencer saved.W.Crone,by some skillful play,brought the ball out of danger,and the Witton goal was again attacked.The English goalkeeper was equal to the emergency and defeated several good shots.Play was again confined to the Distillery ground,and Spencer was kept busy in defending his citadel.M'Clatchey and Steward brought the ball well down,the field,and from a scrummage which ensued a short distance from the English goal,\*Whiteside had a good shot,but failed to score.M'Manus also made a fine shot at goal,the ball just passing over the bar.Haresnape and Grimshaw succeeded in bringing the ball into the Distillery quarters and in front of the home team's goal the play was very fast for some time,but R.Crone and Wilson were equal to the occasion,and nothing resulted.The local team putting on a great effort endeavoured to score before half time was sounded,and Stanfield sent the ball between the posts amidst great cheering.No change took place until half time when the score stood-Witton 1 goal;Distillery 1 goal.

On change of ends the visitors put forth a tremendous effort, and Hothersall secured the second point a short time after play was resumed. The home team pressed their opponents very hotly, and for a free kick Turner sent in a splendid shot. The goalkeeper, however, did the needful and the ball was again hovering in front of the posts, where a tussle took place for some minutes. Wilson again saved in an admirable manner. The visitors soon transferred the scene of action to the local team's quarters, and Haresnape again scored for Witton. A fourth goal was shortly afterwards scored by Cunliffe. Stanfield and Johnston combining succeeded in bringing the ball in front of the visitors' uprights and Steward scored the second goal for the home team. Darkness was rapidly coming on, and the play was rather loose. The whistle sounded a short time afterwards, when the game stood - Witton 4 goals; Distillery 2 goals. The match was watched with the greatest interest throughout, and, although beaten, the local team are to be congratulated on the splendid stand they made. R. Crone and Wilson showed up in great form, while Spencer, the goalkeeper, by his good judgment, saved the team from perhaps a still greater defeat. The visitors played splendidly, notwithstanding the fact that they were \*\*minus one of their best members."

\*Not a Distillery player but could have played for Witton: LEP has Whiteside for Alston in Witton side.

\*\*LEP: "The clever left back of Witton was unable to play, owing to an injury sustained in the tie against Oswaldtwistle Rovers."

Athletic News 8/11/87 P.6: "Witton travelled to Belfast on Thursday evening, where, on Saturday, they met the Belfast Distillery in the second round of the English Cup. Shorrocks accompanied the team, but only as a spectator, he being unable to play owing to injuries received in the Oswaldtwistle Rovers match."

Distillery: Spencer (Goal); R. Crone, Wilson (Backs); W. Crone, S. Spencer, S. Crawford (Half Backs); S. Johnston, O. M. Stanfield, McManus (Centre), Stewart, J. McClatchey.

Witton: W. Wilson (Goal); F. Smith, J. A. Pickering (Backs); J. W. Alston, W. Almond, J. Horsefield (Half Backs); R. Haresnape, T. Grimshaw, H. Cunliffe (Centre), R. Hothersall, E. Turner.

Umpires: Thompson and Proctor.

Referee: R. Parlane.

ACCRINGTON STANLEY 3 (Conway, J. Bonar, J. M. Lofthouse) (H.T. 0-2)

BURNLEY 2 (W. McFetheridge, D. Waugh)

(H.T. 0-2) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Accrington) (C&FF/PH give D. Waugh 2)

Burnley Express 9/11/87 P.4/Lancashire Evening Post 5/11/87 P.3/Cricket & Football Field 5/11/87 P.4/Preston Herald 9/11/87 P.7:

BE: "The visitors were unable to place their best team in the field, Bury being found at the last moment to be ineligible in consequence of his temporary residence at Clitheroe, whilst Elston could not assist for want of a sufficient

residential qualification. Hine, from the second eleven, filled the vacancy created by Bury's absence... "The home team were represented by their best team, the only change the substitution of Wilkinson, who had greatly distinguished himself previously, for Bryce at half back."

LEP: "Great interest was manifested in the meeting of these teams at Accrington today, and there were about 5,000 spectators. The Burnleyites were present in strong force, and their respective teams were loudly cheered as they stepped upon the field.

The game started at 3.20 pm, Conway beginning hostilities. A raid on the Burnley goal was followed by a rush to the other end, and then Accrington gained a couple of fruitless free kicks for hands near to the Burnley goal. The visitors broke away, and Waugh shot just over the "Reds" bar. Pretty play on the part of Gallocher received attention, and Horne frustrated an attempt by the visitors. Lofthouse shot wide, but Accrington assisted by some effective passing on the right wing, again became dangerous, and Lang conceded a corner. The ball was got away, but directly afterwards Fecitt missed a splendid opportunity, and McFetteridge retaliated with a splendid run, and passed to Waugh, who, however, was nicely robbed by Stephenson. Play was transferred to the other end, but again the Accrington goal was attacked, and Horne cleverly saved from an attempt by Gallocher. Conway shot past the posts, and play continued to be of an even character, both ends being alternately attacked. A fine chance presented itself to Gallocher, but offside was successfully claimed by the "Reds", and from a fine centre by Lofthouse, Bonar shot wide. The leather was immediately carried to the other end, and McFetteridge scored with a low shot amid great excitement. From the kick off the "Reds" rushed down the field, but Conway's effort was wide, and the visitors again attacked, and from a throw in Waugh again beat Horne, two minutes after the first point. A raid by the Accrington left ended in Fecitt shooting across the Burnley goal, but the "Reds' " citadel again became the scene of action, another daisy cutter from Waugh just passing the posts. Burnley again attacked, and a claim for a goal was overruled by the referee. McConnell stopped a quick low shot from Fecitt, and again repelled an effort from Yates. Half time was called with the game two goals to nil in favour of Burnley.

The Reds started with a dash upon the resumption, and a centre by Fecitt, shot right in McConnell's hands, and half a minute later the Burnley keeper again saved. Gallocher made a splendid centre, Stevenson saving at the expense of a corner, which, like another directly afterwards, was fruitless. Lofthouse baffled Lang, and centring judiciously, the Burnley goal was hotly assaulted. McConnell, however, defended magnificently repelling shots from Chippendale and Fecitt right under the bar. Soon afterwards, however, Yates made a fine screw, and judicious play on the part of the Accrington forwards ended in Fecitt heading through the Burnley goal. Stimulated by this success the Reds again pressed, and amid a scene of great enthusiasm, Bonar equalised matters. The excitement was intense, and the Reds getting a free kick near to the Burnley goal, Chippendale planted the ball well, and Lofthouse headed through. The visitors protested without avail, and hats and sticks were waived triumphantly, the Reds having scored three goals in a very short time. The struggle continued with increased

energy, and McConnell stopped a clever shot from Bonar. An attack by the Burnley left was frustrated by McLellan, but the pace was beginning to have its effect upon the players, who showed signs of exhaustion. Burnley gained two or three free kicks close to the Accrington goal, but Lofthouse relieved with a splendid sprint. An ineffective corner fell to the visitors, and Horne stopped a magnificent shot from Waugh, and again saved magnificently."

C&FF: "Excitement in East Lancashire football circles was probably never raised to a higher pitch than today, when these doughty opponents met at Accrington for the honour of entering the third round in the National Competition. The match has been the talk for some time past, and a great chance been offered to speculators, for whilst the Reds are at home, and have been stringing up the stamina in spare hours by various ways and means, the boys from the Moor have, it is said, been undergoing a full week's training. The teams who stepped into the lists in the pink of condition were as follows:-

PH/C&FF: "There were six or seven thousand persons present when R.P. Gregson placed the ball, and Conway commenced the game. The Reds rushed down the left wing, where the throw-in was taken to no advantage, and Waugh burst away to the other end, McLennan repelling the Burnley attack by pretty passing, but a foul by Keenean let the Reds in again, and McFetteridge cleared from the goal mouth. Gallocher got off, and Waugh just cleared the Accrington bar. Another canter up the Burnley right ran the ball out, and for a few minutes the visitors had the play, Wilkinson clearing a dangerous one. The ball was returned in the direction of McConnell, and though Keenan and Hine distinguished themselves in the defence, Lofthouse got round the former, and Lang gave a fruitless corner. The excitement grew intense, Friel tried a run, but Wilkinson bothered him, and placed the ball nicely for Lofthouse, who drew McConnell away from the goal mouth, and in his absence, Fecitt seemed to have a chance, but was robbed. Burnley were away again with an abortive assault on Horne's keep. Sugg put a long one past the post, and Wilkinson was again conspicuous. Horne saved a rattler, and at the other end Conway put a dangerous one by a series of hard tussles, followed in mid-field, first one side and then the other reaping the advantage amid the encouraging shouts of their partisans. After a while Lofthouse raced down and centred, but Bonar shot wide. Immediately Burnley burst away all along the front, and Waugh put in a shot which beat Horne after twenty minutes' play. First blood for Burnley. Two minutes later, after Accrington had had a near shave, Waugh banged the ball through again, wild enthusiasm by the Burnleyites greeting this second success. Up to now the visitors had had four chances, twice playing the trump card. Waugh was again dangerous with a long one, and Chippendale saved a certain goal. Accrington had a spell of attacking, but were unfortunate, though a fine shot by Fecitt almost scored. Yates shot and McConnell repelled. Half-time saw Burnley ahead by a couple of goals, a state of things resulting from rather superior play.

Immediately upon resumption Lofthouse dashed away and McConnell caught the ball and fell but managed to clear just and only just in time. The next moment he had to rap out a stinger from right under the crossbar, but the pressure was relieved, and Burnley took a couple of fruitless (corners). Accrington pressed again, but were unrewarded, and the next minute were dangerous from a free

kick, but Howarth cleared his lines; Lofthouse out-dodged Lang, and sent in a steamer, and McConnell fisted away three succeeding shots in marvellous fashion. The Reds were playing up, but hard lines only occurred. Sugg gave a corner which Lofthouse put behind, but fortune came at last, for after the ball had been banged across the goal Lofthouse muddled, and Conway beat McConnell. A vigorous cheer greeted the success. This spurred the Reds on, and certainly things were now looking better for them, for their magnificent combination fairly nonplussed the Burnley defenders, and the excitement was at fever-heat when Bonar equalised. Again they rushed up, and Chippendale put the leather in, and Lofthouse headed through, the three goals averaging two minutes each. From fast to furious the play waged, and it was kept up right to the finish. Burnley hung about the Accrington goal, but Horne and the backs defended superbly. The last two minutes saw play in the Burnley territory, and a scene of unbounded enthusiasm greeted the final whistle, which left Accrington winners by three goals to Burnley two."

Accrington: J.K. Horne (Goal); J. Stevenson, J. McLellan (Backs); G. Haworth, J.T. Wilkinson, P. Chippendale (Half Backs); J.M. Lofthouse, J. Bonar (Right Wing), R. Conway (Centre), H.L. Fecitt, Jack Yates (Left Wing).

CHECK R.W. CHIPPENDALE

Burnley: J. McConnell (Goal); Hine, A. Lang (Backs); + J. Abraham, F.H. Sugg, J. Keenan (Half Backs); P. Gallocher, R. McCrae (Right Wing), D. Friel (Centre), W. McFetteridge, D. Waugh (Left Wing). + Also listed as Abrams

Referee: R.P. Gregson.

Field 19/11/87 P.788: "The protest of Burnley against Accrington on the ground that Lofthouse was not eligible to play for the latter club, has been quashed"

Cricket & Football Field 12/11/87 P.2: "Burnley, represented by Messrs Massey and Kearsley, then went in with their protest, but the counts of the referee's decisions were quashed, and a commission appointed to consider Lofthouse's eligibility." (FA Committee Meeting Tuesday Nov 8<sup>th</sup>)

Lancashire Evening Post 12/11/87 P.3: "A commission appointed by the Football Association, consisting of Major Marindin, and Messrs Duxbury and Hughes, sat at the Saddle Hotel, Bolton, this afternoon, to hear the protest against Lofthouse's eligibility." "It was proved that Lofthouse was borne at 17 Dixon-street, Witton, which was under six miles, the exact measurement being five miles four and a half furlongs, to the headquarters of the Accrington club, but to the ground it was over six miles. The headquarters were taken, and Lofthouse was adjudged eligible. The Blackburn Rovers will thus meet Accrington, at Accrington, on the 26<sup>th</sup> inst."

DARWEN 2 (Tot Strachan, J. Shorrocks)

CHURCH 0 (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Barley Bank Meadow, Darwen)

Athletic News 8/11/87 P.2/Blackburn Standard 12/11/87 P.7/Preston Herald 9/11/87 P.7/Lancashire Evening Post 5/11/87 P.3/Cricket & Football Field 5/11/87 P.4:

AN: "The foe came up to the scratch smilin'". Thus saith Elijah Goff, and thus the Darweners on Saturday, when the red-breeched men from Church stepped onto the Barley Bank meadows to do battle in Round 2 of the English Cup ties. Church and Darwen are grand antagonists in this annual "grate fite", and when they meet there is certain to be a "fite" that would put Elijah's into the shade altogether. Saturday turned out to be a very nice sort of day, and as I wended my way up to the stiff incline, recollections of old days crossed my mind, especially when I saw Joe Booth, once the Darwen crack goalkeeper, and Charlie West, an old stager from Church, dividing the duties of goalkeeper. The ground is much altered from the time that I am speaking of. Now, they have one of the best places of turf in the county and also one of the best grandstands in fine weather. The only things to remind one of the past are the dressing tents and "boozeries", and they are of yore. Even the crooked chimney, which you well remember, sir, has assumed the perpendicular. But as soon as the game started, you would have known you were in the "peaceful valley" from the extraordinary amount of lung power displayed by the spectators. Yes, sir, they can shout as loud as ever. Five years ago Church disposed of Darwen in the English Cup ties, by two goals to none, and the Darweners had not forgotten that awful event until 4-40 on Saturday, when they had had their revenge.

Church were out fully ten minutes before the home lot, and Mr Tom Hindle had a troubled look on his face, for he was short of Tot No 2, the only stranger in the team. All the 22 of them were Lancashire lads, and they all meant business. The only one on the Darwen side who took part in the memorable Cup tie was Tot Rostron, but on the other side there were several - J. Woods, W. Woods, Jackson, Taylor, and Hartley Gregson, but the last-named has given up football, and was only dragged up at the last minute. He seemed more fit to be in bed than on the football field, and all the old wriggling and dodging has left him.

Darwen dashed off with ten men, and for a time had the best of it. Bethel Robinson and J. Woods are two fine backs, Bethel especially displaying great dash, notwithstanding that he was carrying half a dozen yards of bandage about his legs. These two, with three good half backs, were enough to keep the Darwen forwards at bay, and the light-hearted Marsden and Leach were found more employment than they cared for. Matters seemed to be going badly with Darwen, and the spectators had not occasion to get in shouting form, but presently Tot Strachan put in an appearance, and this altered the game considerably. There was nothing much to choose between the teams, even now, but what advantage there was Darwen had it. Both lots went at it hammer and tongs, and the two left wings were the best, little Shorrocks playing splendidly. Hartley Gregson was out of it completely, and both he and the outside left had white breeks on, which troubled the Darwen men above a bit. There was little individual brilliancy, but there was plenty of hard work. A most singular thing was that, although both goals were singularly attacked, the back play was so good that for half an hour neither goalkeeper touched the ball. Not long after this Billy Woods made a miskick, and

Strachan rushed up and was on Thorpe before he could clear, first blood to Darwen being greeted with loud cheering.

At half time Darwen led by one goal to nil, and the play afterwards was harder than ever. It was pretty evident that Church did not intend being defeated, and both sides played up splendidly. The ball was no sooner at one end than a big kick would lift it to the other, and many were the exciting scenes in front of the goals. It was by no means certain that Church would not equalise, and several times Holden was called upon, one of the best shots of the day being by Jim Marsden, who, in endeavouring to kick across the field, gave his own goalkeeper a regular teaser. Thorpe had plenty to do at the other end, and did it well. He is a cool customer, and something to move out of the way. When there was about ten minutes to play Robinson tipped the ball to J. Shorrocks, who was lying well up, and it went from his foot like lightning. The Darweners were now happy, but still Church did not give up the ghost. No, they went at it pluckily and were near scoring above once, but they did not succeed, and Darwen entered the third round by two goals to none." (No lineups)

BS/PH: "This cup tie took place at Barley Bank on Saturday, before a large number of spectators. Darwen lost the toss, and Rostron kicked off, the home team having ten men only for a few minutes, Strachan appearing late on the scene. Some nice heading by the visiting forwards got the ball close in the Darwen goal, where J. Marsden and Owen were conspicuous. Pressure having been overcome, a visit was paid to Church territory, where J. Woods cleared nicely. A run on the Darwen left was the means of a corner to the home team, but this was fruitless. The leather was worked about pretty fast after this, the backs of both teams being called on. Rostron had hard lines in not scoring; and at the other end Paynter headed in well from a pass by Bourne. Leach making a bad kick, the visitors were again on the defensive but danger was averted, and Holden made a spurt. J. Marsden kicked away powerfully, and Strachan troubled J. Woods with a good shot. Soon afterwards the Darwen left got possession, and an opportunity was missed by shooting high over the bar. From the kick off Bourne raced away for a short space, and Thornber made a mistake, which Leach rectified. Owen next sent the ball over the bar, and hereabouts Church had their work cut out to stave off disaster, but a fine run by their forwards caused Leach to concede a corner. This the home team got away, and the ball once more went over the Church crossbar, Howard Shorrocks performing the feat this time. Then a corner kick to Darwen was well placed by J. Shorrocks, and the ball was almost sent through the goal in the scrimmage. Hands in the visitors' goal was not improved on, and the home custodian had to negotiate a shot by Holden on the Church left. Rapidly the ball was worked to the other goal, where Thorpe fisted out twice in cool manner. Another corner was obtained by the home left, and almost immediately Darwen got first goal from a miskick by W. Woods, which Strachan took advantage of. On the kick off from centre Church made a dash at the home goal, Holden and Paynter being noticeable, and Leach interposing just in time. The result at half time was - Darwen 1 goal; Church none.

On restarting J. Shorrocks centred nicely, and Thorpe had to use his hands. Darwen got a corner, but Church defended well, and got the ball to the other end

of the field, where the Darwen goalkeeper was called upon to save. A smart piece of play by Howard Shorrocks gave the Church backs some trouble, but Robinson in company with J. Woods proved to be in good form, and ultimately a run by the Darwen left ended in a second goal for Darwen, who won by two goals to (n)one."

Darwen: W. Holden (Goal); Leach, J. Marsden (Backs); Thornber, Owen, T. Marsden (Half Backs); Tot Strachan, Howard Shorrocks (Right Wing), Tot Rostron (Centre), Smith, J. Shorrocks (Left Wing).

Church: J. Thorpe (Goal); Bethel Robinson, J. B. Woods (Backs); J. Tattersall, Taylor, W. Woods (Half Backs); James Hartley Gregson, T. Smith (Right Wing), G. R. Bourn (e) (Centre), + J. Holden, Paynter (Left Wing). + Also listed as Holding

### THIRD DIVISION

#### ASTLEY BRIDGE 0

HALLIWELL 4 (D. Weir, Joe Hewitson, J. Derham, Tag Hay)  
(H.T. 0-2) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Astley Bridge)

Cricket & Football Field 5/11/87 P.4/Lancashire Evening Post 5/11/87 P.3:

C&FF: "This afternoon in the second round of the English Cup competition, Halliwell antagonised Astley Bridge, on their own ground in the presence of 2,000 spectators. The following were the teams:-"

"Amongst the company on the stand was Ald. H. M. Richardson. Halliwell started the leather, and were immediately put on the defensive, Shorrocks sending in a shot which +Oliver only just put outside the posts. Nothing came of the corner, but still the Bridgeites pressed, and Robb had to save a daisy-cutter from the foot of Scholes, Fairclough also being called upon the next minute to fist out splendid attempts by Sheppard and Ainsworth, jun. The Halliwellians then had a canter up the field, and from a pretty pass by Crombie, Hewitson shot. Smethurst spoiled its effect, however, and also sent back one by Walkinshaw a little later. The visitors continued to keep play in the Bridge territory, and some pretty passing ensued right in the goal mouth, Weir finally shooting past the uprights. From the goal kick Hay shot in, but Hamer cleared the danger with a huge kick, and the next minute Fairclough conceded the home team a corner from a kick by Ainsworth, jun. This proved abortive, and the Halliwellians then rushed up the field, and Weir crashed the ball past Thompson, thus scoring the first goal. From the kick-off the Bridgeites attacked and gained another corner, but this, also, was not improved upon. The visitors then took the reins in hand, and a fierce struggle ensued right under Thompson's charge, that worthy and the backs saving in grand style on several occasions. They succeeded in relieving the pressure at length, and from a free kick given them in midfield, Greenwood put the ball well in, and Scholes almost scored, the leather just passing outside. Lucas lifted the leather well up the field from the place kick, but the Bridgeites played pluckily, and a grand run by Shorrocks and Sheppard resulted in a fierce scrimmage in the Halliwell goal, Lucas, Robb, and Fairclough having their hands pretty well full for several minutes. The last-named defended in rattling style, although he was well looked

after, perhaps too much so, by the home forwards. He kept his goal intact, and the backs cleared danger but their opponents, playing a sterling game, fought hard to get on level footing. They attacked time after time, and were within an ace or two of carrying the Halliwell fortress; had it not been for the fine defence they would undoubtedly have done so, but as it was they were sent away after a deal of trouble, empty handed, and their own goal attacked, Joe Hewitson, Weir, and Hay, making futile attempts to lower their colours. As the interval approached the Bridgeites imparted more spirit into their play and led their opponents a merry dance, Lucas and Robb having quite as much as they could do to keep them at a safe distance. On the other hand the visitors also were equally determined to keep the lead and improve their position if possible, and after a minute or two they completely took matters in their own hands, and Mullin all but scored. The custodian fisted out, but Joe Hewitson returned with a quick shot. Thompson failed to stop the ball, and the visitors claimed a goal, but the Bridgeites claimed that the ball had not gone through. They were supported by the referee, who disallowed the Halliwell claim. Not to be outdone, however, the ++Bennetts' boys returned to the attack, and Hewitson recorded their second goal with a rattling shot, the following being the state of the game at Half Time: Halliwell 2 Astley Bridge 0.

Immediately on the restart the Halliwellians made tracks for the Bridge goal, and Thompson only fisted out a shot by Hodson in the nick of time. The home forwards then cantered to the Halliwell end, and +Oliver was cheered for two splendid saves, the Bridgeites experiencing hard lines in not scoring. Lucas at length cleared his lines, and following the leather, the visitors' forwards pounced on Thompson's citadel, and two brilliant shots, one over his head, were put in by Hewitson, both of which the custodian saved. Mid-field play ensued, out of which the visitors broke away, and gained an abortive corner. Hamer took the goal kick, but Derham returned with a neatly-judged punt which bounced clean out of Thompson's reach and passed through, making the third point for Halliwell. Notwithstanding these reverses, the Bridgeites played up spiritedly, and were within an ace or so of scoring. +Oliver was on the alert, however, and sent them back, after which the Halliwellians had hard lines in not lowering the Bridge colours on more than one occasion, Mullin having an unexceptionally easy chance once, which he regularly mulled, the ball going miles over the bar. The Halliwellians still continued to swarm around the Bridge posts, and over half a dozen opportunities were given them of scoring, all of which, however, were ridiculously missed. The forwards seemed to be in a properly lazy mood, and could not have shot worse, had they been trying to miss scoring. Taking advantage of their laxity, the Bridgeites, who were for a few minutes without the services of Hamer, in consequence of his wrenching his ankle, at length woke up, and for a few minutes seriously threatened to break their egg. The forwards worked like demons and sent in numerous shots, but they were undoubtedly opposed to superior mettle, and failed in their endeavours. The Halliwellians again took up the attack, and after some excellent passing by the forwards, Hay, from a pass by Weir, recorded the fourth point. Towards the close the Brideites played up better, and forcing back their opponents besieged their fortress, but nothing came of their efforts, although three corners were given them, and towards the finish they were once more defending with all their might.

No other points were registered, however, and when the whistle sounded the result was a victory for Halliwell by four goals to none." +Nickname for Fairclough ++Halliwell Ground

C&FF 26/11/87 P.3:"A fortnight ago last Saturday they antagonised Astley Bridge on their own circumscribed ground at Astley Meadow. True, they won by four to none, but it is no flattery to Astley Bridge or unjust blame to them to say they didn't deserve it. The Astley Bridge men played with a dash and a vigour which deserved better things, whilst the Halliwellians, half-hearted and dispirited apparently, played in a don't-care-a-hang sort of style that ought to have hung fire at the goal mouth but didn't. The Bridgites worked well and ardently but couldn't score, do as they would. The Halliwellians worked, if they worked at all, very superficially, as if they didn't care what was the result. And yet they got goals. The team, all except the backs, and "Oliver" and Derham-played mechanically and wooden, and yet won."

LEP : "This match in the second round of the English Cup competition, was played at Astley Bridge, today, in the presence of 2,000 spectators. At first Astley Bridge pressed, and Fairclough had to save several times, but Weir scored. After this the fight was even, the Bridgites having the best of the bargain. Afterwards Halliwell claimed a goal, but the point was not allowed. Hewitson, however, scored again, and at half time Halliwell led by two to nil.

Astley Bridge attacked at the commencement of the second half, but Halliwell retaliated, Thompson having to save twice for the home team. A long shot by Derham was badly judged by Thompson, and scored the third point. Weir hit the upright, and the ball bounded out. Play slowed down after this. Hamer, an Astley Bridge back, had to retire for a time, after which Shorrocks missed an easy chance. Halliwell, however, held the upper hand. Result - Halliwell 4, Astley Bridge 0." (No report of 4<sup>th</sup> goal) (No teams)

Astley Bridge: J. Thompson (Goal); J. Smethurst, R. Hamer (Backs); James Ainsworth, W. Green, Greenwood (Half Backs); L. Scholes, John Ainsworth (jun), T. Hall, G. H. Sheppard, J. Shorrocks (Forwards).

Halliwell.: W. Fairclough (Goal); J. Lucas, J. Robb (Backs); J. Derham, J. Crombie, J. Walkinshaw (Half Backs); Mullin, Tag Hay, D. Weir, J. Hewitson, E. Hod (g)son (Forwards).

Referee: R. Kirkham.

Field 19/11/87 P.788: "...Astley Bridge have withdrawn their protest against Halliwell." (see also Lancashire Evening Post 12/11/87 P.3)

Cricket & Football Field 12/11/87 P.2: "Mr Goulding was next before the assembly, armed with Hewitson's birth register, and this was enough to cause Astley Bridge to lose them two guineas and pay the Halliwell treasurer's expenses." (Report of FA Council Meeting on Tuesday Nov 8<sup>th</sup>)

FLEETWOOD RANGERS 1 (W.Bennett)  
HIGHER WALTON 3 (W.Jackson,T.Daly,.....)  
(H.T. 0-2)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Fleetwood)

KR Source CHECK Fleetwood Express:

Lancashire Evening Post 5/11/87 P.3:"At Fleetwood before 2,000 spectators.For the first quarter of an hour the game was very fast,but neither side gained advantage.Higher Walton then pressed,showing better combination than their opponents,and sent a few shots in succession,which caused the goalkeeper to use his hands.Anderton kicked out,and from the throw in Higher Walton scored the first goal.The Rangers got a corner kick immediately afterwards,and a free kick near the Higher Walton goal for a foul was also ineffective.Higher Walton continued to have the best of the play,and from mid-field kicked a second goal, the Rangers' right wing,backs,and goalkeeper missing the ball very stupidly.Just before the interval the Rangers pulled themselves together,and forced a corner from Higher Walton,but the visitors easily cleared.The score at the interval stood-Higher Walton 2,Fleetwood Rangers 0.

In the early part of the second half the Rangers made a plucky effort,but they soon fell away,and Walton put on the pressure,and sent the Rangers well up in their own land.After some further play,Walton scored the third goal.The Rangers made a fresh effort,and had three corners in succession,but failed to score.A nice bit of passing by the home forwards enabled them to score twelve minutes from time.The Rangers continued to play with more spirit but could not add to their score,but kept their opponents from adding to their total.  
Result-Higher Walton,3,Fleetwood Rangers,1."(No lineups or scorers)

Athletic News 8/11/87 P.6:"The Rangers suffered the loss of one of their mainstays in the absence of the captain,Butcher.""Rigby,a second team player,strove hard,but not nearly so good as the usual half back."(No teams or scorers)

Sportsman 7/11/87 P.4":Fifteen minutes from the start Walton scored,and three minutes later they obtained a second goal.

Fleetwood:W.Anderton(Goal);T.Cowell,J.Roskell(Backs);John Sandham,  
W.Stirzaker,Rigby(Half Backs);W.Wright,J.W.Robinson(Right Wing),  
W.Bennett(Centre),W.P.Fisher,Jas.Patterson(Left Wing).

(Initials and positions from Sporting Life 5/11/87 P.3 probable team for the match)CHECK

Higher Walton:E.Chapman(Goal);J.Mather,T.Daly(Backs);J.Coulston,W.Rose,  
J.Baldwin(Half Backs);William Jackson,T.Iddon(Right),W.Mather(Centre),  
T.Naylor,J.Blackburn(Left).

(Initials and positions from Sporting Life 5/11/87 P.3 probable team for the match) F.Chapman?

Referee:Roscoe.

BOOTLE 1 (T.Morris)(H.T. 0-1)(At Bootle)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)  
SOUTH SHORE 1 (A.Hacking)

Liverpool Mercury 7/11/87 P.7/Lancashire Evening Post 5/11/87 P.3:

LM:"These clubs met at the Bootle ground,on Saturday,to play off their tie in the second round of the English Cup competition.When a start was made at three o'clock,the attendance was only moderate,but as the game proceeded the attendance grew to about 3,000.South Shore kicked off,and Morris and Wilding moved at once on the right.After a little skirmishing near in,Holt sent across to Hastings,who lost a chance by giving hands.A good kick by Veitch,followed by a lofty one from Woods,put Bootle forwards again on the attack,but Allsop went over.Veitch and Watson turned a raid,Hastings going up and forcing a futile corner.Wilson and Hacking worked along the right when the ball became freed, and Heaton got well up only to receive a corner.South Shore next cleared a little through a foul throw in,but Bootle almost immediately took a free kick at the half line,from which danger threatened the visitors,Anderson and Holt each taking a shot.South Shore,through Parkinson and Howson,cleared on the left,and Heaton following up,took a throw in at an easy distance from goal,Howson's shot being nearly successful.Bootle soon went for goal again.Wilding put in a wild shot from the right,which Langley headed smartly,and then Wilding tried a second time without effect.Hastings was cleverly foiled by Caffrey when about to shoot,which was followed by a foul by Bootle near goal.South Shore defended safely, however,but failed to clear,and had again to stand an assault from Holt's throw in.Watson next contributed two or three splendid kicks,which enabled Hastings and Wilding to shoot well,Langley fisting out both smartly.Anderson then dodged,passed Sharples and sending to Hastings,South Shore's line was again crossed.The visitors,having withstood this prolonged difficulty,found relief on the left,and Anderson took a couple of shies,the first into Jackson's hands,and the second behind.Woods in a little while kicked up well,but Lewis missed a chance by putting himself offside,and on Watson sending a fine free kick from midfield Langley fisted out hard.Woods next passed up to Hastings,who centred nicely but Wilding and Morris both failed to reach the ball,which,after a throw in by Holt, was sent behind by Wilding.A spell of even play intervened,and then Bootle, mainly through some fine centres by Holt,again assumed the aggressive, Anderson and Wilding sending in shots.No opening was found,and on Sharples getting away,Parkinson and Howson ran up the left and centred,Hacking putting the ball through in a rush.Bootle at once went for goal,and after the delivery of two faulty shots half time was announced.

Upon Lewis restarting,uninteresting play for a time ensued,but Bootle soon drove South Shore on the defence,a lame shot by Lewis puzzling Langley.The ball,however,was steered past the post,and nothing coming of the corner,hands against Bootle gave relief to the visitors.Morris and Parkinson shot for their sides respectively,and then Watson kicked up to Anderson,who went behind.Walsh cleared from Howson's corner,but Bootle returned the attack,Lewis heading over

from Morris's pass. Hastings and Anderson a little later on dribbled up, and initiated some brilliant play on both sides, during which Hastings headed behind, as did Morris. Veitch next gave Hastings another opportunity, which was not taken. As no goals came, Veitch changed the formation of his team, himself going centre, Wilding half back, and Woods back. A fine movement by Veitch, Lewis, and Morris, was cleverly turned by Moore, without much advantage, as Lewis, from a centre by Hastings, had a shot at goal. South Shore then broke away, and took a couple of bad shots. Holt cleared and Anderson dribbled up well, but dallied too much. A corner was given, from which Anderson shot behind, and several other attempts to score failed. On Bootle once more assaulting at goal, after an unproductive corner by Wilding, Morris ran up well, and passed over to Hastings, who, in turn, centred to Morris, the latter beating Langley in a shot slightly from the right. It was near time when the score was thus brought even, and Bootle tried hard for a decisive point, but though Hastings, Holt, and Morris each shot well, it was not to be, and the game ended in a draw-1 goal each. South Shore declined to play the extra half hour."

Bootle: J. Jackson (Goal); A. Watson, T. Veitch (Backs); J. Holt, A. Allsop, F. Woods (Half Backs); W. Hastings, R. Anderson (Right), B. Lewis (Centre), J. W. Wilding, T. Morris (Left).

South Shore: W. Langley (Goal); Moore, W. A. Caffrey (Backs); R. Walsh, D. Sharples, J. Heaton (Half Backs); A. Parkinson, J. R. Howson, W. H. Sharp (e), H. Wilson, A. Hacking (Forwards).

Referee: Duxbury

LEP: "South Shore declined to play extra time on account of darkness, but Bootle came out again, put the ball through, and claimed the tie." (Replay was ordered)

N.B. Reports in Cricket & Football Field 12/11/87 P.4 and Preston Herald 9/11/87 P.7 but no lineups.

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

SOUTH SHORE 0  
BOOTLE 3 (R. Anderson 2, W. Hastings) (H.T. 0-2) (At Blackpool)

Liverpool Mercury 14/11/87 P.7/Preston Herald 15/11/87 P.7/Field 19/11/87 P.789/Sporting Life 14/11/87 P.4:

LM: "Played at Blackpool, before only 1,000 spectators. The visitors kicked off, and making a combined attack, Anderson scored the first goal for his side within five minutes of the start. The visitors continued to play up well, and a quarter of an hour later, Hastings recorded a second point for Bootle. The home team now improved in their play, but Watson and Veitch drove the South Shore attacks back, and Wilding nearly scored on two occasions. The home team again came to the front, and the Bootle goal was again placed in jeopardy, Hacking sending in a shot which just missed the posts. Bootle again attacked their opponents' citadel

and after a stiff scrimmage near the South Shore goal the ball went outside. Some even play followed, and then Bootle pressed again, but could not score, and at the interval they led by 2 goals to nil.

On resuming Bootle at once pressed, and after Langley had fisted out twice, Morris shot over the bar. It was now time for South Shore to have an innings, but they could not score, though Jackson had to fist out several times. Next Morris put in a grand run for Bootle, but his finishing shot sent the ball over the bar. A corner fell to Bootle a little later, but they could not score, though just before the close Anderson got a third for Bootle, who won by 3 to nil."

PH: "Bootle and Blackpool South Shore met for the second time on the latter's ground, on Saturday afternoon, to decide the right of entering into the third round. The first time they met in the competition was on the Bootle ground, when a grand game resulted in a draw of one goal each. The Liverpoolians wished to play an extra half hour, but the Shoerites objected. The home team, therefore, went on the field by themselves and kicked a goal, and Mr Duxbury, the referee, awarded them the match. South Shore protested, however, and were upheld by the Association, who ordered the tie to be re-played.

The excitement did not seem to run high in Blackpool on Saturday, and when Bootle started the leather there were only about 1,000 spectators present. The visitors made a combined attack, and Anderson scored the first goal five minutes from the start. The visitors continued to play up well, and a quarter of an hour later Hastings recorded a second point. Even play followed, and again Bootle pressed, but could not further score, and at half-time they were leading by two to none.

On resuming Bootle at once pressed, and after Langley had fisted out twice, Morris shot over the bar. The Shoreites then took matters in hand, and experienced hard lines in not scoring. Bootle ultimately became the aggressors, and after a fine run by the forwards, Morris skimmed the bar with a rattling shot. The home team again attacked, and Parkinson sent in a beauty of a shot from the wing, which Jackson had to put outside. Nothing came of the corner, and then the visitors besieged the home citadel, Anderson scoring a third goal, and Bootle won by three goals to nil." (No lineups)

South Shore: W. Langley (Goal); Moore, W. A. Caffrey (Backs); R. Walsh, D. Sharples, J. Heaton (Half Backs); A. Parkinson, J. R. Howson, W. H. Sharp (e), H. Wilson, A. Hacking (Forwards).

Bootle: J. Jackson (Goal); A. Watson, T. Veitch (Backs); J. Holt, A. Allsop, F. Woods (Half Backs); J. Wilding, T. Morris, B. Lewis, W. Hastings, R. Anderson (Forwards).

Referee: J. Lewis (Blackburn)

PRESTON NORTH END 6 (G. Drummond, J. B. Gordon, J. Goodall 2, F. Dewhurst, J. D. Ross) EVERTON 0 (H. T. 2-0) (Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>) (At Deepdale, Preston)

Preston Herald 30/11/87 P.3/ Liverpool Mercury 28/11/87/Lancashire Evening Post 26/11/87 P.2-3/ Sportsman 28/11/87 P.4/Sporting Life 28/11/87 P.4:

PH:"On Saturday there were between seven and eight thousand spectators at Deepdale,when,after considerable delay,Preston and Everton met in the second round of the English Challenge Cup competition.The weather was fine,but first-class football was out of the question,owing to the high wind which prevailed. The kick-off was delayed for various causes,and it was about twelve minutes to three o'clock when Goodall kicked off for the home team,uphill and against a strong wind.The home team at once advanced,by the left,and Ross,jun from that side shot wide of the posts.The visitors' forwards were brought up by Russell with the result that Smalley had to twice clear the ball owing to the efforts of Dewhurst.Dobson now gave his opponents a free kick owing to a foul throw in, some grand passing ensuing by the home team,who,however,were kept at bay until Gordon raced up the right,and,passing to Drummond,that player scored the first goal for his side four minutes from the start.The Everton right were repulsed on the touch-line by Graham and Ross,the former player having a shie at Smalley,who cleared,Dobson heading out of danger another shot.Again the Evertonians succeeded in working the ball to mid-field,where "hands" against Farmer gave the home team a free kick,which was followed by some more splendid passing by the North Enders,who threaded the ball easily through the Everton defence,but in the end Goodall shot slowly at Smallie,and another free kick for hands was given against the visitors.This time the Evertonians successfully repelled,and with considerable pace got to the front of Addison where Goudie sent in a "daisy cutter" which the little custodian kicked away.A little encouragement made Everton play up with still more energy,and for a minute or two they were very threatening,more so when Ross fouled Watson, which gave the visitors a free kick.Watson was temporarily set a-limping.and the free kick resulted in a corner for Everton,which was also fruitless.Even play was the order for a short time,the visitors' backs being a match for the home left couple,and Addison having in a very easy manner to return the ball.Gordon was then seen spurting up the right,though Dobson was on him when he managed to shoot.Smalley left his goal to clear,and as the ball was instantly returned by Goodall,Smalley was deservedly cheered as he sprang back and saved.Gordon immediately ran up with the ball,but on the touch line was tackled by Dick,who, "ducking",made the right winger turn a somersault.From this breach of fair play Dick had to apologise,and a free kick was given againat his side.Richards and Watson were pulled up by Graham,but Everton got a free kick close to Addison, and Izatt passed the ball dangerously across the goal,but without result.From the kick-off,Russell soon shined in his tackling,and as Ross jun was just getting away, he was tripped by Gibson,amid considerable hooting.The free kick was followed by a corner,and at last Drummond centred accurately,so that Gordon was enabled to score a second goal after 36 minutes' play.The Everton right got once more near Addison,Watson shooting,but finding Holmes in the way.Then Farmer, from the left,shot hard,but the ball was handed out by Russell,who stood immediately in front of Addison.From the free kick the ball was shot through without touching a player,and directly afterwards half time was signalled,with the score-Preston two goals,Everton none.

The home team had the advantage of the strong wind after crossing over, and little time had elapsed before Drummond was away down the left, and centring, Ross jun had one of his swift shots stopped by Dick. The latter player lost no time in stopping another warm one from Ross jun, but at the expense of a corner. The Everton right tried to break through the heavy pressure which was now being exercised by North End, but they were turned back, and two more corners had to be conceded, Smalley, Dick, and Dobson being kept continually busy. Another couple of corners followed, and from a scrimmage Goodall scored a third goal nine minutes from the re-start. An unsuccessful appeal was made against the point, and a free kick for hands to the home team resulted in another corner, from which Goodall recorded goal No 4. Try as they would, the visitors could not throw off the pressure. Ross jun sent in a lightning-like shot, the ball rebounding off Dick; then the same North Ender tried another of his swift shots, which nearly removed the crossbar. In sixteen minutes Dewhurst coolly scored a fifth goal, which was fruitlessly appealed against. The home team were having all the best of matters, and after winning two more corners, during which Drummond deserved to score, Ross jun notched the sixth point. The light became very bad after this. The ball was kept continually near Smalley, the Everton backs playing desperately. Dewhurst was much knocked about, and Graham was deliberately kicked, the rough play at last calling forth a caution from the referee. Holmes smartly pulled up the Everton forwards, and, after Smalley had saved two or three times more-daylight at this time having almost vanished-the whistle sounded the end of a rough game, which resulted in a victory for North End by six goals to nil."

PH:"The roughest game that has ever been seen at Deepdale was that which took place on Saturday, between Preston and Everton, in the second round of the English Challenge Cup competition. Chiefly owing to the tactics of two or three men on the Everton side was the disgraceful exhibition brought about-an exhibition of spleen and temper and viciousness which would have been called disgraceful even in the early part of the century, when pidgeon flying, pitch and toss, cock-fighting, and guinea-pig were the all-prevailing amusements. But for a club who have some pretensions-though in football only third or fourth rate-to a name in the Association game, to descend to the tripping and kicking and the other meanness adopted by Dick and his companions is a disgrace to all concerned."

LM:"This tie was played at Deepdale on Saturday, the visitors having the same team that beat the Bolton Wanderers, Preston having Addison in goal, and Holmes in Howarth's place at full back. There were 7,000 spectators present, and a start was made at a quarter to three o'clock. Goodall at this time kicked off, and almost a howl of disappointment greeted a wide shot from the same player. The wind was all in favour of the visitors, but the North End were soon dangerous, and thanks to Ross, jun., Dewhurst was given a chance, but Smalley easily got rid of the half-hearted attempt. A foul against Dobson placed the ball in Everton goal, but "Bob" again cleared, but when the game had been in progress four minutes, Drummond splendidly utilised a cross by Gordon, and first blood was drawn to the North End amid cheers. The pace was a regular cracker, and Dick and Dobson were kept busy, Smalley being given two shots to negotiate, which he did

successfully. At last Goudie raced down the centre, and sent a quick low shot at Addison, which the latter smartly kicked away. A foul at this point fell to Everton a few yards from goal, which was only cleared at the expense of a corner, which was fruitless. Farmer, who was playing well, got round Russell, and tipped the ball to Richards, who shot high over the bar. Another burst away by the home forwards took the ball in the vicinity of Smalley, but a bad pass neutralised the effort. Holmes admirably robbed Izatt, and Gordon raced along the wing, and finished with a splendid shot, which Smalley got out of danger. A regrettable incident now occurred, Dick deliberately fouling Gordon, but the referee rightly enforced the player to apologise, and from a free kick which took place, North End almost scored. The Evertonians were playing very homey, the full backs in particular, and along with the wind, which had risen considerably, they now kept the North Enders at distance. Gibson was penalised for fouling Ross, jun., and then a corner fell to the North End, which was got rid of. A foul to Everton against Gordon brought out another caution, and then Drummond and Dewhurst, who were partners in the rush, landed the ball in front of the Liverpool citadel, Gordon securing the second goal for the home team. Half time was near at hand, and the Liverpool pressure was very great, but they could not score, though Farmer sent in one hot shot. The interval found the score-North End, 2 goals; Everton, nil.

Barely had the ball been restarted ere a corner fell to North End, the result of a fine shot by Ross, jun. Twice did Dick get his cranium to "shoots" by the little demon, then a hot scrimmage took place in front of Smalley, but the Everton right got it away, and ran the ball over the home line. A couple of corners to North End, the latter of which was so finely placed as to earn a third, but the Everton men kept their goal almost miraculously, as shot after shot was sent in to Smalley. At last Johnny Goodall sent a third home. The efforts of the visitors were altogether on the defensive, Dick and Dobson falling back to assist Smalley; but a seventh corner fell to the North End, which was well looked after by the goalkeeper; a hot shot a minute later from the foot of Goodall, was one too many for him, and a fourth goal was registered to the home side. Ross jun. next had a turn, sending in two beautiful shots, one nearly splitting the crossbar. But Dewhurst made up a few seconds later by sending a fifth past Smalley. Jimmy Ross at last scored with a fast one, and the usual protest was trotted out-in vain, however, and the North End total reached six. The light was getting very bad, but the visitors were not in it. Drummond waltzed round Dobson, to the amusement of the spectators, and then Izatt and Farmer tried a run for a change, but Holmes had no difficulty with them. The game was continued in fast increasing darkness, the play not being distinguishable on the opposite side of the field. Smalley had a couple of shots to save, but no further scoring took place, the game ending in an easy win for North End by 6 goals to 0. North End have scored 32 goals to nil so far in the competition."

SM: "Everton had the strongest team possible, whilst the Prestonians had Howarth away and Ross unwell."

C&FF: "The only alteration in the Everton team as coloured on the card was the substitution of Richards for Briscoe on the right."

“The “special” was a bit late, and delayed the kick-off more than a quarter of an hour, but at the start there would be some 7,000 spectators.”

“Great indignation was expressed by the spectators against the rough play of Dick and Gibson, of Everton.”

Preston North End: Addison (Goal); R. Holmes, N. J. Ross (Backs); A. Robertson, D. Russell, J. Graham (Half Backs); J. B. Gordon, J. D. Ross (Right Wing), J. Goodall (Centre), F. Dewhurst, G. Drummond (Left Wing).

Everton: R. E. Smalley (Goal); A. Dick, G. Dobson (Backs); J. Weir, A. Gibson, M. Higgins (Half Backs); Richards, R. Watson (Right Wing), Goudie (Centre), G. Farmer, W. Izatt (Left Wing).

Referee: J. Armstrong (London).

#### FOURTH DIVISION

WREXHAM OLYMPIC 1 (P. Groom)  
DAVENHAM 2 (W. Rowbotham, “scrimmage”)  
(H.T. 1-1) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At the Racecourse, Wrexham)

Wrexham Advertiser 12/11/87 P.3 / Manchester Courier and Lancashire General Advertiser 7/11/87 P.3:

WA: “This match in the second round of the above competition, took place on Saturday, on the racecourse, in the presence of a fairly large attendance of spectators. The home team were minus the services of one of their best forwards, A. Lea, who was hurt in the Welsh tie on the previous Saturday. Roberts, for the visitors, set the ball in motion, and the home forwards were at once at work, but “hands” being given, the ball was quickly returned. The Olympic, however, made another raid, and obtained two corners in quick succession, which were entrusted to R. Davies, both, however, being barren of result. Davenham forwards shortly afterwards were seen doing some good work, and placed the ball between the uprights, the point being disallowed on the plea of offside. The Olympic were now roused to a sense of their duty, and began to show to advantage by giving the visitors’ backs some trouble, and finally Groom used his head to advantage by scoring the first goal for the Olympic. Before half time arrived, Rowbotham, for the visitors, made a shot, which Gillam mulled by allowing it to slip through his hands and make matters even.

In the second portion the game was very warmly contested, each team making frequent raids, and on one occasion Groom, who was very nearly scoring, made a splendid run, and evading the backs, was about to put the finishing touch when he was brought down to mother earth. Just a minute or two before time was announced, the Davenham, out of a scrimmage, scored the winning point.”

MC: “Played on Saturday, at Wrexham. After five minutes’ play, Davenham scored an off-side goal, which was disallowed. In another three minutes Groom scored

for Wrexham, and Rowbotham retaliated for Davenham. After crossing over, the game continued evenly contested, and most exciting. Just on time Davenham got a second goal out of a scrummage, and won by two goals to one." (No teams)

Wrexham Olympic: S.G. Gillam (Goal); R. Roberts (Capt.), S. Jones (Backs); R. Jones, John Owen, Ellis Owen (Half Backs); W. Roberts, R. Davies (Right Wing), P. Groom (Centre), John Roberts, W. Turner (Left Wing).

Davenham: F. Leather (Goal); J. Moss, H. Golding (Backs); A. Pye, W. Postle, G. Johnson (Half Backs); W. Rowbotham, R. Leather (Right Wing), T. Roberts (Centre), L. Stringer, J. Stanley (Left Wing).

CHIRK 10 (W. Owen 4, G. Owen 3, G. Griffiths, 2 Others)  
SHREWSBURY TOWN 2 (J. Watkins, W. Morris)  
(H.T. 6-0) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Chirk)

N.B AFS lists G. Griffiths 3, W. Owen 4, Rogers, Williams and an own goal: source unknown.

Eddow's Shrewsbury Journal 9/11/87 P.7/Wellington Journal & Shrewsbury News 12/11/87 P.7/Wrexham Advertiser 12/11/87 P.3/Field 12/11/87 P.750:

ESJ: "When it became known that for the second time Shrewsbury had come out of the hat second, much disappointment was felt by the home partisans, though a corresponding feeling of elation was rampant at Chirk, where the draw was regarded as a slice of luck, for their men had only a week or so before beaten the Salopians with a couple of goals to spare, still, whenever and wherever these teams meet a good game is always witnessed, and the contest on Saturday was no exception to the general rule. When the teams turned out, a tremendous crowd lined the ropes, and it was seen that Chirk were able to pull their full cup team into the field, and the Shrewsbury eleven had been re-modelled entirely. Salt, who had done such yeoman service at back, took his place for the first time at centre forward, Lane, the old Castle Blue, filling the vacancy. Morris, the best half-back in the team, went up forward, and although a trifle slow, could not do worse than some of his predecessors. Davies, as an old tried hand, took his place. Another new face was that of Lloyd, the secretary, who played with Watkins. + Hughes and Edwards also played forward - a regular scratch lot.

Chirk won the toss, and Salt kicked off for Shrewsbury. Chirk made a dash up the field, and Roberts kept out a hot shot, from W. Owen. From a shot by Wise, W. Owen got the first goal for Chirk. Directly afterwards, from a cross by W. Owen, G. Owen scored a second for Chirk. The same player added a third, Roberts misjudging the ball, G. Griffiths scored a fourth. Two further goals were scored by G. and W. Owen, and at half-time the score was - Chirk 6 Shrewsbury 0.

In the second half Shrewsbury started better, and Watkins scored for them their first goal, Chirk retaliated, and W. Owen scored a seventh. The same player afterwards added an eighth. The game now developed into a regular siege of the

Shrewsbury goal, and two more goals were added, and Morris scoring for Shrewsbury, a one-sided game ended. Result-Chirk 10 Shrewsbury 2."

WJ: "Played on the ground of the former on Saturday, before a small number of spectators. The home team won the toss, and Salt started the game on behalf of the visitors. Owen soon compelled Roberts to use his hands in stopping a sharp shot. Wise next sent in a rattler, with which Owen succeeded in scoring. From the kick off the ball was again returned to the visitors' goal, and another goal was scored. Hands against Shrewsbury followed, the ball being worked behind the visitors' goal. The home team by this time had settled down to their work, and a regular siege on the visitors' stronghold followed, which was kept up till the end of the first half. A shot was sent in, which Roberts, in trying to save, put through his own goal, three more quickly following, and at half time Chirk led by six goals to none.

On resuming play Watkins soon scored for Shrewsbury. Chirk retaliated and scored No 7. Watkins now had a good opening, but he shot wide. The pressure on the Shrewsbury goal was then renewed, Owen scoring again. A corner for Chirk followed, but Roberts well saved. A long shot was then put in by Povey, which he threw out, and some give-and-take play followed. Rogers then sent in a shot which was headed through, making No 9, No 10 soon following. Shrewsbury scored No 2 before the call of time. The game thus ended in a win for the home team by 10 goals to 2."

WA: "This match took place on Saturday at Chirk. In the first half the home team scored six goals to their opponents' nil, and before time was called had increased their score to ten goals, to the Shrewsbury's two. The winners played a good game, the forwards especially being very smart. The half backs feed their wings well, and the backs are a capital pair. Povey had only to handle the ball once or twice throughout the game. The losers made a very poor show, the home team completely running away from them."

F: "These teams met in the second round of this competition on Saturday, before a small number of spectators." (Very similar to WA Report) "The losers had a very different team to the one which met Oswestry on the previous Saturday, Salt going in the centre from full back while Lane partnered Jones at the back; the wings also underwent some alterations. They, however, made a very poor show, the home team completely running away from them."

Chirk: E. Povey (Goal); T. Wynne, D. Jones (Backs); P. Griffiths, J. Wise, J. Jones (Half Backs); W. Owen, J. Rogers (Right Wing), T. Williams (Centre), G. Griffiths, G. Owen (Left Wing).

Shrewsbury: G. R. Roberts (Goal); J. Lane, J. H. Jones (Backs); Davies, W. Steadman, G. Stanford (Half Backs); J. Watkins, Edwards (Right Wing), G. N. Salt (Capt.) (Centre), W. Morris, Lloyd (Left Wing). (ESJ)

+Hughes not listed in ESJ lineup but is in the report and is listed elsewhere as partnering Watkins on Right Wing in place of Edwards.

Umpires:T.Williams for Chirk and Cadman for Shrewsbury.  
Referee:Lythgoe,Liverpool Association.

NORTHWICH VICTORIA 0  
CREWE ALEXANDRA 1 (G.Price)(H.T. 0-0)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(On Drill Field,Northwich)

Northwich Guardian 9/11/87 P.5/Crewe Guardian 9/11/87 P.8:

CG/NG:"The interest of the votaries of Association football in Cheshire was on Saturday centred on the match between those old rivals,Northwich Victoria and Crewe Alexandra,who met on the Drill Field,at Northwich to play off their tie in the second round of the English Cup competition.There was a large attendance, the enclosure being surrounded by some 3,000 admirers of the winter pastime, of whom about 700 travelled from Crewe in a special train.The amount taken at the gate was £37 10s.It is well-known that the first teams of these clubs stand as nearly as possible upon the same mark as regards merit,and,therefore,not many could be found to lay odds against either.The following were the teams(names as below)

There was an alteration in each team,as compared with the published list.Cope took the place of Bayman,on the Crewe side,while Sands was substituted in the Victoria team for W.H.Hughes,who has not recovered from the injury to his knee sustained in the match against Leek.A start was made at four minutes to three, Northwich playing towards the arches end with a slight breeze facing them. Within a couple of minutes the home players secured a corner,and the ball was beautifully placed,but there was no score.Crewe then journeyed to the opposite end,where they were turned to the right about,and Cope put in a neat shot,when matters looked a trifle dangerous.Another corner fell to Northwich.Hankey took it,but the backs were all there,and Pearson made a fine run along the right wing, finally landing the leather over the goal line.A sharp tussle ensued in close proximity to the Northwich posts,and Crewe got a corner,which,however,came to nothing,as Tinsley kicked the ball wide of the uprights.The pressure on the home players was continued for some time,Osborn delivering some fine shots, and Pearson and Payne showing nice combined play.From a corner kick the latter nearly scored with a terrific "header".Northwich now had a turn,Lever and Scowcroft being particularly busy while Conde proved what a tower of strength he is to his team.After a bad corner shot by Lever,Ellis broke away,and carried operations well into the enemy's territory,where Pearson had three rapid,but fruitless,shots at goal.Soon after this play was suspended for a couple of minutes through an injury to Tinsley,which,fortunately,proved only of a temporary character.Price made a dash up the centre,and sent in a "scorcher",which Fallows parried in magnificent style.Crewe asserted that the custodian was through the goal when he fisted the ball,and claimed a point,but the referee decided against them.From a corner Lever placed the ball well in front of the Alexandra goal, which was then subjected to a furious onslaught,Hickton and Conde averting what at one moment seemed certain downfall.From now till half time Crewe

carried on aggressive tactics, but the defence could not be broken, and when ends were changed neither side had scored.

On resuming, there was some very lively play for several minutes, the ball travelling rapidly from end to end, and the teams putting in all they knew to score. After about twenty minutes' play of a fairly even order, a most unfortunate incident occurred. While Hankey was chasing the ball, Osborn kicked him from behind—whether intentional or not, we cannot, of course, say. Turning sharply round, Hankey, in the heat of the moment, struck his assailant. This was a wrong thing to do, and his proper course was to appeal to the referee for redress. The moment the blow was delivered, Mr Jope stopped the game, and had a very brief investigation, with a result which surprised everybody—Crewe and Northwich people alike. Hankey was sent off the ground, and debarred from playing again in the match. This was probably a mistake—an error of judgment, let us call it—and seeing that both teams were so evenly matched, its practical effect was to award the tie to Crewe, Hankey being one of the Victorian mainstays. It seemed to be the general opinion that a severe reprimand would have met the case, and if one man was sent off the other ought to have been similarly dealt with. Mr Jope has the credit of being one of the best referees in the kingdom, but we suppose that the old saying “humanum est errare” is as applicable to him as it is to other mortals. Thus weakened, Northwich returned to the fray, and played up with wonderful vigour, their opponents responding with great spirit. For some time the play was of a give-and-take character, neither party making any great headway. Then the Victorians held the upper hand for nearly ten minutes, experiencing the hardest of hard lines in not scoring. Five minutes from the end of the hour and a half, and just as people were beginning to settle down for an extra half hour, Price made a dodgy run up the centre of the field, and with a splendid shot sent the ball whirring between the posts, thus scoring the first and only goal of the day amidst great cheering. When the whistle was blown Crewe were declared the victors by one goal to nothing.

Pearson and Price showed fine form forward; Halfpenny and Osborn rendered good service at half back; and the backs and goalkeeper did all that was required of them. On the Northwich side, Hankey (while he was playing) and Lever were the pick of the forwards; Scowcroft was immense at centre half back; Maddock and Downes gave an excellent account of themselves; and the goal-keeping of Fallows was simply brilliant. At the conclusion of the match a very discreditable scene took place. Deeply excited by the treatment of Hankey, a number of men made a set at Osborn, and but for the timely intervention of three or four police officers, and a number of Northwich and Crewe men, there is no doubt that he would have been very roughly handled. Great difficulty was experienced in getting him off the ground, but ultimately this was accomplished, and making his way into London-road, by the rope walk, he got safely into the Bridge Inn.

The Victoria Club has protested against the action of the referee in sending Hankey off the ground, and the matter will come before the English Association this (Tuesday) evening.”

+Only 2<sup>nd</sup> sending off in an FA Cup tie?

Cheshire Observer 12/11/87 P.2(No lineups):"These teams met at Northwich on Saturday,to play off their tie in the English Cup Competition.Both teams were fully represented,and the game was witnessed by a large number of spectators.In the first half no goals were scored by either side.About ten minutes from the call of time the referee sent Hankey,one of the Northwich forwards,off the field,for striking Osborn of Crewe,and the Alexandra then scored the first and only goal during the match(Liverpool Mercury:15 minutes from time).Northwich lodged a protest,which was heard at the meeting of the English Association on Tuesday night,but the case was dismissed."

(N.B. Northwich Victoria protested because one of their players was ordered off)

Northwich:T.Fallows(Goal);J.Maddock,W.Downes(Backs);J.Scowcroft(Capt.), E.Cross,Sands(Half Backs);T.Hankey,H.Holland(Right Wing),E.Bostock(Centre), T.Lever,W.Goulding(Left Wing).

Crewe:E.Hickton(Goal);C.Conde(Capt.)A.G.Cope(Backs);W.S.Bell,F.W.Halfpenny, E.Osborne(Half Backs);E.Payne,J.H.Pearson(Right Wing),G.Price(Centre), I.Tinsley,J.Ellis(Left Wing).

Umpires:G.A.Hughes(Northwich) and Abraham(Crewe).  
Referee:Jope(Wednesbury).

OVER WANDERERS 0

STOKE 3 (A.Edge,G.Lawton,W.Owen) (H.T. 0-1)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Over,near Winsford)

N.B No newspaper record traced of first two scorers:taken from Stoke History.

Northwich Guardian 9/11/87 P.5/Crewe Guardian 9/11/87 P.8:

NG/CG:"Played before about 1,000 spectators.J.Dodd was unable to play with his team,owing to an injured knee,a rather unfortunate circumstance for the Wanderers.Over won the toss,and Lawton kicked off for Stoke five minutes before the advertised time.The game at once became very fast,and Stoke claimed a goal in about five minutes,the point being allowed by the referee(Mr Thos Williams).This roused the home team,who played a dashing game,and were very unfortunate in not scoring.Half time was called with Stoke one goal ahead.

In the second half,the game was very fast,both sets of backs kicking finely,whilst the half backs played a sterling game,C.Hutton's tackling being very neat,while Walker in goal was loudly applauded for his brilliant goalkeeping.Stoke again managed to score by a long shot,ten minutes before the call of time,but the home forwards played up splendidly,causing Rowley to handle several times in quick succession.Eventually Underwood blocked the ball on the goal line and put it into play again,and Stonely,centring accurately,enabled Noden to put in a beauty, which beat Rowley,he being charged through goal when in the act of fisting out. On a appeal for goal being made,the referee disallowed the point on the ground

that the ball was behind when Underwood brought it into play again. This decision caused a bitter feeling amongst the spectators, the referee being the cause of considerable hooting. On play being resumed, Clare cleared and Sayer took the ball down, when from a scrumage in front of goal Owen scored. Time was shortly called, leaving the score unaltered. When leaving the ground, the referee was loudly hooted for his decisions, but he was not molested."

Athletic News 8/11/87 P.6:""A peculiar ground in Cheshire" "The above heading may seem a rather strange way to commence my notes of the Cup Tie for the English Pot between Stoke and Over Wanderers, but strange as the heading is, much stranger is the ground to the club who may have the pleasure(?) of visiting it. Winsford is the nearest station, and a drive of about two miles and a half lands you at Over right in the middle of a large salt boiling works, and a pretty dust they kick up, quite putting into the shade our own picturesque district or even the Black Country. The natives, too, seem to be impregnated with salt, as a bitterer or more quarrelsome lot I never had the pleasure to meet. But to the ground. Oh what a treat! One half is passable, but the other is made up of beautiful, though miniature mountains, and for about six yards from the touch-line a slope takes place so steep that only the head and shoulders of a fair-sized man are visible to anyone who should happen to look upon the level of the ground; whilst for taking a corner kick a platform of planks has been erected. In addition to this the touch lines are no further than a foot from the ropes, over which should a man go he would have a drop of about 30 feet. After performing on the above, Stoke won by three goals to none, and then had the assistance of gentlemen in blue to get from the ground."

Manchester Courier 7/11/87 P.3 (No lineups): "Played on Saturday at Over before a good number of spectators. Fast and furious was the play up to half time, and the score stood - Stoke 1 goal; Over, nothing. In the second half Over pressed for some time, Rowley handling, when Stoke got away and scored by a long shot. Another followed from a scrumage 10 minutes before time."

Over Wanderers: T. Walker (Goal); Philip Bennett, Nathan Hatton (Back); Thos Noden, Chas. Hatton, E. Hulse (Half Backs); A. Finney, G. Bailey (Right Wing), H. Hulse (Centre), J. Stoneley, W. Hulse (Left Wing).

Stoke: W. Rowley (Goal); T. Clare, A. Underwood (Backs); W. Holford, G. Shutt, E. Smith (Half Backs); J. Sayer, G. Lawton, L. Ballham, A. Edge, W. Owen (Forwards).

Referee: Thomas Williams

OSWESTRY, a bye

FIFTH DIVISION

BURTON SWIFTS 2 (G. Hubbard, West)  
GREAT BRIDGE UNITY 5 (....., Clay (o.g.))  
(H.T. 1-1) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Shobnal Street?, Burton)

## KR Source Burton Evening Gazette: FIND REPORT AND CHECK TEAMS

N.B. Nothing found in Burton Chronicle

Manchester Courier 7/11/87 P.3: "Played on Saturday at Burton, and resulted in a win for Great Bridge Unity by five goals to two. Neither side scored for half an hour, when the Swifts got a goal, but Great Bridge equalised before half time. On changing ends the Swifts added another goal, after which the visitors scored four times in rapid succession, and won as above stated." (No lineups)

Burton Swifts: F. Gallimore (Goal); W. Nicklin, F. Roberts (Backs); W. Hubbard, G. Hubbard, M. Clay (Half Backs); G. Murfin, W. West, J. Thornley, Kinsey, Robinson (Forwards). (BEG)

Great Bridge Unity: Saunders (Goal); Powell, E. Rowley (Backs); H. Burns, E. Morton, C. Mill (w)ard (Half Backs); W. Pittaway, Soury (Right Wing), D. Smith (Centre), J. Evans, J. White (Left Wing). (BEG)

SMALL HEATH ALLIANCE 0

ASTON VILLA 4 (T. Green 2, Albert Brown, A. Allen)  
(H.T. 0-2) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)

Birmingham Daily Post 7/11/87 P.7 / Sporting Life 7/11/87 P.4 / Athletic News 8/11/87 P.2 (No teams):

### CHECK SATURDAY NIGHT

BDP: "The English Cup holders met the Small Heath Alliance in the second round of the above competition. A fair amount of interest was excited by the match, and about 5,000 persons were present when the game commenced. As was anticipated, the Villa were victorious, winning by four goals to nil—a fair thrashing to administer to the Alliance, who were playing on their own ground. The result shows that the Perry Barr men are returning to their form of last season; indeed last Saturday they played a remarkably good all round game, beating their opponents at every point. Their backs were far and away better than the home team, whilst their half backs and forwards were also superior. The Alliance men played a plucky uphill game, and several times showed their fine forward work, but their efforts were always annulled by the defence of Cox and Coulton. Hunter having won the toss, the home team started the ball towards the Muntz Street goal. A half-hearted attack was made by the visitors, and the home team repelled, but Cox thwarted the attack. Back came the Alliance eager to score, and Adams sent the ball into Warner's hands. He only stopped it, and could not get it away. Matters looked very dangerous as Smith ran in, but Coulton kept him from rushing Warner, while he kicked the ball clear. Brown ran down on the right, and past the Alliance backs, but kicked the ball too far in front of him, and Charsley met it. The home team then bore the Villa back, and Burton, being pressed, gave a corner kick, which was well taken, but Cox cleared the goal. The game was carried to the opposite end of the field, and Allen made an attempt to score, but the ball struck the inside of one of the uprights and rebounded into play. Brown returned

the ball, but it again struck the post and Evitts kicked away. Continuing to press, two shots were made by the Villa, but both were repulsed by Charsley. Green then tried a shot, and this time the ball went through. The score was well received. From a series of throw-ins on the right wing the Alliance worked their way into close proximity with the Villa fortress, but Dixon shot outside. The visitors bore down in a body on the Alliance goal, and four shots were sent in, all of which were saved by Charsley. The Villa continued to press, and many were the shots that Charsley kept out, some of them seeming almost impossible to stop. The Alliance were not idle, and made many well-meant attacks on Warner's charge, but were unable to break through the defence. Shortly before half time the Villa gained a corner kick. Brown placed the ball well in the mouth of the goal, and Green scored cleverly with a back kick. The Villa held the upper hand to the interval, which found the score unchanged.

On restarting the home team tried to storm the Villa goal, but Cox stopped their rush, and a moment later Charsley saved a scorcher from Green. The Perry Barr men were then forced back, and Dixon had a good opening, but delayed making his shot, the result being that Cox knocked him off the ball. Hodgetts obtained it, and running down the wing sent the leather hard and straight for goal. Charsley, however, disposed of it by throwing it round the posts. The corner kick was of no use. Figures and Stanley broke away, and showing some fine speed looked very dangerous, but Coulton ran between them, and successfully defeated their intention. Some splendid passing between the Villa forwards enabled them to get near the home team's goal. There Hodgetts passed to Brown, who with a low swift shot made the third point for the visitors. The centre kick was merely a brief respite for the Alliance's defence, whose strength was in a few moments again busily employed in keeping the Villa at bay. Figures relieved the pressure by dashing away, and he passed Coulton; but Yates overtook him, and wrested the ball from him ere he could shoot. The Alliance returned to the assault and obtained a corner kick, but the Villa defence remained intact. The Alliance, who were playing up with desperate energy, again carried the fight into their opponents' quarters, and Stanley missed a fine opportunity to score, through failing to keep cool. The game continued to be well contested, but whilst the Villa defence defied all efforts to break it down, that of the Alliance could not withstand the assaults made upon it by the Villa, and at length Allen scored the fourth goal. The home team tried hard to score, but failed, and when time was called the Villa were left the victors by 4 goals to none."

Small Heath: C.C. Charsley (Goal); \*R. Evetts, F. Barlow (Backs); W. Farley, C. Simms, H. Morris (Half Backs); W. Dixon, R. Adams (Right Wing), A. Smith (Centre), A.E. Stanley, W.H. Figures (Left Wing).

(Birmingham Complete Record P.353 has \*R. Evetts, as in Robert Evetts (see P.401 but which states he was transferred to Warwick County in 1886 (not formed until 1887!))

Aston Villa: J. Warner (Goal); G. Cox, F. Coulton (Backs); H. Yates, H. Devey, J. Burton (Half Backs); Albert Brown, Tom Green (Right), Archie Hunter (Centre), A. Allen, D. Hodgetts (Left).

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 3 (B.Shaw,\*See below,T.Hunter)  
ASTON SHAKESPEARE 0(H.T. 1-0)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Dudley Road Grounds,  
Wolverhampton)

FIND WOLVERHAMPTON PAPER

+N.B.Contrary to both WWCR's B.Griffiths could not have scored the second goal as injured and taken off before half time:see below.

Sheffield Independent 7/11/87 P.6/Manchester Courier 7/11/87 P.3:"In the second half with only ten men they repeatedly assaulted their opponents' goal,and gave the Shakespearians little chance.They added two more goals before the whistle sounded."

Nottingham Evening Post 5/11/87 P.3(No lineups):"The Wanderers played downhill,and at once began to press,and quickly scored.The play continued to be chiefly in Shakespeare's quarters,and several corners were obtained,but proved useless.Shortly before half time Griffith was hurt and had to retire.No further score was made up to half time."

Birmingham Daily Post 7/11/87 P.7(No lineups):"These teams met on the Dudley Road Grounds,Wolverhampton.The visitors played two reserve men. Starting the leather,the Wanderers kept well up to their opponents' goal,and after a formidable attack,Shaw scored the first point.The home team still pressed,but the steady play of the Shakespeare back division proved too much for them.The visitors occasionally broke away,but they could make nothing of their opportunities.

During some play amid field,B.Griffiths of the Wanderers again injured his leg,and he had to be carried off the field.It is feared that he will be compelled to abstain from playing for some time.

On resuming play the Wanderers soon asserted their superiority by the splendid manoeuvres of their left division.Several dangerous shots were made,and T.Garvey had occasionally to use his hands.Eventually,by splendid combination, +Allen,Wood,and Hunter bore down the field and sent the leather through the posts by a stinging shot. Several corner kicks having fallen to the Wanderers, Hunter registered another goal,and the game ended in favour of the Wanderers by 3 goals to 1." +FIND SECOND SCORER

Wolverhampton:A.Llowarch(Goal);R.Bough,C.Mason(Backs);A.Fletcher,H.Allen, A.Lowder(Half Backs);T.Hunter,B.L.Shaw,R.Danks,H.Wood,Benny Griffiths (Forwards).

Aston Shakespeare:T.Garvey(Goal);(Rest not listed)

Sporting Life 5/11/87 P.3:

“Shakespeare will probably play G.Garvey(goal),Yates and Ravenhill(backs), Ludford,Roberts and Holloway(half backs),+W.Garvey and Wilcox(right) , Wilson(centre),Turner(captain) and +W.Garvey(left).”+Twice or 2 of them!

MITCHELL ST GEORGE'S 0  
WEST BROMWICH ALBION 1 (J.M.Bayliss)  
(H.T. 0-0)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Cape Hill,Smethwick)

Birmingham Daily Post 7/11/87 P.7/Sporting Life 7/11/87 P.4/Sportsman  
7/11/87 P.4:

#### TRY SATURDAY NIGHT

BDP:”These teams met on the ground of Mitchell’s,Cape Hill,Smethwick,and the match was played under favourable circumstances.The attendance of spectators was unusually large,the predominance of partisans being decidedly on the side of the home team.The recollection of the match between the same teams last year in the English Cup tie,and the closeness of the game then,coupled with the improved form of St George’s,all tended to induce a large attendance.Before play commenced neither side was considered to have an easy task to gain victory,but St George’s were mostly in favour.The Albion,however,brought a large contingent of their supporters from West Bromwich,and as usual the patrons of the blue-and-white stripes were ready,to use a sporting term,”to bet their boots” on their men.The match was undoubtedly one of the best that will be played in the various cup ties before the final is reached,the relative strength of each team being somewhat like equal.

The game was commenced with commendable punctuality at three o’clock,the Albion losing the toss,and having to defend the Brewery end goal.Bayliss started the ball by gently passing it to Bassett,and an attempt was at once made to get up the field.Devey,however,neatly tricked Bassett,and the St George’s forwards made a determined rush for Roberts’s charge.The ball was sent in but the goal-keeper had no difficulty in returning it.It was stopped before the Albion could get it away,and another attack was made on the goal.This time the ball was sharply put in by Harrison,but it went the wrong side of the post.From the kick Bayliss and Woodhall made an incursion into their opponents’ territory,and had a good opportunity of scoring,had Bayliss not fallen.From a throw in Vaughton passed to Breeze on the outside,and that player,eluding his opponents,returned the leather to Vaughton,who in turn sent it to Devey.The ball was passed to Hunt,who made a shot which was wide of the mark.After about fifteen minutes’ play \*Pearson, one of the Albion forwards,had to retire,on account of his legs giving way.The West Bromwich men played the remainder of the game one man short,which, under the circumstances,was a misfortune.The game became very fast and somewhat rough,although the notably smart runs which the Albion were wont to execute were wanting.From a goal kick,Woodhall,Bassett,and Bayliss made a rush for the St George’s goal,and Bassett shot for goal.Stansbie experienced the greatest difficulty in preventing a score.When the ball was sent in he had barely time to return it with his hands before the Albion forwards were upon him.He just managed to save his charge,but the ball was quickly returned, and a tough

scrimmage took place in the mouth of goal. The St George's backs came to the rescue, and succeeded in preventing a score—a success which was rewarded with the applause of their patrons. Several corners fell to either side, but nothing noticeable resulted. The game seemed tolerably even, but it was thought the staying powers of the West Bromwich men would in the second half be too much for the home team. After a good run by the St George's forwards, Breeze centred to Devey, who shot for goal. Roberts caught the ball neatly, and with a drop kick placed it beyond midfield. A run by Woodhall and Bassett followed, and some smart play was witnessed near the Mitchell's goal, Stansbie being compelled several times in quick succession to use his hands. In fact, so quickly was the ball returned to goal, after having been sent out, that it seemed almost impossible to prevent a goal by the Albion. Bailey dispelled the anxiety by a long kick, and Devey and Vaughton shortly after managed to evade Bayliss and Wilson in an adroit manner, and get up to goal. Roberts came a few yards from goal, and with one of his long kicks destroyed the chance of the St George's forwards once more. Immediately before half time each team worked most vigorously. The Albion being repulsed by the St George's backs, the forwards of the latter team took possession of the ball and were pressing when the whistle blew at half time. Up to this time no goal had been scored, and play had been fast on both sides. The Albion backs seemed somewhat wanting; but the forwards, with the exception of the lack of their usual dashing runs, worked admirably. St George's as a whole worked in splendid combination, although individually there was one or two weak spots.

On the recommencement of the game a local barber, who had probably “laid a bit out” on the St George's and desirous of their success, held out an inducement to them shouting “I'll cut yer 'airs for nothin' if yer win”. It is somewhat doubtful if this magnanimous offer stimulated the Brewery team, but nevertheless they started off with a determined dash that bore the appearance of business. Hunt and Harrison, on the right wing, were particularly busy. For twenty minutes nothing very exciting occurred. Roberts, on behalf of the Albion, always preserving his goal intact, and Stansbie, well seconded by the St George's backs, was well able to prevent the opposing side from breaking through the lines. If anything, luck seemed to be against the Brewery team. Once or twice, when a steady shot seemed all that was wanting to draw first blood, the ball was either placed on the wrong side of the posts or over the crossbar. So resolutely were the goals defended that there seemed every probability of the teams having to play an extra half hour. From a return by Green, Bayliss passed to Bassett, who made a fast run to goal and shot right into the hands of Stansbie, who just managed to throw it out. The force of the shot was so great, that had anyone been up at the time Stansbie must have been sent through with the ball. For some little time the Albion had the best of the game, and a determined seige was made around the St George's goal. After a time the pressure was relieved and the scene of activities was transferred to the other end of the field. In the last ten minutes the play was almost exclusively confined to the Albion's quarters. Some capital shots were made but the close passing was not very accurate. In the course of the exciting play of these few minutes, Hunt and Harrison put in two successive shots of exceptional brilliancy. The one by the latter was so hard that Roberts was compelled to give a corner to save his goal. The kick was badly placed, and the

visitors' forwards, making a dashing and determined rush, carried the ball to the other end with very little interruption. Up to this point it appeared almost certain that the game would end in a draw; but Wilson getting the ball away from the St George's backs out of a scrimmage passed to Bayliss (SL: "from a capital centre by Wilson."), who put it through amid great excitement. This point completely overmastered the St George's there being only two minutes' play left. No further score was made, the game ending in a win for the West Bromwich Albion by 1 goal to none. The result was extremely disappointing for the supporters of the Smethwick team after the determined and spirited manner in which they played during the second half, and especially during the latter part of the time."

Mitchell St George's: H. Stansbie (Goal); Hawkins, J. Gray (Backs); A. Bailey, J. Richards, Barton (Half Backs); Hunt, W. Harrison (Right Wing), J. H. G. Devey (Centre), O. H. Vaughton, J. Breese (Left Wing).

West Bromwich Albion: R. Roberts (Goal); A. Aldridge, H. Green (Backs); E. Horton, C. Perry, G. Timmins (Half Backs); G. Woodhall, W. I. Bassett (Right Wing), J. M. Bayliss (Centre), \*T. Pearson, J. J. Wilson (Left Wing).

\*Retired after 15 minutes' play

BIRMINGHAM EXCELSIOR, a bye

#### SIXTH DIVISION

OWLERTON 1 (F. Lee) SHEFFIELD HEELEY 0  
(H.T. 1-0) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Owlerton, Sheffield)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 7/11/87 P.7/Sheffield Independent 7/11/87 P.6/Field 12/11/87 P.750/Sporting Life 7/11/87 P.4:

SDT: "This match was played on Saturday, on the Owlerton ground in beautiful weather, and before a moderate attendance. There was a slight breeze, which did not, however, favour either side. Heeley won the toss, and took advantage of the slight decline. Immediately the ball was started Owlerton attacked but Cunningham saved, and the ball was run to the other end, where Hiller should have scored, but shot outside. Three corners to Heeley occurred in quick succession, but the attempts were all abortive. A rush to the Heeley end enabled the Owlerton forwards to put the ball through, but offside had been given just previously. A smart attack was made on the Heeley goal, but the backs relieved, and immediately afterwards Cunningham was again called upon to save. A corner shortly afterwards fell to Owlerton, and the ball was put through, but disallowed for offside. Heeley visited the Owlerton territory, but were repulsed, as were the Owlertonites at the other end. The game now waxed very fast, both goals in turn being threatened, the Owlerton citadel narrowly escaping being captured. The ball was carried by good passing into the Heeley quarters, when Lee succeeded in drawing first blood for Owlerton, and half time was called immediately afterwards.

On resuming play Heeley at once entered the Owlerton half, and the defence had a warm time of it, but succeeded in keeping their citadel intact, thanks to the efforts of the backs and the custodian. The Heeley forwards played much better together up hill, and several times were within an ace of scoring. A smart attack by the Heeleyites was frustrated by the Owlerton goalkeeper, close on the goal line, and immediately afterwards a back intercepted in the nick of time. A foul by Heeley close in proved of no avail, but still the visitors continued to press, and several times had hard lines in not scoring. Owlerton were several times dangerous, but no other score taking place the game resulted - Owlerton, 1 goal; Heeley, none."

Owlerton: A. Callis (Goal); W. Watson, W. Bentley (Backs); H. Thornton, W. Hobson, F. Richards (Half Backs); C. Hobson, A. Webster, T. Austin, W. Ellis, F. Lee (Forwards).

Sheffield Heeley: H. Cunningham (Goal); T. A. Tomlinson, T. Smith (Backs); W. H. Jackson, H. Stokes, J. Johnson (Half Backs); W. H. Hirnsworth, G. Sykes, A. Shaw, C. E. Knowlson, W. Hiller (Forwards).

Umpires: C. Thompson and J. Tomlinson.

Referee: J. C. Clegg (President of the Sheffield and Hallamshire Football Association)

DERBY JUNCTION 3 (J. Radford 2, S. Smith)  
ROTHERHAM TOWN 2 (G. Medley, J. McCormack)  
(H.T. 2-2) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Arboretum Field, Derby)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 7/11/87 P.7 / Sheffield Independent 7/11/87 P.6 /  
Derby Daily Telegraph 5/11/87 P.3 (Only teams for match) / Sporting Life  
7/11/87 P.4:

N.B. Reports are muddled as to scoring Half-time was 2-2

SDT: "This cup tie was decided on the Arboretum Field at Derby, on Saturday, in the presence of about 600 spectators. The visitors won the toss, and the Junction men set the ball rolling. The home team for the first few minutes made matters hot for the defenders of the Rotherham goal. Michelethwaite, however, played grandly, and saved what looked like the early downfall of his citadel. Rotherham now came at a rattling pace and with good combination, and Medley being placed in possession, scored on a second attempt, with a capital shot. After the visitors had been pressing for some time the Juncs managed to get away, but their efforts proved futile. The visitors' left wing now came down, and McCormack manipulated a second goal for them. The Junction men were now placed upon their mettle and played up with better combination, and before half time arrived, were enabled to equalise matters. At half time the score stood at two goals each.

As soon as a fresh start was made S. Smith scored a third goal for Junction. Give and take play was now the order of the day for some time, but the Rotherham forwards were certainly playing with the best combination. The Junction men

were now doing more on the defensive than the attack, Potts playing a capital game. The home team made one or two ineffectual attempts to add to their score, and the visitors being unable to equalise, the whistle blew, and the score was - Derby Junction 3 goals; Rotherham 2 goals.

The score above represents the merits of the two clubs, but the Rotherham forwards showed a better combination than their adversaries throughout."

+This goal came after Radford had equalised for the first time.

SI: "Before the game had been in progress five minutes a determined scrimmage took place underneath the Rotherham crossbar. Fully one half of the players were down on the ground together, but Micklethwaite cleared, and directly after he stopped a grand shot from the Junction right. Rotherham then went to work in determined fashion and from a capital centre Medley scored the first goal. Radford quickly responded for Junction, but the visitors were not to be denied, and McCormack quickly gave Rotherham the lead again. Play ruled very fast, and slightly in favour of the Yorkshire men. +Up to half time the game was splendidly contested, but the pace began to tell on Rotherham, and when the interval took place they had failed to add to their score. +Derby Junction equalised before half time

On resuming the play was very tame for a while, neither side having much advantage. Rotherham was first to break the monotony, and Gummer tried a shot, but Hind barred the way. Junction then came down the hill, and some good play by Peach, Siddons, and Smith was witnessed which ended in the last-named scoring a third goal. Ten minutes before time the visitors made a determined attack, but could not get past Bromage. Just on time the Junction took a corner, but nothing came of it, and a well-contested game ended in a victory for Junction..."

SL: "This was an excellent contest and was played on the ground near the Arboretum. The visitors were rather severely pressed at the outset, but Micklethwaite cleared grandly, and Medley scored for the visitors after ten minutes' play. From the centre kick, the Derby men, playing with a will, let in Radford, who, amidst the plaudits of the Derby partisans, equalised. The play now became fast and furious, and both goals were attacked. The visitors, however, were first to add to the score, M'Cormack adding another Rotherham chalk. Smith added an off-side goal, but Radford replied with a genuine point, and half-time saw them two all.

In the second stage each side played up with sterling vigour, and had hard lines. But as Smith scored a legitimate point, and the rest of the play was unproductive, the homesters won by three goals to two."

Derby Junction: E. Bromage (Goal); T. Hind, G. Potts (Capt.) (Backs); J. Walker, I. Siddons, R. Smith (Half Backs); W. Hopkins, A. Peach (Right Wing), John Shannon (Centre), J. Radford, S. Smith (Left Wing).

Rotherham:F.Micklethwaite(Goal);F.Turner,H.Toft(Backs);A.Rodgers,  
A.Sherwood,W.Damms(Half Backs);W.G.Gummer,C.W.Musson(Capt.)(Right  
Wing),G.Medley(Centre),J.McCormack,F.W.Thomas(Left Wing).

N.B.Some doubt about Thomas being LW or RW.

Umpires:Bley and Simpson.Referee:J.Wilkinson(Sheffield).

LONG EATON RANGERS 1 (J.Plackett)  
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 2 (W.H.Mosforth,G.Waller)  
(H.T. 1-0)(F.T. 1-1)(A.E.T.)(At Long Eaton)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 7/11/87 P.7/Sheffield Independent 7/11/87 P.6:

SI:"This important match in the second round of the English Cup competition was played at Long Eaton,on Saturday,in splendid weather,and in the presence of a large number of spectators,who witnessed a keen and exciting contest.The home team won the toss,and elected to play with a slight wind in their favour, and with the sun,which was shining brightly,at their backs.Hiller kicked off,and the game for some time was even,Wednesday having slightly the best of it.The ball was,however,taken into their quarters,and Beckett and Smith,in saving,had each to concede a corner,both of which were easily got rid of.The visitors then broke away,and,with good crossing,were several times within an ace of scoring, fine shots from Winterbottom,Mosforth,and Cawley requiring all the agility of Start to beat away.Wednesday still pressed,but,owing to the stubborn defence of Wiseman and Smith,were unable to score.At last the Rangers got away,but could not get past Brayshaw and Thompson,who both throughout the match were in fine form.At last,however,Plackett,with a long, lofty shot from mid-field, succeeded in scoring a lucky goal,Smith,with the sun in his eyes,losing sight of the ball.Play after this was very fast,but though Wednesday had all the best of the game,they could not score,at half time Long Eaton being one goal to none.

On resumption Wednesday got away,but Wiseman,with a fine return,relieved, and a stoppage had to be made owing to an injury to Hiller.The ball was carried rapidly from end to end,the backs and goalkeepers of both sides being kept hard at work,Smith,in goal,making several grand stops,and Thompson kicking and tackling splendidly.The Sheffielders gradually forced their opponents back,and Brayshaw going forward to aid the half backs,the ball was kept well in the Rangers' quarters.From a free kick for a foul Mosforth obtained possession,and with one of his noted runs,got well up and centred accurately,but the final went outside.He,however,got hold of the ball again,and being well assisted by Hiller, made the game even by heading the first goal for his side.The Rangers tried hard to make the winning point,and shots by Winfield and Locker were with difficulty stopped.Their efforts,however,were unavailing,and the whistle was shortly afterwards blown with the game one goal each.

It was decided to play an extra half hour,and Hiller kicked off,the ball at once being taken into the home quarters,where it was kept for some time till the pressure was relieved by Orchard and Wiseman.The Wednesday forwards,

however,came again with a rush,and from a keen scrimmage,Waller headed the ball through amidst considerable excitement.From this time till the finish play was very fast,but the visitors staying the best,and their back division playing with great determination,they succeeded in maintaining their lead,and eventually won a splendid match,the result being-Wednesday 2 goals;Long Eaton Rangers 1 goal.”

Long Eaton Rangers :F.Start(Goal);G.H.Smith,J.Wiseman(Backs);J.Orchard(Capt.), J.Plackett,W.G.Newsum(Half Backs);G.C.Winfield,W.May(Right Wing),W.Smith (Centre),T.S.Vessey,W.Locker(Left Wing).

Sheffield Wednesday:J.Smith(Goal);F.Thompson,E.Brayshaw(Capt.)(Backs); J.W.Dungworth,W.Betts,A.Beckett(Half Backs);H.Winterbottom,G.Waller(Right Wing),C.Hiller(Centre),T.E.Cawley,W.H.Mosforth(Left Wing).

Umpires:B.Bestwick and H.Muscroft.Referee:A.Hall(Derby).

DERBY COUNTY 6 (B.W.Spilsbury 3,T.Needham,A.Williamson,G.Bakewell)  
ECCLESFIELD 0  
(H.T. 3-0)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(At County Ground,Derby)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 7/11/87 P.7/Sheffield Independent 7/11/87 P.6/  
Sporting Life 7/11/87 P.4:

SDT:”About 2,000 spectators visited the County Ground,Derby,on Saturday to witness the performance of the above clubs in the second round of the National Cup competiton.The Derby men played Nash at centre,in place of Lees,who sustained injuries last week,and T.Needham in place of Wilshaw,the latter not yet being eligible for cup ties.The visitors winning the toss decided to kick with a slight wind that was blowing from the canal side,and the leather was set in motion at three o’clock.The Derby right wing were conspicuous immediately,but the final efforts were weak,and Brears and Woolhouse transferred operations to the other end,only,however,to be repelled by Arthur Latham’s strong kicks.After Warmby and Plackett had both made ineffectual shots at Brooks’s charge,the visitors’ left wing again did some pretty work up their side of the field,which resulting in a corner,Bestwick had to fist out smartly to save a goal.The County men had now one or two chances of scoring,but their final shots went wide of the mark.Spilsbury at length was placed in possession,and he registered the first goal for Derby County with a swift low shot.Shortly after this Needham scored a second point for the home team,the ball being put through from a regular rough and tumble tussle in the visitors’ goal,and in despite of the fine efforts made by the Ecclesfield defence.After Brook had saved some good shots in capital style, Williamson got past him with a “high flyer”thus making goal No 3 to the Derby club.The Ecclesfield right wing at length got well down the field,and Ellis put in a beauty that went just the wrong side of the post.At half time the score stood at three goals to nil in favour of Derby County

After restarting Brook was called upon to handle a shot from Bakewell,and again the visitors made an ineffectual rush for Bestwick’s sticks.The home forwards

now got well together, and Spilsbury was enabled to put through a fourth goal with a high shot. The County were having all the best of the play, but the Ecclesfield defence stuck gamely to their hard work; Plackett at this point in the game put in four capital shots, that did not, however, take effect. Hulley and Watson now created a slight diversion but the visitors were very unfortunate, the final shot, which was a grand one, striking the crossbar. Spilsbury soon after crossed the ball to Bakewell, and the latter player registered a fifth goal for Derby County. The County team now made strenuous attempts to make up the half-dozen before the whistle blew, and Spilsbury was enabled to do the needful with another high shot, and when time arrived the result read - Derby County 6 goals; Ecclesfield, no goal.

The visitors played a very fair game but were evidently dispirited with the frequency of the County scoring."

Derby County: T.H. Bestwick (Goal); A. Latham, S.E. Lawrence (Backs); A. Williamson, W.H. Warmby, W. Roulstone (Half Backs); G. Bakewell, B.W. Spilsbury (Capt.) (Right Wing), R.W. Nash (Centre), T. Needham, L. Plackett (Left Wing).

Ecclesfield: C. Brook (Goal); E. Stringer, M. Whitham (Backs); R. Howell, A. Hemingfield, H. Gregory (Half Backs); T. Hulley, A. Watson (Right Wing), J.E. Ellis (Centre), F. Brears, H.E. Woolhouse (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Shaw (Derby County) and G. Wood (Ecclesfield).  
Referee: Henderson (Morpeth).

LOCKWOOD BROTHERS, a bye

#### SEVENTH DIVISION

LINCOLN CITY 2 (G. Shaw, W. Fox)  
GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY 1 (H. Robinson)  
(H.T. 0-1) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At John o' Gaunts)

Lincolnshire Chronicle 8/11/87 P.3 and 11/11/87 P.2:

#### TRY RETFORD AND GAINSBOROUGH PAPER

LC: "Great interest was manifested in the meeting of the above teams in the second round of the National Cup competition, and some 4,000 spectators lined the ropes on the John o' Gaunts at the time for the kick off on Saturday. So anxious were enthusiasts of the game to secure a position, that many were on the ground nearly an hour before the time of commencement. The turf was in much better condition than could have been expected after the heavy rains of the few days immediately preceding the match, and the weather, from a spectator's point of view, was all that could be desired. The Gainsborough men were the first to appear on the field, and they presented a very smart appearance, and looked in excellent condition. A few minutes elapsed ere loud applause heralded the approach of the Cits, and a start was made punctually to time. The Cits were

unsuccessful in the spin of the coin, and had to kick up the incline during the initial period with a moderate wind against them. The game opened amid a scene of great excitement, the home team rushing into the vicinity of the visitors' goal, and Hallam was almost immediately penalised under the off-side rule. For a few minutes City continued the attack, Hallam putting in a nice centre, which was not turned to advantage, and then the game became more even, the mimic warfare being waged in neutral territory. The pace was great, and the players were decidedly rougher in their play than was at all necessary, but the knocking over of a man seemed greatly to delight the "gallery" patrons when that man did not happen to be one of their own especial favourites. Vamplew stopped a good and dangerous-looking movement on the part of the City forwards, and then Madden pouncing on the leather sped down the field and carried the fight near the Lincoln goal. "Hands" against the City in this period gave the visitors an advantage, but Brown put too much strength in the kick and the ball passed harmless out. Smith next made a bid for goal, but the elevation of the ball was too great, and City got in front of Judson's citadel. Vamplew prevented Hallam from centring with his usual accuracy, and nothing resulted. Simpson took a free kick for hands, and planted the leather well in the goal mouth, Turner kicking out. A period of uneventful but interesting play followed, and then the home forwards swarmed round the visitors' goal, Jubb stopping a good shot. Gainsborough got well down the field on the right, and Smith centring smartly, Robinson shot the ball between the posts and scored for Gainsboro' after 15 minutes' play. Stimulated by this success, the Trinitarians hotly assailed the Lincoln goal, taking two successive corners. Then City broke through, and Curtis, who was playing a most reliable game, stopped the aggressive movement. "Hands" to Lincoln, off Chambers, was given in dangerous proximity to the Trinity goal, but nothing came of the kick, and the ball striking Duckworth's hands immediately afterwards, the visitors had another look in. By tricky play Hallam got the ball into the visitors' line again, and a hot scrimmage occurred in Gainsboro' goal. The defence, however, was wonderfully strong, and the backs played so well that the goalkeeper had little to do. After a visit had been paid to the other end, Fox shot for goal along the ground, and Judson was compelled to handle. Still attacking, City secured a corner, which proved fruitless, and Trinity then laid determined siege to the City goal. Jeffrey, falling just as a daisy cutter was sent in, only just managed to keep his goal intact. The visitors gained three successive corners, the whistle sounding half time before the last of these could be taken.

On resuming the game was but a few seconds old when Madden kicked Duckworth, and the occurrence had the appearance of a deliberate intention. This was evidently the opinion of the referee, for a free kick was given to City, and Turner negotiated a splendid centre. Gainsborough retaliated, and had a splendid opening, which was allowed to pass, and City improving in their combination as the game proceeded, now kept the visitors penned to their own quarters. Fox sent in a shot which just went outside, and one of the visitors setting a back for Mettam, a foul was claimed and given. The game centred round the Gainsborough goal, and Judson leaving his posts, the goal was at the mercy of the Cits, who were, however, not equal to the emergency, and Jubb kicked the ball out of danger. Lincoln still did all the pressing, and from an accurate and well-timed centre by

Turner, Shaw shot the ball through, and the game became equal within ten minutes from the restart. On the resumption of hostilities a foul was given against Pearson, and Lincoln, passing superbly, again carried the ball in the vicinity of Judson's goal, Slater, who was playing in great form, centring just wide of the mark. Trinity then relieved the pressure momentarily, but the City, persevering with the passing game, came down the field in a body, and the ball was shot over the bar. From the goal kick, Fox met the ball, and kicking hard, the sphere sped along the ground right through the posts, the winning point for the City being hailed with tremendous cheering. A foul was given against the home team, and Trinity swarmed round the City goal, the ball passing out. The game was now of a more even character, the City, now that they had gained the leading point, abandoning, to a certain extent, the close sharp passing which had secured them their two points. Once or twice the City settled down to a bit of good passing, and then they always got in front of Judson's charge, but once there the admirable coolness which had characterised their play in midfield, vanished, and the shooting at goal was very defective. The only points of interest to the finish of the game were a well-directed shot by Smith, which Jeffrey met, and the ball bouncing from his body, struck the bar and was then sent out of danger, and a smart shot on the part of Lincoln which struck the post. Each side then took a corner, but nothing further was scored, the game ending in a win for City by two goals to one."

Lincoln City :W. Jeffrey(Goal);H. Simpson,R. Aspden(Backs);J. Duckworth, A. Mettam,W. Rawlinson,(Half Backs);J. Turner,J. Slater(Right Wing),W. Fox (Centre),G. Shaw,G. Hallam(Left Wing).

Gainsborough Trinity:R. Judson(Goal);R. Fergus,C. Jubb(Backs);G. Vamplew, N. Brown(Capt.),Curtis(Half Backs);S. Smith,H. Chambers(Right Wing), J. Madden(Centre),S. Pearson,H. Robinson(Left Wing).

Umpires:West for Lincoln and W. Croft for Gainsborough.  
Referee:Armstrong,London.

GRANTHAM 0(At London Road ,Grantham)  
NOTTS RANGERS 4(See below,W. Hodder,J. B. Partington,F. Geary)  
(H.T.0-1)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(At London Road,Grantham)(NJ has Cooke for 2<sup>nd</sup> goal)(GJ has scorers)

Grantham Journal 12/11/87 P.3//Lincolnshire Chronicle 8/11/87 P.3/  
Nottingham Journal 7/11/87 P.7/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 7/11/87 P.7:

GJ:"This match was played on the ground of the former, London Road, on Saturday afternoon last. There was a good number of spectators, and a great deal of interest was manifested in the game, particularly in the first half, when play was more even. The ball was set in motion at six minutes past three, Broadbent defending the town end goal, on behalf of Grantham. The Rangers first took up the offensive, and pressed; Sutton, however, relieved, and passed on to Slater, who made a good run, but was not allowed to shoot. The leather was then transferred into the Grantham territory, and the Rangers secured a corner. From the kick the

ball was put through;"hands"was,however,given to Grantham just before,so the point was not allowed.The Rangers continued to trouble the home custodian,and while Geary was "going for" the goal,Broadbent rushed out to save,and in doing so put his opponent hors de combat.Hodder was applauded for some fine kicking,and a corner was allowed the Rangers,from which a goal was nearly secured by them.Sutton played well,but the visitors pressed,and a shot was sent in,the ball just going over the bar."Hands" against Lane followed,and a good run by Hodder was made.Slater,however,secured the ball,which was eventually kicked out:Sutton by a splendid throw landed it in the mouth of the Rangers' goal,and the Town club nearly scored.Some give-and-take play ensued,and a second throw in from the same place occurred,but the home team were not successful in scoring,and the leather was worked near the Grantham goal,a corner being allowed them,which was sent behind."Hands"was given against Streets just in front of the Grantham goal,and the ball appeared to go through without touching any of the players,this apparently being the intention of the home team.Broadbent might,with ease,have fisted it out,but did not do so.The Rangers appealed for the goal,on the ground that it touched Segar,and the referee allowed it.Some dissent was manifested at this decision,many of the spectators appearing to think that it was unjust to have a Notts man as a referee in which a Notts club was interested.On resuming the game C.Shelton showed grand form and Broadbent was kept busy.Several shots were poured in,which it seemed almost impossible to ward off.Good play was shown by Wood and Clements;still the visitors pressed,and a shot by Shelton,who was playing splendidly,just went over the bar.Shortly after this Streets came into collision with one of the Rangers,and was thrown on his wrist,which was rather severely injured.Fortunately,Dr Wilson was on the field,and kindly attended to it.A collection was made,and a goodly sum handed to the player,whose misfortune is to be regretted.With only ten men the result looked a certainty for the visitors, and they continued to surround Broadbent's charge.The town team's forwards then broke away,and should have scored;Saunders took the ball within a few yards of the Rangers' goal,and shot,but the leather went wide of the mark."Hands"against Grantham followed,and directly afterwards half time was called,the score being-Notts Rangers 1;Grantham Town 0.

In the second half the Rangers were "all over" the home team,who never looked really dangerous.Three more goals were put on for the visitors,scored by Hodder,Partington,and Geary respectively,the last goal being the result of the finest bit of play in the match.Geary seized the ball about two-thirds of the ground from the Grantham goal,and,unaided,worked it down to Broadbent,and put the leather through.Of the Rangers,C.Shelton,Archer,and Geary played in remarkable form,and a rather one-sided game resulted."

Grantham:J.Broadbent(Goal);J.Segar(Capt.),J.Austin(Backs);F.Geeson,F.Streets, C.E.Clements(Half Backs);E.A.Slator,G.Sutton(Right Wing),M.Lane(Centre), Wood,Sanders(Left Wing).

Notts Rangers:W.Dawson(Goal);W.Topham,H.Edwards(Backs);W.Archer, C.Shelton(Capt.),A.Shelton(Half Backs);T.Cooke,A.Shaw(Right Wing), F.Geary(Centre),W.Hodder,J.B.Partington(Left Wing).

Umpire:T.Strickson for Grantham and C.Gilbert for Notts Rangers.  
Referee:F.W.Earp,Notts Forest.

NOTTS COUNTY walked over BASFORD ROVERS who scratched(Sporting Life  
5/11/87 P.3)

Lancashire Evening Post 5/11/87 P.3:"This tie should have been decided today,  
but the Rovers were induced to scratch,and Notts met North End in an ordinary  
match."

NOTTS FOREST 2(E.J.Leighton 2)  
MELLORS' LIMITED 0  
(H.T. 1-0)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Gregory Ground,Lenton)

N.B.NJ has Danks and Leighton

Nottingham Evening Post 5/11/87 P.3/Nottingham Journal 7/11/87 P.7:

NEP:"These local combinations met on the Gregory Ground,Lenton,this  
afternoon,in the second round of the English Cup competition.The Mellors' team  
was at their full strength,with the exception of Price,who was lame,Jeacock  
taking his place.Many conspicuous Foresters were absent,but nevertheless a  
good combination was put in the field,and a well-contested game resulted.The  
first stages of the play gave no material advantage to either side,though the  
Foresters were perhaps the stronger,and play was principally in Mellors'  
territory.At length the ball was nicely dribbled down the field to the Mellors'  
goal,and where Leighton shot a splendid goal amidst applause.The Foresters  
again pressed,and Irons all but scored,the ball going over the bar.Warner and  
Leighton were conspicuous on the left wing,and for a time frustrated the efforts  
of the opposing backs,but eventually Marshall got away,and with the assistance  
of his right wing,the ball was rushed to the Forest goal,where Wilkinson  
succeeded in shooting too high,the leather skying over the bar.A corner fell to the  
Foresters,and Mellors' goal was for the moment imperilled,but the back division  
averted the danger.Warner and Leighton made a pretty run,and passed the  
backs,but Leighton's shot was miserably feeble,and nothing accrued.The ball  
travelled to the opposite end,and Jeacock,getting near,sent in a long shot,which  
Beardsley was not very successful in warding off,the result being a corner,from  
which,however,nothing resulted.

Upon changing sides the Forest right wing galloped up the field,and Danks shot  
across,and Leighton running up and meeting the ball,sent it through beautifully.  
An appeal was lodged,but the Forest partisans were loud in their applause when  
the referee ruled in favour of the "Reds".Irons got the ball from a miskick by  
Weightman,and just as a goal looked certain,Gutteridge took the ball off his  
toe,and conceded a corner.Leighton made a long run upfield,and shot with  
vigour,but lifted the ball too high.Soon after,Danks got possession,and centring  
with accuracy,Leighton shot.The custodian, however,handed out,but Irons  
charged him,and an appeal was lodged,which resulted in the ball being restarted

from the centre. The Forest attacked finely, and Hill had to save, but eventually the leather travelled to the other end, where Mabbott sent in a shot which was conspicuous for its wildness. Mellors' goal was besieged, and an addition to the Forest score seemed inevitable when Irons, who got well in front, mulled his attempt to score by lifting the ball sky high. From a throw in at the right corner of Mellors' goal line, Danks got the ball, and passing to Ward, the latter sent in a hard straight shot, which hit the post—very hard lines for the Foresters. Gutteridge and Mellors' left carried the ball down the wing, but Hancock returned, and a corner resulted to the "Reds". Beardsley had to save, on account of a well-aimed shot by Mabbott, but the call of time, which soon after occurred, saw no alteration in the game, which ended in favour of the Forest by two goals to none."

NJ: "The afternoon was bright and fine. Mellors, playing towards the farmhouse goal, had certainly the best of the exchanges in the first twenty minutes, although two runs by Irons as nearly as possible brought about the downfall of the visitors' goal. Beardsley saved one or two good attempts by Mellors' forwards and a corner was also allowed them; but the right wing of the Forest broke away, and Irons running down again, Hill came out and the ball was neatly put past him by Danks (One to Forest). Following the centre kick the Forest continued to have a little the best of it, and Marshall repeatedly got in his kick only just in time. Mabbott with Jeacock, and Truman took the ball up the field several times, and Truman, had he taken his time on one occasion, must have scored. As it was the ball sailed over the bar. The play was now for a short time in the Forest half, but Leighton dashing away a corner kick followed, and Mellors' goal barely escaped. Twice Truman instead of judiciously passing gave the ball a big kick which sent it over the Forest touch line. Leighton gained another fruitless corner from Marshall after a pretty run and this was succeeded by a similar concession to Mellors' right. Before the ball could be cleared several shots were made on Beardsley's goal, some of which the backs stopped, and the others went over the line. A fairly even first half ended Forest 1 Mellors' nil.

Immediately on the resumption Danks (now on the outside) and Irons ran up to Hill's goal, and Danks passing to Leighton, the latter put the ball through (Two to none to Forest). Mellors retaliated and were round the Forest goal in a bunch, and a long shot by Toone went a shade wide. Danks at the other end twice centred behind the bar, but Jeacock on another occasion only just stopped Fox, and Irons now in the centre getting the ball from a mis-kick by Fred Weightman was stopped by Gutteridge at the expense of a corner, from which Ward got the ball behind. Shots at both goals went over the bar. Hill smartly threw the ball away from a shot following a splendid centre by Danks. An appeal for holding Irons was made against the goal-keeper, but a goal kick was the result. Hill again did a clever piece of play in goal, picking the ball up within a foot of the line, and clearing as he was charged. Mellors made great efforts after this, but they were very weak in front of goal, while the Forest also had hard lines, brilliant play by Irons eliciting frequent applause. The defence of Mellors was the best part of their play. Truman had gone back with Marshall and Gutteridge was in the centre, but he, like Truman, could not hold the forwards together, and their attack was struggling. Mabbott sent in a long low shot that Beardsley well stopped. The

game,however, did not come up to expectations,and Mellors were fortunate not to be beaten by more than the score,which was Forest 2 Mellors 0.”

Notts Forest:F.W.Beardsley(Goal);W.T.Hancock,T.Parr(Backs);A.W.Ward,Harry Pike,S.Norman(Half Backs);+T.Irons,T.Danks(Right Wing),F.Fox(Centre), R.Warner,E.J.Leighton(Left Wing).

+KR recorded as J.P.Irons:why?:listed in a rugby team in 1892 as Notts Forest

Mellors Limited:A.Hill(Goal);F.H.Guttridge,A.T.Marshall(Backs);S.Herrod, S.Machin,J.Toone(Half Backs);T.Jeacock, W.Mabbott(Right Wing),H.Truman (Centre),Fred Weightman, Frank Weightman(Left Wing).

Umpires:A.J.Bates for Notts Forest and H.W.Hill for Mellors Limited.  
Referee:J.Hutchinson(Grantham)

GRIMSBY TOWN,a,bye

#### EIGHTH DIVISION

OLD ETONIANS 3 (A.T.B.Dunn 2,E.G.Bromley-Martin)

OLD ST MARKS 2 (C.H.Talford,J.R.Schumacher)

(H.T. 0-1)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Kennington Oval)

Sportsman 7/11/87 P.4/Sporting Life 7/11/87 P.4:

SM:”At Kennington Oval on Saturday these teams decided their tie,the weather being fine and both teams well represented.After the game had lasted about half an hour,from a fine run by Talford St Mark’s claimed the first goal,and with the score standing at one item to none in favour of the Saints,the teams changed ends.

In the second portion,from a brilliant run by Weatherhead to Dunn,the captain shot the ball under the bar,and thus made the account level,and from a pass by Gosling to Dunn,the latter sent the ball through the posts,but the off-side law prevented scoring.The St Mark’s team now attacked vigorously,and Schumacher added a goal to the one already gained.Shortly afterwards Dunn hit the bar,and the ball rebounded,but,persevering,rushed again to the attack and was successful,and close upon the end of the game,having centred the ball to Bromley-Martin,the Etonians put up another goal,the match being brought to a conclusion in favour of the Collegians by three goals to two.”

SL:”There was a good company at Kennington Oval on Saturday afternoon to witness the meeting between the above clubs in the second round in the competition for the national Cup.The ground,though a little greasy from the recent rains,was in fairly good condition,and the play on the whole was interesting.The Etonians started the ball with commendable punctuality at a quarter to three o’clock,and following up well,were soon busy,giving the opposite backs on more than one occasion serious trouble.Dunn,Bainbridge,and

Gosling were especially prominent in their attacks on the St Mark's goal, and the first-named was once successful in getting the ball between the posts, though an infringement of the off-side rule prevented a score being registered to the Etonians. At the outset the St Mark's forwards were rather wild, but after a time they got better together, and the right wing several times got close up to the Eton posts, Rawlinson once stopping a very warm shot. After this for a time the Etonians were mostly the assailants, and the ball was mostly in the opposite half. At last the St Mark's forwards broke away, and after one goal had been disallowed for "off-side", an unmistakeable score was made by +Talfour, a success which elicited considerable applause from the supporters of St Mark's, who were present in good numbers. Not long afterwards, "Half-time!" was called and ends were changed with St Mark's one goal to the good.

On the resumption the game continued to be very animated and the play grew very exciting. For a few minutes neither side had any superiority, and nothing fell to either, till, from a free kick in front of the St Mark's goal, Dunn planted the ball safely between the posts. After some good passing, Schumacher a little later placed the St Mark's again in front, but (ends had been changed before) Dunn got away, and, finishing up a fine run, secured a capital goal. Only a few minutes remained, and, with a view to prevent the additional half hour, the Eton forwards played up with renewed vigour. Their efforts, too, were rewarded, and a splendid middle by Dunn gave Bromley-Martin a chance, of which he took advantage. This was the last point, and the Etonians were thus left in possession of a hard-earned victory by three goals to two. Altogether the ball was put between the posts eight times, two goals being disallowed for the Etonians and one for St Mark's. The play was throughout very interesting, and it was only just at the last that the Etonians were able to make their mark decisively." +Talford

Birmingham Daily Post 7/11/87 P.7 (No lineups): "The meeting at the Kennington Oval between these southern clubs produced a very close struggle. The Etonians had slightly the better of the play during the first half, but the only score was by Talford for St Mark's. Afterwards Dunn equalised from a free kick, but Schumacher put St Mark's ahead again. Latterly the Etonians pressed very hard, Dunn and Martin scoring."

Athletic News 8/11/87 P.3: "Kennington Oval was the scene for the tie between those Cup veterans, the Old Etonians, and the newly fledged champions, Old St Mark's, from the school at Beaufort House ground. Only two Etonians remain in playing trim of the once famous eleven - A.T.B. Dunn, now playing centre forward, and captain of the team, and J.F.P. Rawlinson, the goal-keeper. Three of the other forwards are, however, well-known University men - H.W. Bainbridge, F. Marchant, and E.G. Bromley-Martin; but the backs are hardly so good as in former years. The Old St Mark's made a plucky fight, but the Etonians proved both faster and stronger, finally winning a good match by three goals to two."

Old Etonians: J.F.P. Rawlinson (Goal); H.B. Smith, W.C. Bridgeman (Backs); H.V. MacNaughton, T.C. Weatherhead, A.V. Evans (Half Backs); R.C. Gosling, H.W. Bainbridge (Right Wing), A.T.B. Dunn (Capt. (Centre)), F. Marchant, E.G. Bromley-Martin (Left Wing).

Old St Marks:R.Florance(Capt.)(Goal);F.J.Leese,H.Thornton(Backs);A.E.Clark, J.Lee,J.F.Wood(Half Backs);J.R.Schumacher,W.W.Powell(Right Wing), C.H.Talford(Centre),C.G.Pullen,J.H.Gamble(Left Wing).

Umpires:J.Parsons(Old St Mark's) and N.L.Jackson (Hon.Sec.London Football Association).

Referee:Major Marindin(R.E.President Football Association).

CRUSADERS 3 (H.C.L.Lawrence,H.W.Lamarchand 2)(H.T. 1-0)(Sat Oct 29<sup>th</sup>)  
OLD WYKEHAMISTS 2 (P.L.Canning 2 )(At Essex County Ground,Leyton)

Field 5/11/87 P.714/Sportsman 31/10/87 P.4/Sporting life 31/10/87 P.4:

F:"The match between these two clubs is the first yet decided in the second round for the Association Challenge Cup.It was played on the 29<sup>th</sup> ult.,on the Essex County Ground,Leyton.The Crusaders,formerly known as the Brentwood Club,put a strong eleven into the field,and,as the Old Wykehamists were also well represented,an excellent match was the result.At the beginning the Crusaders had the wind in their favour.This advantage enabled them to pen their opponents at the start;but the old Winchester boys showed good back play,and many determined attempts to score were frustrated.Their goalkeeper also showed great dexterity in returning the ball to the middle of the field.The Wykehamists' forwards also played better together after about twenty minutes,and excellent runs were effected by Watney,Teale,and Hickley.For the Crusaders,Lemarchand, Hogarth,and Stevens also made several incursions into their rivals' territory. No material advantage,however,accrued to either side during about forty minutes' play.Lawrence,then,by a well judged kick,sent the ball between the posts,thus placing the first goal to the credit of the Crusaders.This was the only definite point prior to half time,when the sides crossed over.

The Wykehamists (at)once acted on the aggressive,and Hickley passed to Canning,who kicked a goal,the ball glancing between the posts off Kennedy's hands in the latter's attempt to stop it.Continuing to show good combined play,Teale passed the ball to Canning,who placed a second goal to the credit of his side.For a little while the play was pretty evenly balanced;but an excellent kick by Lemarchand brought the score level.The struggle for supremacy was now very keen;but at length Lemarchand headed the ball between the posts after it had been well passed to him by Stevens.This proved the deciding point,and a first-class match thus ended in a victory for the Crusaders by three goals to two."

SM:"A fairly numerous company assembled at Leyton on Saturday afternoon to witness this match in the second round,a very fast and exciting game resulting. During the first half the Crusaders played with the wind,and for nearly a quarter of an hour they strongly pressed their opponents,Evans saving three or four times.The play then became more even,although the Crusaders continued to have a trifle the best of it,and five minutes before half time Lawrence,by a fine long shot,scored for his side.Upon restarting after change of ends the Wykehamists forwards carried the ball down,and Canning scored from a pass by

Hickley, the goal-keeper touching but failing to stop the ball. The Crusaders attacked strongly, but without success, and the Wykehamists forwards rushing down Canning from a pass by Teale scored a second time. A brilliant run and shot by Pike was the next feature. Then for several minutes the play was fairly even but the Crusaders again began to force the game, and a stinging shot (Lemarchand) brought matters equal the ball passing through off one of the Wykehamists backs. Directly afterwards Pike followed up a dashing run by a capital centre, and Stevens passing back Lemarchand headed through. The Crusaders again pressed, but gained no further advantage, a splendidly-fought game resulting in their favour by three goals to two."

SL: "These teams met on the Essex County Cricket Ground, at Leyton on Saturday to decide their tie in the second round. The Crusaders won a fine game by three goals to two."

Crusaders: A.G.O. Kennedy (Goal); H.C.L. Lawrence, R.W. Sale (Backs); E.C. Evelyn (Capt.), G.C. Boosey, J.L. Nickisson (Half Backs); T.M. Pike, A.W. Lemarchand (Right Wing), R.G. Hogarth (Centre), F.H. Stevens, W. Green-Price (Left Wing).

Old Wykehamists: P.M. Evans (Goal); F.H. Gresson, C.L. Hemmerde (Backs); J.F. Bowen, M.A. Teale, F.B. Debenham (Half Backs); J.S. Watney, L.H. Teale (Right Wing), H. Chitty (Capt.) (Centre), C.L. Hickley, P.L. Canning (e) (Left Wing).

Umpires: W. Comerford (Crusaders) and N. Hickley (Old Wykehamists).  
Referee: M.P. Betts (Old Harrovians)

CHATHAM 3 (J. Hibbard, H. Hobart, C. Hibbard)  
ROYAL ENGINEERS 1 (E.H. de Vere-Atkinson)  
(H.T. 1-1) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Chatham Lines)

Sportsman 7/11/87 P.4/Sporting Life 5/11/87 P.3 has teams for the match:

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SM: "A grandly-contested match was played at Chatham Lines between these teams, the latter securing a creditable victory by three goals to one. The weather was all that could be desired, and nearly four thousand spectators assembled. For the first quarter of an hour, the Engineers had greatly the best of the play, and four minutes after the kick-off Atkinson scored for them. The game then became more even, and about the middle of the first half Hobart made a brilliant run, putting in a good centre, and J. Hibbard beat Twiss with a swift shot, making the scores level. An appeal for off-side was disallowed.

A minute after re-starting Hobart registered a second goal with a beautiful screw shot. Subsequently C. Hibbard added a third. The Engineers fought hard, but lost opportunities by erratic shooting."

Sporting Life 7/11/87 P.4: "Played on the Lines Chatham. After a very fast game, Chatham won by three goals to one." (No lineups)

Birmingham Daily Post 7/11/87 P.7(no lineups):"This match was decided at Chatham Lines,and resulted in a victory for Chatham by 3 goals to 1.Play was witnessed by 3,000 spectators.Directly after the start Atkinson scored for the Engineers,but before half time arrived,Hibbard made the scores level.After crossing over Chatham played grandly,and within a minute Hobart scored a second point,followed by another from the foot of Hibbard twenty minutes later.The Engineers tried hard towards the close,but could not score."

Chatham:H.Blake(Goal);J.Albert,E.Conquer(Backs);Macgregor,C.Soppitt,  
R.Conquer(Half Backs);J.Hibbard,W.M'Leod(Right Wing),C.Hibbard(Centre),  
H.Hobart,T.Bathurst(Left Wing).(SM/Unknown KR Source)

Royal Engineers:Lt J.H.Twiss(Goal);Lieuts A.Walpole,D.L.Mallaby(Backs);  
C.B.Collins,S.C.Babington,B.A.James(Half Backs);E.M.Blair,E.H.de Vere-Atkinson  
(Right Wing),E.M.Loring(Centre),Capt P.G.Von Donop(Capt.),Lt. +T.A.H.Bigge(Left  
Wing).

(Unknown KR Source)(SM 5/11/ 87 has S.O.Bigge:SL for the match also has  
S.O.Bigge)+Thomas Arthur Hastings Bigge

Referee:Hennicker Brall

OLD WESTMINSTERS 8 (E.Phillimore,J.E.Paul,D.Patrick 2,C.R.W.Heath 2,  
A.C.W.Jenner,F.W.Janson)  
MILLWALL ROVERS 1 (G.Oliver)  
(H.T. 3-0)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)(At Essex County Ground,Leyton)

Field 12/11/87 P.750/Sportsman 7/11/87 P.4:

Birmingham Daily Post 7/11/87 P.7(No lineups):"A one-sided game was played at Leyton.The Rovers played well individually,but lacked combination.For Westminster the following scored-Phillimore,Paul, Patrick(twice),Heath(twice), Jenner,and Janson;whilst Oliver was responsible for the only goal credited to the Rovers.Gunn kept goal remarkably well for Millwall,and saved many times."

F:"There is always a certain amount of interest attached to our old Public School clubs,apart from the actual club itself.The form shown by the boys in their School contests is remembered by those who take a special interest in school elevens, and their after existence in "old" sides,commands interest,which is pretty widespread.The piece of ground at Vincent-square has been the training scene of many a Westminster athlete,and the Old Westminsters now figure amongst our foremost clubs.Last year they defeated the Old Harrovians in the first round,the Old Brightonians in the second,while,curiously enough,they were again drawn against an "old" club in the third round defeating the Old Etonians.They were fortunate in having a bye in the fourth,and in the fifth they again played well, defeating the Partick Thistle.They owed their collapse in the sixth round to a Scotch club,the Glasgow Rangers.

On Saturday last they met the Millwall Rovers in the second round of this season's competition on the Essex County Ground, Leyton. The weather proved fine, but the turf was rather heavy. Play did not begin until close upon half past three, when Patrick started the ball for the O.W.'s. The play soon became fast several attacks by Westminster being repulsed. Millwall also made several inroads into their rivals' quarters. No substantial advantage accrued to either team until nearly half an hour had elapsed; Phillimore then shot the ball between the posts, while prior to half time two other goals were obtained for the Westminsters by Paul and Patrick.

Immediately after positions had been reversed the Rovers acted on the aggressive, and a free kick was allowed to them. This was made by Oliver, and the ball bounded between the posts off one of the opposing backs. The Old Westminsters, however, speedily asserted their superiority, and goals were soon obtained by Heath and Jenner. The score was further augmented by Patrick sending the ball under the bar, thus making a sixth point for the Westminsters. A seventh was secured after a corner kick, while an eighth came from the foot of Heath. The Rovers did not gain anything beyond the solitary point mentioned, and at the call of time the Westminsters were victorious by eight goals to one."

SM: "The former had a pretty easy task in this tie at the Essex County Ground, at Leyton, on Saturday, and were ultimately claimed victors by eight goals to one. The weather was fine, and the ground, considering the recent heavy rains, in fairly good order. The attendance, however, did not number more than three hundred. A very late start was effected, it being nearly half-past three ere the Old Westminsters, who had lost the toss, took up their positions in front of the Pavilion goal, Patrick setting the ball in motion. From the outset the old boys assumed the offensive, but it was not until some twenty-five minutes had elapsed that Phillimore notched the first point for them. A second and third quickly followed from Paul and Patrick, the Westminsters leading at half time by three to none.

Almost directly after changing ends, the Rovers, from a free kick by Oliver, secured their only item, the ball touching one of the opposing backs. Goals by Heath and Jenner, however, quickly widened the gap between the two scores, Patrick, Janson (a corner kick, the ball glancing off the goal-keeper), and Heath, being responsible for the other points scored before the close of play, which took place almost in the dark. Gunn kept goal well for the Rovers towards the finish, but the losers, though vigorous, lacked the science of their rivals. They should, however, benefit from the experience derived."

Sporting Life 7/11/87 P.4: "Played at Leyton, in the presence of a numerous company. The Old Westminsters completely penned their opponents, and ultimately won easily by eight goals to one." (No lineups)

Athletic News 8/11/87 P.3: "First on our list comes the match at Leyton, where the Old Westminsters proved the exception to the rule, and defeated their opponents, "hands down", by eight goals to one. The Millwall Rovers, their opponents, are a sturdy load of workmen, several being Scotchmen, but they could

not hope to beat the "pinks". Before half time the Westminsters had kicked three goals (Phillimore, Paul, and Patrick), and in the second half, Heath (2), Jenner, Patrick, and Janson scored, while Oliver obtained one for Millwall."

Old Westminsters: W.B. Winckworth (Goal); C.J.M. Fox, E.G. Moon (Backs); R.T. Squire (Capt.), F.W. Janson, J.E. Phillimore (Half Backs); C.R.W. Heath, J.E. Paul (Right Wing), D. Patrick (Centre), A.C.W. Jenner, R. Sandilands (Left Wing).

Millwall Rovers: H. Gunn (Goal); J. Mynscough, T. Jessop (Backs); J. Lockett, H. Butler, G. Oliver (Half Backs); H. Warner, O. Elias (Right Wing), J. Crawford (Capt.) (Centre), H.D. Hean, H. Rowlands (Left Wing).

Umpires: R.E. Hetherington and C. Bilby. Referee: M.P. Betts (Old Harrovians)

#### NINTH DIVISION

DULWICH 2 (F.S. Mayo, W. Raybould) HOTSPUR 1 (J. Jeeves)  
(H.T. 1-1) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Dulwich)

Field 12/11/87 P.750/Sportsman 7/11/87 P.4/Sporting Life 7/11/87 P.4:

F: "The meeting, at Dulwich, of these clubs on Saturday in the second round of the Association cup competition was productive of an interesting match. On the whole the home club had the better of the game, and they deserved their success; but until the expiration of the customary ninety minutes the partisans of Dulwich were not free from anxiety. The game, which began at a quarter past three, was played in circumstances of a very favourable character. Capital weather prevailed, the turf was in splendid condition for fast play, and, though occasionally the wind had some force, its direction was such that neither side received any assistance from it worth mentioning. At the commencement the Hotspurs were seen to the better advantage, and play had not lasted ten minutes when Jeeves secured a goal for them. This reverse had the effect of making Dulwich play up with more determination, and, after some fast and even work, an admirable centre by Perrins practically enabled Mayo to score a goal for Dulwich. With matters still level half time arrived, and the second portion of the match was therefore invested with a great deal of excitement. The sides seemed remarkably well balanced, and for some time the game fluctuated in most interesting fashion. At length, when a little more than a quarter of an hour was left for play, Raybould with a splendid shot, gained a second goal for Dulwich, who for the remainder of the time kept the ball principally in the Hotspur half. Several incursions were, however, made into the Dulwich quarters, and twice the home goal escaped very narrowly indeed. In the result victory rested with Dulwich by two goals to one. Both Denny and Cox played well at back, and whilst Ellis and Perrins showed capital form at half, Raybould and Mayo of the forwards rendered most useful service, the first-named executing several very smart bits of dribbling. For Hotspur some good and bad goalkeeping was shown by Clark, who once or twice displayed bad judgment. Johnson rendered much assistance, Jeeves was good all through, and the left wing pair proved very energetic."

SM: "The weather was singularly fine for the time of year at the Greyhound, Dulwich, when these teams met to decide their match in the second round, the result being in favour of Dulwich by two goals to one. C. Sutton having won the toss selected the entrance side of the ground to commence from, and at three o'clock Mayo started the game with a strong wind against him. After the lapse of a few minutes from the start the "Spurs" made a dashing attack, out of which Jeeves from a capital centre passed the ball through. Dulwich had for some time to act on the defensive, but after the game had lasted about a quarter of an hour Mayo equalised. After half time, aided by the wind, Raybould passed the ball under the bar. Nothing further transpired, and when time was announced the match ended as above stated."

SL: "This tie was played on Saturday upon the cricket ground in the rear of the Greyhound, at Dulwich, before a fair number of spectators. The weather was simply perfect, and the ground in the best possible condition, and the wind, which blew obliquely across the ground, not strong enough to affect the play. At a quarter-past three Mayo kicked off, but the ball was soon at the Dulwich end, and Jeeves, in about five minutes from the start, secured the first goal for Hotspur. Dulwich then worked the ball back, and Clark saved cleverly. Some even play followed until Mayo, from a good centre by Perrins, made honours (easy) by scoring for Dulwich. At half time no further advantage had been gained, but Dulwich was having rather the better of the game.

After crossing over the game continued to be well contested, and many good bits of individual play were witnessed, and although the ball was most often in the Hotspur end, the time went on and no point was gained. A draw now seemed probable; but about twenty minutes from the close numerous partisans of Dulwich cheered on their men, and the excitement culminated when, after a very brisk bit of play, Raybould shot the ball through the Hotspur posts. Some hard play occurred afterwards in front of the Dulwich goal, and twice, at least, the Hotspurs were near scoring, but at length time expired, and found Dulwich the victors by two goals to one. For the winners Raybould showed some very pretty play, Denny was always on the ball, Mayo was ready and accurate, and Perrins, Cox, and Ellis did excellent service. For the Hotspurs, Latimer, Jeeves, and Gayner were also prominent, the brothers Sutton, on the wings, also playing up well."

Athletic News 8/11/87 P.3: "Public opinion naturally fixed on the match Dulwich v Hotspur at the "Greyhound" enclosure as a well-matched Cup tie, the reputation of the clubs being pretty equal. The "Spurs" hardly show their best form until later on in the season. They have made a few changes in the team, Gaymer, their old captain (who has played for London), taking half-back, and J. Jeeves, the old Sheffielder, going centre forward; so with Proom (now +captain of the club), E. Walters, and the two Suttons (who have also figured in London teams), the Hotspur men are pretty strong. Dulwich played much the same team as in the London Cup, (Soulby) being back again on the right wing, and E. D. Ellis, late Upton Park, joining the halves. In the first half Hotspur commenced to lead, and after some fine play by the forwards, Jeeves put in a hot shot which the goal-keeper was unable to stop. Nothing daunted by this reverse, Dulwich commenced to swarm round their goal, and Mayo getting an easy chance made the score equal.

After half-time the fine passing of the home team gave them the advantage, and Raybould kicked the second and winning goal. Dulwich had all the best of the finish, but did not add to the score." + SM lists C. Sutton as captain for this game

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

Hotspur: J. Clark (Goal); G. Rockett, A. Garnett (Backs); C. Harding, J. Gayner, F. Johnson (Half Backs); T. Latimer, T. Proom (Right Wing), J. Jeeves (Centre), J. Sutton, C. Sutton (Capt.) (Left Wing).

(SM has E. Walters for C. Harding as per its team for the match)

Umpires: R. Evans (Hotspur) and T.T. Bradbury (Dulwich).  
Referee: C.G. Broadhurst (Hendon).

GREAT MARLOW 2 (F.C. Bayley, W. Wise)  
OLD FORESTERS 3 (H.C. Newbury, \*Hugh Guy, P. Fairclough)  
(H.T. 2-1) (F.T. 2-2) (AET) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At Crown meadow, Marlow)

Maidenhead Advertiser 9/11/87 P.4 / Field 12/11/87 P.750 / Bucks Herald 12/11/87 P.8 / Berkshire Chronicle 12/11/87 P.7 / Sportsman 7/11/87 P.4 / Sporting Life 7/11/87 P.4:

MA: "The Marlow team were pretty much the same that had been playing during the season, Flint having sufficiently recovered from the injury he received at Swindon to take his old place amongst the half-backs. The Foresters' eleven was made up of well-known adepts at leather-hunting, and in appearance looked much the better team. The weather was fine, and there was scarcely any wind. R.A. Lunnon won the toss, and chose to defend the Crown goal, and just after the town clock had struck three R.C. Guy set the ball in motion. Immediately the Marlow forwards made a rush for the Marefield citadel, R.A. Lunnon having first stopped a run by Newberry and Robertson, and J. Bailey centring the leather well to F.C. Bayley, the latter, a minute and a half from the kick-off, scored a clean goal for Marlow amidst tremendous cheering. The ball having been brought back to the centre mark and re-started, some give and take play ensued in mid-field, but Marlow gradually forced the ball again to the upper end, and after they had secured their first bye H. Walker did some pretty dribbling on the left wing, and sending in a timely and well-judged centre to Wise, the latter lowered the Foresters' colours again (7 minutes from the start), at which there was a renewal of cheers from local partisans. The Foresters appeared to have been caught napping, and seemed taken aback at the early success of their opponents, who had started with a pace they had scarcely anticipated. Becoming used to the ground, and also to the tactics of the Marlow men, they settled down earnestly to their work, and soon invaded the quarters of the home back division, from which point Fairclough directed a splendid shot at Walker's charge, but, fortunately for the custodian, the missile went just past the post. A couple of byes for either side preceded an equally good shot by E.J. Lunnon, and another from the left by

H.Walker.Now a combined rush was made by the Foresters' forward division,and although four of them came down upon Spiller like an avalanche,that player stopped their further progress amid applause.So the game proceeded for 25 minutes,each goal being in turn assailed,that defended by the Foresters being most frequently in danger.At this point,after Walker had splendidly saved,H.Guy, (who had come out of goal in favour of Fairclough) and his brother R.C.,with Ramsey,displayed some exceptionally good passing,and crossing right over to Newberry on the right,the last-named sent in a shot that Tom was unequal to,and scored a goal that was well-deserved,for the play that secured it was of the most brilliant description.When half-time had been called no further score had been made,and Marlow thus led at the cross over by two goals to one.During this half the points registered were as follows:-Marlow,2 goals,3 corners,and 10 byes; Foresters, 1 goal,2 corners,and 6 byes.

On change of ends some fairly even play ensued for some time.At one point affairs assumed a threatening aspect for the Foresters,for between them Walker, Wise,and E.J.Lunnon worked down the ball,but the oportune intervention of Johnson prevented any score being made.Hands against Marlow,close to their own goal,looked ominous,but Speller managed to head the ball out of danger.A corner for the visitors followed,but it yielded no advantage,although admirably placed.F.C.Bayley made a good run down the left shortly afterwards,but he took the ball too far before endeavouring to centre,and the consequence was that he could not get round it sufficiently to prevent its going behind.A long,hot shot by R.A.Lunnon,later,fortunately for the Foresters,went whizzing by one of the uprights;had it been more accuratley judged,no goal keeper could have stopped it.Newberry and Roberson next had a magnificent run down the left,and the first-named passing to Hugh Guy,the latter equalised,27 minutes after the re-start. Marlow claimed that the "off-side" rule had been infringed,but this was not upheld,and,with about a quarter of an hour to play,the score was "two all".Amid great excitement the game was proceeded with,each side trying its hardest to gain the winning point.R.A.Lunnon(half back) exhibited some very good "gallery play",by leaving his post and dribbling in his old form.Had he crossed the ball to "Harry",who was waiting for it,a goal might have been registered.As it was,he stuck to the ball till an opponent wrested it from him,and thus rendered his side no service at all.Through similar selfish tactics,Wise spoiled a fine opportunity to score,for which he was justly censured by the on-lookers.Both goal keepers were called upon to save their charges,and they were always equal to the occasion. During the last five minutes Marlow made repeated attempts to score the coveted goal,and the excitement that prevailed was intense.They were unsuccessful,however,and when time was called the result was a draw.During the latter half of the game the Foresters scored 1 goal,1 corner,and 9 byes; and Marlow 1 corner and 6 byes,the play on the whole being in favour of the visitors.

It was agreed to play an extra half hour,although it was already getting dusk.The ball was re-started by R.C.Guy at 4.40,and two minutes before the change over, Fairclough,amid cheers,gained the winning point.Darkness now rapidly set in, and during the last few minutes the spectators could only see the ball when it was in mid-air,and could only discern the players by their light shirts.The Old Foresters had matters all their own way,Marlow having shown signs of fatigue,

and at the close of the game they had registered 1 goal, 1 corner, and 12 byes, against Marlow's 1 corner and 1 bye. Marlow, from first to last, played a fast and plucky game, but there can be no doubt that the Foresters were the better team, their passing tactics being a real treat to witness. Their only weak man was Marsh. The back play of Pelly and ++Browne was of the grandest description. On the side of the losers, Speller played magnificently, while Mellet, Flint, and the brothers Lunnon in the back division were also in good form. The forwards, too, played their best, and it would be impossible for us to single out any one player as having acquitted himself better than another."

F: "On Saturday these clubs met in the second round of the Association Cup competition, at Marlow, and after a very exciting game, the O.F.'s were left victorious by three to two. During the first ten minutes Marlow scored twice, through Bayley and Wise. The O.F.'s scored just before, and just after, half time, Newberry and Hugh Guy putting the ball through. At call of time, neither side having the advantage, it was decided to play the extra half hour, and Fairclough soon registered the winning point for his side. Newberry also added another goal, but, owing to the darkness, the officials could not definitely give it. Pelly and ++Brown (back) were in great form, and kicked splendidly, while Newberry and the \*two Guys worked hard forward for the O.F.'s. Speller, the Lunnons, and Wise showed best form for Marlow, who tried considerably towards the finish."

\*(N.B. Hugh Guy was normally a forward, but started as goalkeeper in this match)

BH: "These redoubtable southern clubs having been drawn together, met on the Marlow ground last Saturday, and a splendid game resulted, which terminated, in accordance with public anticipation, in favour of the visitors, the once renowned Marlow Club seeming likely to lose their hardly earned reputation by neglect of practice and training. The Old Foresters brought a very strong all round lot of athletes, including ++Mr W.S. Borrow, one of the Cambridge University backs. Play began with Marlow defending the Crown goal, and no sooner was the ball set rolling, than with a terrific rush, in which R.A. Lunnon and H. Walker took a distinguished part, the ball was borne along, and F. Bailey carried the goal. After some parlying in the centre, somewhat similar tactics were crowned with a second success. H. Walker, dribbling, dodging, and evading his pursuers, carried the ball along, and putting it over to Wise right in front of goal, and amid a tempest of cheers Marlow stood with a couple of goals to their credit, and this within five or six minutes of the start. Such early and decisive action surprised everybody, and evidently was a sore discomfiture to the Old Boys, who, however, soon shook off their depression and laid themselves down to their work with skill and determination, and now the Marlow goal was speedily threatened, the fight becoming very fast and furious. At length Newberry put in a hot shot which eluded "long Tom" a well deserved success being loudly applauded. Nothing more decisive was accomplished during the first half. How equal the play was is best indicated by the score: - Marlow two goals, eight byes, three corners, Old Foresters, one goal, eight byes, and two corners.

On play being resumed the battle raged with increased fury, both goals being alternately in danger. Nearly half an hour elapsed when Hugh Guy obtained a second goal for the Foresters. A claim of "offside" was promptly made and supported by many spectators. It was found that the umpires disagreed, and on appeal to the referee he gave it as a goal. After this play was pursued with varying fortunes. Some chances were undoubtedly missed by the Marlow men, and when time was called each side had made two goals. During the second half the Old Foresters scored one goal, nine byes and a corner, Marlow six byes and a corner. The order was given to play another half hour. Condition now began to tell in favour of the Foresters, and within the first fifteen minutes Fairclough scored the winning goal for them, the game ending in semi-darkness, with the Old Foresters winners of a hard fought game by three goals to two."

++Forest and Corpus Christi (Not S.(W.)Browne as in MA/F/SM)

SM: "Played at Marlow. About a minute from the start Bayley scored for Marlow, whilst five minutes later Wise added a second point, amid tremendous cheering. The visitors, who were taken by surprise, now settled down to their work, and half an hour later Newberry registered a goal. On change of ends H. Guy equalised, and as when time was called the score was unaltered, it was resolved to play an extra half hour, at the expiration of which Fairclough had registered a point, thus winning the match for the Foresters by three goals to two."

Sporting Life 7/11/87 P.4: "Played at Marlow, and terminated in a win for the Old Foresters by three goals to two. Newberry, H. Guy, and Fairclough scored for the winners, and F. Bailey and Wise for the losers. Up to time each side had scored two goals, the Forresters winning the match in the extra half hour played. The Foresters played a splendid passing game, Mellett, Speller, H. Walker, and F. Bayley played best for Marlow." (No teams)

Great Marlow: Tom Walker ("Long Tom") (Goal); F. Speller, W. Mellett (Backs); R.A. Lunnon (Capt.), J. T. Flint, R. H. Lunnon (Half Backs); E. J. Lunnon, J. Bailey (Right Wing), W. Wise (Centre), H. Walker, F. C. Bayley (Left Wing).

(Different half back orders)

Old Foresters: \*Hugh Guy (Goal); F. R. Pelly, W. S. Borrow (Backs); R. B. Johnson (Capt.), Rev F. de Q. Marsh, C. Collison (Half Backs); P. Fairclough, E. J. Ramsay (Right Wing), R. C. Guy (Centre), H. C. Newberry, A. Robertson (Left Wing).

\*Replaced by Fairclough towards the end of the first half, but it must have changed again because he got the winning goal in extra time

Umpires: F. Plumridge (Marlow) and R. Redwood (Old Foresters).  
Referee: T. Thurlow (Wycombe).

OLD HARROVIANS 0

OLD BRIGHTONIANS 4 (W. Leete, W. E. Bond, G. L. Wilson, H. A. Harrison)  
(H. T. 0-2) (Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) (At New Recreation Ground, Harrow)

Harrow Notes 24/11/87 P.143/Field 12/11/87 P.750/Sportsman 7/11/87 P.4/Sporting Life 7/11/97 P.4:

HN:"This tie was played at Harrow,and resulted,after a feeble display,in favour of the Old Brightonians by four goals to nil.At first the Harrow forwards pressed the visitors very considerably,and looked liked scoring several times,but before long they settled down to the "dribble-so-much" and "pass-so-little" style of play-with its usual consequences when opponents are above average.The winners' forwards and the losers' backs played excellently."

F:"These old school teams met on Saturday last on the New Recreation Ground, Harrow,to decide who should enter the third round.The Old Harrovians had their best team,but the Brighton boys were without Lingard(playing for Sussex)and Cotterill.The spectators were mostly supporters of Harrow,but a few O.B.'s were present to back up their side.Losing the toss,Leete started the ball for Brighton, and even play followed for the first few minutes.Both sides attacked in turn,and the game seemed likely to be of a very even character.The styles of the two elevens were very different,for while the Harrow forwards stuck to the ball,and tried individual dribbling,the Brighton forwards were not so selfish,and some clever passing was seen.About a quarter of an hour from the start,after a little short passing near goal,Leete got the ball through for Brighton.From a pass by the same player,Bennett got well away,and ended with a capital shot,but the point was disallowed for offside.Nothing further took place in the way of scoring until just on half time,when Bond added a good goal to the O.B.'s score.

Changing over,Harrow were at the disadvantage of two goals,and as there was a slight wind and slope now against them,it seemed improbable they would make up this balance.The game slacked rather owing to this,and one or two of the Brighton boys appeared a trifle lazy.The result was,however,never for a moment in doubt, and Mieville had all his work cut out to keep his goal intact.The Harrow backs played a good game,Greatorex and Macan particularly being indefatigable in their efforts;but before time two more goals were added for Brighton,the first a splendid shot of Wilson's and the last by Harrison from a middle by Wilson.The Old Brightonians therefore won by four goals to none,and have been drawn against the Old Carthusians in the third round.Mention should be made of capital play on the part of Hay and Bond amongst the Brighton backs;whilst of the Harrow forwards,all of whom stuck to the ball far too long,Hext and Davidson were the pick."

SM:"This tie was decided on Saturday afternoon at Harrow,in pleasant weather. The play was of but a moderate description,and the home team failing to show anything like their real form suffered an easy defeat by four goals to love.The Harrow men won the toss.After about a quarter of an hour +W.Leete secured the first goal for the visitors,while shortly before half time W.E.Bond secured a second.

On changing ends play was of a somewhat uninteresting description, Kinloch and Davidson being best for the Harrovians,whilst Bennett and Wilson figured well

for their opponents. About five minutes before time the Brightonians scored another goal by Wilson, and a few seconds before the whistle was blown Harrison scored another through Mieville slipping, the Brightonians thus winning by four goals to none." +N. Leete

SL: "On Saturday afternoon these clubs met at the Recreation Grounds, Harrow, to decide their tie. Although the weather was bitterly cold, spectators mustered numerous, at least 500 being present. Owing to the recent downpour the turf was somewhat heavy and after a few minutes' play the ball became very greasy. Of the play generally but little can be said, both teams failing to play anything like a combined game. The home team proved successful in winning the toss, and elected to defend the top goal for the first "half", N. Leete starting the ball for the Old Brightonians. A good run on the left was neutralised by Barwell, who placed the ball into midfield, where for some few minutes play was confined. Wilson at length broke away, and put in a clipping run. +Grundtoig tackled, and Macan getting possession placed on to Hext, the latter sending the ball out. From the throw in Kinloch put a fine run in down the centre, but dwelling on the ball too long, was deprived and Harrison went away, Greatorex forcing him out. Hext was next conspicuous and terminated a grand run by passing to Davidson, who put in a grand shot, which hit the post and bounded behind. From the goal kick the Brightonians went away on the right, and after about fifteen minutes' play N. Leete put the ball through from a bully in front of goal. From this point up to within a few minutes of half time the play was decidedly of a scrambling order. Within five minutes of crossing over, from a long pass by Harrison from the right, Bond registered the second point for the visitors who, when ends were changed, were two goals to none.

Commencing the second half of the match the visitors pressed their opponents for the first few minutes, but were then gradually driven back and had the Harrovians played a more combined game, than they did, there was every probability of their scoring. Numerous chances were, however, thrown away and then, the home team tiring, their opponents made repeated onslaughts on their goal. Owing, however, to the grand defence of +Grundtoig, Greatorex; and the full backs, they were unable to break through until within five minutes of time, when, from a clever shot by Bond, Wilson baffled Mielville, putting in a shot which the goal-keeper failed to reach. Restarting the ball, the Brightonians went away on the left, Bond putting in a very "sultry" shot, which Mieville failed to reach, and Harrison rushing up registered the fourth goal for the visitors, within thirty seconds of time being called. The Brightonians thus qualified for the third round by four goals to none." +Gruntvig

Athletic News 8/11/87 P.3: "At one time, the Old Brightonians were hardly thought likely to visit Harrow to play off their tie with Old Harrovians, but with the exception of F.C. Lingard, the Old Boys mustered in full strength, A.T. Hay and +G.H. Cotterill coming up from Sussex, G.L. Wilson from Oxford, and the brothers Muspratt, Leete, and Bond, two of each, while A.C. Stone, the secretary, kept goal. The Harrovians were quite unable to compete with the passing tactics of the Brightonians, who scored two goals up to half time (N. Leete and W. Bond); while after the change over, G.L. Wilson and Harrison took one each, leaving the

Brighton boys in the third round,after a rather tame match.”+Cotterill was in fact absent.

Old Harrovians:L.Mieville(Goal);A.L.Barwell,S.W.Meek,(Backs);H.T.Grundtvig, G.Macan,T.Greatorex,(Half Backs);J.H.Farmer(Capt.),A.R.Cox(Right Wing), H.G.Kinloch(Centre),A.H.Davidson,G.K.Hext(Left Wing).

Old Brightonians:A.C.Stanley-Stone(Goal);J.P.Muspratt(Capt.),Warren Leete (Backs); A.T.Hay,C.H.Bond,P.C.Muspratt(Half Backs);J.H.Bennett,H.A.Harrison (Right Wing),Norman Leete(Centre),W.E.Bond,G.L.Wilson(Left Wing).

Umpires: C.Colbeck and W.Wilkinson.Referee,Rev. W.Law.

WATFORD ROVERS 1(W.S.Coles)

OLD CARTHUSIANS 3 (H.C.Price 2,E.S.Currey)(H.T. 1-2)(Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)  
(At Rose and Crown,Watford)

Sportsman 7/11/87 P.4/Sporting Life 7/11/87 P.4/Watford Observer 12/11/87 P.5:

SM:”Over a thousand spectators witnessed these teams play their tie in a meadow at the rear of the Rose and Crown,Watford.The Old Carthusians won the toss,and electing to play down,the ball was soon in the Watford Rovers’ quarters, and Rowe at back time after time averted danger,till Price,with a well-directed shot,obtained the first goal.Roe proved a tower of strength to his side,but Walters cleverly turning over to Price,the latter kicked another goal for the Carthusians.It was now the Watford Rovers’ turn to score,and Waterman getting the ball,it was shortly after sent smartly through the visitors’ posts by Coles.At half-time the Carthusians had scored two goals to one.The remainder of the play was all in favour of the Carthusians,who notched another point through the aid of Currey,while Escombe had an item disallowed for off-side.The Carthusians finally won by three goals to one.”

SL:”These teams met on Saturday last on the ground of the latter at Watford to decide their tie in the second round of the “national” Cup.Although the weather was bitterly cold,over a thousand paid gate amongst whom were many ladies. The play was fairly good throughout,but owing to the heavy state of the turf the forward division were unable to play the short passing game,though in that respect the Carthusians were somewhat conspicuous during the last half hour. Winning the toss,the Carthusians chose the top goal for the first half,having a slight advantage from ground and wind.Coles started the ball for the Rovers, Welling and Morton going away on the left.Leman tackled the latter,and turned the sphere over to Escombe who in turn passed to Price,and play for some few minutes was confined to mid-field.After ten minutes’ play Currey got on the ball,and terminated a clipping run by middling to Price,the latter putting in a shot that Sargeant failed to reach,and registered the first goal for the visitors. Restarting the ball the Rovers attacked,but failed to pass the rival backs,and in turn were called on to defend,Waddington,Price,and Currey working the ball down.Roe,playing a grand defensive game,several times cleared the lines.But not

to be denied the visitors returned to the attack working the ball down the left, and from a grand centre Price, half an hour from the kick-off, again baffled Sargeant. Re-commencing, the Rovers pressed, and after several desperate attempts to score, Coles, from a splendid pass by Waterman, put the sphere between the uprights. At half time the score stood two to one in favour of the Carthusians.

During the second half the Carthusians had much the better of the play, and within eight minutes of restarting Currey shot, and the ball went through off Escombe. Shortly afterwards, from a throw-in, Price broke away, and Escombe rushed the ball through, but the point was disallowed for off-side. From the free kick Coles and Halsey went away, but failed to make much headway. Walters placing to Currey, the latter put in a clipping run, and put in a low swift screw. Sargeant was equal to the occasion and fisted away. Peacock with a long kick, cleared the lines for the time being. Price was next conspicuous, Sargeant again averting. A combined run by the Rovers on the right resulted in the ball going out. Some loose play ensued when the Carthusians penned their opponents, but failed to add to their score, and when time was called had qualified for the third round by three goals to one."

WO: "The Rose and Crown Meadow presented a very animated scene last Saturday, when about 800 people assembled to see these teams play off their tie in the second round of the Challenge Cup competition. It must be most gratifying to the Watford Rovers to find the town taking such an interest in a football match. The game was a thoroughly interesting one, and was played with the greatest spirit up to the last sound of the whistle. The Rovers may be fairly congratulated on their grand stand against such a powerful combination as the Carthusians. If a faster centre forward could have been played, and a little more practice obtained at passing, it is possible that the result of the game might have been different.

Price started the game for the Carthusians, turning over to the left wing, who, passing the Watford forwards, came into collision with Peacock and Poulton, when they were beaten, and Coles, Morton, and Wellings encouraged the hopes of Watford by taking the ball down the whole length of the visitors' half, when it was kicked behind. The next attempt of the visitors brought the ball to Roe, who vigorously returned; then Peacock and Sargent were busy, but the ball was gradually forced back to the Watford goal, Capell saving by kicking out. After some very hot play, the Carthusians kicked behind. This performance they repeated. After a bit of play in the Carthusians' quarters, where Halsey distinguished himself, Price and Parry ran the ball down, and passed Peacock, but Capell saved. Wellings took the ball up and kicked out, and directly after it was kicked out again. After some beautiful passing Waddington and Price got past everyone but Capell, who slipped, when Waddington shot at the Watford goal, but the ball having too much "screw" on went behind. Shortly afterwards Roe saved with a fine kick, but the ball came back, and Waddington shot behind. Another attack was saved by the Watford goal-keeper, but a long and hot one coming from Price proved too much for him, though straight to his hands, and the first goal was won by the Carthusians after about ten minutes' play. After the kick-off, the ball

came back again, and after being kicked out was brought down by the Carthusians and Price shot, but nothing was scored. Two more attacks were made on Watford, and the ball went behind each time. Then Roe had to save, and the ball was kicked out, but promptly brought down again and kicked over. The goal was again saved by Alfred Sargent, the ball going behind. The Rovers then rallied a bit, and took the ball to the Carthusian end, Morton kicking behind. Poulton and Peacock shewed some good play and passed to Morton, who was beaten by Walters. "Hands" was given to Watford near the visitors' goal, but Roe's kick went too high, and nothing was done. The Carthusians broke away again and stormed the Watford goal. Capell kicked back, but "hands" was given to the Carthusians and the ball went behind. On kicking out, the play of both teams was most exciting. For several minutes shots came fast at the home goal, and every moment a downfall was feared. Men were passed or charged down and up again, but when it was seen that the Rovers were holding their own against all the tactics of the old school boys, wave after wave of cheering broke out from the delighted onlookers. Sargent was charged through his goal by one man; another was almost on the ball when Capell going for the man stopped him, and Sargent partially recovering himself was just able to clear his posts. Play was still in the Watford half, when Peacock and Sargent got the ball and sent to Coles, who passed to Morton, but he was tackled and beaten, the ball being taken down to the Watford goal and sent behind. Peacock then cleverly saved a corner and Alec Sargent trying to get away was charged down twice, but kept the ball. It was taken up the field by Peacock and given to Wellings, who lost it. The Carthusians then passed it right down the ground until stopped by Roe, when it was kicked out. On being thrown in Price got the ball and with a fine long shot hit the Watford post, whence it rebounded through the goal and the second point against Watford was won after 30 minutes' play. It was now evident that although Watford were not likely to win the game they had been greatly underrated even by their best friends. Peacock, Poulton, and Sargent were very hard to pass. Roe's stubborn defence at back was a feature of the game, and Capell often came to the rescue when things looked hopeless. The forwards had little chance of distinguishing themselves, Morton being well looked after by Walters, and Waterman owing to an error in tactics on the part of Coles scarcely getting a fair share of the ball. Coles was always most unselfish, and sometimes very clever, but pace was against him. Halsey and Wellings did their duty well, but it was not a forwards' day so far as the Rovers were concerned. Nothing daunted by the loss of two goals, Watford played up with great spirit, and rushing the ball up the ground, Waterman, who was in fine form, sent in a splendid shot, and Coles, breasting it through, won a fine goal for Watford amid great enthusiasm. On kicking off again the ball was brought down to Watford goal and a corner given to the Carthusians. Alick Sargent took the ball away, it was passed over to Waterman, who middled to Coles. Walters relieved, and Watford was soon again in danger. Roe kicked back, and two corners fell to the visitors, both being kicked behind. "Hands" was given against Watford in front of goal, a fierce struggle taking place, the ball being cleared away, and passed to Waterman, who made a good run, but kicked out. He got the ball again and passed to Wellings, who worked down and kicked behind just at half-time, the game being two to one in favour of the Carthusians.

Coles started the second half, and Waterman soon had the ball at his feet and made a fine run down the ground centring to Coles, who was too slow. The Watford goal was then attacked, and after a struggle cleared by Poulton. After a lot of play in the Watford half, some short passes by the Carthusians ended by Price kicking another goal against Watford. "Hands" was given to Watford in front of the Carthusians' goal, with no result. Waterman, Coles, and Morton made a good attack and passed well, but Walters relieved. The Carthusians, then passed the ball up, and Alfred Sargent had to save his goal by kicking out. A corner was next given to the Carthusians, with no result. Another corner against Watford had failed. Morton, Coles, and Waterman made a combined attack, but were stopped by Walters and Blenkiron. The ball went up and down the ground occasionally, but was kept mostly in the Watford quarters, the Carthusians gaining several corners without scoring. Roe proved that he can run as well as kick, Poulton working like a "\*\*\*\*\*" but all to little purpose, for as soon as the ball was fairly away, the Carthusians, with their beautiful passing game, brought it back again. Price had a chance, but being afraid of Roe in front of him, passed to Curry, who got the ball through, but as he was clearly off-side, no goal was allowed. A corner was next gained by Charterhouse, the ball being kicked over. Then Watford were rather fortunate, the ball being shot at their goal, the ball struck the top of the bar and bounded over. After some grand but lofty kicks by Roe, another shot at the Watford goal went over the bar. Watford next broke away, and Waterman made a good run, but kicked out. Another sharp attack on the Watford goal followed, but was repulsed by Alick Sargent and Peacock. "Hands" was given to the Carthusians, and the ball was grandly worked away, the Watford team playing well together, and making one more effort to score, took the ball right down the ground. Waterman centred to Coles, who passed to Morton, who by a rather weak kick just missed scoring what seemed a certain goal for Watford. The whistle sounded and all was over. The game was played in the fairest way by both sides, and the decisions of the referee were in every case satisfactory."

Athletic News 8/11/87 P.3: "Watford Rovers hardly expected to do much against the Old Carthusians, although the Herts men had the able assistance of (F.C.) Peacock (Caledonians), W.N. Roe and P.H. Morton from Elstree. The Charterhouse Club sadly missed P.M. Walters and Amos, but there were other good men to be found. C.H. Tyler is not a bad full back, and with E.S. Currey, Price, Waddington, R.L. Escombe, and Parry, they were fairly strong forward. The Carthusians justified the confidence of their friends by gaining victory by three goals to one. The strong defence of Peacock and Roe, with Sargent's capital goal-keeping, prevented the Charterhouse score reaching a high number, although they had much the best of the game."

Watford Rovers : A.A. Sargent (Goal); W.N. Roe, H.J. Capell (Backs); W.A. Sargent, S.J. Poulton, C.H. Peacock (Capt.) (Half Backs); E. Halsey, G. Waterman (Right Wing), W.S. Coles (Centre), P.H. Morton, W.H. Wellings (Left Wing).

Old Carthusians: C. Wreford-Brown (Goal); A.M. Walters (Capt.), C.H. Tyler (Backs); T.W. Blenkiron, S.R. Arthur, G.C. Leman (Half Backs); R.L. Escombe, E.S. Currey (Right Wing), H.C. Price (Centre), C.W. Waddington, C.W. Parry (Left Wing).

Umpires:E.J.Sargent and A.Foster.Referee:W.Bosher(Dulwich Football Club).

SWIFTS,a bye.

### THIRD ROUND

DRAW:Tuesday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1887 (At 51 Holborn Viaduct)  
(London Standard 9/11/87 p.6)

#### First Division:

Darlington .v. Shankhouse  
Middlesbrough .v. Sunderland

#### Second Division:

Accrington Stanley or Burnley .v. Blackburn Rovers  
Darwen .v. Witton

#### Third Division:

Higher Walton .v. Bootle or South Shore  
Preston North End,Bolton or Everton .v. Halliwell

#### Fourth Division:

Stoke .v. Oswestry  
Davenham .v. Chirk  
Crewe Alexandra a bye

#### Fifth Division:

Birmingham Excelsior .v. Great Bridge Unity  
West Bromwich Albion .v. Wolverhampton Wanderers  
Aston Villa (holders) a bye

#### Sixth Division:

Derby Junction .v. Lockwood Brothers  
Derby County .v. Owlerton  
Sheffield Wednesday a bye

#### Seventh Division:

Grimsby Town .v. Lincoln City  
Notts Forest .v. Notts County  
Notts Rangers a bye

#### Eighth Division:

Crusaders .v. Chatham  
Old Etonians .v. Old Westminster

#### Ninth Division:

Dulwich .v. Swifts  
Old Brightonians .v. Old Carthusians  
Old Foresters a bye

“Ties on or before November 26<sup>th</sup>.The first named club in each instance has the choice of ground”

“The protest of Everton against Bolton Wanderers in the first round on the question of an interpretation of a rule on the decision of the referee,was not sustained the tie being ordered to be replayed on Saturday at Bolton.The match however,again ended in a draw.”

” Staveley made another effort at the meeting of the Football Association committee on Tuesday to upset Derby County on the question of the qualification of Williamson.Several witnesses were called with the object of proving that the player was borne in the village of Sawley,but the Committee refused to reverse their former decision”(for both the above see Derby Mercury 16/11/87 P.8)

“The undecided matches,with the exception of Burnley .v. Accrington,are to be played off on Saturday.The consideration of the Burnley protest was postponed for the appointment of a Committee to enquire into the dispute.”(The Standard 9/11/87 P.6)

“Staveley protest against Derby County and Northwich Victoria against Crewe not sustained.Bootle against South Shore ordered to be replayed at Blackpool on Saturday Nov 19<sup>th</sup>”

## FIRST DIVISION

DARLINGTON 0

SHANKHOUSE 2(W.Matthews,John Metcalf)

(H.T. 0-2)(Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>)(On Feethams Ground,Darlington)

Morpeth Herald 3/12/87 P.3/Athletic News 29/11/87 P.2/Newcastle Daily Chronicle 28/11/87 P.7:

MH:”Played at Feethams Ground,Darlington,on Saturday.About 2,500 persons assembled to witness the game between these two well-known clubs,the Shankhouse being the holders of the Northumberland,and Darlington,the Cleveland Challenge Cup.Darlington kicked off against a very heavy wind which greatly interfered with play.Within two minutes the visitors had worked the ball down,and a scrimmage took place in front of goal,out of which Matthews for Shankhouse promptly put it past Wharton.Play continued largely in the Darlington quarters for the next ten minutes,Wharton two or three times having to defend.Darlington were unable to do other than make the occasional relief against the wind.Shankhouse then got two corners in succession,and after the last Metcalfe got possession,and fairly rushed the leather through,making two for Shankhouse.Darlington forwards,on the kick off promptly centred the leather to the visitors’ goal,and got hands twice in succession near the goal mouth.The visitors,however,managed to relieve,and took the ball to Darlington quarters.The latter made two or three commendable rushes,but the Shankhouse backs played a very safe game,and aided by the wind,the Darlington goal was soon again visited.Wharton saved manfully two or three times,and the home team played a good defensive game,Shankhouse not being able to make anything out of one or two more corners.Hands were got in midfield,and Darlington worked down the

ball,Hutchinson putting in a fine shot,which Wood,the goalkeeper,had to throw out.Withington returned,but sent it over the bar.The ball was taken back,but nothing more was done down to half time,when the game stood-Shankhouse,two goals;Darlington,none.

On reversing ends Darlington got the wind in their favour,which,however,had gone down somewhat.They pressed at once,but Wood saved brilliantly.Favoured by the wind the ball was mostly in Shankhouse quarters.Hands were got from Shankhouse,and the ball,after being passed to Stabler,was shot through goal by that player,but as it had not been touched by a Shankhouse man,there was of course no score.The visitors then got the ball away,but it was only temporarily,for the wind having got up again,play told in favour of the home team,who pressed heavily and successively,but Wood kept up a fine defence,and the Shankhouse backs stood well together.Hands were again got by Darlington,but the ball was kicked out,and a corner which followed for the home team did nothing for them.A dangerous shot was put in,but Wood saved magnificently by conceding a corner.Darlington had two or three more chances,but missed.A good shot from Wilson hit the post,and one soon after went just outside the post.The visitors relieved,but only temporarily,for the wind helped the ball back again.The visitors' forwards,however,made a good effort,and got the leather down again,and Wharton had to throw out.The play was now nearing the finish.Darlington pressed with great determination,but though danger portended more than once,the Shankhouse backs stood splendidly up,and maintained their goal intact,the game ending-Shankhouse,two goals;Darlington,none."

AN:"For the first time in the history of the game a Northumberland club has reached the fourth round of the English Cup,Shankhouse having achieved the honour by beating Darlington fairly and squarely on Saturday by two goals to none.There were great rejoicings in the colliery village,where people all love the pastime.Shankhouse had resolved to strain every nerve to conquer their foemen, but they hardly hoped for a result so decisive,especially after Darlington had done so well in practice games.They started well,scoring four minutes from the start,with the high wind that prevailed all over these parts on Saturday in their favour;they got the other goal 20 minutes later.

In the second half,against the wind,a firm defensive policy was maintained,and with Wood excelling himself in goal,and the backs and half-backs well supported by the forwards,the highly gratifying result to Shankhouse,was achieved.Wharton has pretty nearly ceased his connection with Preston North End.At any rate,he will not keep goal for them in the English Cup,as was at one time expected,for on Saturday he stood under the bar of his old club,and mighty hard the Shankhouse men found him to beat.He has probably never played so well this season,and there was an absence of the "clowning" which once or twice has disfigured his play.Darlington have secured a Walsall man in the person of Withington,a fine left wing forward,and he played a splendid game for them, although he was very well looked after by +Reilley,the Shankhouse half,who did a lot of things not expected of him,and has never cut such a good figure before.Hedley was back in his old place on the left again,and performed capitally with Sam Woods as his new partner,Hamilton being an absentee owing to a slight

injury to his knee, in the previous week's game with Morpeth. Shankhouse are hoping for a big club to meet in the next round, for their finances are not of the best, and, moreover, they are always eager for matches from which they can gain instruction. The game in question was of advantage to the exchequer, of course, and the committee are blessing the day they entered the club for the "big pot".  
(No teams)

NDC: "This match was played at Feethams Ground, Darlington, before 3,000 spectators. Shankhouse, the Northumberland Cup and Charity Shield holders, have never yet been defeated in any cup ties, and Darlington are the Cleveland Cup holders. Great interest was therefore evinced in the struggle. A strong wind interfered with the play. Owing to a playing wind, Shankhouse had the best of the play, scoring two goals to nil." (No teams)

Darlington: Wharton (Goal); J. Smeddle, J. Davison (Backs); R. T. Stabler, C. L. Glover, R. Middleton (Half Backs); H. Hope, D. Rogers (Right Wing), J. T. Hutchinson (Centre), H. Withington, L. Wilson (Left Wing).

Shankhouse: Jas. Wood (Goal), Robert Brydon, W. Todd (Backs); R. Reilly, R. Turpin, C. Ritson (Half Backs); John Metcalfe, W. Thompson (Right Wing), W. Matthews (Centre), Sam Woods, W. Hedley (Left Wing).

Umpires: C. Craven for Darlington and J. W. Hornsby for Shankhouse.  
Referee: P. Huntington (Port Clarence).

MIDDLESBROUGH IRONOPOLIS 2 (G. McCrie, F. Dennis)  
SUNDERLAND 2 (R. Gloag 2)  
(H. T. 0-2) (Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>) (At Linthorpe Ground, Middlesbrough)  
(It was decided not to play Extra Time because darkness had set in)

Morpeth Herald 3/12/87 P.3/Sunderland Daily Echo 28/11/87 P.4/Newcastle Daily Chronicle 28/11/87 P.7:

SDE: "These clubs having been drawn together for the third round of the competition for the English Cup, the latter club travelled to Middlesbrough on Saturday for the purpose of deciding the tie. The most intense interest was manifest, both on the Wear and Tees, in the match, and two excursion trains which left Sunderland were literally packed with football enthusiasts eager to attend the match. As if to add to the keenness of the contest, it may be said that both teams were confident of victory. About 5,000 spectators lined the ropes of the Linthorpe Ground when the teams faced each other. The weather was favourable with the exception of a strong wind from the south, which blew obliquely across the field. The ground was also on the soft side. The visitors, having won the toss, chose to play to the south goal. Borrie kicked off and the ball was run up, and a return being made, it went out of play. The Sunderland team, working well together, now forced the play, but the home backs were impregnable, the tackling and kicking of Millar being of great benefit. The excitement having to some extent abated, both teams settled down earnestly to work, and as a result some good give-and-take play was witnessed. The home team were noticeable principally for their neat

passing in the forward division, and for their back defence; whilst the sprinting of the visitors, coupled with their dribbling, was generally admired. Play continued of a varying character for the first half hour when, from a capital run by Stewart, Wynn conceded a corner, which, on being kicked in, was converted into a goal by \*Gloagg, amid the enthusiastic plaudits of the excursionists. This roused the home team, and they quickly got to the other end—a shot from Fox just missing. The visitors were not to be denied, however, and, getting the ball well into their opponents' territory, \*Gloagg scored a second goal just before half time, the score then standing—Sunderland, two goals; Middlesbrough, none.

On changing ends the home team, now having the wind in their favour, invaded their opponents' ground. Ford twice relieved the pressure, but a kick from Millar quickly sent the ball back. An exciting scrimmage followed in front of the visitors' goal, the ball eventually going over the line out of play. The visitors then essayed to change the play, but failed, and had to give a corner, which went over the bar. Another attempt was made, but Millar returned, and Fox, by a nice screw shot, called upon Ford to save, which he did cleverly. The home team continued to press and McCrie, by a splendid shot, scored the first point. Kirtley kicking up, Stewart and Davison worked up, but Millar, screwing well, returned. The ball several times went out of play, owing to the wind, the home team, if anything, having the advantage. Gradually working the ball down, Fox by a pass enabled Dennis to equalise, amid great excitement. The play now became of a very exciting nature, the home team severely pressing their opponents, and despite the breaks away of the latter, the ball was kept in the visitors' ground. Though the home team made several determined assaults, they could not force the position of the Sunderland backs, the latter of whom defended well. Shortly before time was called McCrie sent the ball between the posts, but he having handled it just before, the point of course was disallowed. A few minutes later the visitors made an attempt to score and, aided by Stewart and Monaghan, it seemed as if they were going to get the winning point, but Millar got the ball out of danger. Up to the close the home team had the advantage, but nothing further was scored, and when time was called the score stood—Sunderland 2 goals, Middlesbrough 2 goals. It was decided after some discussion, not to play any extra time owing to the darkness setting in, and the match will doubtless, be played at Sunderland next Saturday."

NDE: "Played at Middlesbrough. The visitors won the toss, and elected to play with a strong wind at their backs. The home team defended splendidly, but the visitors managed to score twice before half-time was called.

In the second half, Middlesbrough had the best of the game throughout, but only scored twice. They experienced hard lines several times, the ball striking the crossbar twice. As it was too dark to play any extra, the game resulted in a draw of two goals each. There were over eight thousand spectators present. The game will, therefore, be re-played on Saturday next at Sunderland."

Middlesbrough: B.F. McNellis (Goal); T.H. Wynn (Capt.), George Millar (Backs); J. Walsh, G. McCrie, T. Bach (Half Backs); Jackson Ewbank, W. Fox (Right Wing), Albert Borrie (Centre), R. Wilson, F. Dennis (Left Wing).

Sunderland :W.Kirtley(Goal);J.Oliver,P.Ford(Backs);F.Dale(Capt.),J.Richardson, T.Halliday(Half Backs);A.Davison,S.Stewart(Right Wing),R.Gloag(Centre), G.Monaghan,W.Hastings(Left Wing).

Umpires:R.L.Peel for Middlesbrough and J.Reed for Sunderland.  
Referee:Crawford(East End,F.C.,Newcastle).

REPLAY:Saturday,Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> :

SUNDERLAND 4(T.Halliday,S.Stewart,A.Davison,G.Monaghan)(Sunderland History P.38)(2 scorers not named in SDE report below and Gloag credited with 4<sup>th</sup> goal in MH)

MIDDLESBROUGH IRONOPOLIS 2 (R.Wilson 2)  
(H.T. 0-2)(At Newcastle Road,Sunderland)

Sunderland Daily Echo 5/12/87 P.4/Morpeth Herald 10/12/87 P.3/Newcastle Daily Chronicle 5/12/87 P.6-7:

SDE:"In little short of a ferment of excitement,Middlesbrough and Sunderland met on Saturday,at the rendezvous in Newcastle-road for their decider in the English Challenge Cup Competition.Substantially the same teams antagonised at Middlesbrough last week and played a drawn game of two goals each."

"The morning broke dull and cheerless,but soon a brilliant sun came out.What rather spoiled the prospect was the return of the wind which caused so much mischief last week-not quite so strong perhaps,but still wild enough to cause an amount of inconvenience.The visitors left Middlesbrough soon after noon as per express train,and reached their destination in good time.Play was announced to begin at 2 pm."

"When play did begin it was estimated that there were 8,000 people amassed round the arena."

"We stated that the teams were substantially the same as played the drawn game.As a matter of fact there was a slight change in their composition.Wynn,a Middlesbrough back and captain of the visitors,had been disabled.His place was taken by McCrie who so much distinguished himself at full back,and the vacancy was filled by Mr O.H.Cochrane,a rough but skillful player.Up to the last moment the question whether Millar could come was left in doubt,and it was only solved himself in propria persona." "The Sunderland team had also undergone some alteration,Hastings being replaced by R.Smith."

"The wind had now increased from a "capful" to half a gale,and strong,powerful gusts threatened to render true play almost impossible."

"At 2.15 Middlesbrough speedily drove up in a brake,and quickly donning their football vestiture,blue and white,entered the arena.No time was unnecessarily wasted in effectuating a start.Choosing the higher end of the ground,it was

anticipated that the visitors, with the wind as their support, would at once make a determined onslaught on the other side. Smith negotiated the ball, which was at once carried down the field, and Middlesbrough gained a corner, which Wilson put in the mouth of the home goal. It was rushed out by Oliver, but returned by Wilson, and the ball striking the uprights, went through, the visitors thus registering their first goal after one minute's play. The leather being once more in motion, again went back, and thence out of play. Kirtley took the goal kick. The punt out did not much assist Sunderland, as the visitors gained another corner. Davison collared the sphere, but the wind was so strong that he could not get beyond the home half. At length Monaghan rushed the ball forward, but Cochrane charged him roughly, and Monaghan fell. The spectators hissed the aggressor with vehemence, and greeted Monaghan with a cheer as he rose and rejoined his side. Meanwhile the ball had been conveyed close to the home goal. Kirtley caught it, and cleverly dodging Ewbank, who tried to push him through, and fell in the operation, sent the ball into play again. "Hands" was given for Middlebro' close to the Sunderland goal, and McCrie tried to score, but failed. Good combination on the part of the home right wing transferred the interest momentarily into the Middlesbrough half. Millar, however, stopped a capital run by Monaghan, and returned, Bach assisted in the operation, but Oliver repelled. A corner for Middlesbro' was the next event. The ball went out of play, but from the throw in Millar sent it right forward, and it was lifted over the bar. After some give and take play Wilson cleverly registered the second goal for the visitors. A free kick was subsequently taken by Millar, the ball travelling beyond the lines. Middlesbrough still pressed, and time after time Kirtley had to kick out without bringing much apparent relief. After some fierce scirmishing a further corner fell to the visitors, which, however, Dennis sent behind the posts. As a result of more play Fox shot for home, and Ford headed out. Monaghan and Gloag, by a splendid combined run, took the ball to the upper end of the field, where Millar went to the rescue, the home forwards being exposed to some unnecessary violence, which called forth demonstrations of the strongest disapproval from the spectators. Middlebrough returned to the charge and from another corner taken by Fox, Millar made an ineffective attempt to score."

"It is not too much to say that but for the fine defence of Kirtley in goal his charge must have succumbed repeatedly to the bombardment to which it was subjected."

"Still Middlesbrough could not add to their total, do what they might,..." "the whistle blew with the score-Middlesbrough 2 goals, Sunderland nil. With the change of ends, and the wind at their backs, it was confidently predicted that Sunderland would speedily put a different complexion upon affairs. As if in anticipation of it, there was a perceptible migration of the people to the lower end of the field. Borrie restarted, and Oliver returning, Millar made a poor punt out. Then McNellis fell, and Halliday scored the first goal for Sunderland. To state that the delight of the spectators was ecstatic is but to employ a feeble phrase of description. All hats were raised, and cheer after cheer peeled forth from eight thousand throats. Monaghan soon after had to retire hurt, but scarcely had he left the field when, from another rush, Sunderland registered their second goal in a whirlwind of excitement. Monaghan, after enjoying a momentary rest, resumed his

play forward. The rapid success of the home eleven seemed to have demoralised the visitors, and the enthusiasm broke out afresh as Stewart brushed McNellis aside, and Davison totalled the third goal for Sunderland. Shot after shot was sent in and the Middlesbrough men had to put all steam on to prevent further disaster."

"The visitors' goal was subjected to a hot siege, out of which Sunderland more than once seemed about to score. Corners were falling just as abundantly to the home side as in the first half they had fallen to their antagonists, and from one of these the leather struck the bar, and rebounded out of play."

"Sunderland, however, were not to be denied, and a fourth time out of a scrimmage in front of the visitors' goal the leather went through. The goal was disputed, but allowed as a valid one, to the immense delight of the crowd. Although the remainder of the game was all in favour of Sunderland, no further point occurred, and when the whistle blew the home side remained victors with the score-Sunderland 4 goals Middlesbrough 2 goals."

MH: "About ten minutes before time was called, Gloag by a splendid shot added another to the score.." (4th goal)

NDC: "When Sunderland played West End in the second round of the English Cup, the crowd was described as the largest that ever witnessed a game in the North, but the attendance on the Newcastle Road Ground, Sunderland, to see the above tie replayed beat all previous records. Right round the ropes the enthusiastic onlookers were about eight deep, and they behaved in the most orderly manner throughout. The interest centred in the match has been increased since the draw a week ago, when it became known that the winning team would receive a bye, and enter with the last sixteen for the trophy.

Both teams have undergone some alterations since last they met. In the Ironopolis team, Wynn was prevented from playing owing to an accident which happened to him whilst playing in the exciting game a week previously. His place was filled by McCrie, and Cochrane filled the vacancy caused by McCrie's elevation. In the home team Hastings was off, and Gloag partnered Monaghan on the left wing, Reuben Smith taking his accustomed position at centre forward.

The weather was much the same as last week, and although the wind was hardly so strong, yet again it interfered with good play. The game was started punctual to time-viz, at 2 o'clock. Middlesbrough won the toss, and elected to play from the high end of the field with the wind in their favour. Smith kicked off and Richardson sent the ball to the visitors' territory. The left wing drove it down and a corner was given against Sunderland. It was nicely kicked, but Gloag saved and sent up on the left wing. Monaghan passed up, and Fox returned and nicely centred. Wilson then scored first for Middlesbrough after about three minutes' play. The ball was kept in the home ground for some time. Stewart kicked well up, but Miller returned and a corner was obtained by the visitors. Smith met the kick and ran up the centre, Borrie took the ball from him and passed to the left wing, and Sunderland had to defend. Monaghan and Gloag rushed up the left wing, but

the wind was too strong for shooting, and Miller quickly returned again to Sunderland ground. Richardson was conspicuous for good kicking, but Cochrane sent the ball back, and Oliver saved a good shot. Hands were given for Middlesbrough near the home posts, but Halliday headed away splendidly. Smith passed up, and Walsh returned, Ford saving. Monaghan broke away, but could not keep the ball. Stewart got possession on the right wing, and carried the leather to the visitors' territory. Miller returned, and Ford took it to centre. Once more Gloag and Monaghan came away on the left, but McCrie sent back, and Middlesbrough got another corner, nothing resulting; but directly afterwards Ewbank shot, the ball just going over the post. The Sunderland forwards again drove the ball up the field, but scoring seemed impossible in such a strong wind. The ball was carried down the centre, and from a scrimmage, Fox added a second goal for Middlesbrough. This put new life into the Sunderland men, and a rush was made up the field. Some exciting play followed, but Miller ultimately returned to the home ground. Halliday headed away a good shot, and gave a corner, but it was badly kicked. Ford saved immediately a shot by Fox, and the latter kicked out. The Sunderland left wing then came away with a rush, and evading all opponents took the ball to the goal mouth, but failed to score. Smith followed up with a good run, but was stopped by Cochrane, who passed down, and Middlesbrough got another fruitless corner. Kirtley tossed out directly afterwards, and Oliver also saved a good shot. The ball was well returned, and the home custodian again fisted out. Walsh put the ball in, and Ford kicked out. Monaghan and Gloag were again to the front with a sharp run, but the Yorkshire backs were again on the alert, and saved. Dale and Richardson were now noticeable for passing, and Sunderland altogether seemed to play with renewed vigour. The visitors, however, worked in a most determined manner, and, before half-time was called, caused Kirtley to toss out more than once. Oliver and Ford were also to the front, and kicked out some good shots. Sunderland received a free kick from their own territory, but could not work up the field. Half-time was called with the score:-Sunderland none, Middlesbrough two goals.

After the interval, Halliday played centre forward, and Smith went half-back. Halliday took the ball down, and, scored for Sunderland, amidst tremendous excitement. Monaghan for the second time then got hurt in a scrimmage, and left the field for a few minutes. Sunderland directly afterwards made matters equal, and the cheering was continued for a long time. McNellis fisted out the next minute, and gave a corner, which was nicely kicked. Miller saved a shot by Richardson, and after some sharp play Halliday headed in the goal mouth. Stewart charged the goalkeeper, and Davison secured the third goal for Sunderland. Play continued very fast, and the visitors' custodian had to handle the ball again. Middlesbrough were then allowed hands from the centre. Ford returned the kick, and McCrie transferred the play to Sunderland territory. From the goal-kick Monaghan took the ball down, Davison shot, and the leather grazed the uprights. Borrie made a grand run up the centre. Ford stopped his career, and passed down. Sunderland got another corner, nothing resulting. Borrie and Wilson passed splendidly to Sunderland territory, and Oliver returned. Stewart centred the ball, and another sharp attack was made upon the visitors' posts. The custodian saved at the expense of a corner. Middlesbrough made several attempts to get away, but the home forwards, being well fed by the backs, outdid them at all points, and for a

long time McNellis and his supporters had to use all their defending tactics. Gloag sent in a shot, which struck the cross-bar and rebounded into play. Miller rushed across the goal mouth and saved. Sunderland then got hands, and McCrie headed out. Fox and Ewbank now made an incursion into the Sunderland ground, and looked like scoring. Richardson saved, but Fox returned and kicked out. Monaghan and Gloag rushed away down the left wing, and McNellis again fisted out. Sunderland got another corner off Miller, and from the kick Davison missed a chance. Stewart shot directly afterwards, and the goalkeeper kicked out. Sunderland claimed that the ball was through, but the referee decided against them. Halliday followed with a shot, but was too high. In the last few minutes the excitement amongst the crowd was beyond description. Sunderland thoroughly penned in their opponents, and got several more corners, and just before the final whistle blew a fourth goal was scored from a "scrum" in front of the posts. Time was then called, the score being:- Sunderland four goals, Middlesbrough two goals."

"After the match the teams partook of a dinner at the Royal Hotel, the headquarters of the Sunderland club. The victorious team was escorted from the field by an immense crowd, amidst tremendous cheering."

Sunderland: W. Kirtley (Goal); J. Oliver, P. Ford (Backs); J. Richardson, T. Halliday, F. Dale (Capt.) (Half backs); A. Davison, S. Stewart (Right Wing), Reuben Smith (Centre), R. Gloag, G. Monaghan (Left Wing).

Middlesbrough: B. F. McNellis (Goal); G. McCrie, George Millar (Backs); J. Walsh, O. H. Cochrane, T. Bach (Half Backs); W. Fox, Jackson Ewbank (Right Wing), Albert Borrie (Centre), R. Wilson, F. Dennis (Left Wing).

Referee: Stacey (Sheffield)

According to the Sunderland History pages 38/39:

"Middlesbrough made objections to the result on the grounds that certain Sunderland players, namely Monaghan, Hastings and Richardson had been paid for their services over and above what they earned at their employment; that several Scottish players were living at the Royal Hotel at the expense of the Club; and that the Club employed a professional trainer.

"The initial inquest to these charges, held at Darlington, ruled that Sunderland were innocent of all the charges but a full meeting of the Council in London on 14<sup>th</sup> January 1888, ruled that:

"After examining the Club's Minute, Subscription and Cash Books, certain Minutes relating to the renovation of the team were irregular, i.e. there being no provision for the election of members and an entry of a payment of thirty shillings in the cash book to Hastings, Monaghan and Richardson for train fares from Dumfries to Sunderland, coupled with other technical breaches of the Association Challenge Cup Rules that Monaghan, Hastings and Richardson had not been duly elected in accordance with the rules, the payment of thirty shillings was technical professionalism."

“The result of all this was to affirm the Darlington Commission’s report but in pursuance of a standing order the three men, Monaghan, Hastings and Richardson, were disqualified for three months. The Club was disqualified from the F.A. Cup but no suspension or cash penalty was enforced. The three players would be allowed to apply for re-instatement as amateurs.”  
(Middlesbrough were reinstated after 4<sup>th</sup> Round Draw: 14/1/88)

N.B. Sunderland Daily Echo 19/12/87 P.3; 20/12/87 P.4; and 21/12/87 P.8  
“Football in Sunderland” gives a history and a biography of the main players.

## SECOND DIVISION

ACCRINGTON 1 (\*Jack Yates/H.L. Fecitt)  
BLACKBURN ROVERS 3 (+E.W. Chadwick 2, N. Walton)  
(H.T. 1-0) (Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>) (At Accrington)

\*Reports differ +BRCR scorers, but Reports give various scorers.

Lancashire Evening Post 26/11/87 P.2-3/Preston Herald 30/11/87 P.3/  
Blackburn Standard 3/12/87 P.7/Sporting Life 28/11/87 P.4 Sportsman  
28/11/87 P.4/Accrington Complete Record P.339/340:

LEP: “Beresford, the Rovers’ right wing forward, was ineligible, having broken his residential qualification during the time he played with Church, and Rushton took his place. The spectators numbered about 6,000. The weather was fine but dull, and a strong wind was blowing. The Rovers were greeted with loud cheers on entering the field exactly at half past two, and the demonstration was resumed on the appearance of the Reds a minute later. The Rovers lodged a protest as to the width of the ground. Accrington won the toss and elected to play from the Accrington end of the field, with the wind in their favour. Douglas starting the ball, and the Reds speedily attacked, the leather being sent out of touch. Bonar dribbled nicely, but his effort went wide, and the ball remained in the Rovers’ territory, the visitors being unable to make much headway against the wind. Hands against the Rovers resulted in Suter conceding a corner, and a magnificent return by Stevenson was saved at the expense of another corner. The Rovers kept continually on the defensive. Townley broke away, but Stevenson saved, and play was carried to the other end, and from a throw by Howarth, the Reds gained another corner, which proved futile. Two or three attempts were made by the Reds, and a corner was well placed by Fecitt, the scrimmage resulting in another corner, from which a hard struggle was fought in front of the goal, Wilkinson ultimately shooting over the bar. Directly afterwards \*Fecitt scored with a low shot, amid great enthusiasm, the Accrington Volunteer Band striking up a lively tune. Still the pressure continued, and Douglas was hooted for deliberately kicking out. A rush by the Rovers was well stopped by Stevenson, and then Arthur frustrated a low shot just in the nick of time. Another determined effort by the Reds resulted in Yates kicking wide. Directly afterwards the ball struck the Rovers’ bar, and the Reds met with desperate hard lines. Arthur foiled a magnificent shot from Fecitt, and the Reds continued to menace the Rovers’ goal, the visitors scarcely ever getting past the half way mark. The Rovers’ defence,

however,was splendid,the backs kicking and heading capitally.Hands fell to Accrington right in the goal mouth,but Lofthouse headed wildly and the danger was averted.The Rovers gained a free kick for a foul by Conway,but Haworth returned,and Lofthouse made a splendid centre,the Reds having extremely hard lines.Arthur just scooped out a shot from Yates,and Suter headed out an effort from Haworth.The Rovers' forwards cantered down the field,and threatened the Accrington fortress,but Haworth came to the rescue.The Rovers again attacked, and Horne used his hands for the first time.Great excitement prevailed,and the Reds gained another fruitless corner.Half time was called with the game one nil in favour of the Reds.

\*SL:"Fecitt scored against his old comrades with a low shot."

\*PH:"Then Jonathan got hold,(passed) the leather to Fecitt,who in turn kicked the leather over to Yates,and the latter scored Accrington's first goal with a fine shot,which went through at the corner."

On the resumption the Rovers dashed towards the Accrington goal,and a hot shot just passed the posts.Some disultory play followed.The Rovers gained a free kick for hands in midfield,and Suter landed the ball in front of the Reds' goal,a corner resulting.Horne defended his charge cleverly,but shortly afterwards,after Horne had fisted out a low shot,Chadwick defeated him with a low shot,thus equalising matters.Scarcely had the cheers which greeted this performance died,ere Chadwick again scored,and directly afterwards Walton secured a third point, amid great excitement.The Reds broke away,but were repulsed,and the Rovers hovered again in Accrington territory.The Reds played spiritedly against the wind,and Yates made a fine run down the left wing,Douglas kicking out.Horne frustrated a clever shot,at the expense of a corner,and two more corners followed.A fine shot by Walton grazed the bar.The Reds defenced well,and several rushes were made by Yates and Fecitt,but their efforts were useless.The wind interfered considerably with scientific play.Result-Rovers 3,Accrington 1."

BS:"After the battle had been waging for the space of twenty minutes,Yates,with a well-judged low shot,scored the first goal.The followers of the "Reds" went completely wild with delight,whistling,shouting,and waving their hats in the most frantic manner,whilst those of the Rovers simply smiled at this outburst of enthusiasm.On resuming the "Reds" pressed their opponents in a most determined manner,the forwards playing a good game.The strong wind,however, interfered with the shooting,but notwithstanding this Arthur had some queer ones to stop.On one occasion he just scooped the ball round the upright,and on another he fell on the leather almost on the goal line,but although he had more than one opponent on his back,he was successful in putting the ball away at the expense of a corner.Not many runs were made by the Blackburn men,who could make no headway against the wind,so it was wisely decided to defend the goal rather than attempt to score,and that these tactics were in the end the best the result goes to prove.

When half-time arrived the Accringtonians had not increased their score,so the ardent followers of the Rovers were quite confident that they would soon be

taking the lead. Not much time was cut to waste, and away Conway sent the ball. The visitors' half-backs, however, easily stop the rush of the home forwards, and Rushton and Walton race away along the right, and after some exciting play in front of goal Southworth, with a grand shot, equalised the score, amidst the utmost excitement. Amid shouts of "play up Rovers" the visitors swarmed round Horne, and Chadwick quickly placed Rovers one in front. Directly the ball was returned Townley gained possession and sped away on the left, and his well judged centre was converted into a goal from Rushton. From now till the finish the Rovers pressed the home team severely, who scarcely ever broke away. Just before the cessation of hostilities Southworth sent the ball through for the fourth time, but was disallowed on a plea of off-side, and as nothing further transpired, the game ended in a victory for the Blackburn lads by three goals to one. (No teams)

Accrington: \*J.K.Horne(Goal); J.Stevenson, J.McLellan(Backs); P.Chippendale, J.T.Wilkinson, G.Haworth(Half Backs); J.M.Lofthouse, J.Bonar(Right Wing), Conway(Centre), Jack Yates, H.L.Fecitt(Left Wing).

\*Johnny Horne returned to Accrington in October 1887

SL:" ...Accrington have this season secured the services of the two most brilliant of the Rovers' forwards(Lofthouse and Fecitt).

Blackburn Rovers: J.W.H.Arthur(Goal); J.Beverley, F.Suter(Backs); A.Heyes, J.Douglas, J.H.Forrest(Half backs); W.Rushton, N.Walton(Right Wing), John Southworth(Centre), E.W.Chadwick, W.J.Townley(Left Wing).

BS:" .... it became known that Beresford would not occupy his usual place in the ranks of the "dark blues", the Rovers Committee having doubts as to whether he had broken the residential qualification"

(N.B. there was a protest by Accrington regarding professionalism of W.J.Townley of Blackburn Rovers which was adjourned to an Executive Committee :Sheffield Daily Telegraph 8/12/87 P.8).

Accrington's protest against Blackburn Rovers as regards Rushton and Southworth was not sustained and as regards Townley was referred to a Commission on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at Sheffield.

At that Commission on 14/12/87 Accrington's protest regarding Townley of Blackburn not being an amateur was adjourned until December 19<sup>th</sup> (Blackburn anyway having a bye):not sustained.

DARWEN 1 (J.Shorrocks)

WITTON 1(J.Horsefield)

(H.T. 1-1)(Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>)(At Barley Bank)

Cricket & Football Field 26/11/87 P.4/Blackburn Standard 3/12/87 P.7/Preston Herald 30/11/87 P.3/ Lancashire Evening Post 26/11/87 P.3/Sporting Life 28/11/87 P.4:

BS:"On Saturday there were about 3,000 spectators at Barley Bank,when these clubs played their cup tie.The leather was put in motion at 2.50 by Witton,who defended the Alexandra goal.Darwen had the first run up,but the visitors' forwards soon worked the leather near to Holden's charge.Play waxed very fast,Holden,in the home goal,fisting out a long shot in splendid style,the same player distinguishing himself a minute later by clearing his charge from a corner. Witton pressed very much,and eventually Horsefield scored for them,the Blackburn onlookers cheering this success vociferously.Darwen just now were having slightly the worst of matters,two corners falling to the visitors,both of which were of no avail.A smart run by J.Shorrocks and Smith gave Howard Shorrocks the leather in front,which he headed into Sharples' hands,the latter throwing it out just in the nick of time.Then Holden had to use his hands,giving a corner when doing so.This was followed by some clever play on the part of Rostron and his right wing companions,and the leather being crossed over, J.Shorrocks,at the second attempt,made the game equal amid loud hurrahs.The game became very exciting after this,and both goalkeepers had to negotiate shots.Once again Holden was very smart between the sticks,the visiting forwards being clustered all around him.This brought about half time,with the score one goal each.

On re-starting Darwen got the leather towards the Witton goal,but the defenders of the latter were all there,and Horsefield was again dangerous.Some nice play by Owen enabled J.Shorrocks to centre the leather and the ball was banded about Sharples' citadel,the last-named saving well.Witton wakened up, and Holden had to knock out,but the Darwen left took the ball up,and it was put through the Witton posts,but no goal was allowed,on account of off-side play. The game,which was well contested to the finish,ended in a draw of a goal each."

Darwen:W.Holden(Goal);Leach,J.C.Holden(Backs);A.Thornber,D.Owen, T.Marsden (Half Backs);Howard Shorrocks,Tot Strachan(Right Wing), Tot Rostron (Centre),J.W. Smith,J.Shorrocks(Left Wing)

+Preston Herald 30/11/87 P.3:"Dr J.Holden,of the Edinburgh University,filled the place of Marsden,the full back."(Editorial)

Witton:W.H.Sharples(Goal);F.Shorrock,F.Smith(Backs);Whiteside,W.Almond, E.Pickering (Half Backs);R.Haresnape,T.Grimshaw(Right Wing),J.Horsefield (Centre),E.Turner,R.Hothersall(Left Wing).

Referee:J.J.Bentley(Bolton).

REPLAY:Sat Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> :

WITTON 0

DARWEN 2 (Dimmock ,H.Shorrocks)(H.T. 0-1)(At Witton)

Blackburn Standard 10/12/87 P.7/Cricket & Football Field 3/12/87 P.4/  
Preston Herald 7/12/87 P.7/Lancashire Evening Post 3/12/87 P.2-3/Field  
10/12/87 P.896/Sporting Life 5/12/87 P.4:

LEP: "After making a drawn game last Saturday week on the ground of the latter in this competition, these teams again met on the Witton ground, Blackburn, in the third round of the competition. Very great interest was manifested in the match, and fairly 5,000 or 6,000 people assembled to witness the battle. The Wittonian supporters fully anticipated success, and the team had the advantage of playing on their own ground, which was in a fair condition. There was no wind to interfere with play.

Dimmock, for the visitors, started the game, but the ball was sent towards their own quarters. The Darweners were becoming dangerous, but the Witton backs saved. The Wittonians pressed for two or three minutes, and after the Darweners had made a futile attempt at the other end, Holden, for the visitors, had to rush out to save. The visiting forwards made a magnificent rush, and after about 15 minutes' play, Dimmock sent in an electric shot, which passed Sharples amid wild enthusiasm. After the ball was again kicked off, the Darweners all but scored. Darwen pressed, and then the home left pair got away, and would have succeeded in scoring but for a timely kick by Leach. The home team again got away, and Hothersall sent in a splendid overhead kick which Holden was forced to fust out. The ball went past the post, but the corner proved futile. The home team had to concede two corners in rapid succession, but they proved unsuccessful. A good shot by Strachan just grazed the Wittonians' crossbar. At this moment Haresnape had the misfortune of getting his nose burst, and retired from the field for a few minutes. The visitors secured hands near the Witton goal, but the leather was got away. Some dangerous play then took place near the visitors' stronghold, but for safety the sphere was sent over the boundary. The home team tried hard to score, and when the whistle blew for half time they were having the best of the play. At half time the score stood-Darwen 1, Witton 0.

On the resumption the Darweners travelled into the home territory, and then the Witton left got away, and for a few minutes some exciting play took place near the Darweners' goal. The chance, however, was spoiled by Whiteside kicking past the post. Haresnape now made a good run, but his try was frustrated by the backs. The sphere was taken near the Witton goal, and Sharples came in for a round of applause for the magnificent style in which he threw out when one of his opponents was within three yards of him. J. Shorrocks, Smith, and Strachan ran the ball up, and the former kicked over the bar. The game for a while was very exciting, each stronghold being alternately attacked. Subsequently the Witton forwards pushed well up, and Grimshaw had a certain opportunity, being on the goal line, but Holden saved in the nick of time. The home team kept the ball past the half-way flag, and Whiteside and Haresnape experienced hard lines in not scoring, Thornber sending the ball out of play. J. Shorrocks placed the sphere in the Witton goal, but H. Shorrocks spoiled the opportunity by heading past the uprights. Excitement amongst the spectators and players had now got to boiling point, and Hothersall and Thornber, who had previously shown great animosity towards

each other, commenced to fight. The spectators in hundreds at once rushed on the field, and the game was stopped for about ten minutes. The field was ultimately cleared, and the game went on. The home team kept the play in their opponents' quarters, and then the visiting couple made a dangerous run, and the ball being placed by J. Shorrocks and H. Shorrocks, the latter made a second point for the visitors within about seven minutes of time. Smith and H. Shorrocks again became dangerous, and the latter, a second after the whistle blew for a claim of offside, made a third goal, which was disallowed. The game was unusually exciting. Result- Darwen 2, Witton, 0."

C&FF: "The competitors were not the same as played in the match a week ago, Rostron and Holden being absent from the Darwen ranks, Dimmock and Ashworth taking their places."

Witton: W.H. Sharples (Goal); F. Shorrocks, F. Smith (Backs); Whiteside, W. Almond, E. Pickering (Half Backs); R. Haresnape, T. Grimshaw (Right Wing), J. Horsefield (Centre), E. Turner, R. Hothersall (Left Wing).

Darwen: W. Holden (Goal); J. Ashworth, Leach (Backs); A. Thornber, D. Owen, T. Marsden (Half Backs); H. Shorrocks, Tot Strachan (Right Wing), Dimmock (Centre), J.W. Smith, J. Shorrocks (Left Wing).

Referee: Evans (Liverpool).

### THIRD DIVISION

HIGHER WALTON 1 (Blackburn)  
BOOTLE 6 (Hastings 4, J. Wilding, R. Anderson)  
(H.T. 0-4) (Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>) (At Higher Walton, nr Preston)

N.B. PH has Anderson scoring the second of Hastings goals.

Liverpool Mercury 28/11/87 P.7/Lancashire Evening Post 26/11/87 P.3/Cricket & Football Field 26/11/87 P.4/Preston Herald 30/11/87 P.7:

LM: "This was a third round tie of the National Cup competition, Bootle having defeated South Shore the previous Saturday. The match was played at Higher Walton, nr Preston, but owing to counter attractions, there were only some 500 spectators present (C&FF: "the North End and Everton match proving a strong attraction"). A high wind interfered with the play, and the Bootle men had to start one short, as Lewis had missed his train, though he arrived some little time after. A start was made at three o'clock (half an hour late) and the home team kicked off against the wind. The Walton goal was immediately attacked by Morris, whose shot just went outside. From the goal kick the Preston men became the aggressors, and Andy Watson and Veitch were sorely troubled for a time. ++ They ultimately cleared the danger, and gave the ball to Hastings, who made a fine run up the field, ending with a futile shot at goal. A scrimmage ensued in the Bootle goal mouth, which ended by W. Mather kicking over. The Bootle forwards broke away, and, after some pretty passing, Anderson shot right into Chapman's hands.

That player cleared, but Wilding returned the ball, and Daly conceded a corner. This proved futile, but still the visitors pressed, and Lewis and Anderson both shot wide. The home backs ultimately cleared, and the forwards getting to the visitors' end, Jackson shot into his namesake's hands. The latter was all there, however, and shifted the ball in fine style. His forwards took up the running, and getting to the home citadel, a scrimmage ensued, Hastings finally putting the leather through, and thus securing the first goal for Bootle. A claim that he was offside was disallowed. Inspired with this success the Bootle forwards again took up the attack and gained a corner. This also proved abortive. Then the home team had a look in, Iddon sending in a rattling shot, and a most exciting scrimmage took place in the vicinity of their fortress, the visiting forwards attacking with great vigour. Shot after shot was sent in, but the custodian and backs were in good form, and succeeded in saving their charge from further disaster. The play was exceedingly fast, and some grand play was shown by both sides, the backs and forwards showing good form. The Bootle forwards were fairly on the job, and getting hold of the ball, ran it to the Walton end, where Daly was forced to give a corner. This was taken by Wilding, who placed it right in the goal mouth. Chapman attempted to fist it out, but it was too high for him and he only touched it with his fingers, the leather sailing through, and scoring the second goal for Bootle. The latter were now playing superior football to their opponents, and directly after, from a corner, Hastings scored the third goal, amidst loud applause from the small band of Liverpool spectators. The Bootle forwards well held the reins, and attacked time after time. Indeed a perfect battery was kept up on the home goal, and had it not been for the magnificent play of Chapman, numerous goals would have been recorded. As it was, he kept them out in a perfectly wonderful fashion. The pressure was too severe for him to contend against, however, and ultimately Hastings defeated him for the fourth time, from a pass by Anderson (PH: "Anderson scored the fourth goal"). The home team made strenuous attempts to score, but were unsuccessful, and the interval arrived with them in a minority of four goals. On resuming, the home team, urged on by their supporters, made straight for their opponents' goal, and Blackburn scored amid loud applause. Bootle then attacked, and Anderson headed through from a corner well put in by Morris. Walton then gained a corner, but nothing came of it. For the next 15 minutes, Bootle had by far the best of the game. Several shots were poured in on Chapman's corner, Hastings playing a brilliant game, but the custodian repelled them one by one, and it was not until 10 minutes before the conclusion that the visitors again scored, Hastings making the final shot. The home team played up spiritedly and tried all they knew to make an impression on the Bootle goal. However, their efforts were all in vain, Veitch and Frank Wood defending grandly, and ultimately the Bootle team won-6 to 1."

++From here on the Report is exactly the same as the C&FF Report

Higher Walton: Chapman (Goal); Daly, J. Mather (Backs); Baldwin, Rose, J. Coulston (Half Backs); Jackson, Iddon (Right Wing), W. Mather (Centre), Naylor, Blackburn (Left Wing).

Bootle:J.Jackson(Goal);Andy Watson,T.Veitch(Backs);F.Woods,J.Holt,A.Allsop (Half Backs),J.Wilding,T.Morris(RightWing),B.Lewis(Centre),R.Anderson, Hastings(Left Wing).

Referee:Sam Ormerod.

Lancashire Evening Post 30/12/87 P.2:"The inquiry into the protest lodged by Great Bridge Unity against Bootle, arising out of the fourth round of the English Cup, was held last evening at the Compton Hotel, Liverpool. The commissioners present were Dr Morley (Blackburn), Mr Crump (Birmingham), and Mr M.P. Betts (London). The protest against Watson and Hastings was dismissed, but a meeting will be held next Tuesday by the Football Council to enquire into charges made against Veitch, Holt, Lewis, and Anderson."

PRESTON NORTH END 4(F.Dewhurst,J.D.Ross 2,J.Goodall)  
HALLIWELL 0  
(H.T. 2-0)(Sat Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>)(At Preston)

Lancashire Evening Post 3/12/87 P.2/Preston Herald 7/12/87 P.7/Cricket & Football Field 3/12/87 P.4/Sportsman 5/12/87 P.4/Field 10/12/87 P.896:

LEP:"The afternoon was beautifully fine, but the gate was not near so large as on the previous week, when Everton were the visitors in the second round. This was no doubt accountable by the fact that the teams had previously met on the same ground, when the Prestonians won by 10 goals to one. The attendance was only about 5,000.

The North End skipper won the toss, and Mullen started uphill just 13 minutes late. Halliwell started with great dash, and the home side had soon to kick from goal, a performance quickly followed by a grand run by Gordon, whom Walkinshaw spoiled just when in the act of shooting. The game was, however, kept in the visitors' quarters, and from a couple of corners, both Gordon and Jimmy Ross had shots, the former planting the ball right into Fairclough's hand. Jimmy Ross missed scoring off a grand middle by Drummond, and then in a rush for the home citadel Howarth fouled just in front. The kick, however, availed the Boltonians nothing, as Weir kicked high over the bar. The North End again returned to the attack, but the halves and forwards lacked their usual combination. The Halliwell defence was most stubborn, both Fairclough and the backs playing a most perfect game. +Sandy put in a long try, which the custodian cleared well with Drummond on him. Another rush was made, Fairclough this time picking up the ball from the goal line, and throwing away. The ice was broken at the end of a quarter of an hour's play. Ross completely beat Hay and Crombie, and passing forward to Drummond, that player gave his partner a chance when just in front of goal. \*The Corinthian, when Lucas and Robb were closing, on his shot touching both Fairclough's fingers and the cross-bar. The same side still continued to press, and it was plainly visible that they were pulling themselves together. When the game was 20 minutes' old Jimmy Ross shot the ball, striking Lucas's legs, and rebounding back again to the little demon's feet. This time he let fly with all his might, and Fairclough never saw the ball until it

had landed amongst the spectators. Halliwell now seemed to devote their energies to defending. The shooting of the home side was remarkably strong, Ross being particularly brilliant. Drummond once ran clean round Lucas, and shooting, compelled Fairclough, in order to save, to give a corner. This was futile, but in the next few minutes, both Goodall, Drummond, and Graham were within an ace of scoring. Fairclough's defence alone prevented further scoring. The Halliwell forwards, five minutes before half time, broke away, but Ross pulled the right wing and centre up grandly, transferring the game into the Halliwell quarters again. In the last minute before half time the Halliwellians pulled together and got well in front of Addison. The right pair got past Ross, but Russell fell back, and from a pass by Crombie, headed away, and half time sounded-North End 2, Halliwell 0.

When hostilities were resumed, Durham stopped a sure goal by Gordon, with his abdomen, the result of which was that he was completely winded for a short time. Fairclough was next heartily cheered for a grand save with the ball on the line, but at the end of eight minutes he was beaten by Goodall with a scorching shot from close quarters, in attempting to stop which, he strained himself in the groin. After two or three near things by the North End, the visiting forwards got away, Hewitson putting in a grand long shot, from which Addison just managed to turn the ball aside, thereby giving a corner. This was well placed, but cleared, only to be returned, Addison finally effecting a timely clearance. At the other end, Dewhurst and Drummond accompanied by Goodall, had passed all the opposing backs, and when just as Goodall was about to shoot, out rushed Fairclough, who cleared with a grand kick. Again the Halliwellians broke away, but their endeavours ever failed. Pressure by North End succeeded, and once Drummond put the sphere through, but a previous claim for offside against Gordon was successful. Howarth gave Halliwell a corner at the end of 40 minutes. Goodall took the ball up the left wing, and passing in to Jimmy Ross, he beat Fairclough for the fourth time with one of his electrifiers. Halliwell now had a look in, the right pair overcoming Ross, and getting well in. Hay putting in, an attempt which called forth Addison, who cleared with a grand kick. The other side custodian next saved at the corner of his goal. The game ended with the result-North End 4, Halliwell 0." +??? \*F. Dewhurst

PH: "This tie was played at Deepdale, on Saturday, in fine weather, before about 5,000 spectators. The home team won the toss, and elected to play down-hill with the wind. The visitors kicked off at 2.42-twelve minutes after the advertised time-the game being immediately taken to the visitors' quarters, but Weir and Hewitson soon troubled Howarth, and good passing by Crombie, Hay, and Mullen resulted in the ball being played over the home lines. From the kick-off the North End forwards rushed to the other end, where Gordon's attempt was spoiled by Walkinshaw. A corner followed to the home left, Gordon sending in a stinging shot, which made Fairclough concede another similar point. Drummond gave Ross, jun., a good chance in front of goal, which was missed, but a minute later the last-named player shot over. Hay and Crombie now came up the right grandly, and were dangerous, until "hands" were given against the visitors in front, the free kick coming to nothing. So far North End had been playing loosely, but for a short time after this the ball was well controlled by the home forwards, and Ross, jun., finished a long attack by grazing the bar, Lucas, Robb, and the half-backs defending in first-rate style. A free kick enabled Ross to land the ball in the goal

mouth, but Fairclough defended well; then he saved a low one from Goodall on the line; but after a beautiful bit of tackling by Ross, Drummond parted to Dewhurst, who shot through, Fairclough just reaching the ball with the tip of his fingers. First goal in 15 minutes. Both teams were now playing a first-rate game, and there was some grand passing and tackling. Five minutes from the last point the home right passed well, and though Robb stopped them once, Ross, jun. succeeded in scoring a second goal with a long shot. The Halliwell men after this tried again and again to get near Addison, but Ross, Howarth, and the three halves were in rare form, the captain being more than once applauded. Robb and Fairclough several times stopped attempts by the home forwards. Once from a corner Graham headed over the bar, then the home forwards grazed the bar from a free kick, and Goodall looked dangerous when he was neatly relieved by Lucas. A rush by Russell landed the ball to Dewhurst, and he parting to Drummond, the latter struck the crossbar, a fruitless corner resulting. The home team were now doing most of the pressing, the visitors' backs being very safe. A centre by Drummond was headed in by Goodall, but Fairclough cleared, as he did another warm one from Graham. Two more corners were conceded to the home team, their half-backs and backs keeping their forwards in almost constant possession. Walkinshaw nearly put the ball through his own goal, a corner resulting, and then Weir, Crombie, and Hay had to be turned back. Dewhurst slipped right in front of Fairclough, the latter being pressed for a good while amid some amusement, but the defence continued excellent. Near the interval Halliwell broke away, the ball for a few minutes hovering near Addison, owing to the exertions of Crombie, Hewitson, and Weir, but the defence was too good, and the whistle sounded with the score-North End 2, Halliwell 0."

Immediately on the re-start the home forwards got near Fairclough, where a swift shot from Gordon was unwittingly stopped by Durham's body. Hot shots were saved by Fairclough, who gave a corner for one from Dewhurst. Then Mullen dashed away to the other end, but was ruled off-side, though he sent a warm one over the crossbar. The ball was at once taken to the visitors' quarters, where Goodall recorded a third goal rather easily. Fairclough evidently straining himself while trying to reach the ball. Halliwell never lost their presence of mind, and at last their forwards broke away, getting round Ross. Hewitson put in a good shot, which Addison put round the post, and from the corner Crombie mullied by shooting over the bar. Addison had again to save, but the ball was then taken to the other end by the home left, Fairclough again saving grandly amid applause. Passing by the home forwards was nullified by the visitors, and Walkinshaw giving to his forwards, the game was again taken to the home quarters. Robertson and Howarth returned, and after a run Ross jun.'s shot rebounded off Lucas. A couple of corners followed to the home team, but once more Halliwell raced to the other end, the ball going out. Drummond at the other end put the ball through, but Gordon was ruled off-side, and the point was disallowed. Halliwell played up well after this, and Howarth had to concede a corner, but the ball was taken to the other end by Drummond and Dewhurst, and Gordon passed to Ross, jun., the latter scoring a fourth goal six or seven minutes before time. Addison after this had to clear a good shot from Hay, and Ross and the other backs were kept busy for a minute, but North End kept the upper hand till the finish, and won by four goals to none."

Preston North End:Addison(Goal);R.H.Howarth,N.J.Ross(Backs);A.Robertson,  
D.Russell,J.Graham(Half Backs);J.B.Gordon,J.D.Ross (Right Wing),J.Goodall  
(Centre),F.Dewhurst,G.Drummond(Left Wing).

Halliwell:W.Fairclough(Goal);J.Lucas,J.Robb(Backs);J.Derham,H.McDougall,  
J.Walkinshaw (Half Backs);J.Crombie,D.Hay(Right Wing),Mullen(Centre),  
J.Hewitson, D.Weir(Left Wing).

Referee:R.P.Gregson(Secretary ,Lancashire Association).

#### FOURTH DIVISION

STOKE 3 (A.Edge,L.Ballham,\*J.Owen)  
OSWESTRY 0  
(H.T. 1-0)(Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>)(At Stoke)

Wrexham Advertiser 3/12/87 P.3:

#### CHECK OSWESTRY ADVERTISER

(Conformed to Stoke History except J.Owen not W.Owen)(No Owen initial in WA  
but always J.Owen in AFS)

WA:"This match in the third round of the above competition took place at Stoke,  
on Saturday,the home team winning by 3 goals to nil."

Lancashire Evening Post 26/11/87 P.3(No lineups):"At Stoke.The visitors kicked  
off,and even play followed.Stoke, however,began to press,and scored after 30  
minutes' play,by the aid of Edge.Stoke continued to press,and at half time they  
led by one to none.Stoke played the best game,Ballham scoring the second goal  
after ten minutes.The visitors played better in the second half,but were  
overmatched.Result-Stoke 3;Oswestry 0."(No teams)

Sheffield Evening Telegraph 26/11/87 P.3:"This match was played at Stoke to-  
day.The game proceeded slowly for 25 minutes,when the home team pulled  
themselves together,and Edge scored for Stoke.The latter now pressed  
severely,and got three corners.Stoke continued to attack,but Gough kept goal  
wonderfully well.Stoke were unable to add to their score,and at half-time the  
game was-Stoke one,Oswestry none.

After changing ends Balham added another for Stoke,and Lawton scored a good  
No 3,leaving the pottery team,after a one-sided game,easy winners.Final score :-  
Stoke 3 goals,Oswestry 0 goals."(No teams)

Stoke:W.Rowley(Goal);T.Clare,A.Underwood(Backs);W.Holford,G.Shutt(Capt.),  
E.Smith;J.Sayer,L.Ballham(Right Wing),G.Lawton(Centre),W.Owen,A.Edge(Left  
Wing).

Oswestry:R.T.Gough(Goal);Seth Powell(Capt.),G.Plimley (Backs);T.Davies, W.Howell,J.Morris(Half Backs);J.Roach,H.W.Sabine(Right Wing),J.Evans (Centre), G.Evans J.H.Williams(Left Wing).

Umpires:Johnson for Stoke and A.Farmer for Oswestry.  
Referee:T.Bryan(Wednesbury).

DAVENHAM 2 (Rowbotham 2)  
CHIRK 2 (J.Rogers,W.Owen)  
(H.T. 2-2)(Sat Nov 19<sup>th</sup>)(At Davenham)

Sporting Life 21/11/87 P.4/Wrexham Advertiser 26/11/87 P.8/Field 26/11/87 P.824:

#### CHECK OSWESTRY ADVERTISER

SL:"These Welsh and Cheshire clubs met to decide their tie at Davenham on Saturday.Both teams were fully represented,and a capitally-contested game was the result.Williams kicked off for Chirk,but the ball was well returned and Chirk territory invaded.The ball,however,was sent beyond the goal-line.Then Chirk had a look in,and a shot was made at Davenham's fortress,but Leather saved.Chirk pressed for a few minutes,and then the ball was taken in front of Chirk's uprights,and Rowbotham missed an easy chance of scoring by shooting wildly over the bar.Chirk had a corner,given by Leather,but it came to nothing.Chirk still maintained the pressure,and Leather had several times to save.Davenham then got busy,and Povey running out to clear his goal,gave Rowbotham another opportunity,which he seized,and shot first goal for the home team.About four minutes afterwards the same player added a second goal.This put Chirk upon their mettle,and out of a scrummage Rogers got first goal for Chirk.W.Owen next got possession,and with a swift,low shot,equalised the score.Two corners in favour of Davenham proved fruitless,and two given to Chirk were equally devoid of result,and as nothing else was done in the way of scoring,the game ended in a draw of two goals each."

WA:"These teams met at Davenham on Saturday to decide who should enter the next round of the above competition.Chirk,having lost the toss,kicked off,and the home team soon scored two goals,which might have been frustrated,but before half time the visitors made matters even.In the second portion both teams strove hard to gain the coveted point,the visitors doing the greater amount of pressing, but when time was announced no further point was scored,and the game remained a draw."(No teams)

F:"Played at Davenham on Saturday,a capital game resulting in a draw,each side securing two goals."

Davenham:F.Leather(Goal);H.Goulding,Moss(Backs);W.H.Doulton,A.Pye,Colley (Half Backs);R.Leather,Rowbotham(Right Wing),T.Roberts (Centre),L.Stringer, Stanley(Left Wing).

Chirk :Povey(Goal);T.Wynne,D.Jones(Backs);P.Griffiths,J.Wise,J.Jones(Half Backs);W.Owen,J.Rogers(Right Wing),T.Williams(Centre),G.Owen,G.Griffiths (Left Wing).

Umpires:M.Earlam(Davenham) and T.E.Thomas(Chirk).  
Referee:Lythgoe(Liverpool).

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

CHIRK 6 (J.Rogers,P.Griffiths 2,T.Williams,W.Owen,A.N.Other)  
DAVENHAM 1 (T.Roberts )(H.T. 5-0)(At Chirk)

(Oswestry Advertiser:has W.Owens,T.Williams 3,J.Rogers 2 as scorers??)

Wrexham Advertiser 3/12/87 P.3/KR Source:Oswestry Advertiser CHECK:

WA:"Having played a drawn game the previous Saturday the above teams again met,at Chirk on Saturday.There was a fairly good attendance.There was a very strong wind blowing across the ground and at times this made good play out of the question.The Chirk won the toss,and played with the wind in their favour.The ball was kicked off soon after the time announced,and Rogers made a run,finally sending it over the line.Chirk still continued to press,and P.Griffiths managed to place the ball between the uprights,but the goal was disallowed as being offside. From the kick off the ball was transferred to the other side of the ground,and subsequently landed out.A corner fell to the home team,and W.Owen having neatly placed the ball,it was got into very dangerous quarters by the aid of the wind,which was blowing strongly at the time,but the visitors were well in their goal,and once more prevented its downfall.Directly after J.Rogers scored the first goal for the home team.After several more attacks on the part of the home team, one or two breakaways for the visitors,Wise and P.Griffiths worked the ball well,and the latter beat Leather,scoring number two,and shortly afterwards a third.As soon as it was restarted George Griffiths took a shot,and the ball striking the bar,rebounded into play,and T.Williams,who was well to the fore,added a fourth goal.Offside was given against the home team near to the Davenham goal.W.Owen sent in a hard shot,which fell on the bar and rolled behind. T.Williams ran into the goal and shot into Leather's hands,and the latter had only just time to relieve himself of it before W.Owen came up and kicked goal number five.The home centre was in possession of the ball close to the Davenham goal when half time was called.

Play having been restarted,the home team for the first few minutes began to press,and George Griffiths sent the ball out again.George Griffiths next took the kick for hands,and sent the leather between the uprights,but no one having touched it,the point was disallowed.Roberts,the visitors' centre,made a creditable run,but D.Jones relieved the pressure by a long kick which transferred the ball into the back division of Davenham.Rowbotham and R.L Leather made a good run,the latter kicking the ball behind the lines.After a throw in for Chirk hands were declared for Davenham near their goal,and from this kick Stringer and his partner worked well up their wing,but Wynn relieved.Stringer soon had

another chance, and having centred the ball close against the goal after a little play it was kicked behind. After a corner for Davenham the ball was got out of dangerous quarters. Stringer again centred, and D. Jones headed it out. Play for a little while was confined to the centre of the ground, until Roberts kicked the leather into the Chirk goal, and Povey had a difficult task in making his defence sure. Stringer after despatching W. Owens and Jesse Rogers, sent in a hard and swift ground shot, which T. Roberts caught in time, and scored the first and only goal for Davenham. Wise soon afterwards placed the ball between the Davenham posts, but the whistle had been previously blown for hands, and the goal was not allowed. Stringer sent in another good shot, and Roberts had a nice chance, but he failed. At the call of time no more goals were scored, and the home team won a one-sided game by six goals to one." (No record of the sixth goal being scored)

Lancashire Evening Post 26/11/87 P. : "Played at Chirk this afternoon. Roberts started the ball for Davenham against the wind, and Chirk at once began to press. After Griffiths had shot an off-side goal, W. Owen scored one against which nothing could be urged. Williams got two more, and Rogers added another. Nothing else was scored up to half-time, when the score stood-Chirk five; Davenham none.

After changing ends Roberts shot one for Davenham and Williams another for Chirk. Nothing else was scored, the result being in favour of Chirk. Final score:- Chirk six goals, Davenham 1 goal."

Chirk: Povey (Goal); T. H. Wynne, D. Jones (Backs); P. Griffiths, J. Wise, J. Jones (Half Backs); W. Owen, J. Rogers (Right Wing), T. Williams (Centre), G. Griffiths, G. Owens (Left Wing). (WA specified positions)

Davenham: F. Leather (Goal); H. Goulding, Moss (Backs); Johnson, A. Pye, Colley (Half Backs); Rowbotham, R. Leather (Right Wing), T. Roberts (Centre), L. Stringer, Stanley (Left Wing). (WA specified positions)

Umpires: T. E. Thomas for Chirk and Earlam for Davenham.  
Referee: Unreadable

CREWE ALEXANDRA, a bye.

## FIFTH DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM EXCELSIOR 1 (Sprayson)

GREAT BRIDGE UNITY 2 (J. Evans, E. Martin) (H.T 1-1) (Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>) (At Fentham Road, Birchfield)

Birmingham Daily Post 28/11/87 P.6/Sporting Life 28/11/87 P.4:

BDP: "These teams met at Fentham Road. There was a small attendance of spectators. In the first half the Excelsior played downhill, with a strong wind in their favour. After about ten minutes' play the Unity made a rush for the Excelsior's goal, and Evans, by a swift shot, scored. The game after this was slightly

in favour of the Excelsior. Both teams played well, but neither was able to score until a few minutes before call of half time, when +Farnham got possession, and made a beautiful run down the wing, and finished by sending the ball in the mouth of the goal. Sprayson ran up just in time, and succeeded in putting it between the posts, thus equalising matters.

On crossing over the Unity at once made an attack on the Excelsior's goal, and after a bit of play Martin scored. Some give-and-take-play followed. Towards the close the Excelsior severely taxed the defence of the visitors, and several good attempts to score were made, but all proved abortive. The game thus ended in favour of the Great Bridge Unity by 2 goals to 1." +Farnaux?

SL: "There was a goodly number of spectators present at Fentham-road, Birmingham, on Saturday, to witness this match, in the third round of the English cup competition. The Great Bridge Unity have a good record for the present season and a close game was anticipated. The Excelsior played down hill in the first half, and had a strong wind in their favour, but notwithstanding this the Unity at once made a rush on their adversaries' citadel, and in ten minutes Evans, with a swift shot, had registered a point to the credit of Great Bridge. Then the Excelsior played up, and an improvement was visible. A rattling good game was witnessed, and a few minutes before half-time, Farnham, after a pretty run, scored for the Excelsior, thus equalising.

In the second half the Unity went off with a rush, and Martin scored a second point, again placing them in the ascendancy. Subsequently the Excelsior tried hard to notch another point, but were unsuccessful, and the Unity won by two goals to one."

Birmingham Excelsior: B.E. Joynt (Goal); Siddons, Eagles (Backs); F. Lee, Lovesay, G. Kendricks (Half Backs); Sprayson, +R. Devey (Right Wing), Young (Centre), A. Farnaux, Genever (Left Wing)

+John Devey? P. 120 Lost Teams of the Midlands RESEARCH

Great Bridge Unity: T. Saunders (Goal); Powell, E. Rowley (Backs); H. Burns, Clansey, C. Mill(w)ard (Half Backs); E. Martin, W. Pittaway (Right Wing), D. Smith (Centre), J. Evans, J. White (Left Wing),.

(Clansey: G. Smith in KR Source unknown)

Umpires: J. Cooper and W.C. Sowerberry.  
Referee: Chaplin, Derby.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 2 (W.I. Bassett, J.J. Wilson)  
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 0  
(H.T. 0-0) (Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>) (At Stoney Lane, West Bromwich)

Birmingham Daily Post 28/11/87 P.6/Sporting Life 28/11/87 P.4/Sportsman 28/11/87 P.4:

## FIND WOLVERHAMPTON PAPER

BDP: "Seven thousand persons witnessed this match, which was played on the Stoney Lane Ground, West Bromwich. As was anticipated a tough struggle was the result of the meeting, but the game from the scientific point of view, was disappointing. When two clubs of the calibre of the Albion and Wanderers meet one expects to see a model game, but that was not the case on Saturday. During the first half the forward play of either side was of a pretty poor description. It lacked combination and partook rather of the kick and rush style. A huge kick would be made by one of the backs, and the forwards would rush in and try to carry the goal by storm. It must, however, be confessed that the wind militated against very accurate passing, still it did not utterly prevent it. In the second half the forward play improved, especially that of the Albion, of whom Bassett, the extreme right wing man, was the pick."

"Bayliss kicked off uphill, and with the wind in his face. Play was for a time of a give and take description, but the backs ably defended the goal approaches. Then Askin and Wilson worked the ball up the left wing, and gained a corner kick, but the Wanderers cleared their goal. A foul was given against the home team, in the middle of the field, and Allen placed the ball well into the goal, but Shaw missed a good chance, and Aldridge kicked out. The ball was taken out of danger by Wilson, who placed it nicely to Bayliss. He and Woodhall carried it towards the visitors' goal, but Mason rushed between them, and took the ball with him. The next moment it was bobbling about in the vicinity of Roberts' charge, and ultimately Griffiths headed the leather through goal. On appeal the point was disallowed on the ground that Griffiths was offside. Although playing against a rather strong wind, the Albion were having almost as much of the play as were the Wanderers, and the latter's backs were kept very busy, although playing behind three such splendid half backs as the Wolverhampton trio. As the Wanderers were repeatedly repulsed time after time by Green and Aldridge, the hopes of the home team's supporters ran high, for it was manifest that if the visitors could not score with the wind, they stood a very poor chance of doing so without it. Time after time the ball was placed near the Albion goal, but the forwards failed to utilise it, and there can be little doubt about one fact, that the vanguard of the Wanderers is not as strong as it was last year. They certainly missed the dashing play and good judgment of Brodie who, despite rumours prevalent in the week, did not play. The Albion occasionally became very dangerous, but could make no headway against the Wolverhampton backs. Wilson had a fine opportunity on one occasion, getting past Baugh, and having a clear run for goal, but he overran himself, thus allowing Baugh to retackle him, and take the leather from him. Just before half time a foul was given to the Albion near the Wanderers' goal. Horton placed the leather accurately in front, and Woodhall rushed it through amidst tremendous cheering. The Wanderers appealed for the point to be disallowed, saying Woodhall had fouled the ball in taking it through. The referee was of the same opinion, and would not allow the point. Half time found the game in the state as when started.

On recommencing, the Albion, with the wind behind them, were soon swarming round the Wanderers' goal, and Mason and Baugh were kept constantly working. From a centre of Wilson's, Bassett had the goal at his mercy, but hesitating, lost his chance, for Mason carried the ball off his toes. A moment later Bassett on the right made a beautiful run, Allen preventing Mason from tackling. Bassett centred, and Bayliss ought to have scored, but he missed his opportunity. Then Woodhall made a good attempt to score, but the shot was a trifle too high. Then Perry headed into goal, but Llowarch saved well. Continuing to press, the Albion made strenuous efforts to score, and the visitors' defence was taxed to the uttermost. Llowarch averted one or two well meant attacks by running out of his goal. A temporary diversion was created by Griffiths, but Green kicked down the field again, and Bassett centred the ball into goal. An exciting scrimmage took place, but Llowarch ran out and gave a corner, which was without result. The Wanderers' right wing men then made an attack on the Albion's fortress, but Shaw kicked outside. A moment afterwards the struggle was being waged in the Wanderers' goal. The attack was repulsed, and rushing up the field the Wanderers obtained a foul near the Albion citadel, but nothing came of it. Playing up with renewed vigour the Wanderers for a time had the best of the play, but only for a time, for soon Albion were again in the ascendant, and at length Bassett, who had been playing splendidly, whilst lying close in goal, shot the leather through, Wilson having centred it right in. Tremendous cheers hailed the success. Both teams now played up with much vigour, and the game became very fast and exciting. Both goals were repeatedly menaced, but the Wanderers, although playing pluckily, were handicapped by the wind, which militated against the accurate placing of the ball. Do their uttermost the Wanderers could not score, whilst just before time +Askin notched a second point for the home team, who thus won by 2 goals to nil." +SL also gives him as scorer

SM: "On changing ends the Albion did the pressing, and Bassett scored the first point amid excitement. Shortly afterwards the same player scored again, but he was off-side. On the point of time, however, ++Wilson added "No 2" and Albion eventually won by two goals to none." ++As per WBACR

West Bromwich Albion: R. Roberts (Goal); A. Aldridge, H. Green (Backs); E. Horton, C. Perry, G. Timmins (Half Backs); W. I. Bassett, G. Woodhall (Right Wing), J. M. Bayliss (Centre), G. W. Askin, J. J. Wilson (Left Wing).

Wolverhampton Wanderers: A. Llowarch (Goal); R. Baugh, C. Mason (Backs); A. Fletcher, H. Allen, A. Lowder (Half Backs); T. Hunter, B. Shaw, R. Danks, H. Wood, B. Griffiths (Forwards).

Umpires: Bisseker and Dallow. Referee: Fairhurst, Bolton.

ASTON VILLA, a ,bye

SIXTH DIVISION

DERBY JUNCTION 2 (T. Renshaw 2)  
LOCKWOOD BROTHERS 1 (A. White)

(H.T. 2-1)(Sat Nov 19<sup>th</sup>)(At Arboretum Ground,Derby)

Derby Daily Telegraph 21/11/87 P.3/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 21/11/87 P.7/  
Sportsman 21/11/87 P.4/Sportsman 21/11/87 P.4/Field 26/11/87 P.825/  
Referee 20/11/87 P.6:

DDT:"This match in the third round of the Association Challenge Cup was played on the Junction ground this(Saturday) afternoon.Both teams were well represented,and the match was witnessed by a large number of spectators.The ground was hard and greasy on the top,but there was no wind to favour the operations of either team.

It was nearly a quarter to three when Junction started the game in the direction of the Normanton goal.The ball was soon in Lockwood's territory,and after Radford had missed a good chance,Salkeld sent the ball to the other end.A corner was conceded somewhat unnecessarily,but as it was badly placed,nothing resulted.M'Laughlin then made a good attempt to score,but the ball just went outside.A visit was paid to the other end by the right wing,and after Kelvey had knocked out one shot,the ball was sent over the line.A fierce attack by Lockwood's followed,and Bromage saved twice in splendid style.He conceded a corner at the second attempt,and again had to save from Sellars from the corner kick.He was less lucky a minute later,as the result of some smart work in front of the citadel was that White shot a goal with one that was fast and low.On resuming Junction had a good look in,but the Sheffield defence was too sound to be easily penetrated.Play continued fast,and was soon at the other end again, where(Bown)missed a good opportunity,and R.Smith showed sound defence. Some pretty combination play on the Junction right got the ball well in front of the other goal,and S.Smith put in a fine shot which struck the crossbar.From the rebound it was easily put through by Renshaw.(One goal each) The Junction men were now playing a remarkably good game,and time after time they got the ball in the Sheffield territory.Eventually their efforts were rewarded with a second goal,the ball being finely put through from a corner kick.(Junction,two goals, Lockwood's one).On resuming Hopkins and Sellars missed good chances for their respective sides,play for the most part being of an even character.A corner for each side was badly placed,but in spite of several determined attacks,the score at half time was unaltered.

On play being resumed,a free kick and a corner were awarded to Junction,but nothing resulted.Another corner and another free kick were equally fruitless, and then M'Laughlin relieved with a good run.White centred well into goal,and a corner followed.It was well placed,but White shot over the bar.Smart attacks by each side followed,and Junction scored again.The whistle,however,had blown just previously signifying that the player in question was offside.The visitors had very hard lines a minute later,as Sellars shot a goal for them that was also disallowed,though the point was a very close one.Play was hereabouts very rough,and the home team indulged largely in kicking out tactics.The visitors were afforded another chance from a free kick,but it failed,and they then had to put in a lot of defensive work against Smith and Hopkins.Salkeld,however,was equal to the emergency.Bromage was next called upon to save a shot from

Layton, and Kelvey was also given plenty of work at the other end. The manner in which he saved a couple of shots from Renshaw and Walker was loudly applauded. During the last few minutes Kelvey had to save a splendid shot from Walker, and just before the whistle blew, the visitors made one last effort to score. The attempt turned out a weak one, and Potts cleared with head and feet in quick succession. The whistle then blew amidst loud cheers from the Junction partisans, the score being as follows—Derby Junction 2 goals Lockwood's 1 goal."

SDT: "The visitors were the first to get away, and a smart run up the field compelled the Junction defence to concede them a corner, which was placed on the wrong side of the sticks. Junction now created a diversion for a time, but Lockwood's men displaying capital combination, Bromage's charge was frequently menaced. Bown and Sellars now came up well together, and the former player struck a beauty that unfortunately struck the post, and Bromage fisted away. Lockwoods, however, would not be denied, and, in spite of the capital defence of Potts and Hind, White was placed in possession, and shot a capital goal with a powerful and well-directed kick. This caused the Junction men to go at it with renewed vigour, but Salkeld was all there, and defended gamely. The left wing of the home team at length beat the visitors' defence, and Renshaw put in a pretty shot past Kelvey, and thus equalised matters, amid great cheering. The home team again made a combined attack, and Lockwoods were compelled to save at the expense of a corner. The flag kick was well taken by S. Smith, and the ball being kicked on to Renshaw, this player again did the needful for the Junction. From now up to half-time the game was very even, but the visitors on two or three occasions "muffed" some very easy opportunities by erratic shooting. When the half-time whistle sounded the game stood at two goals to one in favour of Derby Junction.

Immediately upon resuming the game Junction pressed, and succeeded in obtaining a corner that was, however, successfully manipulated by the visitors' defensive division. Both goals were now visited in turn, and Junction were awarded free kicks on two occasions for fouls that took place right in front of Kelvey's goal. Salkeld and Frost, however, averted the threatened danger, and Lockwoods made tracks for Bromage's charge. After Junction had obtained a goal that was palpably an "off-sider" and consequently disallowed, Bown was given an opening, which he utilised smartly by scoring a second goal for Lockwoods that was without doubt a legitimate point, and the visitors were greatly surprised when the referee decided against them on the ground of off-side. The home team now made strenuous efforts to add to their score, but the Lockwoods' defence proved too good for them, the visitors' half-backs at this point being specially lively. The visitors were now conceded a foul in front of the Junction goal, but the leather was returned smartly, and S. Smith centred with great precision, Salkeld cleverly saving on two occasions. The Junction custodian was now called upon to handle with celerity, but, danger being averted, the home team forwards again had a look in, but Salkeld hampered the final shots. Kelvey was now pretty busy up to call of time, but the Lockwoods' custodian keeping a cool head, repeatedly saved some regular stingers. The whistle now blew, and the game concluded. Result:—Derby Junction 2 goals; Lockwood Brothers 1 goal."

SL: "This match in the third round of the Association Cup was played at Derby near to the Arboretum, on a ground that is, to say the least, of a peculiar description, and one that must have a very deterrent effect on players whose grounds are at all level."

SM: "In the second portion the visitors had a goal disallowed": claimed second goal and objected?

Derby Junction: E. Bromage (Goal); G. Potts (Capt.), T. Hind (Backs); R. Smith, I. Siddons, J. Walker (Half Backs); J. Bromage, S. Smith (Right Wing), J. Radford (Centre), W. Hopkins, J. Renshaw (Left Wing).

Lockwood Brothers: C. Kelvey (Goal); A. E. Frost, F. Salkeld (Backs); T. Milner, T. Carter, W. Jones (Half Backs); J. Sellars, G. H. Bown (es) (Right Wing), L. M' Loughlin (Centre), A. E. Layton, A. White (Left Wing).

Umpires: Eley (Junction) and T. Beard (Lockwood Brothers).  
Referee: Geo. Hay (Staveley) / A. Black.

DERBY COUNTY 6 (B. W. Spilsbury 3, T. Needham 2, R. W. Nash)  
OWLERTON 2 ("Rush", J. Judge)  
(H. T. 2-0) (Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>) (At County Ground, Derby)

Derby Daily Telegraph 28/11/87 P.3 / Sheffield Daily Telegraph 28/11/87 P.7 /  
Sheffield Independent 28/11/87 P.6 / Sporting Life 28/11/87 P.4:

DDT: "These teams met today (Saturday) in the third round of the English Cup competition. The weather was fine but dull, and about 2,000 spectators assembled on the County Ground to witness the match. Derby County had their usual cup team with one exception, this being that Latham's place at full back was taken by Monks, owing to the former's indisposition. Owlerton came with the reputation acquired by their victories over Eckington Works and Heeley in the previous rounds of the competition. They also played their usual cup team. The match was advertised to commence at half-past two, but it was a little after that hour when Nash kicked off in the direction of the Canal goal, the County having to face a stiff breeze. The first event of note was a fine bit of tackling by Rowlston, after which Bentley was applauded for some fine kicking. Some pretty passing between Nash and Needham enabled Plackett to try a good shot, but Bentley threw it away, and then kicked away a shot from Nash. A good run by Bakewell followed, but Spilsbury was hampered by Wordsworth in trying to shoot. A free kick to the County came to nothing, nor did a subsequent centre by Bakewell prove more productive. The Ellises were playing a capital game on the Owlerton wing, but Lawrence twice circumvented them, and the home team were on the whole having the best of it. Another good centre by Bakewell was headed away by the goalkeeper, and the County were again unsuccessful in attempting to score from fouls. C. Hobson then broke away, and Rowlston was forced to concede a corner, which was badly placed. Bakewell again broke away, and gave possession to Plackett, who in turn resigned to Spilsbury. The latter was in a favourable position, and was enabled to score a finely judged goal, the ball just dropping

underneath the bar. On the game being resumed the County pressed hard, Plackett putting in a splendid centre from which Bakewell ought to have scored. After the County had had another free kick, Bestwick had to throw away a shot from Judge, but the attack was not maintained for long, as Rowlston and Plackett quickly transferred play, a corner being given by Bentley. This was unproductive but a minute later Spilsbury centred from the line, and Needham kicked just over the bar. An attack by the visitors was then made, but though Lawrence missed his kick, two circumstances prevented disaster happening to the County; in the first place the ball was touched by a player standing off-side, and in the second place the same player ran the ball over the line. A series of fine attacks by the County followed, Plackett being especially conspicuous with some fine runs and centres. Eventually Spilsbury dribbled past several opponents, and the goalkeeper running out, the old Cantab easily put the ball through for a second time. Half time arrived shortly afterwards, the score standing at two to none in favour of the County.

On resuming Owlerton pressed for a few minutes, and Monks let them in with a miskick. This was right in front of goal, and as the forwards were well up they had an easy task to pop the ball past Bestwick. (Derby County two goals, Owlerton one.) On the ball being kicked off again Spilsbury at once forced a corner, but nothing came of it, whilst Plackett and Warmby forced one that was equally barren of result. A good shot by Spilsbury resulted in a free kick for a foul, but Plackett lifted the ball just over the bar, after Needham had had an unsuccessful shot. Good attacks were then made by Spilsbury and Bakewell, but though the former got past the backs, the goalkeeper ran out and stopped him. The Ellises continued to make occasional attacks on the Derby goal, but Warmby and Rowlston kept them at bay, and the backs played a steady game in spite of one or two mistakes. Bakewell at length received the ball from Needham, and succeeded in putting it past Callis, but there was a general surprise when the point was disallowed as being offside. A foul was then given against Owlerton for tripping, and Bakewell, Spilsbury, and Nash had very hard lines, their shots going just outside. Spilsbury eventually tried another run, and although hampered by the backs, he succeeded in scoring a third goal, amidst cheers. This was 15 minutes from the close. Soon after resuming Plackett was hurt by a fall, and play was continued without him. Bakewell here forced another corner with a good screw, and Warmby followed suit with another, which also resulted in a corner. Both were badly placed by Williamson. Soon afterwards, however, Needham scored another goal, and no sooner was play resumed than the little man ran down and kicked another. (Derby, 5 goals; Owlerton, 1.) On resuming Bakewell made a fine run, but the goalkeeper repulsed his shot, and a corner resulted, from which Bakewell again shot over the bar. C. Hobson retaliated on behalf of Owlerton, and from his centre Judge put the ball cleverly past Bestwick. With only a few minutes to play the County devoted their efforts to adding another point, and just at the close Nash snatched the ball from Bentley, and scored a sixth goal with a fine low shot. The whistle then blew, the game standing as follows—Derby County 6, Owlerton 2.”

N.B. SI Report follows the DDT Report wording, except SI Report has 2 passages from DDT Report missing.

Manchester Courier P.3:"Played on Saturday,at Derby.Owlerton were without Hibberd,and Derby were short of Latham.The home team had the best of the play throughout.In the first half,Spilsbury scored twice,and just after the change of ends Owlerton scored.Spilsbury added a third for Derby,and Needham the fourth and fifth.Judge scored for Owlerton,and just on time Nash kicked another for Derby,who won by six goals to two."(No teams)

Derby County:T.H.Bestwick(Goal);+I.Monks,S.E.Lawrence(Backs);A.Williamson,+W.H.Warmby,++W.Rowlston(Half Backs);G.Bakewell,B.W.Spilsbury(Capt.) (Right Wing),R.W.Nash(Centre),T.Needham,L.Plackett(Left Wing).

+N.B.Listed as J.Monks: I.Monks was No 9 in the first round when he scored 2 goals.

++Warmby/Wharmby:did he play 1 League game for Everton at No 5 on 29/9/1888?(there is a question mark against Warmby in Football League Players Records 1888 to 1939 by Michael Joyce)

+++Rowlston/Roulstone

Owlerton:A.Callis(Goal);W.Bentley,A.Wordsworth(Backs);T.Austin,W.Hobson,F.Richards(Half Backs);C.Hobson,F.Lee(Right Wing),J.Judge(Centre),T.Ellis,W.Ellis(Left Wing).

Umpires:W.Shaw(Derby County) and J.A.Ellis(Owlerton).  
Referee:Wilkinson(Sheffield)

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY,a bye

SEVENTH DIVISION

GRIMSBY TOWN 2 (J.Lundie,J.Lee)

LINCOLN CITY 0

(H.T. 1-0)(Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>)(At Clee Park Gardens,Grimsby)

Lincolnshire Chronicle 29/11/87 P.3 and 2/12/87 P.2:

LC:"The meeting of these teams in the National Competition has been looked forward to with considerable interest all over the county ever since it was known that they were drawn to meet at the Clee Park Gardens.Only the enthusiasts of each club seemed confident of the result,the more reasonable supporters on both sides expressing doubts as to the ultimate issue.The Grimsby forward line,it was known,would be weakened by the absence of Cooper and Macbeth,by reason of their non-qualification,and it was known a week previously that their places would be occupied by H.B.Morton of Louth,and C.Soames,of the Grimsby Humber Rovers.Against this drawback to Grimsby might be placed the advantage of playing at home,and the fact that the City team were without Teesdale on the right.

Some six or seven hundred people journeyed from Lincoln by the specials which were run by the M.S. and L. Company, and this number would, no doubt, have been greater, but for the necessarily early departure of the trains from Lincoln. Long before the time for the kick off many hundreds of people lined the wires, and at the commencement of hostilities there would be fully 4,000 spectators present, many having travelled from Gainsborough, Brigg, and Horncastle, in addition to the Lincoln contingent. The turf was in excellent condition, and appeared to have undergone a careful preparation, but the very strong wind, blowing across the ground, made it at once apparent that short close passing would be a matter almost of complete impossibility, or at all event, of very great difficulty. The extreme lightness of the ball still further militated against good combination, and the frequency with which the ball went out robbed the game of much of its interest.

City won the toss, and took what advantage they could of the wind, and the game was started in the absence of Turner, who had not arrived at the time of kicking off. The opening exchanges were confined to the middle of the field until Hopewell got in a kick, and a rush was made for the Lincoln goal, the ball passing out. City then got away, but Lundie returned, and "hands" to Grimsby came to nothing. H. Atkinson looked to be getting dangerous, when Simpson stopped his career. Turner now joined his comrades on the field, and a rush was at once made for the Grimsby goal. Lundie came to the rescue of his side, as he did continually throughout the match, and Morton passing to Atkinson, there was some close play in Lincoln goal, which resulted in the ball going a bye. City now showed up on the left, Taylor stopping the rush, and Turner returning to the attack. Lundie averted danger. After a period of play in mid-field Riddoch and Soames essayed an attack the former being penalised for tripping Apsden. Atkinson was speeding up the right, when he was met by Rawlinson, who took the ball from his foot, and Hallam got away down the left. The City swarmed round the home team's goal, but Lundie's magnificent play again saved the downfall of the home team. Mettam returned the ball into the scrimmage, a goal kick only resulting. Grimsby's right wing then broke away, but Slater and Turner retaliated, and a corner was awarded Lincoln. This was nicely dropped by Duckworth, and cleared out of the scrimmage, Mettam missing his kick when a good chance offered. Some very tricky play was shown by Shaw in mid-field, and the ball was gradually worked down the left by a series of throws in, and the game continued to be fought out in the Grimsby half. Lee was racing away up the wing when he was brought to book by Mettam, Slater then negotiating a good pass to Shaw, who put in a fast shot, Hallam helping the ball through. This goal was disallowed on the plea of offside. City still continued to have most of the play, the Grimsby attack being very weak and lacking combination. Morton at length got past Simpson and had no one between himself and the goal. He, however, dallied with the ball, and Apsden, rushing across, kicked the sphere away just in the nick of time. "Hands" was then awarded to Grimsby well up the field, and the ball was kicked off while there appeared to be some dispute as to where it should be placed. It was, however, passed back to Lundie, who sent in a shot which passed through, the City men making no attempt to stop the ball, being evidently under the impression that it had been illegally kicked. The referee allowed the point, and the City then played

up with considerable vigour, a smart shot striking the upright, and the ball rebounding into play. Grimsby then made a great effort, and getting close into the Lincoln goal, two splendid shots were sent in, Jeffrey saving both in grand style. The City again visited the other end, Shaw sending in a well directed shot, which failed to score. The whistle soon afterwards sounded half time, with the score one to nothing against the City.

On a resumption, a free kick for "hands" was awarded City, and Jeffrey then ran out and kicked away a long shot. The game was faster than before, but still there was no combination, wild and erratic kicking, partly owing to the strong wind, being the characteristics of the match. Each goal was in turn assailed, Jeffrey giving a corner in kicking away a shot. The corner was wretchedly taken, and the City paid a visit to the other end, the ball passing out very wide. Hallam and Shaw got very dangerous on the left, Lundie kicking away a good shot, but the pressure was still maintained on the Grimsby citadel, Smith and Taylor each averting a downfall of their goal, and a fine cross from the left being missed by Turner. Riddoch then rushed down the left and forced a corner, which was unproductive. The game soon again centred in front of Atkinson, but the visit was only of a momentary character, Riddoch and Soames causing Jeffrey to again kick away. There was some uneventful play in neutral ground. "Hands" twice in succession to Lincoln helped the visitors to maintain the pressure on the mariners' fortress, but they could not overcome the defence of Lundie, who was a host in himself. +Atkinson and Lee enabled the Grimsbarians to pay a transient visit to the other end, and weakness in front of goal alone prevented City equalising. Grimsby now did a lot of kicking out with the object of wasting time. Hereabouts Jeffrey showed a great lack of judgment in running out about 20 yards to meet the ball, and, Atkinson and Lee evading him, the ball rolled through the City goal, and the game thereby virtually ended. There was tremendous cheering on this second success on the part of Grimsby, and the home players working with greater energy, forced another corner. Lincoln then got up again, and Fox put in a splendid shot, which was repelled by Atkinson. The play continued under even conditions to the end, but there was no further scoring, and the game ended - Grimsby, two City, nil.

#### +FIND REPORT OF WHICH OF THE TWO SCORED

The game as an exposition of football as it should be played between two well known-teams, was extremely disappointing. Only once or twice during the whole ninety minutes did the City forwards do any passing, while the Grimsby attacking force dropped combination out of the code altogether. There is no excuse for the City being beaten, and the defeat is owing entirely to their loose and wild play. Grimsby was wretchedly weak in the forward ranks, and ought never to have been allowed to score. Lundie played a magnificent game for Grimsby at back and he seemed to entirely paralyse the City forwards, who have never before shown such a miserable weakness in shooting. This was the cause of the defeat, and unless a great improvement is effected in this particular there will be further reverses to record. +We understand that the City have protested against the eligibility of certain of the Grimsby players, the upshot of which we shall have to await."

Athletic News 29/11/87 P.4:"On purchasing the necessary card I was rather surprised to find that the captain-Macbeth-was not down to play.I was aware Cooper(late Derby County) was not eligible,but knowing that reinstatement had been promised Macbeth,I quite expected to see the whilom Accringtonian leading his men to victory.I made enquiries of an official as to the wherefore of "Mac's" not taking the field,and this gentleman informed me that the Grimsby captain had "expected to receive his papers that morning,but(with a significant closing of the left optic,that told more than words)something had prevented it." "On the referee (Mr Stacey,of Sheffield)after a few words to the players regarding roughness,giving the signal for commencement,the players were quickly in position,and it was seen that the City had only ten men on the field-Turner's train being somewhat late.The vacancies in the Grimsby ranks were filled by P.H.Morton,of Louth,who played centre-forward,while Soames,a clever youngster from the Humber Rovers,partnered Riddoch on the left."

+At the F.A Commission on 14/12/87 Lincoln's protest against Grimsby for veiled professionalism was not sustained and it was resolved that Grimsby would meet Old Foresters on Dec 19<sup>th</sup> (Sheffield Daily Telegraph 8/12/87 P.8)

Grimsby:G.Atkinson(Goal);J.Lundie,Harry Taylor(Backs);J.H.Taylor,H.Smith, W.T.Hopewell(Half Backs);H.Atkinson,J.Lee(Right Wing),H.B.Morton(Centre), D.Riddoch,C.Soames(Left Wing).

Lincoln:W.W.Jeffrey(Goal);H.Simpson,R.Aspden(Backs);J.Duckworth,A.Mettam, W.Rawlinson(Half Backs);J.Slater,J.Turner(Right Wing),W.Fox (Centre),G.Hallam, G.Shaw(Left Wing).

Umpires:Chapman for Grimsby and West for Lincoln.  
Referee:Stacey(Sheffield).

NOTTS FOREST 2 (T.Lindley,F.E.Burton)  
NOTTS COUNTY 1 (E.Harker)  
(H.T. 1-1)(At The Gregory Ground,Lenton)(Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>)

Nottingham Evening Post 26/11/87 P.3/Nottingham Journal 28/11/87 P.7/  
Sportsman 28/11/87 P.4:

NEP:"This tie,which has during the last fortnight triggered the liveliest feeling in Nottingham,and other parts of the country,was decided this afternoon,on the Gregory Ground,Lenton.The last association tie between these old rivals was played so far back as December 1<sup>st</sup>,1883,when the Forest retired defeated by three goals to none.Notts. and Forest have,however,been well intentioned foes since 1879,and when one summarises the matches which they have played during the last eight years,there is no more remarkable feature than the even form which they have shown.Out of nineteen matches each club has won exactly eight the remaining three contests having been drawn,while the Foresters have only a goal in hand,the totals being:-Forest ,35;Notts., 34."

“The teams which were put in the field could not have been stronger. It was a fine though dull day, the sky being covered with ominous clouds. There was a rather strong breeze, though not sufficient to seriously interfere with the play. An early start was announced—the kick off being fixed for 2.15, but the gates were thrown open at noon. As the time for the start approached the wind increased in force, and blew obliquely across the enclosure. The Forest committee had erected temporary stands, and they were fully required, for there were quite 10,000 spectators. Club favours were worn, and the utmost enthusiasm was shown by the supporters of each team. Within a minute of time the Foresters appeared, and were received with encouraging applause which, however, was dwarfed by the cheers bestowed upon Notts. some three minutes later.

At 2.22 Jackson kicked off, the Foresters electing to defend the Radford goal. The game at once became fast, the Foresters, who forced the ball over the goal line, having decidedly the best of the exchanges. No solid advance was made, the half back play on both sides being very fine. Gunn succeeded in changing the venue, but although he got past Hancock his final effort was spoiled by the wind. Notts maintained the attack, and Gunn looked dangerous, but his shot was spoiled by Norman, who moved him as he took aim. The Reds seemed unable to force their opponents back, hands by H. Pike gave Notts a commanding position, but Leighton receiving the ball, dashed away along the left wing at top speed, Lindley accompanying him up the centre. Just as he was tackled by Morley Leighton centred beautifully and Lindley scored a clever goal seven minutes from the start amid ringing cheers. The play was rather rough, and Notts worked their way to the other end, where one of the Foresters handled, and a severe scrimmage ensued, in the course of which the ball was again handled, and from Gunn's place kick the leather was sent between Beardsley's legs, the score being equalised within three minutes. A fairly even game followed, although the passing of the Forest forwards was exceedingly pretty. Notts returned to the attack, but Cursham handled. This did not help the Forest, and a swift shot by Daft was stopped by Caborn. Jackson appeared to try to trip Lindley, and was spoken to by the referee. Offside was given against Leighton, and so the game alternated from end to end, the excitement being intense. J.A. Brown made a capital run, and caused Beardsley to kick out, and owing to nice passing by Notts, Hancock was so severely pressed that he conceded a corner, but it proved abortive. The defence of both teams was severely tested, and again Notts caused (Beardsley) to fist out. The game varied considerably, each team having the upper hand in turn, and indeed it cannot be said that either had the upper hand. The contest was certainly ferocious. Burton beat Cursham, and the Foresters had a fine chance, but the charging was terrific, and prevented anything like accurate shooting. Hancock placed well from a corner, and Morley sending the ball over his own bar, a corner resulted, but it was fruitless. Notts rallied, but Daft's shot went wide, still the Trent Bridge men were difficult to keep at bay. The Reds broke away, and Arthur Ward sent in a grand long shot, which Holland fisted out. Some splendid dribbling by Burton gave Lindley a chance, and he put in one on the ground, but Holland was on the premises. Clever heading by Pike enabled Leighton to centre, and Danks rushed up, but he just missed a fine chance, and the Notts goal narrowly escaped downfall owing to a grand shot by Leighton. From most work by Leighton Holland again fisted out, and Daft and J.A. Brown sped away at top speed, only to

be pulled up by Hancock. The Reds, who were having the best of the game, assumed the aggressive again and a magnificent long shot by Leighton just glided over the top of the bar. The Forest experienced hard luck from a shot by Fox and half time arrived with the score equal-one goal each.

No time was lost on resuming, and Forest forced the pace at once, Fox shooting into Holland's hands. Notts then changed the venue and gave the Reds a lot of trouble from a corner. Forest lined up again and forced a corner, which Leighton placed outside. Danks had a wide try, and his partner, Fox, followed suit, the Trent forwards keeping the ball well on the Notts side of the centre line. Another slight cessation of hostilities occurred owing to J.A. Brown being winded. The hopes of the Notts supporters were raised by seeing Gunn dashing in with the ball at his toe, and, passing to Cursham, that player shot grandly, but just a trifle wide. Notts were now making things lively for their opponents, but Leighton broke away, and from a corner which was obtained by Danks had a shot, but was off-side. Lindley was cheered for a clever dribble, after which he passed to Fox, who shot along the ground, and Holland threw out. After a considerable amount of play in the Notts' half, J.A. Brown took the ball to the other end, where Hancock conceded a corner. J.A. Brown took the flag kick, and placed it outside. Leighton carried the game to the other end, but the forward play had fallen, and was much more loose than it had been in the first half. A high shot by Lindley nearly beat Holland, but immediately after Burton sent one in which Holland could not stop, and thus put the Forest in front amidst loud cheering. Notts played with greater spirit after this, and dashed up to the Forest goal with a mighty rush, Cursham shooting at Beardsley, who returned. Caborn repelled a second attack, and J.A. Brown finished a third with a weak shot. The Forest returned to the attack, and sustained it for some time. Ward placed a beautiful corner, but the forwards were lacking in a little dash, with the exception of Lindley, or they might have scored again during the next ten minutes. The Notts forwards were playing a beaten team, with one or two exceptions. The backs, however, were working like Trojans. A sudden sortie by Notts caused immense excitement, and Cursham kicked a goal, but as their umpire had claimed hands just before, it was disallowed. The excitement still continued, Notts making matters lively from a couple of free kicks, and a like number of corners, but a wide shot from Daft finished the business. Only a few minutes were left to play, and the shouts of the spectators were deafening when Notts secured another corner, but the Forest drove them back, and the ball was kept in the Notts half until time, when the game ended with the score as follows: - Forest, two goals; Notts, one."

NJ: "Notts kicked off towards the gasometer goal at twenty minutes past two. The wind blew across the ground in an oblique direction, keeping the ball on the Notts right wing. The "reds" were the first to get hold of the ball, but the kicks of the Notts backs, with the wind behind them, told effectually, and, in spite of Pike and Leighton, the Notts forwards forced the "reds" defence back, and had shots at goal, which were wild; and Pike gave a free kick by handling the ball in his own half. Lindley, however, broke away, and making a dashing run three parts of the length of the field crossed to Leighton, who pressed by Harker, centred beautifully before the half-back, who went at a.... rate, could overtake him, and Lindley getting up shot a fair goal ten minutes after the start. This success effected great

cheerings, but the shouts were louder, when from a "free kick" a few yards from the Forest goal, Harker scored a goal for Notts, a few minutes later, after Beardsley had beaten out a shot, and all the players apparently had been rolling on the ground. (One goal each). Play had lasted a quarter of an hour." (Report difficult to read)

Notts Forest: F.W. Beardsley (Goal); C.J. Caborn, W.T. Hancock (Backs); A.W. Ward, Harry Pike, S. Norman (Half Backs); F. Fox, T. Danks (Right Wing), T. Lindley (Centre), E.J. Leighton, F.E. Burton (Left Wing).

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

Umpires: A.J. Bates for Notts Forest and C.F. Dobson for Notts County.  
Referee: W.H. Jope (Wednesbury).

NOTTS RANGERS, a bye

#### EIGHTH DIVISION

CRUSADERS 4 (G.C. Boosey, R.G. Hogarth 2, J.J. Knox) CHATHAM 0  
(H.T. 1-0) (Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>) (At Queen's Club, West Kensington)

Field 3/12/87 P.860/Sportsman 28/11/87 P.4/Sporting Life 28/11/87 P.4:

F: "A large and enthusiastic company turned out to witness the above match in the third round of the cup competition, which was played on the new Queen's Club ground at West Kensington, a splendid football ground and replete with every convenience. Both sides were very confident, and both had their admirers present in strong force. A rather stiff breeze somewhat spoilt the play at times, and Evelyn, who won the toss, decided for the first forty-five to take advantage of it. Hibbard kicked off, and a very stubborn game ensued. Pike and Lemarchand early compelled Blake to show his smartness, and the Chatham forwards sped away. Anderson, however, with a big kick returned well, and in rapid succession three corners fell to the Essex team. From the last Boosey managed to shoot the ball past Blake, and amid ringing cheers, the Crusaders gained the first event. Restarting, Chatham played up very hard, and several times got close to Kennedy, but their opponents' defence was very fine, and they repeatedly cleared their lines. A capital pass to Stevens by Knox resulted in the former getting off, and again getting the ball under, but offside was claimed and allowed, and soon after half time arrived.

With the wind to help them great things were expected of Chatham, and their partisans urged them on heartily. The Crusaders, however, were not nearly done with, and playing with at times fine combination, showed far better form than during the first half, while their backs have rarely been in better fettle, Anderson's kicking and tackling being one of the better features of the match. Some pretty passing between Knox, Stevens, and Hogarth took the ball well into Chatham territory, when the latter, cleverly eluding his opponents, placed a second goal to

the credit of the Crusaders. Nothing daunted, Chatham played up with great vigour, but the opposing defence was too good, and Pike was seen speeding down the side. Knox made good use of a capital chance, and the Crusaders were leading by three goals to none. After restarting, Pedley shot just outside the post, and from the kick off, the Essex team came away again, Knox turning the ball over to Pike, who in turn sent it to Hogarth, that player gaining the fourth and last event of the day, which left the Crusaders with a splendid victory of four goals to love. There can be no doubt that the better team won, and, though Chatham played a very plucky game they were hardly seen at their best. Albert, Jenner, Burbury, Pedley, and Hibbard were a long way the best of the losers, and made many gallant efforts to turn the tide of disaster."

SM: "In dull weather these teams decided their Cup tie at Queen's Ground, West Kensington, Saturday. Winning the toss, the Crusaders played from the top goal, having the wind in their favour, Hibbard starting the game for Chatham at a quarter to three. The ball was worked up the right wing, but going out from a throw in, the Crusaders came away, and after several corners had fallen to them which were unproductive an attack on the right and centre resulted in Albert averting danger at the expense of a corner. Evelyn took the kick, and placing the ball well in front of goal Boosey sent it through. From this point till half time Chatham had considerably the better of the play, but failing to score, and on crossing over were one goal to the bad.

Recommencing the second half, Chatham pressed their opponents for some time. Stevens at length broke away, and middling, Hogarth scored a second goal for the Crusaders. Knox, by a pass from Lemarchand, obtained a third and Hogarth, from a pass by the same player, obtained a fourth goal. No further points were registered, and when the whistle sounded time the Crusaders were returned victorious by four goals to none."

SL: "In dull weather on Saturday afternoon last these rivals for football honours met at the Queen's enclosure, West Kensington, to decide their tie in the English Cup. Having defeated the Engineers in the second round, the Chathamites were greatly fancied, whilst the Crusaders (late Brentwood) were expected to make a good bid for victory. Neither team can, however, be congratulated on their display, for, with but few exceptions, combination was completely neglected. Certainly the wind was against the players, but the turf was in grand order. The Crusaders won the toss, and elected to play from the bottom goal, for the first "forty-five", having the advantage of the wind. At 2.45 Hibbard started the ball for the visitors, and M'Cleod went away on the right. Nickisson defended him, and sending the leather to midfield, Lemarchand made off, and being fairly well supported, no less than five corners fell to the home team during the first quarter of an hour's play. A run by Hibbard and Hobart worked the ball well into the Crusaders' territory. Lawrence averted the danger and placed on to Pike, who broke away and was becoming very dangerous, when Albert(s) tackled him and saved at the expense of a corner, which Evelyn took, and placing into the mouth of the goal, Boosey, with a low swift shot, gained the first goal for the home division after twenty-five minutes' play. Returning to the attack another corner fell to the Crusaders, but was unproductive, and shortly afterwards hands were given in favour of the

visitors, who attacked in the right and centre, and hands again being given against the Crusaders, the Chatham division had a grand chance of equalising the scores, Conquer taking the free kick placed to Hobart, who skied the leather over the cross-bar. From the goal-kick Knox and Stevens went away on the left, the latter, with a long pass, transferring it to Hogarth, who put in a tall shot, which Blake saved, and throwing away, Albert(s) cleared the lines. Again returning to the attack, Lemarchand passed to Pike. The latter, however, was offside, and the visitors changed the venue of play by swarming round the Crusaders' citadel. Several very warm shots were made, but on more than one occasion the visitors were very anxious, and muffed the ball, and though having the better of the play up to half time, were unable to score. The Crusaders when coming over were then leading by a goal.

Commencing the second half the Chathamites, with the wind in their favour, acted on the aggressive for some few minutes, the clear kicking of Anderson and Lawrence enabled the Crusaders to repel the assailants, and after ten minutes' play, the visitors were driven back. A fine run on the left by Knox and Stevens ensued, the latter centring from the extreme left to Hogarth, who baffled Blake, and obtained a second goal for the home team. Restarting, the visitors attacked, and were becoming dangerous, when Pedley passed to M'Leod, who, however, was palpably offside. This enabled the Crusaders to clear for the time being, but again, after some even play in midfield, the Chatham forward division attacked, but were unable to score. After this the visitors fell all to pieces, and the Crusaders registering two more goals - Knox from a pass by Lemarchand, and Hogarth, also by a pass from the same player - left the field victorious by four goals to none."

Crusaders: A.G.O. Kennedy (Goal); E.P. Anderson, H.C. Lawrence (Backs); E.C. Evelyn (Capt.), J.L. Nickisson, G.C. Boosey (Half Backs); T.M. Pike, A.W. Lemarchand (Right Wing), R.G. Hogarth (Centre), J.J. Knox, F.H. Stevens (Left Wing).

Chatham: H. Blake (Goal); J. Albert (Capt.), E. Conquer (Backs); Lieut F.W. Burbury, A.E. Jenner, W.M'Gregor (Half Backs); Lieut S.H. Pedley, W.M'Leod (Right Wing), C.E. Hibbard (Centre), H. Hobart, C. Soppitt (Left Wing).

Umpires: Forman and Hibbard. Referee: W. Comerford (Viscount FC).

OLD ETONIANS 7 (A.T.B. Dunn 3, F. Marchant 2, H.W. Bainbridge 2)  
OLD WESTMINSTERS 2 (F.W. Janson, J.G. Veitch)  
(H.T. 4-1) (Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Field 3/12/87 P.860/Sportsman 28/11/87 P.4/Sporting Life 28/11/87 P.4:

F: "Never since the spring of '83, when they met the Blackburn Olympic in the final round, have the Old Etonians shown such good form as that displayed by them last Saturday at the Oval against the Old Westminsters. Their excellent play must have been thoroughly appreciated, while their success was as highly gratifying to those who remember the fine games the Etonians always played six or seven seasons back. The members of the team which the Etonians placed in

the field on Saturday have all had prominence either in the football or cricket field;but,with the exception of Dunn,the whole of the players are fresh when compared with the 1882-83 eleven.The result of the match came somewhat as a surprise,for the past scholars of Westminster have of late taken a leading part in the competitions for the cup.The combination shown by Eton was capital,whilst their defence was also strong,Weatherhead and Philipson being most prominent amongst the backs.The forwards all worked well,while no fault could be found with Alston's goalkeeping.The Westminsters seemed considerably baffled by the fast game of their rivals.Of course,they many times got the ball well in front of the Eton goal,but only twice was it driven under the bar.

Westminster won the toss,and Eton,in addition to starting without Weatherhead, had to face a strong wind.Dunn set the ball rolling at 2.50.Westminster at once rushed it into their opponents' half,and after Wetton had made a corner kick, Janson and Heath both took shots at goal.These were well saved by Alston,but a few minutes later another kick by Janson scored Westminster the first point of the match.Eton,however,were soon the aggressors,and,though they were still a man short,they succeeded in equalising matters,Dunn putting the ball through. Even play followed,but the Etonians,who were now reinforced by Weatherhead, showed a most marked improvement in their form.Westminster were severely pressed, and Moon,after repeatedly using his hands,was again beaten by a shot from Marchant.From now until half time the Etonians had much the better of the game,and Dunn and Marchant each added goals;the score at change of ends being four to one in favour of Eton.

After crossing over the Light Blues played a splendid game,their passing being superb,while Philipson and Weatherhead behind,were frequently applauded for their excellent defence.The ball was kept well in the Westminster half.Bainbridge added two more goals for Eton,and subsequently in the last few minutes each side scored once (Dunn for the Etonians and Veitch for the Westminsters).Thus the Old Etonians were declared the winners by the large majority of seven goals to two."

SM:"The tie between these leading teams of old school men attracted an exceedingly large company to Kennington Oval on Saturday,the result being a complete reversal of public form.On paper the past scholars of St Peter's, Westminster,had a 3 to 1 on chance,but as facts proved they were no match for the Etonians,who won by the large margin of seven goals to two,though this perhaps conveys a wrong impression of their relative merits.Both had representative elevens,the Westminsters playing with the wind for the first half, from the Crown Bath's goal.Dunn kicked off for Eton at ten minutes to three and after a fruitless corner to Wetton,who a little later gave Alston some trouble, Janson opened the scoring with a goal for Westminster who were,however, quickly deprived of their lead by Dunn equalising.Weatherhead now arrived, Eton up to this point being a man short,and for about twenty minutes play ruled fast but fairly even,Westminster,if anything,holding a slight advantage.Patrick and Veitch both lost chances by wildly kicking over the cross-bar,and then after a good rush down Dunn and Marchant got the better of Squire close in goal,and the latter dribbled the ball slowly between Moon's legs.This reverse put

Westminster on their mettle, but after a fruitless attack (their shooting again proving erratic) Dunn by a neat side shot, put in a point, Marchant, to the mortification of the Westminster adherents, adding a fourth prior to change of ends, Eton leading at half time by four goals to one.

Directly after crossing over Bainbridge contributed a fifth, which was supplemented by heading a sixth, their opponents being thoroughly demoralised. Towards the close, which took place in semi-darkness, Veich notched a second goal for Westminster, but Dunn, nothing loth, responded with a seventh for Eton, whose forwards had worked grandly, Philipson and Weatherhead performing best behind. It may be mentioned that Jenner scored a point, which was disallowed for off-side."

SL: "Although the afternoon was dull and damp, the partisans of these two clubs mustered in force at Kennington Oval on Saturday to see which should assert its right to a place in the fourth round of the National Cup Competition. At first neither side had its complement, and although Jenner arrived soon after the start for the Westminster, a quarter of an hour elapsed before Weatherhead, whose absence was severely felt, arrived to assist the Etonians. The latter, too, who kicked off at 2.50, were under the additional disadvantage of having to play for the first half against a strongish breeze. The Westminster forwards were the first to get to work, and several attacks were made on the Eton goal. Alston, though, who had charge of the posts in place of Rawlinson, soon showed that he was in fine form, stopping two warm shots in succession before ten minutes had gone. Some doubt appeared to exist as to whether the latter had produced a goal, and the ball had hardly been kicked off before a well-aimed kick by Janson gave the first point to the Westminsters, to the great delight of their supporters. For a few minutes the Westminsters were still the assailants, but at length the Eton forwards broke away and a capital shot by Dunn, sent the ball between the Westminsters uprights, well out of Moon's reach. A short period of play in the Eton half followed the resumption but the game changed after a corner to the Westminsters, and for some minutes the latter were pressed, Moon having to save his charge more than once. This success stimulated the Etonians to renewed exertions and to the surprise of a great number of the spectators, by whom generally the Westminsters were much fancied, they showed unmistakeable superiority for the rest of the game. Before half time three more goals were registered to their account, and when ends were changed the score showed four goals to one in favour of Eton.

The second part of the play did not show any material alteration in the aspect of the game. The Eton forwards showed great pace as well as excellent combination, and were seen to great advantage until the finish. Three more goals fell to them, while not long before the finish the Westminsters were able to make another point. When "Time!" was called the Etonians found themselves in possession of an unexpected easy victory by no less than seven goals to two. Of the seven goals obtained by the winners three were kicked by Dunn, two by Marchant, and two by (Bainbridge). The winning side are to be congratulated on a thoroughly well-earned success. The forwards all played well, and Weatherhead and Phillipson were very sure backs. Alston, in goal, was very safe throughout. The Umpires were

Messrs B.F.M.Rogers,Old Westminster,and C.W.Foley,Old Etonians:and \*J.Greenhill was referee."

Old Etonians:H.N.Alston(Goal);H.Philipson,W.C.Bridgeman(Backs);G.E.Preston, T.C.Weatherhead,Hon C.M.Knatchbull-Hugesson(Half Backs);H.W.Bainbridge, R.C.Gosling(Right Wing),A.T.B.Dunn(Centre),F.Marchant,E.G.Bromley-Martin (Left Wing).

Old Westminster: W.R.Moon(Goal); C.J.M.Fox,R.T.Squire(Capt.) (Backs); F.W.Janson,H.Wetton,R.A.Ingram(Half Backs);C.R.W.Heath,D.Patrick(Right Wing),J.G.Veitch(Centre),R.Sandilands,A.C.W.Jenner(Left Wing).

Umpires:C.W.Foley(Old Etonians) and B.F.M.Rogers(Old Westminster).  
Referee:R.E.Hetherington(Casuals) in SM/J.Greenhill in SL/Not in F.

#### NINTH DIVISION

DULWICH 1 (H.Sisson)

SWIFTS 3 (R.Playford,J.B.Challen 2)(H.T. 0-2)(Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>)(At Greyhound Ground,Dulwich)

Field 3/12/87 P.860/Sportsman 28/11/87 P.4/Sporting Life 28/11/87 P.4:

F:"As expected,by those who had learned how the Swifts team would be composed,the Dulwich Club suffered defeat on Saturday in their third round match.The game was decided on the Greyhound ground,at Dulwich,where a goodly number of persons assembled in the hope of witnessing some capital play.Unfortunately a strong wind blew across the field the whole afternoon,and caused the play to fall much below expectation.Accurate passing was a matter of great difficulty,and the ball was frequently blown into touch.On both sides the full back play was very good,and the half backs of the visitors did very well;but the forward play,due chiefly to the boisterous condition of the elements,was never very brilliant.

Dulwich,having won the toss,first defended the goal near the Turney-road,which was soon stoutly assailed.Denny and Cox proved very sure,but in less than a quarter of an hour,Playford sent the ball between the Dulwich posts.Not long after this,a bit of combined play between Garne,Playford,and Challen,resulted in the last-named securing a goal for the Swifts.Following this,Dulwich played up in determined fashion,but it was always apparent that they were overmatched. From a splendid centre by Playford the ball was kicked to the mouth of the home goal by Garne,but the shot proved easy to stop,and a later attack by the Swifts culminated in the ball being sent over the crossbar.Ends were changed with the score still two goals to (n)one in favour of the Swifts.

The ball was principally to be found in the Dulwich half,and after many futile attempts a third goal was obtained,chiefly through the instrumentality of Challen and Playford.Though the inferior side,Dulwich worked very hard,and now and again threatened to clear the opposing back division but they were seldom

successful. At length a strong assault took them to within a few yards of the Swifts' goal, and Sisson, making a shot, had the good fortune to see the ball bound between the posts after hitting Davies. No other point was gained, and the Swifts therefore retired victorious by three goals to one. As we have said, the strong wind prejudiced the play greatly, but the individual play of Davies, Bambridge, Holden-White, Saunders, Challen, and Humphry on the one side, and Denny, Cox, Perrin, Whittle, Mayo, and Raybould on the other, are deserving of praise."

SM: "The above teams met on Saturday at the Greyhound, East Dulwich, when they decided their match in the third round. Dulwich winning the toss elected to commence from the further end of the ground, and at thirty-six minutes past two Garne made a beginning with a strong wind blowing across the field. The Swifts at once showed their superiority over their opponents, and made several dashing attacks on the enemy. Bambridge, Garne, Challen, and Holden-White did their duty splendidly for the honourable character hitherto held by, figuratively speaking, birds of passage, whilst Cox, Plunkett, Denny, Quint, and Raybould were most conspicuous for Dulwich only twelve minutes having elapsed from the commencement when Playford scored a goal for the visitors. On resuming operations, the Swifts, emboldened by success, charged down energetically their antagonists, but after a rather warm scrimmage in front of the goal, Garne ran it away, and Playford in close attendance taking it under his especial protection continued the onslaught, and having passed it to Challen, the latter shot it cleverly between the posts.

At half time ends were changed, and the Swifts still further increased their score by adding another goal through the instrumentality of Challen, and just before time was announced Sisson gained one for Dulwich. The match thus ended in favour of the Swifts by three goals to one."

SL: "Teams representing these clubs contested their tie in the third round of the Cup, on Saturday afternoon, on the ground attached to the Greyhound, Dulwich, in the presence of a fairly large company. Dulwich won the toss, and chose to play against the wind, whereas Garne kicked off for the Swifts at 2.30, with the wind greatly to their advantage. For the first ten minutes play was pretty even, when a grand kick by Davis would have proved successful, but for the Dulwich goalkeeper; very shortly afterwards, Challen shot the ball across to Playford who sent it through, the Swifts thus scoring their first point. The ball was chiefly in the Dulwich quarters, and threatened danger repeatedly, and in a few minutes another goal fell to the Swifts, Challen bringing the ball into centre position by a fine dribble, and putting it through without assistance. After a grand shot had been defeated by the Swifts' goal-keeper, who stopped it with his hands, half-time was sounded, the Swifts at this point having scored two goals to none.

Unluckily for the Dulwich men their change of ends was little or no advantage to them, as by this time the wind had altered its course, and now blew dead across the field of play. Dulwich now played hard to avert defeat, and their short dribbling and passing was very fine. The ball quickly found its way into the Swifts' territory, but a corner kick proved futile. The Swifts now exerted themselves, and by some fine dribbling and combined play on their part, the ball

was muddled in good position,when +Garne took a kick which proved successful.A shot from the Swifts' left went behind and several corner kicks failed to assist their side.About this time,Holden-White,Challen,and Bambridge were very busy,the former being very useful with his dodging,dribbling tactics.However, Dulwich at last got a chance,and from a scrimmage in front of the Swifts' goal, Sisson headed the ball through,the game thus ending in favour of the Swifts by three goals to one.Shortly after half-time,Dulwich lost the services of Cox,who, however,was able to play again in about ten minutes,and prove very useful to his side.Denny and Raybould also played well for the losers." +F/SM give Challen

Dulwich:C.H.Plunkett(Goal);H.Denny,B.H.Cox(Backs);F.G.Perrins,W.A.Heap, E.A.Whittle(Capt.)(Half Backs);H.Sisson,G.H.Quint(Right Wing),F.S.Mayo (Centre),W.Raybould,J.Morris(Left Wing).

Swifts:H.A.Swepstone(Goal);A.O.Davies,A.W.Platt(Backs);F.E.Saunders, C.Holden-White,C.J.M.Godfrey(Half Backs);A.D.Humphry,J.B.Challen(Right Wing), W.H.Garne(Centre),E.C.Bambridge,R.Playford(Left Wing).

Umpires:Dr Smith and E.M.Soulby.Referee:Major Marindin(R.E.,President F.A).

OLD CARTHUSIANS 5 (C.W.Parry 2,E.S.Currey,H.C.Price,R.L.Escombe)

OLD BRIGHTONIANS 0

(H.T. 3-0)(Thurs Nov 24<sup>th</sup>)(At the Greyhound Ground,Dulwich)

Sporting Life 25/11/87 P.4/Field 26/11/87 P.824/Sportsman 25/11/87 P.4:

SL:"Those who attended at the Greyhound Grounds,at Dulwich yesterday (Thursday)afternoon to witness these clubs decide the tie in the third round of the English Cup must have been somewhat disappointed at the play generally. Certainly both the weather and the ground were against the players,but,despite these drawbacks,evidently better play might have been expected from both.As it was individual play was the order,and though at times combination ensued,it was rather the exception than the rule.As will be seen,the Carthusians were ultimately victorious,and qualified for the fourth round.

Winning the toss,the Carthusians elected to defend the bottom goal for the first forty-five minutes,and at twenty-seven minutes past two p.m.,N.Leete kicked off for the Brightonians.Bond endeavoured to get away,but was deprived by Arthur, who transferred the ball to Waddington.The right wing player made tracks,but being tackled by C.H.Bond,passed to the centre,and Price worked the ball nearer to their opponents' citadel,but when it became dangerous J.P.Muspratt deprived him,and with a long kick sent the ball to midfield,where Currey,obtaining possession,put in a clipping run,and passing across the mouth of goal,Parry,with a long screw,baffled Stone,and scored the first point for the Carthusians,after some three minutes' play.Recommencing the Brightonians went away on the right,but failed to pass the rival half-backs.Escombe,getting on the ball,put in a clipping run,and middling,Currey rushed up and sent the sphere through,thus securing the second goal for the Carthusians in less than eight minutes from the start.The Brightonians,warming to their work,worked the ball up the field,and

after several futile shots at goal,obtained a corner,the ball going behind off Tyler. This advantage,however,was neutralised by Simmonds shooting wide.Again attacking on the left,hands were given against the Brightonians.Currey and Waddington then put in a good run.Cooper saved at the expense of a corner which,however,was unproductive.Returning to the attack,Price put in a very hot shot,Stone saving in grand style,and Hay cleared the lines for the time being. Shortly afterwards Currey had an opportunity of scoring,but shot wide. Restarting the sphere,Bennett,Simmonds,and N.Leete put in a grand combined run,but the latter passing too fast,Blenkiron deprived and placed on to Parry.A general attack on the Brightonians' citadel ensued,and Stone was called on to use his hands.A corner fell to the Carthusians,and after some warm work round goal,J.P.Muspratt cleverly cleared.Bennett and Simmonds getting away on the right,passed the rival half-backs,and were becoming very dangerous,when Walters tackled,and Tyler deprived them,and placed to Arthur,who in turn sent on to Escombe.The latter,going at top speed,had the goal at his mercy,but foolishly dwelling on the ball instead of shooting,and when tackled passed to Price.The latter was palpably offside,and the Brightonians claiming,were awarded.Immediately returning to the attack,the Carthusian forwards were swarming round their opponents' goal.Escombe put in a very warm shot,which went behind.Price followed suit,and Waddington skied the ball over the cross-bar.From the free kick,Bond and Wilson went away,but being badly supported,were speedily driven back.Price leading the Carthusians on to the attack,terminated a fine run by putting in a lightning shot,which Cooper averted. Escombe again obtained possession,and middling to Price,the latter put in a low screw,which Stone failed to reach,and registered the third goal for his side. Recommencing,Currey and Waddington were quickly on the warpath,the latter making a shot at goal.Muspratt endeavoured to head it away,but in so doing he only sent the ball between the uprights,Stone just saving.Simmonds and Bennett were next conspicuous,but failed to make much headway,and when half-time arrived the Carthusians were leading by three goals to nil.

But little description is needed of the second half,the play generally being the loosest.The Carthusians,however,were enabled to obtain a couple more goals. Parry registered the fourth from a grand pass by Escombe,and the latter the fifth.Stone ought to have (saved) but misdirected with the left, and the ball went through.This,however,was the only mistake made by the Brightonian goal-keeper during the match.When the whistle sounded for the cessation of hostilities,the Carthusians had won by five goals to love."

F:"A one-sided match was the outcome of the meeting of these two clubs at the Greyhound,Dulwich,on Thursday afternoon in the third round.This was probably anticipated,as only a small number of persons assembled;but it must be conceded that the weather was not of a description calculated to induce a visit to a football ground.The play was for the most part of a disappointing character, though the movement of the players was undoubtedly affected by the greasy condition of the turf.Now and again the Old Brightonians invested their play with some vigour and combination,but it was apparent to all that they were overmatched.The strength of the Carthusians rested principally with their backs, for though all their forwards did something creditable at different times,they

were never too well together. Parry and Escombe were perhaps seen to more advantage than any of the other forwards in the match.

Punctuality in reaching the scene of play having been observed by all engaged, a commencement was made shortly before the advertised time. The Old Carthusians at once assumed the aggressive, and after a very few minutes' play a goal was secured for them by Parry. Then, five minutes later, Currey, from a centre by Escombe, obtained a second goal for the old boys of the Charterhouse. Following this, however, the Brightonians showed stronger defence, Muspratt and Cooper doing a lot of good work, and Stone keeping goal very well. The ball was the more frequently in the Old Brightonians half, and when it was carried to the other end, Walters and the backs generally proved equal to preventing anything like a disaster. Towards the end of the first half, Escombe after a capital run, seemed to have the goal at his mercy, but he preferred to pass the ball, which in consequence went to Price, who was offside, and the opportunity was lost. A few minutes later, however, Price with a fine shot scored third goal for the Carthusians who, on the change of ends, continued to assert their superiority.

Parry soon obtained a fourth by a capital kick. The Carthusians' play then slackened considerably, and the game in consequence proceeded more evenly. Once indeed, the Old Brightonians set up a most vigorous attack, which Wreford-Brown alone prevented from being successful. The Old Carthusians, however, woke up again presently, and just before the finish Escombe, with a long shot, scored, despite a capital effort to save by Stone, who certainly kept goal in good form, though the result would seem to point to the contrary."

SM: "The ground adjoining the Greyhound, Dulwich was in a very heavy state to which may be attributed the rather poor display of football given. The winners were altogether the better team, but even their play lacked combination. Stone, the Brightonian goal keeper, defended his post in fine style, and it was through his dexterity between the posts that the Carthusians' score was not much larger. It is not often that one has to record strict punctuality amongst football players. Yesterday, however, the game was started two or three minutes before the advertised time-2.30.

The Carthusians won the toss, and taking the goal near the new road left their rivals to kick off. The Charterhouse forwards at once ribbled the ball down, and within three minutes of the start Parry registered the first goal for them. The Brightonians were still severely pressed, and only five minutes had elapsed since the other score, when Currey put the ball between their posts a second time. On resuming the play was more even. Each side had a corner, but nothing came of them, the ball in each instance going behind. The Carthusians again got the upper hand and Stone, after stopping a shot from Price, twice had to use his hands for kicks from the left wing. Escombe next sent in a couple of shots, both of which passed just clear of the left posts. For the next quarter of an hour nothing worthy of note transpired, the play being rather loose. At length a good pass from Waddington enabled Price to get away and he registered goal number three by a good kick. A few minutes later half time was called, and the sides changed ends.

Directly on resuming the Carthusians resumed their aggressive tactics. Muspratt and Cooper repeatedly cleared their goals, but Walters and Blenkiron frequently kicked the ball back. Waddington, Escombe, and Parry all put in good shots, but these were saved by Stone. The Carthusians had a free kick near their rivals' goal, but nothing came of it. Subsequently, after some loose play in the Brighton half, Parry scored from a long shot. For a short time the play was carried on from the opposite end. Escombe, however, put in a long run down the right, after which Stone had again to use his hands repeatedly. Wilson and Bond relieved their side, and close play near the Charterhouse goal ensued. Wreford Brown had to save, and then Walters got the ball away by a long kick. After this Waddington finished up a run down the right, and passing to Escombe, the latter kicked a fifth goal. "Time" arrived shortly afterwards, and the Old Carthusians won by five goals to none."

Old Carthusians: C. Wreford Brown (Goal); A. M. Walters, C. H. Tyler (Backs); T. W. Blenkiron, F. J. Barmby, S. R. Arthur (Half Backs); E. S. Currey, C. W. Waddington (Right Wing), H. C. Price (Centre), C. W. Parry, R. L. Escombe (Left Wing).

Old Brightonians: A. C. Stanley-Stone (Goal); J. P. Muspratt, N. C. Cooper (Backs); A. T. Hay, W. Leete, C. H. Bond (Half Backs); J. H. Bennett, C. Simmonds (Right Wing), N. Leete (Centre), W. E. Bond, G. H. Wilson (Left Wing).

Umpires: J. Armstrong (Clapton) and Cox (Dulwich).  
Referee: N. L. Jackson (Corinthians/Hon. Sec. London Football Association).

OLD FORESTERS, a bye.

SECOND SERIES

FOURTH ROUND

DRAW: Monday November 28<sup>th</sup> 1887 at 51, Holborn Viaduct, London  
(Lincoln Chronicle 2/12/87 p.2):

Great Bridge Unity .v. Bootle  
Notts Forest .v. Old Etonians  
Old Foresters .v. Grimsby Town or Lincoln City  
Crewe Alexandra .v. Swifts  
Crusaders .v. Sheffield Wednesday  
Shankhouse .v. Aston Villa  
Darwen or Witton .v. Notts Rangers

The following received byes: Chirk, Derby Junction, Derby County, West Bromwich Albion, Middlesbrough or Sunderland, Stoke-on-Trent, Blackburn Rovers or Accrington, + Preston or Bolton or Halliwell and Old Carthusians  
"The ties are to be played off on or before Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> on the ground of the first-named."

"Protest by Lincoln against Grimsby referred to the Commission": Blackburn Standard 3/12/87

+For Preston North End v Bolton Wanderers described as a Second Round match,see last game in this round below.

Sunderland Daily Echo 20/12/87 P.3:"The protest of Accrington against Blackburn Rovers on account of Townley's qualification was not sustained,and that of Middlesbrough against Sunderland was referred to a committee,a similar course being observed in relation to the appeal of Great Bridge Unity against Bootle.Crewe Alexandra successfully protested against the result of their match with the Swifts,on the ground of the posts not being of the proper size,and the tie was ordered to be replayed at Derby or Birmingham.The application of the Everton Club to have their suspension for a month reduced was refused by the Council."

GREAT BRIDGE UNITY 1 (J.White)  
BOOTLE 2 (J.Holt,W.Hastings)  
(H.T. 0-1)(At Great Bridge,West Bromwich)(Sat Dec 17<sup>th</sup>)

Birmingham Daily Post 19/12/87 P.7/Sporting Life 19/12/87 P.3/Liverpool Mercury 19/12/87 P.7/Sportsman 19/12/87 P.4(inaccurate report of 2<sup>nd</sup> half):

BDP:"These teams met at Great Bridge before about two thousand spectators. The Bootle captain won the toss,and chose to play with the strong wind in favour of his team.D.Smith kicked off,and before there was scarcely time to realise the fact,the Bootle men had scored,Holt having beaten the goalkeeper with a long shot.Bootle continued pressing,and another long shot almost took effect.Corner after corner fell to the visitors,but they could not break through the fine defence afforded by the home backs,Rowley and G.Smith.The former,indeed,kicked brilliantly,and would do credit to any team.The Unity occasionally made an incursion into Bootle's territory,but their attacks were thwarted by the good play of Watson,the Old Queen's Park back.Do all they could Bootle could not score again,and at half time the game remained unchanged.

The home team now had the wind in their favour,and seemed to have a very rosy chance of winning.They commenced by making a headlong rush into the visitors' goal,and a fine shot from the right was well saved by the goalkeeper.Nothing daunted the Unity again tried to score,but were rewarded only with a corner.The kick was well taken,but the ball was got away,only to be returned by Millard,but Jackson,the goalkeeper,was in splendid form,and managed to save his charge.The Bootle men,who had been playing on the defensive,got possession of the ball, and,getting into their opponents' territory,Hastings scored with a beautiful low shot.The Unity played up very pluckily,notwithstanding this reverse,and from a corner kick White scored.They would have won had their forwards been heavier, for during the remainder of the time they had the best of the game,but could not cope with the heavy backs of the visitors,who thus won by 2 goals to 1."

LM:"Bootle had a long journey to make to West Bromwich,to meet the Great Bridge Unity to decide who should have the honour of entering the fifth round for the English Cup.About 1,000 spectators had assembled to witness the game.

Bootle won the toss, and had a strong wind and the hill in their favour, and putting on pressure from the start, Lewis was enabled to beat the home goalkeeper with a splendid shot. Unity now woke up and put in some strong aggressive play, but the Bootle defence was too good for them, and the attack was repulsed, and play confined for a short time to the centre of the field. Then Bootle made tracks once more for the home goal. The leather was not allowed to remain there for long, the home right wing fastening on it, and going away, passed to Smith, who mulled two easy chances of scoring. From now till half-time the game was very even, and no further score was made.

Directly after the restart, Unity obtained a corner, the kick proving futile, and a minute later Bootle scored their second goal. The home team afterwards put great pressure on the Bootle defence, and were ultimately rewarded with a goal from a scrimmage in front of goal, this being the last point scored. Bootle were thus the winners by 2 goals to 1." (No teams)

SL: "A good muster of spectators assembled on the Unity Ground at Great Bridge to witness this tie on Saturday. Owing to the recent form shown by the Unity the Great Bridge people were confident that the local cracks could play a fine game, and the result fully proved that the confidence placed in this rising young Black Country club was by no means unwarranted. The game commenced fast at the outset, and the visitors scored after a few minutes' play. Having the wind in their favour, Bootle did most of the pressing, but the stubborn defence of the home team prevented them from adding to their score, and half time arrived with no alteration to the score-Bootle, one; Unity, 0.

Changing over the home forwards set to work in earnest; a corner fell to them, but proved abortive, and after pressing the visitors' defence severely a spell of mid-field play ensued. A fine run by the Bootle forwards led to a second goal. Ten minutes later the home side rushed the ball through from a scrimmage amidst applause. Despite their plucky endeavours to equalise, they were unable to do so, and after the visitors scored an off-side goal, the game ended in a win for Bootle by two goals to one."

Great Bridge Unity: T. Saunders (Goal); E. Rowley, G. Smith (Backs); C. Mill (ward), Clansey, Danks (Half Backs); W. Pittaway, E. Martin (Right Wing), D. Smith (Centre), J. Evans, J. White (Left Wing).

Bootle: J. Jackson (Goal); A. Watson, T. Veitch (Backs); A. Allsop, J. Holt, F. Woods (Half Backs); J. Wilding, T. Fenn (Right Wing), B. Lewis (Centre), W. Hastings, R. Anderson (Left Wing).

Umpires: J. Cooper and W. C. Sowerberry. Referee: Chaplin (Derby).

Lancashire Evening Post 30/12/87 P.2: "The inquiry into the protest lodged by Great Bridge Unity against Bootle, arising out of the fourth round of the English Cup, was held last evening at the Compton Hotel, Liverpool. The Commissioners present were Dr Morley (Blackburn), Mr Crump (Birmingham), and Mr M. P. Betts (London). The protest against Watson and Hastings was dismissed, but a meeting

will be held next Tuesday by the Football Council to enquire into charges made against Veitch,Holt,Lewis,and Anderson.”

NOTTS FOREST 6 (S.Norman,T.Danks 2,F.Fox 2,T.Lindley)  
OLD ETONIANS 0 (H.T. 2-0)(Sat Dec 17<sup>th</sup>)(At the Gregory Ground,Lenton)

Nottingham Evening Post 17/12/87 P.3/Nottingham Journal 19/12/87 P.7/  
Sportsman 19/12/87 P.4/Sporting Life 19/12/87 P.3(Short report no lineups):

NEP:”This tie in the first round of the second series of contests for the Football Association Cup was decided on the Gregory Ground,Lenton,this afternoon.This is not the first time these two organisations have met in this competition,for about +four or five years (ago) the Old Etonians defeated the Forest in one of the semi final ties by the majority of one goal,but in February 1885,the Reds obtained satisfaction for this reverse as the collegians were thrown out of the hunt for the cup by two goals to none.This present tie has awakened a great deal of interest in football circles as the clubs engaged effected the surprises of the last round,while the match has also been regarded as the meeting of the best teams,which consist strictly of amateurs left in the competition.The Foresters have undergone a slight preparation for the tie,and like their opponents,put an excellent eleven in the field.It was a glorious afternoon for the season of the year when the game commenced,and the attendance reached 6,000.There was a small amount of wind,which the visitors had in their favour during the first half,kicking towards the Radford goal.

Lindley started the ball within three minutes of the advertised time,and play was at once exciting,although all the opening attacks were defeated.The visitors were the first to get into shooting position,and Dunn shot well,but Widdowson was able to throw away,and Weatherhead eventually shot wide,finishing the attack.In turn the Reds attacked,and after forcing a corner had some merry play in front of the Old Etonian goal,during which Leighton almost scored.The visitors played up well,and often got close to the backs,but were then generally beaten.Lindley dashed away once,and obliged Danks,but he shot too high,and the Eton boys drove their opponents back.Play continued fairly fast,and very evenly balanced, although the Foresters showed the most combination.Another corner to the Reds was beautifully placed by Leighton,and Danks missed a grand opening.A shot from Lindley was almost muffed by Alston,but he managed to get it away,and Dunn,gaining possession,dashed off up the field,only to be defeated when he met Ward.A spell of play in which the visitors decidedly shone followed,Dunn the right wing working hard and well.Marchant shot well from a pass by Dunn,but was not successful,and the Foresters changed the venue,but could not keep the ball at the other end long.Back went the Eton boys,and Widdowson had to throw out,and the Forest right made an excursion,but were beaten on the line by Preston.A second attack was finished by Danks running the ball over the line,but still the Foresters kept their position and Lindley shot,compelling the concession of a corner.Nothing could be done with it,however,and the visitors returned,and Danks was again observable for his dangerous play,but keeping the ball too much to himself,he was beaten.The weather,which had been bright and fine,

suddenly changed, and rain began to fall. Ward placed another corner on the wrong side, and Danks shot high over the bar. Play was transferred to the other end of the field, where Weatherhead put the ball over the line. The attacks of each side were sharp and severe, but never lasted long, until the visitors got in once, and from a centre by Gosling an exceedingly hot siege was laid to the Foresters' goal, which kept their supporters on the tip-toe of excitement for two or three minutes. Lindley broke away, and beating Philipson, he forced a corner, which Ward placed, and Norman headed a goal just thirty minutes from the start. More fast play followed, the forwards of both sides working with a will. Norman defeated another concerted attack, and amidst the encouraging plaudits of their adherents, Lindley led the Reds to the front again. Each goalkeeper had to handle in turn, and then the Foresters went in for a sustained attack, which Danks concluded by scoring a second goal with a splendid shot. The home team were now holding decidedly the upper hand, and amidst a pelting shower of rain the first half was finished with the Reds two goals in front.

The Forest commenced the second half with the lead, and Danks just shaved the uprights, and Leighton followed this with a grand shot which Alston met, and Preston conceded a corner. Ward took the flag kick, and Eton had two narrow escapes, Alston saving once in grand style. The ball was now in the neighbourhood of the visitors' goal almost continuously, their forwards being apparently settled. From a lovely centre by Danks, Lindley was afforded a grand opening, but he fell, and Burton had a try, which Alston neutralised. He had also to handle again three times within as many minutes, and a corner to the Foresters was fruitless. The visitors got to the other end, but Caborn circumvented them, and Forest again carried the game into their opponents' territory, where Alston was again called upon. In fact the Etonians were now playing a beaten team, and play was uninteresting in consequence. Continuing their fast play the home team forwards kept peppering away at Alston, but weak shooting, combined with smart goalkeeping, and fairly good back play, kept them at bay. Leighton managed another corner, and Alston stopped another shot from the half back division. The visitors' right relieved the monotony of the proceedings, but they only ran the ball over the line. From the goal kick Leighton put in another of his characteristic runs, centring to Danks who shot through, but the whistle had previously blown for offside. Following this Fox scored a third legitimate goal. The rain had now cleared off, and the game was still in the Eton quarters, Danks coming within an ace of effecting the downfall of the visitors' stronghold. A sudden spurt led by Dunn, fetched out Widdowson, but the opportunity was lost, and back went the Foresters to the other end to trouble the Eton defenders, Fox quickly scoring a fourth goal. The Reds relaxed their exertions a bit, but still had the best of the play, although a couple of free kicks against them took a certain amount of repelling. Alston fisted away again, and Lindley shot hard, but Leighton, who might have added a final touch to a fifth point, slipped down. Play was a little more open after this, but the Foresters had not finished with their scoring, as two fine runs were finished by Lindley and Danks, both scoring. Widdowson was called upon once more before the finish of the game, but he was quite equal to the high shot which was put in, and a one-sided game ended in a victory for the Forest by six goals to none." + In 1879

SM: "This match was played on the Gregory Ground at Lenton, near Nottingham, on Saturday afternoon, before an immense assemblage, numbering, in fact, five thousand spectators. The local team started the game, Lindley kicking off at 2.20. At the outset play was very fast, the Forest forwards working very smartly together, whilst on the other hand some excellent work was executed by Marchant and Dunn. After the lapse of about half an hour Norman registered the first goal from a corner for the locals, and immediately afterwards a second was scored by Danks on the right wing out of a scrimmage. When the interval was announced the "reds" led by the goals in question.

On crossing over the Forest men played even better than in the first portion. Fox was not long ere he ran up a third point, and on resuming the same player was responsible for a fourth. The Etonians worked very hard, but their efforts were futile in front of their opponents' stronghold. Lindley, in the centre, shot a fifth goal for the Forest, and before concluding a sixth was registered by Danks on the right wing, the match finally resulting in a victory for the locals by six goals to none. Prominent on their behalf were Danks, Leighton, Ward, and Hancock."

Notts Forest: T.H. Widdowson (Goal); C.J. Caborn, W.T. Hancock (Backs); W. Ward, Harry Pike, S. Norman (Half Backs); T. Danks, F. Fox (Right Wing), T. Lindley (Centre), E.J. Leighton, F.E. Burton (Left Wing).

Old Etonians: H.N. Alston (Goal); H. Philipson, W.C. Bridgeman (Backs); Hon. C.M. Knatchbull-Hugesson, T.C. Weatherhead, G.E. Preston (Half Backs); H.W. Bainbridge, R.C. Gosling (Right Wing), A..T.B. Dunn (Centre), F. Marchant, E.G. Bromley-Martin (Left Wing).

Umpires: J.H. Strawson (Lincoln) and S. Durban (Birmingham).  
Referee: W.H. Jope (Wednesbury).

OLD FORESTERS 4 (R.C. Guy 2, H. Guy, R.B. Johnson)  
GRIMSBY TOWN 2 (J. Lee, H. Atkinson) (H.T. 1-0) (Sat Dec 17<sup>th</sup>) (At Kennington Oval)

Field 24/12/87 P.967/Lincolnshire Chronicle 20/12/87 P.3 and 23/12/87 P.2/  
Sportsman 19/12/87 P.4/Sporting Life 19/12/87 P.3:

F: "Tis a far cry from Grimsby to Kennington Oval, and doubtless the long journey had, to a certain extent, a prejudicial effect upon the play of the Lincolnshire team. Still, though they were beaten by a majority of two goals, they made a rare good fight of it, despite having the worst of the luck. The afternoon was bright, but not altogether favourable for football, as a strong wind was blowing nearly the whole time play lasted, which not only rendered accurate kicking difficult, but assisted to chill the spectators, who were present in large numbers. From first to last the play was fast, and full of exciting incident. The Old Foresters' forwards were rather the better, but they, perhaps, owed their success chiefly to the excellent goalkeeping of Walker, who in the first half, when the visitors with the wind behind them, made frequent sorties, saved his charge several times in admirable fashion. Pelly was rather a weak spot in the Foresters' defence, which stood a very

severe test during the first portion of the game very creditably. The Guys played up with their usual determination and skill, and Newberry was seen to great advantage until getting the worst of a heavy charge in the second half. Grimsby Town played energetically all through; their back play was very good, but the goalkeeping was not up to the mark, and the passing of their forwards, particularly when near the rival goal, was erratic and wild. Several times, however, they missed scoring by the merest chance, so that it may well be said of them, that though beaten, they were not disgraced.

Grimsby Town won the toss, and soon after half-past two the ball was kicked off against a strong breeze by the Foresters, who soon had to act on the defensive. Indeed, the game had lasted but a few minutes, when, from a pass by Atkinson, the ball was sent through the home posts by Macbeth, who, being offside, had to go unrewarded. Throughout the game there was the tendency for one or more of the visiting forwards to place themselves offside. Following this incident a corner was taken by Grimsby, but without anything definite resulting, and then in turn the Foresters became the assailants, and proved successful, a goal being kicked for them by R.C. Guy after a good bit of play on the left wing. Then for a time Grimsby pressed their rivals continuously, and experienced rather bad luck, the ball once hitting the goal post, another time going just over the bar, and later still just outside the post, while Walker several times had to display exceptional smartness to save his charge. At the close of the first half the Foresters' goal remained the only point scored so far.

After a quarter of an hour after changing ends, however, Walker incurred the penalty for running with the ball, and from the loose bully formed after the free kick, a goal was scored by Grimsby, making matters level. From this period the Old Foresters were seen to the better advantage. A very fine run by H. Guy was chiefly instrumental in obtaining a second goal for them, and a third was obtained through a mistake on the part of some of the visitors. A free kick had been given for hands, and the ball, after being slightly turned aside by the kicker to Johnson, was smartly kicked through, a direction to the goalkeeper to leave the ball alone by some player who had evidently not seen the manoeuvre being implicitly obeyed. Atkinson scored a second goal for Grimsby, and this roused the team to further exertions; but no success rewarded their efforts, and not long before the finish R.C. Guy kicked under the visitors' crossbar, so that the Old Foresters quitted the field winners by four goals to two."

LC: "This match was played at Kennington Oval, London, on Saturday afternoon in the presence of about 1,200 spectators. About 150 of the Grimsby supporters travelled to London. The weather was all that could be desired, but the ground was a little soft. The visitors losing the toss, the home team kicked off, and almost immediately sent a bye. Atkinson obtained, and made a brilliant rush down the field, passing to Riddoch, who quickly placed the leather between the posts. The goal, however, was disallowed on the plea of "off-side", and the visitors returned to the attack, but, beyond a corner, which was placed behind the posts, nothing resulted. From a series of throws-in, the home team worked into the vicinity of the visitors' goal, where a free kick was awarded them, which Hopewell cleared in capital style. A free kick for the home team was well disposed of by Macbeth, but

Hopewell sent a bye. The home team, by means of short passing, reached the visitors' citadel when Horner sent in a capital centre. R. Guy received, and sent in a capital shot which Christian failed to catch, the home team thus obtaining their first goal amidst applause. The visitors undauntedly returned to the fray, and, after a free kick for them, Macbeth sent in a very swift shot, which struck the cross-bar. Riddoch, however, received, but sent the sphere over the bar. A corner for the home team occasioned a rather exciting scrimmage in front of goal, until Atkinson broke through, and after a smart run passed to Macbeth who again sent the leather over the bar. The visitors from now became the aggressors, and many determined attacks were made on the home team's citadel, but, through the splendid judgment and vigilance of Walker, they were unable to pierce his defence, and at the call of half time the score was one goal to none.

On resuming hostilities the home team at once began to press, and a corner conceded them Hopewell cleared in capital style. The visitors now pulled themselves together and eventually scored a goal. The Foresters now kept up the pressing, and a free kick being awarded them, was the means of obtaining their +third goal. Morton and Macbeth now executed a smart run down the field, but were checked when right in front of goal. A free kick, however, was the issue when the leather was rushed through, Grimsby thus securing their second goal. The home team, however, not to be denied, again invaded the Grimsby territory, where a corner was conceded them, which caused another exciting scrimmage in front of goal out of which they secured their fourth goal. Both teams now worked with redoubled vigour; the game becoming very exciting, and continued so until the call of time, when the game resulted in a win for the Foresters by four goals to two." +N.B Not clear in this report how the second Foresters goal was scored

SM: "This tie was decided on Saturday last at Kennington Oval, and ultimately resulted in a victory for the Foresters by four goals to two, after a finely disputed game; in fact, one of the most animated we have had to record this season. Macbeth having won the toss played with the wind for the first half, and at 2.35 the Foresters made a commencement from the gasometer side of the ground. The Grimsby forwards at once advanced to the assault, and from a shot by Atkinson Macbeth sent the ball under the bar, but the off-side rule precluded a goal. Nothing resulted from a corner by Taylor, but after a lapse of twelve minutes, from a united attack by the Foresters' forwards, in which Robertson, Newbury, and Ralph Guy took prominent positions, the last named obtained the first goal for the Foresters. Out of a loose scrimmage Riddock hit the bar, and the ball rebounded into play. Shortly after, out of a scrimmage, Riddock kicked over, while a run by Hugh Guy was cleverly stopped by Lundie. Walker, in goal, made many successful efforts, while Johnson turned aside a fierce attack by the Grimsby forwards.

Having changed ends at half-time, the Grimsby team, a goal behind, seemed to improve, and at last Walker slipped and fell, and Lee scored a goal for Grimsby, twenty minutes after reversing their positions. Ten minutes after the last event, from a splendid run by Hugh Guy, that player made a second goal, and three minutes afterwards Johnson obtained a third, and after a dashing assault by Grimsby from a well-combined assault Atkinson was credited with a second for

the Lincolnshire team, and closely upon the termination of the game R.C. Guy won the match as above mentioned for the Foresters."

Old Foresters: W. Walker (Goal); W.S. Borrow, F.R. Pelly (Backs); R.B. Johnson (Capt.), A.V. Treacher, H.H. Johnson (Half Backs); H. Guy, C.J. Horner (Right Wing), R.C. Guy (Centre), A. Robertson, H.C. Newbery (Left Wing).

Grimsby Town: F. Christian (Goal); H. Taylor, J. Lundie (Backs); J.H. Taylor, H. Smith, W. Hopewell (Half Backs); H. Atkinson, J. Lee (Right Wing), H. Morton (Centre), D. Riddoch, R. Macbeth (Capt.) (Left Wing).

Umpires: R.E. Hetherington (Casuals) and J. Greenhill.  
Referee: Major Marindin (President, Football Association).

CREWE ALEXANDRA 2 (E. Payne, G. Price)  
SWIFTS 2 (E.C. Bambridge, J.B. Challen)  
(H.T. 0-0) (Sat Dec 10<sup>th</sup>) (At Crewe)

Crewe Guardian 16/12/87 P.8/Manchester Courier and Lancashire General Advertiser 12/12/87 P.3/Crewe Chronicle 17/12/87 P.5/Sportsman 12/12/87 P.4/Sporting Life 12/12/87 P.4/Field 17/12/87 P.933 (Short Report):

CG: "These teams met at Crewe on Saturday, in the presence of about 3,000 visitors, to play off their tie in the fourth round of the English Cup Competition. The match had been looked forward to with considerable interest, and the general opinion was that the home team would get a "slating". Much to their credit, however, they got nothing of the sort, and at one time it looked very much like the other way about. The visitors included several Internationals, all men well known in the football world.

Shortly after 2.30 the ball was started, and at once taken to the Alexandra end and kicked out. For some little time the Swifts had the advantage, and one or two corners, with a foul almost under the cross-bar, helped them considerably; but the Crewe men defended grandly and got safely away. Then the home forwards commenced to attack vigorously, and experienced very hard luck on several occasions. The fight continued without result until half-time.

On the change of ends the Alexandrians showed up capitally, and in three minutes from the re-start got a well-earned goal, amid loud applause. This roused the visitors somewhat, who began to work with a will, and shortly afterwards they equalised matters after a severe struggle, and a minute or two later they scored a second goal from a corner, which was beautifully put in. The home team now fell to pieces a little, and the visitors kept up the pressure; but about ten minutes from time the Alexandrians pulled themselves together, and, after one or two ineffectual attempts, Price scored a fine oblique shot, thus making the game again equal. Crewe continued to press until the call of time, but nothing more was added to the score. The Alexandra captain wished to play extra time, but this was not agreed to, and so the game ended in a draw of two goals each."

+CC:"Bambridge,A.O.Davies,Swepstone,Dr Smith,and Holden-White

MC:"This tie in the fourth round of the above competition was played at Crewe on Saturday.Smith kicked off,and the Swifts making a rush,Challen had a chance,but put the ball over the line.Dr Smith followed this up by a shot,which Hickton threw away.The Swifts still had the best of the play,and after Challen had shot over,Conde gave a corner which was well cleared.Bambridge was next conspicuous with a low shot,but Hickton cleverly kicked away,and two corners in succession for the Swifts were got away.A foul near Crewe's goal was cleared, and Pearson made for the opposite uprights.Platt gave a corner,and the ball was sent over the bar by Pearson.Halfpenny next shot,and Swepstone hit the ball out. Crewe then pressed,and A.O.Davies exhibited some fine defensive play.Half time was shortly afterwards whistled with no goals scored.

Directly after restarting the Crewe forwards went down the field,and Payne scored their first goal.(G)arne got hurt,but played on.Ellis had a good chance from a pass by Tinsley,but put the ball behind.The Swifts now woke up,and from a corner,taken by Fernie,Bambridge equalised the score,and immediately afterwards Challen headed a second.Crewe played up pluckily,and their forwards coming down in a line Price scored and the game ended in a draw of two goals each."

CC:"It was not,however,until the second portion of the game that the contest became really exciting,but after the change of ends play was very fast,and at times we might say furious.The home team,recognising chances of obtaining a victory,played grandly,and their opponents had to play on the defensive for a considerable time,and from a clever run up the home left and pass across by Ellis,Payne headed a goal for Crewe amidst great enthusiasm,but this was damped very soon after by the result of beautiful play by Bambridge,Ingram,and Smith,which enabled the former to equalise the score,although disputed by many on the ground of "off-side".The visitors continued the aggressive,and by the instrumentality of Challis again scored,and now things appeared to be decidedly in favour of the Swifts being the victors.The Alexandra,however,renewed their exertions,and every man playing grandly,they again assumed the offensive and maintained it for the remainder of the game,and some few minutes before the close of the play Price shot a beautiful goal,again equalising matters."

Crewe Alexandra :E.Hickton(Goal);C.Conde,J.Bayman(Backs);W.S.Bell, F.W.Halfpenny,E.Osborne(Half Backs);E.Payne,J.Pearson(Right Wing), G.Price(Centre),I.Tinsley,J.Ellis,(Left Wing).

Swifts :H.A.Swepstone(Goal);A.O.Davies,A.W.Platt(Backs);F.E.Fernie, T.E.B.Wilson,C.Holden-White(Half Backs);W.H.Garne,J.B.Challen(Right Wing),Dr.J.Smith(Centre),F.M.Ingram, E.C.Bambridge(Left Wing).

Umpires:Haig(Sheffield) and Lythgoe(Liverpool).Referee:Duxbury(Darwen)

REPLAY:

SWIFTS 3 (Dr.J.Smith,C.Holden-White,F.M.Ingram)  
CREWE ALEXANDRA 2 (J.Tinsley 2)  
(H.T. 1-0)(Sat Dec 17<sup>th</sup>)(At Queen's Ground,West Kensington)

Field 24/12/87 P.967/Crewe Guardian 21/12/87 P.8/Crewe Chronicle  
24/12/87 P.2/Sporting Life 19/12/87 P.3/Sportsman 19/12/87 P.4/  
Manchester Courier 19/12/87 P.3(No teams)/Middlesex & Surrey Express  
24/12/87 P.3:

F:"Having each scored two goals on the occasion of their first meeting at Crewe, on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst.,these clubs met on Saturday for the second time at the Queen's Ground,West Kensington.The play proved of a most uninteresting character. Combination was little practised,while the play of the Alexandrians was on occasion so rough as to call forth marked expressions of disapproval on the part of the spectators.The "win,tie,or wrangle"element was not altogether absent,and the rule which forbids handling was in one instance most deliberately broken when the Crewe goal was in jeopardy.

The Swifts won the toss,and defended the Baron's Court goal,Price kicking off at 2.25.A number of fast runs were made by the visitors at the outset.Price and Pearson each made shots at goal,which Swepstone only just managed to turn on one side.For the first quarter of an hour Crewe had decidedly the better of the play,but then the Swifts improved in a marked degree.Challen,on the right wing, put in many brilliant runs,but Bambridge did not play quite up to his usual form. Twenty-five minutes had elapsed,when from a scrummage,Dr Smith kicked the ball under the bar off one of the defender's backs,thus gaining the first goal for the Swifts.On resuming Challen was again prominent,and twice he compelled Hickton to use his hands.Tinsley and Price now made an inroad into the Swifts' quarters,where a free kick for hands fell to them in front of goal.No advantage came from it,the ball being rushed to the other end by the forwards.It was then kicked between the northerners' posts,but no goal was allowed,owing to the offside rule having been broken.Ends were changed a few minutes later,the Swifts leading by one goal to none.

Early in the second half there was little of note in the play,and fully a quarter of an hour had elapsed before a good run was made.Price then got away on the left side,but was well met by the Swifts' backs,who transferred the ball to the other end.Saunders made an admirable corner kick,causing Hickton to use his hands.A scrummage ensued,out of which Dr Smith headed the ball over the bar.For a long time the Swifts held the advantage;Crewe then improved,and Swepstone had much difficulty in stopping shots by the centre.From the second of these he sent the ball behind his own lines.The corner was followed by the almost solitary piece of good passing in the match between Challen,Ingram,and Smith.It resulted in the last-named having the goal seemingly at his mercy.One of the visiting backs,however,picked the ball up in the most deliberate manner,amidst the derision of the onlookers.The Swifts really lost nothing,however,by this flagrant breach of the rules,for,from the free kick,the ball,after a few interchanges,was sent between the posts by Holden-White.Directly afterwards, from a pass by Pearson,Tinsley kicked a goal for Crewe.Ten minutes later the Swifts' forwards

again showed one of the few dashing pieces of play of the afternoon, and Ingram scored the third goal for them. Crewe again retaliated by obtaining a second point through the agency of Tinsley. This was protested against on the plea that the ball had been previously thrown in from touch by the wrong side, but the referee overruled the objection. Time was called a few minutes later, and the Swifts declared the winners by three goals to two. The Alexandrians at once lodged an objection, on the ground that the goal posts were not of the proper dimensions. This protest was sustained at the meeting of the Football Association Committee held on Monday, and the match will have to be replayed on the 31<sup>st</sup> inst at Derby."

CG: "The drawn game between these two teams in the fourth round of the national competition took place on the Queen's Ground, West Kensington, on Saturday. At half time the Swifts had scored one goal. In the second half both teams scored twice, the Swifts thus remaining victorious by three goals to two. The teams were the same as the preceding Saturday at Crewe." (No teams)

CC: "Plenty of excitement was in store for Associationists in the southern district on Saturday, for in London alone there were three National Cup ties. Interest, of course, was chiefly centred on the doings of the Swifts, who rank next to the Old Carthusians in the estimation of southern critics. The Swifts had one opportunity at Crewe a week since, but failed to win there, the tie being replayed at the New Queen's Club ground, West Kensington, where the "birds" won by three goals to two.

Two changes were made in the constitution of the winners' team, F.E. Saunders, the Cambridge and Sussex half-back, replacing Fernie, and the ex-Sheffielder, F.W. Pearson, taking the vacant place caused by W.H. Garne being hors de combat: this rearrangement materially increased the power of the Swifts, and probably conduced their victory, for Crewe played a better game than on the previous occasion. The first point was taken in a scrimmage, and on crossing over at half-time the Slough men faced the wind, but Holden-White quickly registered a second. Tinsley on the Crewe left got a beauty past Swepstone, but F.M. Ingram, the Oxford-Wylehamist, placed the Swifts still further ahead, although the Alexandra got a second goal before the finish. The Crewe men protested against the height of the goal-posts." (No teams)

CHECK but neither of the CG/CC Reports is accurate as regards the Swifts' Team. The only change was Saunders replacing Fernie

SL: "These powerful organisations, having played a drawn game on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst at Crewe, were compelled to meet again last Saturday, the venue this time being the popular grounds of the Quenn's Club, West Kensington. Both clubs put a good team into the field, the Swifts playing no fewer than five "Internationals" whilst the Railwaymen were also represented by their best team. Crewe lost the toss, and Price kicked off from the Comeragh-road end of the ground, but the Swifts soon pressed, and were only repulsed by the good work of Conde and Halfpenny, but aided by the strong wind Bambridge got dangerously close up, and sent the ball behind. The Alexandra next attacked, but Platt and Swepstone were too sure for them and good passing between the Doctor, Bambridge, and Challen removed

the danger for a time, but the metropolitan goal was soon threatened again, and Swepstone got the ball away in grand style. After two corners to the Swifts, Bambridge and Ingram went over, and eventually, out of a scrummage, Conde scored against his own side. This reverse nettled the Crewe men, and the Swifts were severely harrassed for a long time, a shot by Payne nearly effecting the downfall of their goal, but Davies sent the ball to the other end with a huge kick, and, after Hickton had saved, Challen shot over. Tinsley now missed his kick, but nothing resulted, and Hickton and Conde having relieved the pressure, Payne made a very bad shot at the Swifts' goal. From here to the end of the first half the Alexandra were severely pressed, but nothing more was scored.

The "Doctor" restarted, and a lot of even play ensued, a fine shot by Ellis being well diverted by Swepstone, and Challen took the ball to the other side of the ground, but was stopped by Halfpenny. Pearson now sent in a stinger, but Swepstone put it over the bar, and Davies saved his side time after time. A claim of foul was allowed to the Swifts in front of their opponents' goal, and the second goal was scored out of the scrummage. Shortly after the Cestrians attacked strongly, and Price put the leather through. After a claim of hands had been given to Crewe, Davies stopped a rush, and Garne and Challen dribbled up the field, and passed to Ingram, who scored the third goal for the "Birds". A misunderstanding now occurred, the Swifts maintaining that the ball had gone out, and a second goal was placed to the Crewe account after the referee had changed his mind once or twice. Nothing more was scored and the Swifts left the field as winners by three to two. For Crewe, Hickton, Conde, Osborn, Pearson, and Ellis were the best. Swepstone, Holden-White, Challen, and Bambridge did good work for the Swifts; but the display of Davies at full back was the grandest feature of the afternoon."

SM: "Play began at 2.25, Price kicking off for Crewe, who, having lost the toss, had to play with a rather strong wind in their faces. During the first quarter of an hour Crewe worked well together and got the better of the game, but they were unable to score. Price and Pearson put in good runs. As the game progressed the Swifts began to force the play, and twenty minutes from the start a scrummage near the Crewe goal resulted in the ball going through off one of the defending backs. From then until half-time the Swifts got the better of the play, but at change they were still only one goal to the good.

Early in the second half the play was even. The Swifts then made repeated attacks on the visitors' goal. From a free kick near the posts White secured the ball, and scored the second goal for the home team. Directly afterwards Tinsley scored for Crewe. This was protested against, on the grounds that the ball had been thrown in from touch by the wrong side. The referee allowed the point. Time was called a few minutes later, and the Swifts left the field the winners by three goals to two. The Crewe captain informed our representative that he had lodged a protest, on the ground that the goal-posts were not their proper height."

Swifts: H.A. Swepstone (Goal); A.O. Davies, A.W. Platt (Backs); C. Holden-White, F.E. Saunders, T.E.B. Wilson (Half Backs); W.H. Garne, J.B. Challen (Right Wing), Dr. J. Smith (Centre), F.M. Ingram, E.C. Bambridge (Left Wing).

Crewe Alexandra :E.Hickton(Goal);C.T.Conde(Capt.),J.Bayman(Backs);W.S.Bell, F.W.Halfpenny,E.Osborne(Half Backs);E.R.Payne,J.H.Pearson(Right Wing), G.Price(Centre),I.Tinsley,J.Ellis(Left Wing).

Umpires:W.S.Morice(Crusaders) and A.Pretty(Suffolk).  
Referee:J.Armstrong.

SL:"A protest was subsequently lodged by Crewe that the goals were not of regulation width."

(Replay ordered after protest by Crewe that the crossbar was too low)

SECOND REPLAY:Sat Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

CREWE ALEXANDRA 2 (J.Pearson,G.Price)  
SWIFTS 1 (E.C.Bambridge)  
(H.T. 0-0)(At County Cricket Club,Derby)

Manchester Courier 2/1/88 P.3/Sporting Life 2/1/88 P.3/Crewe Guardian  
4/1/88 P.8/Field 7/1/88 P.16/Sportsman 2/1/88 P.4/ (No teams):

MC:"This undecided tie in the above round was replayed at Derby on Saturday before 3,000 spectators.The weather was dull,and the turf greasy,from the thaw. Crewe kicked off.The Swifts at once attacked,Cullen kicking outside,and then forcing an unproductive corner.Pearson retaliated for Crewe,but,though Platt afforded him a good opening,he kicked over the bar.Soon afterwards Tinsley kicked a goal for Crewe,but the referee disallowed the point.Crewe put in some splendid work after this,Swepstone saving very coolly from Payne,Pearson,and Price.Though Crewe played a better game,their play was marred by a tendency to roughness,and once the game was delayed through Cotterill and Bambridge being hurt simultaneously.Each side broke away repeatedly,but no goals were scored before half time.

On resuming Ingram made a good attempt to score for the Swifts but shot wide.Crewe then obtained a free kick,and Pearson,getting possession,kicked a neat goal.This was followed immediately afterwards by another good goal from Price,the Crewe partisans growing very enthusiastic at their success.Soon after the kick off Challen made a splendid run down the right wing,and centred to Bambridge,who scored a pretty goal.After this the pace fell off considerably,and it was only at rare intervals that the goalkeepers were called on,Swepstone having most to do.He saved several capital shots,and none of them having effect, the ultimate result of the match was a victory for Crewe by two goals to one.The winners were the best team,their combination being really excellent at times.But for the grand defence of Davies and Swepstone the Swifts would have fared worse still,the ground being too heavy to suit their style of play."

SL:"This match was ordered to be played at Derby on Saturday,owing to the goal-posts not being the regulation height when the same teams met a fortnight ago.

The Swifts on that occasion proved victorious, so that Saturday's meeting was the third encounter between this pair. The match was advertised to commence punctually at a quarter-past two, but at that hour the Swifts had not arrived, so that the game was delayed some twenty minutes. Shortly after half past two the Londoners were seen approaching the pavilion ready dressed for the fray, so that when once arrived on the spot they were enabled to commence operations at once. The Major did not intend to have any more objection about the goal-posts. He and the able secretary of the Derby County F.C. "taped" it prior to the start. The ground was slippery and very treacherous, the Crewe fellows appearing to stand much better than their metropolitan opponents. Besides a caution to Conde, one of the Crewe Alexandra back division, the Major had not much to do. The Swifts were without Dr Smith, who contented himself looking on and seeing his favourites beaten.

The Swifts kicked from the town end with a slight wind to assist them. They early dashed down the field, Bambridge and Ingram causing Conde to relieve. The sphere was, however, soon returned to Cotterill and Garne, but was again sent flying into neutral territory. A mis-kick by one of the Crewe backs all but sent the ball through his own goal. A corner to the Swifts was well placed, but the backs got the ball to a place of safety. Ponderous returns by Davies and Holden-White were loudly cheered, the former being in brilliant kicking form. A change in the play was now made, and Pearson beat Platt. He had the goal at his mercy, but shot yards high. A corner to the Alexandrians, tried by Osborn, was beautifully put in, and three of his confederates allowed the ball to roll harmlessly out. Crewe left was very weak in shooting, or a couple of goals should have been secured. Halfpenny beat two Swifts backs, but little Swepstone was all there, and relieved very prettily. Hereabouts Tinsley ran the ball from thirty yards of goal right through, but the Major gave him off-side. Swepstone did not offer to impede its progress as it went speeding through the aperture.

The game was now stopped for a new ball to be brought. +The one they had been playing with was of the Rugby type. The referee asked the men if they were agreed to the change, when an answer in the affirmative was given, and the game progressed. The first feature was a clever lunge of Davies, who sent the ball into Hickton's hands. From his punt the Crewe men gave a corner, but Hickton proved himself a thorough custodian. This play was soon followed by more pressing by the Cockneys, Garne, Challen, and Cotterill giving immense trouble, yet they could not score. Bambridge shot a terrific one, but, unfortunately, a foot wide. A heavy charge by one of the Crewe backs shook Bambridge hereabouts, and took all the vigour out of him for the remainder of the game. Crewe attempted a run, Pearson and Price being conspicuous, but Davies and Platt were equal to the occasion, and relieved at a most opportune moment, whilst a little later the diminutive Swepstone called forth applause by a pretty punt, Price having made an unerring shot just prior. The Cockneys being penned somewhat, brought out the fine back play of Holden-White, Davies, and Humphrey-Jones, and a corner was conceded. Ellis tried the kick, and Swepstone cleared when all the Crewe forwards were in the goal mouth. This feat was such as to bring about more cheering, which the London keeper thoroughly deserved. The Swifts did not appear to relish this penning, and the prettiest passing of the whole match was witnessed, Challen,

Bambridge, Ingram, and Cotterill playing as one man, their machine-like actions being much admired, yet they could not score. A corner to the Swifts was unproductive, and Tinsley attempted a run, but Davies was too much for him. Challen and Garne ran up, and beat several opponents, but the whistle blew for half-time, no goal having been secured by either party.

In the cross over the Birds gave a corner, and in a few minutes hands were given against them. Price took the free kick, and he passed to Pearson, who shot a low one through the whole of the forwards and backs, which went out of the reach of Swepstone, amidst the applause of the 800 Crewe supporters who had journeyed to Derby to see their favourites play. The ball was once more started from the centre, and in less than four minutes Price received a nice one from the left, and he again evaded Swepstone's vigilance. The Southerners appeared to tire very much, Bambridge being very slow. Evidently something was amiss with this usually fine player, the right wing being far stronger. Whilst this easy going play was proceeding Crewe were playing a dashing game. Twenty minutes from time the Londoners woke up, and from now to the close the Londoners had considerably the best of the match. Platt once miskicked, and Crewe ought to have scored, but it was their opponents who were to make a chalk on the slate, Bambridge shooting through from a good pass by Cotterill. The interest was now intense, and the Swifts playing with renewed dash, had several narrow shaves, one in particular that they failed to utilise. A temporary breakaway by Payne was pulled up in the nick of time by Platt and Bambridge, and Cotterill sped away, when, in the excitement, the ball was allowed to roll harmlessly out, the right wing being too far down the field. The play was exciting to the close, but the whistle blew as the ball was in the Crewe goal, and the Swifts lost by the narrow majority of two goals to one. Of the players, the Swifts' backs were really grand, Davies being brilliant-better than Platt- whilst Holden-White was best half-back. Of the forwards Bambridge was undoubtedly the worst man in the whole string, but Swepstone (goal-keeper) was a treat. Of their opponents, they played a plucky game, but a trifle rough. Conde was fine at full back, and Halfpenny was best half; of the forwards, Pearson was fast, clever, and judicious, and his play has earned for him a place in the North team v South, which were selected at Derby after the match, an honour he thoroughly deserves."

+Had been playing with a Rugby ball!

CG: "Up to half-time neither side managed to score, but Crewe played the best game. On re-starting play became very fast and exciting. Pearson scored a neat goal for Crewe from a free kick, and shortly afterwards a second goal was scored by Price. Challen then made a splendid run, and from a neat centre (Bambridge) scored for the Swifts. Play continued to be brisk till the finish, and the match resulted in favour of Crewe by two goals to one.

The Crewe forwards played a splendid game all through, Pearson, Price, and Tinsley being especially conspicuous. Payne and Ellis on the extreme wings put in some capital centres. The back division was all that could be desired, and Hickton kept goal admirably, especially in the second half, when he had most to do. Payne had been very ill all the week, and was only able to get out on the previous Friday.

Cope, of the second team, went to Derby as the reserve man, in the event of Payne being unable to play, but his services were not required. The Crewe team was the same as met the Swifts on both previous occasions." (No teams)

N.B. No Crewe Chronicle on line

Crewe Alexandra: E. Hickton (Goal); C. T. Conde (Capt.), J. Bayman (Backs); E. Osborne, F. W. Halfpenny, W. S. Bell (Half Backs); E. R. Payne, J. Pearson (Right Wing), G. Price (Centre), I. Tinsley, J. Ellis (Left Wing).

Swifts: H. A. Swepstone (Goal); A. O. Davies, A. W. Platt (Backs); F. E. Saunders, Humphrey-Jones, C. Holden-White (Half Backs); J. B. Challen, W. H. Garne (Right Wing), G. H. Cotterill (Centre), F. M. Ingram, E. C. Bambridge (Left Wing)

Umpires: R. J. Smith (Derby) and Stacey (Sheffield).  
Referee: Major Marindin.

CRUSADERS 0

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 1 (C. Hiller)

(H. T. 0-1) (Sat Dec 17<sup>th</sup>) (At Essex County Cricket Ground, Leyton)

Field 24/12/87 P.967/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 19/12/87 P.7/Sheffield Independent 19/12/87 P.6/Sheffield Evening Telegraph 17/12/87 P.3/Sporting Life 19/12/87 P.3/Sportsman 19/12/87 P.4:

SET: "After fifteen minutes' play Hiller scored for Sheffield" (No teams)

F: "This tie in the fourth round of the Football Association Challenge Cup between the above clubs, took place, on Saturday afternoon last, at the Essex County cricket ground, at Leyton, where about a thousand spectators were present. The weather, though cold, was bright and fine, but the high wind gave the team at the pavilion end an immense advantage.

The Sheffielders won the toss, and, of course, chose the goal with the wind behind them, Hogarth kicking off just after half-past two. For a few minutes the Crusaders pressed, and the ball was kept in the visitors' half, but Brayshaw speedily kicked it back, and some smart passing by Mosforth and Cawley soon took the play down in front of the Crusaders' goal. Hands were twice claimed on behalf of the visitors, but each time the claim was disallowed. Nickisson kicked out, but Thompson made a fine long shot, which all but scored; and then Hiller, Winterbottom, and Mosforth made shots in rapid succession, though without effect, owing to the brilliant goalkeeping of Cooper, who saved several attacks that seemed almost certain of success. Nickisson, Evelyn, and Lawrence at this time were playing extremely well, the first-named especially, but the forwards showed little or no combination, and some good runs by Pike and Lemarchand were rendered fruitless from lack of support. The ball being brought back in front of the home goal lines, a foul was claimed for Sheffield and disallowed, and next Cawley made a good shot which Cooper cleverly averted; but, directly afterwards, Hiller kicked through. On resuming the Sheffielders speedily pressed their

opponents back, but Hiller, in charging Lawrence, was thrown, and he hurt his knee, and had to retire for a few minutes, during which time the visitors had to play with ten men only. Some clever passing by the Crusaders' forwards next carried the ball to the Wednesday ground, where Brayshaw, fouling Lemarchand, gave the home side a free kick from which, however, nothing resulted, and the ball was speedily back again. Two or three corners fell to Sheffield, and some erratic kicking took place dangerously near the Crusaders' goal, but Cooper was always at hand, and amongst others, he saved a brilliant shot by Cawley, and up to half time nothing else was done.

On changing ends, Hiller got sharply on the ball, and forced it well down the ground, but the Crusaders, with the wind at their backs, soon attacked in turn, and Lemarchand made a brilliant run, which, ending with a sharp low shot, nearly scored. Brayshaw and Thompson kicked the ball out, however, and for a while the play was very even, first one and then the other goal being threatened in turn. The backs and half backs on each side played a capital game, but the forwards throughout lacked combination, especially on the home side. Pike, at one time, had four men tackling him without anyone going to his support. A determined attack on the Wednesday goal was next made, and for about ten minutes it seemed certain that the Crusaders would at least equalise matters. Lemarchand and Farrant did some pretty passing on the right side, but the latter missed an easy chance of scoring. Hands were twice claimed and allowed in front of the visitors' goal, and two corners also fell to the Crusaders, but nothing came of them. Winterbottom then broke away, but the ball was kicked back by Nickisson, and Farrant, getting on it, took it well up and passed to Lemarchand, who had a splendid chance only about a dozen yards from the goal, but slipping as he made the kick, the ball went wide of the posts. From that point nothing was done, the ball being kept in the Crusaders' half for the last five or six minutes, when some time was wasted by the Wednesday men constantly kicking the ball out of play. In the end the Sheffield Wednesday won a disappointing match by one goal to none. The features of the game were the really superb goal keeping of Cooper, but for whom several more scores would have been made by the visitors, and the backs and half backs' play on both sides, Brayshaw and Nickisson being especially good. The forwards, however, played selfishly though the winners were less in fault in that respect than the losers."

SDT (Football and Cricket Notes): "It was determined, notwithstanding the extra expense incurred, to take the team to London on the Friday night, and this arrangement was followed out. Leaving the Sheffield Midland Station at 6.20, the team and friends arrived at their headquarters, the Crown Hotel, between ten and eleven, and were early off to bed in preparation for the stiff battle of the morrow. Saturday morning was spent sight-seeing, and at eight minutes past one the team left Liverpool Street Station for Leyton."

SDT Report: "When the result of the fourth round was made known, and it was found that the Wednesday team were drawn against the Metropolitan team the Crusaders doubts were expressed as to whether the local executive would incur the expense or scratch, but with their characteristic pluck they decided when

overtures to visit Sheffield were declined by their opponents to go on with the tie cost what it might. The men quickly put themselves in training, and faithfully followed the Committee's instructions. With a view to save fatigue they travelled to London on Friday night, and Saturday morning found every man in good condition. Leaving the Liverpool Station shortly after one o'clock they arrived at the venue of action in sufficient time to take a short rest.

The Crusaders were represented by a powerful eleven, and the Wednesday team could not have been improved.

During the first half the Wednesday had much the best of the play, the Crusaders' goalkeeper being called upon repeatedly to handle and throw away, but when Hiller got a fair opportunity, he took advantage of it, much to the delight of the Sheffield partisans. In the second half of the match the feature was Brayshaw's defence his tackling and returns being extremely fine, and calling forth vociferous cheers from the spectators. The result of the tie was awaited in Sheffield with great interest, and when it became known was hailed of course with general satisfaction. The weather was bitterly cold and a very strong wind blew down the ground from the pavilion end. The turf, however, was in very fair condition, and a tolerably fast game ensued. The Crusaders, however, lacked combination, and were ultimately defeated by one goal to none, and had it not been for Cooper's grand goalkeeping, the score would have been considerably heavier.

Winning the toss the visitors elected to defend the pavilion goal for the first half. Hogarth starting the ball shortly after three p.m., it was immediately returned, and within a few minutes of the start Cooper was called on to fust the ball away. Evelyn then passed the ball to Pike, who, being badly supported, was quickly deprived, and the visitors again advanced to the attack. At length, after fifteen minutes' play, a corner fell to the Blades, and, being well placed in front of the goal, Cawley put in a very hot shot. Cooper saved and threw away, when Hiller got possession, and completely baffling the Crusaders' goalkeeper, secured the first and only goal scored. Still keeping up the pressure, the Sheffielders penned their opponents, Cooper saving repeatedly.

Crossing over, the Crusaders had the advantage of the wind, but on several occasions muffed the ball, and, playing an individual game, were, although pressing the visitors, unable to equalise the game, and suffered defeat by one goal to none."

Crusaders: L. Cooper (Goal); E. P. Anderson, H. C. Lawrence (Backs); E. C. Evelyn (Capt.), J. L. Nickisson, G. C. Boosey (Half Backs); P. R. Farrant, A. W. Lemarchand (Right Wing), R. G. Hogarth (Centre), T. M. Pike, J. J. Knox (Left Wing).

Sheffield Wednesday: +J. Smith (Goal); E. Brayshaw, F. Thompson (Backs); J. W. Dungworth, W. Betts, G. Waller (Half Backs); H. Winterbottom, W. Ingram (Right Wing), C. Hiller (Centre), T. E. Cawley, W. H. Mosforth (Left Wing).

+N.B. J. Smith was the name used by J. Clarke when playing football: Sheffield Wednesday Complete Record P.380

Umpires:A.E.Edward and T.R.Norman.Referee:M.P.Betts(Old Harrovians)

#### SHANKHOUSE 0

ASTON VILLA 9 (Archie Hunter 2,A.Allen 2,Albert Brown 2,T.Green 2,D.Hodgetts)  
(H.T. 0-4)(Sat Dec 17<sup>th</sup>)(At West End F.C. St James's Park,Newcastle)

Birmingham Daily Post 19/12/87 P.7/Morpeth Herald 24/12/87 P.2/Newcastle  
Evening Chronicle 17/12/87 P.4/ Field 24/12/87 P.967/Sportsman 19/12/87  
P.4/Sporting Life 9/12/87 P.3(short report):

BDP:"This tie necessitated a trip to Shankhouse-a pit village some ten miles outside Newcastle-on-Tyne-on the part of the holders of the national trophy;but for the sake of the "gate" an arrangement was arrived at under which the tie was played on the ground of the West End Club in the coal city.It was a terrible long journey for the Villa to take,and a big effort was made to get the eleven of the village club to Perry Barr,but they resolutely declined all overtures,and there was nothing for it but to go north,where the Birmingham eleven arrived early on Friday evening,accompanied by a few friends.

The weather was bright and sunny,and nearly 8,000 spectators assembled on the ground,many coming from a distance,although unfortunately the North-Eastern Railway Company resolutely declined to run excursions.

The Villa played their best team,for Shankhouse was not to be treated lightly,as they are the best side in Northumberland,and the holders of the County Challenge Cup;and moreover,since their institution they had never been beaten in any cup tie until Saturday,their progress through the National competition,in which they were playing for the first time,having been marked by good and well-considered play.

The Villa eleven had a good reception,and,winning the toss,they elected to play down the stiffish slope,which is an uncomfortable feature of the West End ground,and with a strong wind at their backs.Punctually to time (2.15) Matthews kicked off for the Northumberland side,and the Villa forwards were quickly on the ball,which was worked down pretty close to goal,from whence it was dribbled by Metcalfe and Thompson,who were looking formidable,when Cox deprived them of possession.The next instant Archie Hunter broke through,and Wood,the Shankhouse custodian,had to deal with a hot shot,Hodgetts heading over the bar a moment later.Time after time the home forwards endeavoured to break away,but invariably without success and the Villa advance rank held them very light.Allen and Hodgetts made a capital run,but they sent the ball over the line,and from the goal kick a loud local cheer proclaimed the fact that Hedley and Hamilton had reached the high ground.They got no further than the half backs, however,and the latter sending the ball well to the front,Archie Hunter scored with a fine low shot eight minutes from the commencement of the encounter. From the kick off the visitors sent the ball over the line again,and subsequently a free kick (in) the Shankhouse half gave Hunter an opportunity,but he just missed it;and Hedley,Hamilton,and Metcalfe put in some good work for Shankhouse,Cox upsetting them at the first moment they looked anything like dangerous.Allen

and Hodgetts resumed the attack for the Villa;but Reilly broke up a nice piece of dribbling work,and Matthews,the Shankhouse centre,had a run,but he was not well supported at the moment,and the ball came back for Hodgetts to screw twice for goal,and each time to be cleverly repulsed by Wood.That custodian had a warm time of it.Green kicked over the crossbar,Hodgetts the next moment hit the post,and then Allen rushed the goalkeeper and ball through together,and the Villa were in possession of a second point.An appeal for offside was promptly disallowed.Shankhouse were again pressed,but their men strove pluckily. Thompson and Metcalfe came out of a scrimmage with the ball at their feet,but the half backs-Yates,Simmonds, and Burton-were playing a magnificent game, and the two forwards in question,speedy though they undoubtedly are,could not pass them;and directly afterwards the Shankhouse custodian had to repel a stinging shot.Ritson averted an attack by Green and Brown,and subsequently Hodgetts kicked over the line.Metcalfe and Hedley each made gallant efforts to race up the hill,but Burton on the one hand,and Yates on the other stopped each of them and the Villa gained "hands",and a corner was allowed out of a scrimmage which came from the free kick.The kick in from the flag post went behind the goal,and Hedley made a sprint from the goal kick,but was brilliantly tackled by Yates,and again the Shankhouse men had to close in in defence of their goal.The combination of the Villa men was marvelously good,and the country club deserve congratulation for the manner in which they withstood it. Brown shot past the uprights,and Hunter fired over the bar.The backs and half-backs of Shankhouse had to work like \*\*\*\*\*,and it was wonderful that they were able to withstand the brilliant attacks so well as they did.Wood gave another corner,and from the loose scrimmage in front of goal,Dennis Hodgetts headed over.But from the goal kick, Hunter was very busy,and he scored a third goal.The high wind prevented the Villa forwards from showing their best dribbling form,but they worked marvellously well together.Metcalfe,Thompson, and Hedley broke the monotony of the attack,and from a long kick by the latter, Warner dealt with the ball for the first and only time in the first period.Metcalfe subsequently made a sprint,but could not get through,and Green and Brown coming down the field an instant afterwards,Brown with a magnificent long shot-the shot of the game-scored a fourth goal,and the time for changing ends was announced,and left the Aston Villa with a commanding lead of 4 goals to none.

The wind had dropped slightly when the sides crossed over,although it was still stiff enough to give Shankhouse an advantage down the slope.The Villa,however, opened hostilities,their clever forwards quickly dribbling the ball up the hill. Hedley and Hamilton,however,ran down,and the Villa position was warmly assailed-more warmly than it had been in any previous part of the game,in fact. Cox and Coulton were equal to their duties,however,and put in some fine long kicks.Brown and Green were besides capable of getting up the hill,and all the forwards showed better dribbling,dodging,and passing on the rising ground,and against the wind than they had when playing the reverse way.Hedley and Hamilton were very useful for Shankhouse,and the former caused Warner to handle.But the Villa front rank were soon busy again,and whilst Wood held them at bay in a marvellous way,he had presently to grapple with a new form of attack, as Yates,from half back,sent in a couple of stinging shots.All the visiting forwards

worked magnificently, and as the game wore on it was obvious that they were superior at all points. Hodgetts centred the ball for Green to score the fifth point, after the latter had had the ball played back to him, and soon afterwards Hunter brought it with a rush and enabled Green to add the sixth. Allen shot the seventh from a run by Brown, Hodgetts made the eighth, and Brown the ninth, the Villa really playing with their opponents at the finish, the final score being-Aston Villa 9 goals, Shankhouse, 0.

The Birmingham men left by the 7.8 train in the evening, after dining with their opponents, and were loudly cheered on their departure. Their play all round was magnificent, and such grand combination has been seldom seen in the north. Archie Hunter and Hodgetts excelled themselves."

Shankhouse :Jas.Wood(Goal);W.Todd,Richard Brydon(Backs);C.Ritson, R.Turpin,R.Reilly (Half Backs);W.Thompson,John Metcalfe(Right Wing), W.Matthews(Centre),J.Hamilton(Capt.),W.Hedley(Left Wing).

Aston Villa:J.Warner(Goal);F.Coulton(Right Back),G.Cox(Left Back); H.Yates(Right Half),J.Simmonds(Centre Half),J.Burton (Left Half );Albert Brown, T.Green(Right Wing),Archie Hunter (Centre),A.Allen,D.Hodgetts(Left Wing).

Umpires:Craven(Darlington) and R.M.Sloane(Liverpool).  
Referee:T.Hindle(Darwen)

DARWEN 3 (H.Shorrock,J.W.Smith 2)  
NOTTS RANGERS 1 (J.B.Partington)(H.T. 1-0)(Sat Dec 17<sup>th</sup> )(At Barley Bank,Darwen)

Cricket & Football Field 17/12/87 P.4/Blackburn Standard 24/12/87 P.7/  
Athletic News 20/12/87 P.2/Lancashire Evening Post 17/12/87 P.3/Nottingham Evening Post 17/12/87 P.3(Short report no teams)/Sportsman 19/12/87 P.4/  
Sporting Life 19/12/87 P.3(No lineups):

C&FF:"Having defeated Witton,Darwen had to meet the clever Rangers from Nottingham.Darwen were without J.Marsden,and Rostron had to play full-back. The Rangers were out before 2 15,followed shortly afterwards by Darwen."

" Though playing against the wind,the Rangers were the first to show up, A.Shelton shooting over.+Topham and C.Shelton stoppped two attacks by the Darwen forwards,and then Leach saved splendidly at the other end.A.Shelton gave a corner,from which Owen almost scored,Archer saving rather luckily.The next minute the Rangers had a corner,and this was also placed well but cleared. The Rangers kept up the pressure by clever play,and ++(Hodder scored through a miskick by Rostron).Not long afterwards Darwen had a corner,which Dawson saved only to see returned by H.Shorrock,and put through.This spurred Darwen on,and for some time they kept play in the Rangers' quarters,H.Shorrock once nearly scoring from a corner,which he headed over.The Rangers' forwards then showed a fair turn of speed,and when they got the ball they generally took it to the Darwen end,but it was seldom they could break away,and Johnson and

Edwards were kept at it. Once, Shaw got possession, and passed both Marsden and Leach at a good speed, finishing with a capital shot which, however, was a little too high. Leach was prominent with some very fine tackling and kicking, and he had plenty of opportunities to distinguish himself for the Notts forwards were playing a pretty game. The Darwen men were not very judicious in shooting, and mulled several good chances. Charlie Shelton was playing a splendid game, and got in some wonderful kicks. The back play was also good, and they played a cool, defensive game. Corners they gave without end, but they did not seem to care so much about that so long as they could keep the ball from going between the posts, and they succeeded admirably in this. Howard Shorrocks was the only shootist of the lot who caused Dawson to handle, and he put in some fine shots. Hodder once missed a good chance, the result of a splendid run by Shaw, and Darwen breathed freely again, especially as Tot Rostron was now playing as well as his partner. Strachan put in a good bit of work, centring nicely, and meeting the return with his head, but a loud grunt announced the fact that it had missed its mark. Just before half time Shaw put the ball through, but it was disallowed for offside, and at the interval Darwen led one to nil, with the prospect of a stiff breeze to face.

However, they made a good start, for Johnson conceded a corner, and for a bit Darwen played up spiritedly. Then Holden had a rattler from Geary, and H. Shorrocks cleared anyhow. Darwen once more went on the attack, and had more than one near go at their opponents' goal, but lost their opportunities by hesitating when in front. The Rangers were not playing as well as they did in the first half, and the game was very evenly contested. At length J. Shorrocks got the ball, and passed to Smith, who went crashing through and put the ball past Dawson amidst great cheering. Darwen at once went away, and showed more dash, Smith obtaining a third point in a couple of minutes. Holden now had an anxious time of it, but managed to clear, though he gave a corner. The next minute, from a centre by Shorrocks, Dimmock put another through, but the Rangers got the benefit of the offside rule this time. Shaw was next prominent on the Rangers' right, and Partington and Geary each made a shot, which Rostron stopped, whilst several were put over the top. The Rangers played up desperately, and Shaw put in a beauty while tackled by Thornber, but, like most others, it went over. At length they scored, but it was not until after a desperate scrimmage that Partington beat Holden. From the centre kick Darwen again went away; and got in front of goal more than once. They had a very narrow squeak, the ball being all but through on two occasions. After this play continued even, though Darwen had the most chances, twice being within an ace of scoring. In the last minute Holden saved a very good shot. Final Result: Darwen 3 Notts Rangers 1."

+Topham not listed ++Must have been disallowed.

N.B. BS Report a slightly shortened version of the above C&FF Report

BS (Under Sports Reports and Recreations on P.7): "Darwen defeated Notts Rangers in the fourth round of the English Cup competition after an interesting and well-contested game. "Tot" Rostron was found a new place in the team at the back, and he there played well. The Rangers in the first half had the wind in their

favour, but this did not prevent the Darwen forwards, by the aid of some really clever passing, getting into their opponents' quarters, and Howard Shorrocks, with a splendid shot which struck the cross bar and then rebounded through the posts, scored thus the first goal for his side amid loud cheering. The Rangers next had a look in at the other end, and Arthur Shaw put the ball through, but was ruled off side. Being one goal to none to the good, and with the wind behind them, the "Peaceful Valley" men were now pretty secure, but a shot from Geary took Holden all his time to clear. A capital run by Smith and J. Shorrocks almost the whole length of the field, ended with the former adding goal number two. After an abortive attempt to score by the Rangers, Smith registered a third goal for Darwen. Just before the whistle blew, Partington secured the first goal for the Rangers, who had to retire defeated by three goals to one."

AN: "This tie was in the second series, and that necessitated the attendance of neutral umpires and referee; and about 2.15 Mr Tom Duxbury, the Darwen chairman, escorted three Sheffield gentlemen across the field to act as arbitrators. The Rangers came out at the same moment, and a likely lot they were not too much beef, but nicely put together. Darwen were not long in following, and after Rostron had won the toss he put his men with their backs to the breeze, and, what is this? "Tot" is playing full back, vice J. Marsden disabled.... and I have now seen him play in every position except goal."

LEP: "This match in the fourth round of the competition took place, on the Barley-bank Ground, Darwen, to-day, in the presence of a good muster of spectators. Darwen won the toss, and Geary, for the Rangers, kicked off against a slight wind. Soon Darwen carried hostilities into the Rangers' goal, but Strachan shot wide. Directly after a corner was given to Darwen for a kick out by Archer. Thornber conceded a corner to the Rangers, but nothing resulted. The ball was carried right into the Rangers' goal, but Edwards fisted out well. Howard Shorrocks sent a clinking shot, which struck the crossbar and went through amidst great cheering by the Darwen supporters. Another corner for Darwen followed, but Howard Shorrocks headed over after a lot of fast play. Hodder, for the Rangers, had a chance to score, but the danger was averted. Play was removed, and Strachan spoiled a good chance by heading past the visitors' goal-posts. Shaw scored a point for the visitors, but it was disallowed for off-side. At half-time the score was - Darwen 1, Rangers nil.

Directly after the change of ends Geary, the visitors' centre forward, sent in a splendid shot, but Holden, the home custodian, saved splendidly. Darwen began to assert their superiority, although playing against the wind. Most of the play was for some time in the visitors' quarters, and Jim Shorrocks getting hold of the ball, he and Smith carried it down the field, Smith finally shooting a splendid goal. Within two minutes a free kick was given to Darwen for hands at the half-way flag, and Smith sent in another grand shot registering the third goal for the Darweners amidst tremendous enthusiasm. A lot of fast and exciting play followed, in which Thornber, at half-back, Tot Rostron, in his new position as full back, and Leach were the most conspicuous. Within another moment Dimmock, from a grand shot, scored the fourth goal, but it was disallowed on the ground of off-side. Some fine play was shown by the visitors, and after several shots at goal

had been successfully repelled,Partington,the visitors' left wing,registered the first goal for the Rangers a quarter of an hour before the call of time.Some more fast play followed,in which both teams showed good play,although the Rangers were evidently fagged.A minute before time,Holden had to save a splendid shot. Result-Darwen 3, Notts Rangers 1."

Darwen:W.Holden(Goal);Tot Rostron,J.R.Leach(Backs);H.Thornber,D.Owen, T.Marsden(Half Backs);J.Shorrock,Strachan(Right Wing),Dimmock (Centre), Howard Shorrock,J.W.Smith(Left Wing).

Notts Rangers:W.Dawson(Goal);Johnson,H.Edwards(Backs);W.Archer, C.Shelton(Capt.),A.Shelton(Half Backs);T.Cooke,A.F.Shaw,F.Geary,W.Hodder, J.B.Partington (Forwards).

Umpires:D.Haig(Sheffield) and G.Hay(Staveley).  
Referee:W.H.Stacey(Sheffield).

BYES:Chirk,Derby Junction,Derby County,W.B.A ,Middlesbrough(replaced Sunderland disqualified),Stoke,Blackburn or Accrington,Old Carthusians, P.N.E(but played Bolton :see below)

\*PRESTON NORTH END 9 (J.D.Ross 5,F.Dewhurst,G.Drummond,J.B.Gordon, J.Goodall)  
BOLTON WANDERERS 1 (P.Howarth)  
(H.T. 2-0)(Sat Dec 10<sup>th</sup>)(At Deepdale,Preston)

Preston Herald 14/12/87 P.3/ Cricket & Football Field 10/12/87 P.4/  
Lancashire Evening Post 10/12/87 P.3/Manchester Courier 12/12/87 P.3/Field  
17/12/87 P.933/Sporting Life 12/12/87 P.4/Sportsman 12/12/87 P.4:

\*N.B: This was a Second Round game:see below

PH:"The tie between these teams came off at Deepdale on Saturday,before 6,000 spectators.The weather was cold and threatening.The Wanderers lost the toss, and Struthers started the game,uphill against the wind,at 2.35.The ball for a minute hovered in the home quarters,until Howarth returned,and after one or two dangerous attacks,Ross,jun.,sent the ball sailing under the bar just as the whistle sounded for off-side.Drummond was then seen dodging round Pearson, but his centre-a good one-was missed by Goodall,and from the kick-off Brogan and Davenport came away up the visitors' right in capital style.Ross,Graham,and Russell smartly tackled,but for all that Brogan had his shot,which resulted in the ball going wide.Both sides were now playing with much spirit.The home forwards severely tested the defence of the Wanderers,which was very stubborn, but from a throw in by Robertson Drummond centred,and Ross,jun.,at the second attempt,beat Unsworth after ten minutes' play.The visitors' left raced up until Ross proved a barrier,and his return led to a corner being conceded on the home left,Goodall,from the resulting scrimmge,putting the ball over the bar.The Wanderers now exhibited some of the best passing,which ended in Baxendale kicking over the bar,but from the goal kick the Wanderers had another,although

fruitless, look in. Gordon and Parkinson had a long struggle for the mastery on the home goal line, and Ross was applauded for some "champion" tackling. The home team were now having nearly all the best of it, being often dangerous, but the defence of the Wanderers was very smart, that of Unsworth in particular, and the only encouragement the home team could get was a few fruitless corner kicks. So the game proceeded until about seven minutes from half-time, when, grand passing by Goodall, Ross, jun., and Dewhurst, resulted in the latter scoring the second goal. The Wanderers' right retaliated with a brilliant run, which ended with Addison coming out to save, but for a few minutes afterwards the ball was in the home quarters until Howarth kicked the ball down the field. Goodall put the ball past Unsworth, but was ruled off-side; and then Brogan again came up to the attack, which ended in Addison getting a shot which he just put round the posts. The corner was useless, and half-time arrived with the score-North End, two, Wanderers, none.

Scarcely had the game been re-commenced, than Unsworth cleverly saved a fast long shot from Drummond, a corner following. Goodall headed over the bar from one of Gordon's middles, and Unsworth once more distinguished himself by stopping a number of warm shots from Ross, jun.. Graham pulled up the visitors' right, but they came again to the attack, and as Struthers was about to shoot he was again tackled by Ross and Howarth, the result being that all three players fell to the ground in a heap. P. Howarth spied his opportunity, and with no one to beat but Addison, scored for the Wanderers, seven minutes having elapsed. This success made the Wanderers' forwards play with redoubled energy. They were, however, dispossessed by Ross, who gave to his right wing, and Ross, jun., lost no time in making the score three for the North End, and notwithstanding this fine defence the same player scored a fourth goal. Howarth had to pull up the visitors' left, following which the home forwards completely surrounded Unsworth, who during an exciting scrimmage fisted away three or four times amidst enthusiastic plaudits. The home team would not be denied, and soon Ross, jun., recorded a fifth goal, Drummond a sixth, and Ross, jun., a seventh. The Wanderers had a run which ended in a corner, but again Unsworth was troubled, and Gordon, from a pass by Drummond, scored the eighth goal. Goodall made the score nine, and once more was the ball put through, but Dewhurst was ruled off-side. The pressure was kept up until the finish, Unsworth clearing two or three times in the last minute, and, when the finish came, North End had won by nine goals to one."

C&FF: "Last week had it that Halliwell were meeting the North Enders in the third round, but the telegram to Mr S(udell); but shh! Not a word. It is not given to ordinary mortals to pry into the mysteries of Association lore. Better to endure the conundrums we have than to fly to others we know not of. But as far as I can gather this is the state of things before the commencement today; should it be made perfectly clear, that in the event of a win for the North End today, that they will not again have to meet Halliwell in the third round, then they will withhold their hand and not protest. In case of doubt they will contend that today's fixture is no Cup tie at all. What will happen if the Wanderers win? Well, that eventuality has evidently not been considered.

There is a "gate" of 6,000 when the North End take the field dressed in "coats of many colours" in order that they may not be mistaken for their "friends the enemy". The Wanderers are not exactly as announced, for Lewis has not arrived, and Pearson goes full back with Parkinson, with Bob Roberts in his old place at half, Baxendale on the left with Howarth, and the right wing unaltered."

MC: "The Wanderers were without M'Kernon and Lewis, whose places were filled by second team men."

(2<sup>nd</sup> Half: "North End's shooting was now perfection, and before time was called goals had been added by Ross jun. (four), Gordon, Goodall, and Dewhurst (one each) and Dewhurst had one disallowed."

LEP: "The Bolton Wanderers visited Deepdale this afternoon for the purpose of having their try to throw out the North End in the second round of the above competition. It will be remembered that the Association reinstated the Wanderers after having been beaten by Everton in the first round on the ground that the Liverpool team had played professionals as amateurs.

The interest taken in the tie was very fair, considering the past doings of the clubs, and fully 7,000 spectators lined the enclosure. When the North End team stepped into the enclosure considerable merriment was caused by some of them being in red and yellow, some in old red and white quartered, and others in red and black jerseys on account of the Wanderers playing in white."

"Ross won the toss, and Struthers started the ball uphill. The home side early on fouled the ball in their own quarters, and from the kick a magnificent rush was made for Unsworth, and the ball was put through after a bit of perfect passing, but as Goodall had been offside, and the whistle sounded, no point was scored. Another rush on the same end was futile, a fast shot by young Ross going just past the corner of the goal. The game was exceedingly fast, and the Wanderers' forwards, working away with dash, found the home backs plenty to do, but they were equal to the occasion. Just as ten minutes' play was finished Robertson had a throw in, landing the ball to Gordon. He crossed to Drummond, who, with a grand middle, gave Jimmy Ross an opportunity. In kicking at the ball, he fell, but recovering himself, he shot the ball through neatly. Each side now paid visits to their respective goals, Goodall and Baxendale each being within an ace of scoring. Soon afterwards Jack Ross was heartily cheered for the manner in which he robbed Brogan, Davenport, and Struthers, after they had once defeated him. The North End now settled in front of Unsworth, but the defence was capital. Once Jimmy Ross gave the custodian a difficult shot to negotiate, and immediately he had cleared Goodall put in another, which Parkinson saved by heading over the bar. Another raid followed, a remarkably good shot by Goodall being just as well saved, relief only coming when Gordon headed one of Drummond's crosses over the bar. Gordon in the next minute made a bad miss. The next raid was foiled by Unsworth, who handled the ball off Parkinson's head when it had been shot in by Gordon. Parkinson again spoiled a grand attempt by Jimmy Ross, by heading over, and from the corner the same player landed the ball on the crossbar, only to roll over. Seven minutes before half time the home right, by some good passing, got the ball into their opponents' quarters, and the inside right and centre, passing neatly

on to Dewhurst, he put the ball through, scoring the second goal. Soon after this Roberts tried a long shot, which was wide. From the goal kick the home forwards, by combined passing, got away, and Goodall again shot a goal, but being offside the point did not count. The Wanderers put the ball over the bar, but the corner was futile, and half time sounded with the score-North End 2, Wanderers 0.

When the game was restarted snow and sleet was falling fast. The home team played up remarkably well, Jimmy Ross putting in three swift shots in rapid succession, which took Unsworth all his time to negotiate. At the end of nine minutes the visitors scored their first goal, owing to a slip on the home side. The outside right and Struthers were getting nicely forward when Ross fell and brought down with him Howarth (North End) and Struthers. This left Howarth (Wanderers) with a clear course and he scored with a shot which Addison could not reach. The North End now pulled themselves together, and from a grand rush up the right Jimmy Ross notched the third goal, the ball striking the upright and twisting through. The fourth was not long in coming, resulting from a grand shot by the Demon, after a splendid dribble and cross on the other wing. At the end of 20 minutes' play the visiting custodian was cheered to the echo for the splendid manner in which he foiled the best possible shots by Dewhurst, Goodall, and Jimmy Ross, from the latter of which he conceded a corner. At the end of 25 minutes Jimmy Ross notched the fifth point with a long high shot, and a minute later Unsworth had to save a shot by Drummond, who finally added the sixth point off a cross by Gordon. The Wanderers now made a couple of rushes, but do as they would the forwards could not get past Ross and Howarth again until Jimmy Ross had added the 7<sup>th</sup> goal by a fine long shot. The Wanderers broke away and gained a corner, which availed them nothing, the home side, from the succeeding goal kick, getting clean away. Drummond gained possession, and crossing to Gordon, he shot the 8<sup>th</sup> goal amid applause. The Wanderers were now kept close in goal. Goodall notched the ninth point. About three minutes before time the North End forwards swarmed round Unsworth and the backs but Parkinson partially cleared. Gordon, however, got possession of the ball, giving it over to the left, when Dewhurst put it through amid cheers. The point was, however, disallowed for offside. Still the North End pressed hard, and in the last half minute Unsworth stopped three shots from close quarters, and the result was-North End 9, Wanderers 1."

Preston North End: Addison (Goal); R. H. Howarth, N. J. Ross (Backs); A. Robertson, D. Russell, J. Graham (Half Backs); J. B. Gordon, J. D. Ross (Right Wing), J. Goodall (Centre), F. Dewhurst, G. Drummond (Left Wing).

Bolton Wanderers: W. Unsworth (Goal); J. Parkinson, Pearson (Backs); J. Bullough, W. Steel, R. Roberts (Half Backs); J. Brogan, J. K. Daveport (Right Wing), W. G. Struthers (Centre), P. Howarth, Baxendale (Left Wing).

Referee: R. P. Gregson (Lancashire Association).

(N.B. Everton were disqualified after they played and lost to P.N.E. in the Second Round and after P.N.E. had beaten Halliwell in the Third Round. As Bolton were reinstated, having been beaten by Everton in the first round, P.N.E. had to play

them rather than have their bye through to the Fifth Round. The doubt was, if Bolton were to have beaten P.N.E., as to whether Halliwell, who lost to P.N.E. in the third round would be reinstated to play Bolton for a place in the fifth round).

Athletic News 13/12/87 P.3: "As a great many people appear to be a bit mixed about Preston North End playing Bolton Wanderers in the second round of English Cup ties, when they were already in the fifth, it will, perhaps be as well to explain the peculiarity. Everton threw the Wanderers out of the first round and the Wanderers protested. The Council of the F.A. made the mistake of ordering Everton to play North End in the second round with a protest pending in the first. Everton did so, were beaten, and Halliwell taken on in the third round, and also +defeated. Then the complication arises. After playing Halliwell the protest of the Wanderers was sustained, and they were ordered to play North End. The next question was-What about Halliwell? North End cannot be said to have played the third round before they were clear of the second, but this is clearly what they did. A great deal has been said about the F.A. sending a telegram to Mr Sudell informing him that if they played Halliwell it must be as an ordinary match. This is perfectly correct, but after receiving the telegram, Mr Sudell put himself into communication with Mr Alcock, and to get the Association out of its difficulty, offered to play the Wanderers in the second round, if they were allowed to meet Halliwell in the third, and not throw away another date. This was agreed to, and the notorious telegram was null and void. The proposal of Mr Sudell's was very sportsmanlike, for surely after having done as they were ordered in playing Everton they could reasonably object to again competing in the second round."

+By Preston

#### FIFTH ROUND:

DRAW: Monday December 19<sup>th</sup> 1887 (Manchester Courier and Lancashire General Advertiser 20/12/87 P.7)

Old Carthusians .v. Bootle or Great Bridge Unity

Darwen .v. Blackburn Rovers

Swifts or Crewe Alexandra .v. Derby County

Aston Villa .v. Preston North End

Middlesbrough .v. Old Foresters or Sunderland or Grimsby Town

West Bromwich Albion .v. Stoke

Chirk .v. Derby Junction

Notts Forest .v. Sheffield Wednesday

"The protest of Accrington against the Blackburn Rovers was not sustained, but that of Great Bridge Unity against Bootle was referred to a commission.

Middlesbrough have also been protested against by Sunderland on the ground of professionalism. The crossbar at West Kensington, on Saturday, having been proved to be lower than the regulation eight feet the tie between Swifts and Crewe Alexandra was ordered to be replayed."

OLD CARTHUSIANS 2 (W.N.Cobbold 2)

## BOOTLE 0

(H.T. 1-0)(Sat Jan 7<sup>th</sup>)(At Kennington Oval)

Liverpool Mercury 9/1/88 P.7/Field 14/1/88 P.48/Manchester Courier 9/1/88 P.3/Sporting Life 9/1/88 P.4/Sportsman 9/1/88 P.4:

LM:”At Kennington Oval the Liverpool club(Bootle) made a plucky effort in the fifth round in the Association Challenge Cup,but succumbed to a superior team of Corinthian amateurs,after a very hard and exciting game,the Charterhouse men scoring 2 goals to 0.The game was started at 2.20,and the Bootle men entered the famous enclosure amid hearty cheers,their full back,Andy Wilson,being recognised by many of the Surrey supporters,as a once famed Corinthian,and Swift.The Liverpool men looked fit and well,but were a very small set beside the Charterhouse players,who without exception were fine young men.

Just at the termination of the game,when nothing could interfere with the result,an unfortunate occurrence marred the match,for A.M.Walters,the Old Carthusian full back,in turning suddenly to get at the ball,fell on his left leg and dislocated the knee.He was at once removed to the pavilion,and afterwards to the hospital, where Dr Smith,of Queen’s Park,who was fortunately on the ground, proved of great assistance,and the bone was reset,after chloroform had been administered.The contretemps will rob England of her best back in all the forthcoming international matches,and no one will regret it more than the Bootle players,who were not,however,in any way to blame,for the ball was near the left touchline and many yards from a Bootle player,when Walters fell in endeavouring to get a kick at it.

To return to the match of which the following is a full description.The Liverpool men hardly made use of their chances,or played in their best form,not like they showed against Bolton Wanderers or Church,or against Everton,and on the day’s play they were fairly beaten.Having won the toss they chose the Harleyford-road goal,and in the presence of about 3,000 spectators,Price,the Old Carthusian, started the ball with the sun in the faces of his fellow club men.At once Cobbold made a grand run,which was,however,checked by Andrew Watson,who all through showed the finest judgment and proved of invaluable service to his side. The ball went to the Carthusian right wing,Currey passing to Ainger,who made a long shot for goal;Veitch cleared,and a Charterhouse back returned the ball,and again a shot from the right placed it at Cobbold’s feet,the result being a hard shot, and an easy goal for the Old Carthusians,ere three minutes had expired.On restarting,the Bootle forwards quickly got to work.Fenn and Hastings on the left wing outwitting Blenkiron,and passing across to the centre,where Holt made a shot that narrowly missed the goal.Wreford-Brown saved another rather “soft” shot from Bootle,and then Ainger went away at full speed,but kicked out. Charterhouse shortly afterwards had a corner kick,which Bootle got away from danger;and then the Liverpoolians were twice penalised for fouls,Cobbold falling over the legs of opponents,although it was apparently the greasy state of the ground more than anything else.The crowd were now very “down” on the visitors for any play of a rough nature,or semblance of a trip,but for all that the groans and hooting were entirely unmerited,the Bootle men playing a

scrupulously fair game, and beyond carefully watching for Cobbold, nothing could be urged against them. When fifteen minutes had elapsed the Old Carthusians made another determined onslaught on the visitors' goal, Price throwing away one golden opportunity, and A. Watson defeating a well meant attempt of the left wing. Allsop passed to Wilding, who went off at full speed, and passing Walters, had a good chance of scoring, but hesitated, and the ball was kicked away by Locker. Again coming down the wing at full sprint, the Bootle left wing pair got past the backs, but their right wing were penalised for offside, and the Charterhouse had a free kick. Then an unmistakeable corner fell to Bootle, and the ball was with great difficulty got away, Brown fisting out one shot, and Walters cleverly heading another. The latter gentleman was repeatedly called upon to repel the Bootle attacks, which were now pertinaciously repeated. Ainger slipped up the right side, but Veitch robbed him, and Holt passed out to +Harrison, who kicked wide of the Charterhouse goal. Some desultory play followed, and half time was called, with the score-Old Carthusians 1 goal; Bootle 0.

When ends were changed the Liverpool men still felt confident of success. Their superior condition certainly began to tell, but the Charterhouse lads were by no means done with, and again commenced to make things lively for the team from the celebrated sea port. Parry, who had not done much, got a long kick at the goal, but Jackson saved at the expense of another corner. Blenkiron placed this marvellously in front of the posts, but the Liverpool goalkeeper hit the ball away, and in a few minutes the Charterhouse men again got a corner, from a miskick by Watson. Holt was next very conspicuous for tackling Cobbold, and this player was repeatedly cheered by the spectators-cries of "Well played, Bluebottle", in allusion to his blue serge pants, and "Play up, Bootle", being now more frequent. Still keeping up the attack, the heavy metal of the Carthusian forwards took Veitch and Watson all their time to keep clear, and Price passing to Ainger, the latter transferred back to the left wing, where Cobbold rushed up, and steadying himself in front of the post, shot a second goal for the Old Carthusians, which practically decided the match. This score seemed to dampen the ardour of Bootle, who, nevertheless, struggled on for the remainder of the game. A foul claimed for them was not allowed, but with this exception they got a fair share of the referee's good graces in this half; in fact the Major was less down on them than normal when Northern teams are engaged at the Oval. In the last ten minutes the hopes of Liverpool revived, for +Harrison, Anderson, and Wilding made plucky attempts to score. Walters, however, kicked splendidly, and Wreford-Brown, in goal, stopped at least three shots which might have scored.

When only four minutes' time remained Walters was turning to get at the ball near the touchline, when he fell, and the lamentable accident occurred, as recorded above. Some minutes were wasted over his removal, but extra play was allowed, and the Carthusians successfully kept their goal intact. The crowd burst over the ground at the sound of the whistle, and the Charterhouse men made their way with difficulty to the pavilion."

+Probably meant in both cases to state Anderson as no Harrison in the Bootle lineup.

SM: "A considerable amount of interest was manifested on Saturday last, when a large company gathered at Kennington Oval to witness this important contest in the fifth round of this competition, between the well-known Liverpool team Bootle and the representatives of the Old Boys of Charterhouse. The weather was mild and pleasant, which added to the enjoyment of the game. No material advantage was gained in the selection of ends, as there was scarcely any wind blowing. Bootle won the toss, and chose the Crown Baths side of the ground to commence from, and at twenty minutes past two, Price set the ball in motion. The Old Boys at once assumed the aggressive, and only a short time from the kick-off, Ainger passed to Cobbold, who scored a goal for the Carthusians. On attacking afresh, Cobbold, who played in his own grand style, made a capital run, and being well supported by his comrades, they continued to make themselves very objectionable, till at length Anderson, disengaging himself, sent the ball to Hastings and Fenn, and they quickly took it over to their opponents' territory, but Walters averted the impending danger and sent it back again. The game now became fast and exciting, the Carthusians having greatly the advantage, and making many spirited assaults. Cobbold gave a hot shot, but Watson stopped it; Barmby immediately afterwards kicked over the bar. The Old Boys, nothing daunted, kept up a succession of attacks which, however, proved futile, and their repeated failures evidently disheartened them, as they now began to show fatigue.

Ends having been changed at half-time, the war was carried on with great vigour, when a corner fell to Blenkiron, and Currey sent it over the posts from a fierce onslaught by the Carthusians. Ainger sent the ball to Currey, who passed it to Cobbold, the latter adding a second goal for the Old Boys. Just before time was announced the Carthusians lost the services of A.M. Walters, who had to leave the ground badly hurt, having put his knee out, which may prevent him playing again this season. The northerners worked hard to retrieve their loss, but were unsuccessful, and when time was whistled the match ended in the defeat of the Lancastrians by two goals to none."

Old Carthusians: C. Wreford-Brown (Goal); A.M. Walters (Capt.), W.A. Locker (Backs); T.W. Blenkiron, F.J. Barmby, S.R. Arthur (Half Backs); E.S. Currey, W.H. Ainger (Right Wing), H.C. Price (Centre), W.N. Cobbold, C.W. Parry (Left Wing).

Bootle: J. Jackson (Goal); T. Veitch (Capt.), A. Watson (Backs); F. Woods, J. Holt, A. Allsop (Half Backs); B. Lewis, J. Wilding (Right Wing), R. Anderson (Centre), W. Hastings, T. Fenn (Left Wing).

Umpires: J. Henderson (Morpeth Harriers) and R.E. Hetherington (Casuals).  
Referee: Major Marindin (R.E., President of Football Association).

DARWEN 0

BLACKBURN ROVERS 3 (A. Heyes, John Southworth, W.J. Townley)  
(H.T. 0-1) (Sat Jan 7<sup>th</sup>) (At Barley Bank Ground, Darwen)

Lancashire Evening Post 7/1/88 P.3/Blackburn Standard 14/1/88 P.7/

Manchester Courier 9/1/88 P.3/ Field 14/1/88 P.48/Cricket & Football Field 7/1/88 P.4/Sportsman 9/1/88 P.4/Sporting Life 9/1/88 P.4:

LEP: "This match was played on the Barley Bank Ground, Darwen, this afternoon, in the presence of a large crowd of spectators. The weather was fine and warm, and in consequence the ground was in magnificent condition. Very great interest was taken in the match, and a huge contingent of spectators had journeyed from Blackburn by special train, and also by special tramcars. On putting an appearance in the field, each of the teams was loudly cheered by their respective supporters, and opinions as to the result seemed to be pretty evenly balanced. Darwen were the first to appear on the field, and a burst of applause greeted Joe Marsden, one of the backs who had been injured."

"The Rovers won the toss, and Tot Rostron kicked off. Immediately afterwards, +Joe Marsden, in a scrimmage, again hurt his collar bone, and had to leave the field, Darwen playing with only ten men. Some clinking shots were sent into the Darwen goal, but the custodian was equal to the emergency, and relieved in good form. A free kick for hands was given to Darwen, and the ball was taken into Rovers' territory, but Suter relieved, and play was returned to the Darwen end. Some fast play took place in front of the Darwen goal, but Holden fisted out, and Thornber put in a grand shot. Then (Tim) Shorrocks made a fine run, but was unable to pass. The Rovers got possession of the ball, and took it into the Darwen goal, and Southworth shot past the goal post. The Rovers had to be reprimanded for offside, and Leach had a free kick. Townley took the ball up the field, but kicked out. A good shot was saved by Holden, but another shot by Heyes immediately after notched the first point for the visitors. Arthur had to save from a shot by Howard Shorrocks, and then the ball was again taken to the Darwen goal, but Thornber relieved. From some excellent play the first corner was obtained for Darwen, but the ball went over. Then Chadwick got the ball, and sent in a good shot, but it struck the upright and bounded off. The Rovers claimed that the ball had gone through, but the referee refused to allow the point, and his decision was loudly applauded by a large section of those present. Another corner accrued to the home team, but nothing resulted, and once more the Darwen territory was the scene of hostilities. Jim Shorrocks obtained possession of the ball, and carried it up the left wing who, however, after passing, Beverley kicked the ball out. Arthur was heavily taxed in putting out some scorching shots by the Darwen forwards, but he was quite equal to the occasion. Then Thornber put in a long kick, and it was headed to Owen, who just shot over the horizontal. Then Southworth kicked out, but the umpire decided the ball had touched one of the Darwen players, and the corner kick was taken by Walton, but he shot behind. Another corner kick accrued to the Rovers, and Townley took the kick, but it was again sent out. Another corner was splendidly relieved by Howard Shorrocks. A valiant attack followed in the Darwen goal, but (T)im Marsden relieved, and kicked out at the half-way flag. Some smart passing was shown by the Darwen forwards, and Tot Rostron passed to J. Shorrocks in front of the Rovers' goal, but he kicked short of the bar. Southworth got a chance to score, but he shot past the post. Another grand shot was sent in the Darwen goal mouth, but Holden sent it out. Then the Rovers' goal mouth was pestered with shots, but play was relieved for a few moments. Another grand attack was made by the Darweners. Again the Rovers were

reprimanded for offside play by Rushton. Just before half time the Darweners made another grand attack. At half time the score was-Rovers 1;Darwen 0.

After the change of ends the play was taken into the Rovers' goal, and soon afterwards Darwen had a throw in near the goal line, but nothing resulted, and directly afterwards the left wing pair showed some grand passing. They took the ball well into the Rovers' territory. Heyes kicked out to save, and from the scrimmage which followed Thornber had a shot, but he shot over. Then the play was taken to the other end, and Chadwick spoiled a magnificent chance by making a poor shot. Directly after Townley sent in a good shot, the leather just passing over the bar. Hands were given to Darwen near the Rovers' goal, but the ball was got away, and another grand shot was sent into the Darwen goal by Townley, but Walton kicked out. Another grand shot by Chadwick just grazed the Darwen goal posts. From a severe scrimmage in front of the home citadel, hands were given to the Rovers. The Darwen men now began to rouse themselves and made a grand attack, but they were unable to score, and the Rovers began to press, but Southworth shot over. Another corner was soon given to the Rovers, and some good shots sent in, but Holden made a gallant defence. Then hands were given in Darwen goal, but the ball went over the bar. From another scrimmage Southworth managed to add No 2 for the Rovers. Rostron carried the ball right down the field and made a grand shot, but Arthur relieved. Another good scrimmage followed a run by the same player, and Darwen had very hard lines in not being able to score. Tim Marsden made a foul charge against one of the Rovers' players, and a free kick was given to them; but again the Darweners got possession, and pressed strongly on the Rovers, the pressure being relieved by Suter. Townley from a fine shot managed to add a third goal for the visitors. The home team had a fine opportunity but again the visitors' defence was too strong for them, and the ball was once more carried away. Rostron sent in a good shot, which was only just saved by Arthur. In the remainder of the game each goal was alternately attacked." +James C. Marsden?

BS:"These teams met on the Barley Bank ground on Saturday, before 6,000 spectators. Rostron started the sphere for Darwen, at 2.20. The Rovers ran up the field, and Marsden, rushing to meet the ball, came into contact with one of the players, and had to retire in consequence of his collar bone being dislocated. With only ten men the home team were severely pressed, shot after shot being sent in, only to be gallantly saved by Holden, the Darwen custodian. Townley, Chadwick, and Southworth now showed some splendid passing. The home backs, however, defended grandly. Still playing in the home quarters, the Rovers, after hard lines, were awarded their first goal 13 minutes from the start. Darwen now played up with the encouragement of their supporters, being rewarded with two successive corners, which proved fruitless. Again did the Rovers play well up the field enabling Chadwick to notch a second goal, which, however, was disallowed. Shorrocks and Strachan receiving the ball raced down the field, only to see them foiled by Barton, who, kicking the ball near to the home goal, Holden put it behind, giving the visitors three corners in succession, but without any result. The Darwen men now fairly settled down to some hard work, and found Arthur some warm work, but could not notch a point. Each side after this received further corners. Half-time now was called, with the score-Rovers one, Darwen nil.

From the re-start the visitors immediately received a corner, but the ball was got away, and Strachan raced away, but was pulled up by Beverley. Townley made a good run, and passed to Chadwick, who shot miserably behind. Not to be denied, however, the Rovers fairly "tanned" the home team and it took the home backs all their time to kick the ball out continually. Try as they would, the home team could not break away, the Rovers having five successive corners, also hands in front of goal, without any result. Immediately afterwards, however, Southworth notched the second goal, which was quickly followed by a third from Townley, after some splendid tricky play. Up to the finish the Rovers had the best of matters, and eventually won by three goals to none."

Darwen: W. Holden (Goal); J. C. Marsden, J. R. Leach (Backs); H. Thornber, D. Owen, T. Marsden (Half Backs); T. Strachan, Howard Shorrock (Right Wing), Tot Rostron (Centre), J. W. Smith, J. Shorrock (Left Wing).

Blackburn Rovers: J. W. H. Arthur (Goal); J. Beverley, F. Suter (Backs); A. Heyes, J. Douglas, J. Barton (Half Backs); N. Walton, W. Rushton (Right Wing), John Southworth (Centre), E. W. Chadwick, W. J. Townley (Left Wing).

Umpires: Not found  
Referee: Stacey (Sheffield).

CREWE ALEXANDRA 1 (J. H. Pearson)  
DERBY COUNTY 0 (H. T. 1-0) (Sat Jan 7<sup>th</sup>) (At Crewe)

Crewe Guardian 11/1/88 P.8/+Derby Mercury 11/1/88 P.2/Field 14/1/88 P.48 (Short Report)/Manchester Courier 9/1/88 P.3/Sportsman 2/1/88 P.4/Sporting Life 9/1/88 P.4:

+NO ONLINE DERBY DAILY TELEGRAPHS OR CREWE CHRONICLE FOR 1888

CG: "These teams met at Crewe, on Saturday, before about 4,000 spectators, and considering that the home team had beaten the Swifts on the previous Saturday, an excellent game was anticipated. Derby came with a good reputation, having beaten this season, Blackburn Rovers, Long Eaton Rangers, Bolton Wanderers, Stoke, and Staveley Casuals. About 500 persons accompanied the Derby team, and were conveyed to Crewe by special train. The Alexandra team was the same as played against the Swifts, and the Derby men were well represented.

At 2.20 Gwynne commenced the game for the visitors, and after some good play between Payne and Pearson, the ball was handed to Price, and the latter put in a beautiful shot, but it just went outside. The Derbyites became rather startled, and after a bit of neat play by Bakewell and Spilsbury, the ball was taken towards the Crewe territory. Bayman repelled in good style, and the ball was soon transferred to the other end. Latham, however, prevented anything serious taking place, and Halfpenny afterwards almost scored from a miskick, but Hickton saved nicely, although a corner was given to the Derbyites, but this proved of no advantage. The Crewe team now attacked again and almost scored, but the visitors' backs

cleared in fine style. Ellis afterwards, with a good shot, compelled Bestwick to handle, and Pearson immediately became possessed of the ball and scored the first goal for Crewe. Crewe had a throw in, and Tinsley almost scored a second goal for the home team. Some very good work was now witnessed from Spilsbury, who transferred the ball to the Crewe end, at which point a foul occurred for Crewe. Conde then kicked the ball to the visitors' end, and the home team pressed for some time, but were unable to score, owing to the splendid defence of the Derbyites. Some give-and-take play now took place, the ball being transferred from end to end. The visitors' forwards at length broke away, and carried the ball to the other end of play. Plackett then made a poor shot, which went wide of the uprights. At this point Payne received an injury to his hip, and was unable to play during the remainder of the game. Shortly afterwards Tinsley was slightly injured, but he recovered in a few minutes, and half-time was then called, the score at this time being – Crewe, 1; Derby, nil.

On the resumption of play the home team immediately assailed their opponents' territory; but it seemed very clear that the Crewe men felt Payne's loss, Pearson having to do all the necessary work in the right wing. The Derbyites afterwards pressed for a considerable time, and two corners were conceded to them. Hickton was compelled to handle each time, but he saved splendidly, and the ball was again taken to the other end of play by Ellis, Price, and Pearson, but the latter kicked outside. Crewe obtained a foul, but it proved of no avail, and the game was afterwards confined to the centre of the ground. After some good play by Spilsbury another corner was given to the visitors, but they were unable to gain anything by it. Hands then occurred near the Crewe uprights, but did not result in anything serious. Pearson, with the assistance of Price, now displayed a bit of neat play, but their efforts were stopped in front of the Derby goal by Lawrence. Both teams tried hard to score, Derby appearing to have the best of the game; but the defence of the Creweites was too good for them. Pearson, Price, and Ellis afterwards had a good run, but were stopped by the visitors' backs. The Crewe team again pressed very hard, and from a good pass by Price and Ellis a foul occurred near to the Derby territory; but no other goal was scored by either side, and the game ended in favour of Crewe by one goal to nil. Crewe played a good game, and at the conclusion of the match they were loudly cheered. Payne took no part in the game from the time he was injured, and at the finish he was conveyed home in a cab."

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 9/1/88 P.7 (No lineups): "Played at Crewe on Saturday. Gwynne kicked off for Derby, but the ball was well returned, and Crewe at once began to press. Price sent in a nice shot, just over the bar, then Plackett put one just outside the Crewe uprights. Another 15 minutes' fast play, and Pearson scored for Crewe. The game continued fairly even, but Derby were unable to equalise, and at half time Crewe led one to nothing.

The only goal kicked in the game was by Pearson in the first half, and Payne was so severely hurt he could not take part in the second half. Derby played a fast plucky game, but the railway lads were too much for them from the first. The game was witnessed by over 5,000 persons."

DM”The Derby team represented the full strength of the club for cup ties.Tommy Needham being on the left with Plackett,although he has until lately been regarded as a member of the second eleven.The Rev Llewelyn Gwynne took the centre forward position which has been subject to many changes this season,this being the first time he had played for the County in a really important match. Spilsbury was again captain,and though he had rather frightened the supporters of the County as to his “condition” by playing with the Corinthians up to Wednesday last,he reassured them by stating that the matches had only been a gentle exercise,and that he should be perfectly “fit” for the cup tie.Nearly all the members of the team attended the Grand Theatre on Friday evening and afterwards slept at the Bell under the care of Mr Edwards,their trainer.”

“...when play commenced there were about 4,000 spectators on the ground.It had been understood that Mr M.P.Betts of the Old Harrovians would be the referee,but on Friday a change was made in the arrangements,Mr Betts going to Perry Barr,and Mr R.P.Gregson(of the Lancashire Association) to Crewe.The ground, which is a very good one,though rather small,was sodden and heavy.

Crewe scored a quarter of an hour after the start,and no further goals being obtained, the Derby team were beaten by one goal to none.

The result was,of course,a keen disappointment to the Derby players and spectators,but there can be no doubt that Crewe fairly beat them.The smallness of the ground certainly told against the Derby men,but it cannot be held a sufficient excuse as the outside wing men did their work well,and the cause of the defeat was that the centre and insides did not take advantage of the opportunities given them.”

“The advantage which the winners gained in the sun having gone down when they had to face it was quite compensated by the loss of one of their forwards, Payne being,we are sorry to say,somewhat severely hurt.”

SL:”The meeting of the Swifts and Crewe at Derby on the 31<sup>st</sup> ult. gave the County a pretty good idea of the form of the Crewe contingent,and the local papers were pretty sanguine according to their remarks on the Swifts v Crewe match that the County were bound to win,but as the local scribes are very often carried away with the exuberance of their own ideas,they once more had to eat the leek,and accept a legitimate,sound,and fair beating.

The interest taken in the match was very great,5,000 people lining the ropes. Amongst this number there were 600 or 700 of the Derby folk,who had travelled on to Crewe to see their pets contest.The Derby men were placed under the care of Joe Edwards,a noted Sheffield handicap winner,who(as they say in sporting parlance)brought his men to the scratch in the acme of condition.The County lost the toss,and Crewe took the advantage to play with a bright sun at their backs. The Crewe team were identical to that which beat the Swifts at Derby.The home fellows were not long ere they settled down,Tinsley,Pearson,and Price doing some neat work.The latter skimmed the horizontal.A few minutes after this run the Derby men made tracks when one of the halves,in freeing his lines,nearly

gave Derby a goal. A corner to the Derbyshire fellows proved of no avail, and Crewe again put on the pressure, Ellis, Pearson, and Tinsley all having a share. Another run by the railway men gave Bestwick trouble, but he only partially fisted away, and the young-'un (Pearson) got on the ball, and shot through in double quick time for Crewe. This once tasting blood made them more ravenous, and Bestwick and his backs had a lively time of it until Spilsbury caused a diversion and an unproductive corner. Notwithstanding this the home forwards, Pearson, Payne, Ellis, and Price did a lot of useful work and kept the opposing backs in a state of constant temerity by their invasions. Nothing to add to their solitary point could be obtained, through the backs repelling their frequent onslaughts. At last a change in the scene of action was made, Bakewell shooting cleverly into the centre, but the opportunity was lost by the reverend gentleman muffing the ball. Half-time arrived with the game unaltered.

Proceeding, the Crewe men were obliged to be without Tinsley, who had been hurt just before half-time, and with the change, the men of the Peak country played a much better game, but it was only of that dash and then a run of easy play alternately, so that the spectators could not be brought to a fever heat with the excitement. Bakewell, it must be said, was the cleverest amongst the forwards, yet he was so often badly supported. Bell and Tinsley then caused excitement by shooting into Bestwick's hands; he succeeded in clearing on each occasion, and Latham was applauded for a bit of clever back play, although his situation was one that required a deal of judgment to properly fulfil. Time was drawing nigh and the County were still a goal behind when they rallied somewhat, Needham and Spilsbury both having golden chances, and each time they allowed them to slip by, and the last few minutes were rather in the visitors' favour, but try as Bakewell would he could not get his fellow forwards to render him any assistance, and on the call of time Pearson and Osborn had narrow shaves, but the whistle blew with the Crewe Alexandra one goal to County's 0. George Bakewell was the best forward on the field, and Conde and Latham the best backs."

Crewe Alexandra: E. Hickton (Goal); C. T. Conde (Capt.), J. Bayman (Backs); W. S. Bell, F. W. Halfpenny, E. Osborn (Half Backs); E. R. Payne, J. H. Pearson (Right Wing), G. Price (Centre), I. Tinsley, J. Ellis (Left Wing).

Derby County: T. H. Bestwick (Goal); A. Latham, S. E. Lawrence (Backs); A. Williamson, H. Warmby, Walter Rowston (Half Backs); G. Bakewell, B. W. Spilsbury (Capt.) (Right Wing), Rev. L. H. Gwynne (Centre), T. Needham, L. Plackett (Left Wing).

Umpires: D. B. Woolfall and James Cooper. Referee: R. P. Gregson.

ASTON VILLA 1 (A. Hunter)

PRESTON NORTH END 3 (J. Goodall 2, J. D. Ross)

(H. T. 1-1) (Sat Jan 7<sup>th</sup>) (At Perry Barr, Wellington Road, Birmingham)

Preston Herald 11/1/88 P.3/Birmingham Daily Post 9/1/88 P.5/Lancashire Evening Post 7/1/88 P.2-3/Field 14/1/88 P.48/Sporting Life 9/1/88 P.4/Sportsman 9/1/88 P.4:

PH: "Never in the history of Association football was so much, or so widespread interest taken in a match-cup tie or fixture-as in that which took place on Saturday at Perry Barr, between North End and Aston Villa, and never was there such a large gathering of spectators. This was no doubt largely due to the fact that both clubs had had for a long time a very successful career, and that one was the holder of the trophy, but few will deny that it was the fame of the North End which formed the centre of attraction to so many thousands of sportsmen from all parts of the country. The record of the North End for the season shows that they have never lost a match, while the Villa had only lost one, and that when represented by a weak eleven, so that Aston Villa appeared to have an excellent chance-remembering that the match had to be played at Perry Barr-of vanquishing the Preston representatives. Every preparation was made by each team for the contest, the Villa arriving in Birmingham from their training quarters on Saturday forenoon, while North End left Preston on Friday afternoon for the scene of the encounter, making their headquarters for the night the Colonnade Hotel.

On Saturday morning the team had a drive around a portion of the suburbs of Birmingham, and in their journey visited the Perry Barr ground. Even then, about 11 o'clock, there were spectators on the field; by nine o'clock a few scores of people had assembled; at 11 there were several hundreds; shortly after one, when the first special train arrived from Preston, there would be about nine or ten thousand people present, and by the time the match commenced, at 2 20, the crowd fell little short of 27,000.

Both clubs appeared on the ground shortly after two o'clock, and were heartily welcomed, and after a delay, owing to the encroachment of the crowd, the toss was taken, and it was seen that the Prestonians would in the first half play with the sun and wind at their backs, the home team having the advantage of the ground. Amid a buzz of excitement the ball was started, the pace at once becoming very fast, and the ball travelling from end to end of the field, where both sets of backs and half-backs were kept very busy. The crowd soon again swarmed over the touchline, play had to be suspended for about seven minutes, and it was soon after the restart that Hunter was enabled to score, amid tremendous cheering. All this time, though the visitors had been the most dangerous of the two, they were not playing their best game-it was apparent to the most careless observer that they were anxious-they repeatedly over-ran the ball, and through sheer nervousness allowed the Villa backs frequently to tackle them successfully. The home team, on the other hand, appeared to the best advantage-they were playing a splendid passing game, in a cool and confident manner, and backs and half-backs tackled and kicked in a style seldom surpassed. Another stoppage of play ensued through the crowd infringing on the field of play, and it was not long after this before a good passing run by the home forwards enabled Green to place the ball past Ferguson a second time, but the point was promptly ruled off-side. Up to now, though the Deepdale men were not playing their usual strong game, they had so far, though unable to score, had many shots at Warner, and more than once had placed the Villa goal in imminent danger. It had reached five minutes from the interval before Drummond was seen to cleverly run round Coulton, and from his centre Goodall, with a low shot, equalised the score. The enthusiastic cheer

which greeted this performance testified to the fairness of the crowd, and no doubt had its effect on the nerves of the Prestonians, who up to now had acquitted themselves as if anticipating every moment another Perry Barr riot.

The teams crossed over with the score equal. It was still with great difficulty that the crowd could be kept back, though the services of two or three hussars were requisitioned; but an hussar in undress uniform, without sword or belt, and mounted on a sorry-looking cab horse, is not a sight calculated to frighten anybody. After crossing over it was seen that Mr Sudell's men had regained all their well-known confidence, both in attack and defence, while they appeared to be as fresh as when the game first started. Drummond soon had a good shie, the ball striking the upright, and being to all appearances through before Warner fisted it out, but no notice was taken of the claim. Ross was soon after winded in tackling Green, but soon came round, and Green soon after was noticed to be holding Graham. The latter pushed him on one side, and the Villa man, losing his temper, made as if he would follow and strike the half-back, but second and better thoughts prevailed. The Lancashire Cup-holders were playing in a manner that completely reassured their friends, and at the termination of 18 or 19 minutes Ross, jun., put through the leading goal, amid loud and prolonged cheering. Six minutes later Goodall banged another (the third) through, and from now to the finish North End had all the best of matters. The people were close upon the touch and goal lines, having crowded before the reporters' table, and there they remained until the finish of the match, notwithstanding the arrival at the last minute of a body of mounted police. The Preston team were, after the scoring of their third goal, seen at their best—they passed the ball through the Villa ranks with utmost cleverness, and appeared to be as fresh almost as at the beginning, while it was evident that more than one of the home team was in distress. When the referee's whistle sounded the finish, the crowd at once covered the whole enclosure, and the teams were loudly cheered as they retired."

BDP "It was no doubt an historic occasion in the records of the game; and for many years it will be remembered by all football enthusiasts how, on the first Saturday of the year 1888, before a crowd and amidst an excitement unparalleled in the history of the game, the Aston Villa made a bold effort to rest the championship from the Preston North End, who for three years had enjoyed an undisturbed superiority; how, during the first half of the game, the Villa, playing with ground and wind and light against them, fairly held their own: how, in the second half, when all looked for the Villa to take a strong lead, the Preston forwards went off with a great dash, using their superiority in weight with merciless vigour, and playing at headlong speed a game of consummate science; how they quickly obtained two goals; and how, at the second disaster, the Villa, with equal suddenness and completeness, collapsed like a pricked bladder, and for the rest of the game fought a stubborn but hopeless fight in the mouth of their own goal."

N.B. There was also a full Report with teams in PH

LEP(P.3): "The day broke fine, and early in the morning the approaches were thronged with visitors. The ground was in perfect order, but rather dry if anything

for Preston North End. The visitors inspected the ground about eleven o'clock. The Villa team arrived from their training quarters, a few minutes after eleven. Their presence in town somewhat increased the confidence of their supporters. Still no money was to be got on at anything like reasonable rates. Long before noon, Birchfield-road, and the approaches to the ground, were swarmed with visitors, and booking clerks were busily engaged until after the game commenced, at which time there were fully 25,000 spectators. The Villa were the first to take the field, and were received with general cheers. The North End followed immediately, and were received with equal heartiness. Both sets of men were in the pink of condition, and reflected great credit on their respective trainers."

"Ross won the toss, and decided to play aided by the sun and a slight wind. The kick-off, however, was delayed on account of the spectators encroaching on the ground, and the officials and players having great difficulty in clearing the touch line. Hunter kicked off, and Ross, in the first minute, had to clear an attempt by Hodgetts, affording his brother an opportunity of taxing Cox's abilities. Both sides, however, appeared slightly disorganised, but the Villa seemed rather the best at the start. The home right got away, and muddled to Hunter, whose final was quite wide of the mark. A grand run down by the North End daunted the home supporters, and Gordon, after a nice bit of dribbling, kicked wide. Dewhurst fouled the ball in midfield, but Hunter's shot was easily got rid of with one of Ross's gigantic kicks. The Villa right continued to show the best form, but a quick run by Gordon and Jimmy Ross gained the first corner, resulting in an offside shot by Gordon. This player did well, but Warner saved off a magnificent header by Dewhurst. This was fruitless, and play was stopped to clear the crowd off the touch-line. After thirteen minutes' delay, play was resumed, Howarth being first conspicuous for a bad kick in front of his goal. Every yard of the Villa territory was safely contested, the home backs kicking out on every possible occasion. A stiff struggle in front of Coulton ended in the custodian clearing grandly. A combined rush of the home right, which Gordon and Graham failed to stop ended in Hunter scoring a rather soft goal after 12 minutes' play. On the kick off from the centre the Villa quickly worked their way up to the front of Ferguson, when Russell ran clean through the opposing forwards, clearing grandly. The home forwards had now a clear course, but Burton kept Goodall such close company that he overran the ball. The North End quickly put on a screw, and Cox luckily saved a terrific shot by Goodall. Another attempt at lowering the home colours by Dewhurst going wide of the mark. The North End were now gradually settling down, and to avert further danger Coulton gave a corner. From the kick the Villa backs and custodian had any amount of work, all turning goalkeepers. Dewhurst, Drummond, and Jimmy Ross's shots were useless, being stopped among the legs of the defenders. A momentary flash brought the Villa up the ground, but Allen's attempt was yards away from the mark. This was followed by one or two other attempts on the North End goal, but the visitors paid too much attention to the men to pass with their usual accuracy, and lacked that combination one would have expected from such teams. Magnificent shots at the Villa goal, by Goodall and Dewhurst, just grazed the bar. Play was again stopped through the encroachment, and it took fully eight minutes to clear the ground. The Villa restarted by a kick from goal, but North End were the first to become dangerous, a long slanting shot

by Dewhurst just going wide of Warner's charge. Drummond did a similar performance. A moment later Hodgetts and Allen completely beat Howarth. The latter finished with a shot, which Ross got away with a splendid kick. The Villa were not to be forced back, Hunter shooting through after Brown had been offside. The point was disallowed. A stiff struggle between Ross and the opposing backs ended in Coulton kicking out of play. From the throw in the "demon" planted well in front of goal, and Coulton again saved. Hodgetts beat Howarth into fits, but when he crossed over to Hunter, this player clean missed the ball, and Ross cleared again. The play was again at the Villa end, and Warner had to save a clinking shot by Drummond. The home forwards were quickly coming into form, and worked round the North End forwards frequently. A combined run by Gordon and Ross, junior, all but beat Warner, who had to concede a corner to foil a shot by Goodall. A corner by North End was easily got rid of, and midfield play ensued for some time. Cox spoiled a combined run by Dewhurst, Ross, and Goodall, but neither side could gain any material advantage. Cox deliberately fouled Jimmy Ross, but from a free kick the delinquent headed away. In the next minute Jimmy Ross sent in one of his electric shots but Warner sent the ball over the bar. The corner availed the team nothing. Immediately afterwards away rushed the North End left, and Dewhurst equalised by a magnificent quick, low shot. ("at the end of 40 minutes"). Again the North End, on the kick from centre, rushed clean through their opponents, Jimmy Ross putting in a magnificent shot, which Warner held, and Drummond threw him clean over his back, but outside the posts. In the next minute North End gained a corner, and as soon as the kick had been made, the whistle sounded for half time, with the score one goal each.

As soon as the kick off had been effected, North End showed the first real bit of their own play, Gordon and Ross junr., putting in a splendid run, which enabled Drummond to shoot. The ball struck one of the uprights, and rebounded into play. A temporary visit was made to Ferguson's quarters, Ross finally clearing. Again Gordon rushed up, running clear past Burton and Cox, but just when he was becoming dangerous Coulton, rushing across, threw him clear off the ball. A bit of well judged passing by Hunter enabled Green and Brown to get nicely away, but the final attempt by the former was high over the bar. A similar fault was attached to another shot by Hodgetts. A header at Ferguson by Green was well cleared by the custodian's fist. The North End again rushed away, Gordon again being beaten by Cox. Quickly play was at the other end, and Ross nipped in the bud a remarkably good run by the whole of the home forwards. He was winded in the attempt. Combined passing by the North End again worked them in their opponents' territory, but the excellent back play of the home team averted a dangerous rush by the right wing. At this point Green deliberately held Graham, and afterwards rushed after him in a threatening manner. The Villa were now playing extremely dirtily and were loudly called on by the spectators to play fair.

Good combined play succeeded, and from an exceptionally sharp low kick, Jimmy Ross secured a second goal, thus putting his side ahead. ("eighteen minutes from start of second half"). Drummond and Dewhurst were rushing up the wing swiftly, when Coulton robbed the former, thus averting what seemed a certain goal. The Villa was now evidently getting disheartened, their play falling off

considerably, especially that of the forwards. At the end of twenty-four minutes, away raced Ross and Gordon, the former being floored by Cox.

The demon got (the ball) close to the corner flag, and middled magnificently, and Goodall notched a third goal. The Villans were working terribly, but do what they would they were unable to resist the combination of their opponents, which was now manifesting itself in true form. The long passing of the home team was on almost every occasion interrupted by either the backs or half backs. There seemed to be almost twice as many of the North End as the Villans playing, so constantly had they possession of the ball. From a soft shot by Dewhurst, Warner kicked out, and immediately Dawson sent the ball towards his own goal, but Coulton cleared. An exceedingly tight scrimmage occurred under the Villa bar, Warner saving in almost miraculous style.

A corner was so well placed by a header from Graham, that a claim for a goal was made, but disallowed. The spectators were now not to be kept back, and they toed the touch-line all round the field. The home right got down the field, but Ross settled them immediately, and away raced Dewhurst, Drummond, and Goodall. The centre man was hurt, and Dewhurst, who immediately shot, had his attempt foiled by Warner. Again, when Dewhurst had a clear course, Yates pulled him off the ball by the arm. In the last three minutes the Villa got down the field, and Ross had to foil one or two fair attempts."

+Other Reports give Goodall as the scorer.

"The game was played under protest on account of the spectators breaking in. A conference is now sitting to determine the point. The referee declares the match not a cup tie."

(See below at end of Fifth Round for the F.A.'s decision to award the match to Preston)

SL: "Birmingham, with all its sporting proclivities, excelled itself on Saturday last. The most enthusiastic admirer of the dribbling game never expected to gaze upon such an indispensible scene of excitement as that which presented itself to the eye at Perry Barr on the occasion of one of the greatest matches ever known in the history of the Association game. To describe the scene en route, or the approaches to the ground, or the many striking incidents in connection therewith, would fill columns, but suffice it to say that the "gate" beat record, and from ten o'clock in the morning until after kick off the crowd kept streaming in until over 20,000 people were on the ground. Every arrangement deemed necessary had been made. Fifty police and a host of stewards were engaged to keep order and stop people from coming inside the ring, and interfering in any way with the play, but, unfortunately, the unforeseen happened and the officials were unable to cope with the exigencies of the disaster. Shortly after half-past one, the iron rail which skirts the ground at the bottom end of the field, parallel to the Wellington-road, gave way under the enormous pressure, and the crowd streamed onto the field. Every means was resorted to to beat the people back, but of no avail, and with the trampling of the uncontrollable crowd, out went the

boundary line on the unreserved side of the field. At length, when sticks had been freely used by the police, the enemy were driven over the line of play, and the teams made their appearance on the field.

The Cup holders came first, and were the recipients of a grand reception from the spectators. North End quickly followed, and were warmly applauded as they filed on, led by Captain N.J. Ross. After some delay occurred in getting the people back, in which Archie Hunter's Appeal, as he strode round the field proved far more effective than the efforts of the police, the toss was won by North End, and they took up their position at the top of the ground, and Hunter kicked off uphill against the wind, and with the sun shining full in the face of the Villa men. The ball was rushed straight to the Villa goal. Cox relieved and Hodgetts ran it up on the left, ending with a fine centre, which was well saved by Ross. Gordon transferred the venue of play, and then a fine run by the Villa forwards ended in Allen shooting just outside the posts. Another run by Hodgetts, and then matters were made very uncomfortable for the Villa defenders, and a corner accrued to North End, which was well taken by Graham, Warner giving a second by fisting over the bar. Nothing came of it, and seven and a half minutes were devoted to clearing the field. On resuming, the visitors ran the ball over the lines from the goal kick. The home forwards put in a fine run, which ended in Hunter scoring the first goal for the Cup holders, which was heralded by vociferous cheering. The goal was obtained after thirteen minutes' play. This reverse put the proud Prestonians firmly on their mettle, and upon resuming they went to work with a will. Drummond sent in a stinger, which Warner finely saved, and the pressing ended in Russell kicking over the line. At this juncture nine minutes was taken up in attending to the crowd, whose encroachments were out of all character with the conditions of a Cup tie encounter. However, the people were pushed back to the edge of where the boundary-line originally was, and play was resumed, Ross junior ending the visitors' attack by a futile shot. Allen and Hodgetts brought the ball up the field, and after the latter had fairly beaten the visitors' halves, his centre was spoilt by Ross sen. kicking out. The Villa men kept up the pressure, Brown putting the ball across to Hodgetts, who headed into the mouth of the goal, and Tom Green rushed up and knocked it through. An appeal for off-side was sustained, and the appearance of two hussars mounted on borrowed crocks elicited a hearty cheer. Their efforts proved decidedly more successful than those of the police. Play was now very equal, the passing of the Villa forwards being especially fine whilst their defence seemed almost invulnerable, and the North End supporters began to wear a serious look upon their faces, as Hodgetts repeatedly beat the North End back division, only to be foiled by Ross, who stuck close to Ferguson with commendable tenacity. Ross jun. seemed to have the goal at his mercy once, but Warner proved equal to the occasion, and fisted out in fine style. Some mid-field play ensued, and from a run by the visitors' forwards the ball was passed to the left, and an easy shot by Goodall evidently took Warner unawares, and the score was equalised, amid hearty cheers. Warner subsequently distinguished himself, and a foul occurred to Preston in the vicinity of the home goal, which came to nothing. Half time shortly afterwards occurred, with the score one goal each.

With the advantage of the slope and wind, and in view of the form shown in the first portion of the game, the chances of the Villa looked rosy indeed. Upon re-starting the ball travelled up towards Warner's charge, but was quickly transferred, and for some moments the Villa attacked with a will. Hunter spoiled a good chance by kicking over, and Tom Green followed suit by kicking the wrong side of the post. The ball was worked down again, and Hodgetts put it over the bar. The pressure continued severe, and Ross sustained a bump which took all the wind out of his sails, and Ferguson saved his charge. Ross was speedily righted, and the game resumed. The game now became rough, Graham distinguishing himself particularly in this department, and so far forgot himself as to punch Green viciously in midfield. The severity of the game began to tell on both sides, but Aston Villa were the first to hang out signals of distress. The North End made good use of their opportunities, and Ross jun. scored a second goal for the visitors from a combined run up the field by the whole string of forwards. This success put the Preston men on good terms with themselves, and they played with renewed vigour, whilst the home backs stood manfully against the determined onslaught of their opponents. Some exciting play followed, and a corner fell to the Villa, which ended with Dawson kicking the ball over. The visitors shortly after made another incursion into the Villa territory, and Ross jun. centred to Goodall, who scored a third goal for the North End. Gordon and Goodall next had shots, both of which were wildly off the mark, and the arrival of the mounted police next characterised the proceedings. Occasionally the Villa men had a run down the field, but the ball was generally in the top half of the field.

Neither side played with much dash towards the close of the game, and generally speaking, the closing portion of the latter half was much in favour of the North End, and the whistle sounded to the great relief of all concerned, leaving Preston North-end masters of the situation by three goals to one. Warner kept goal brilliantly for the Villa, whilst Cox and Coulton's defence was unique. Dawson was a failure at half-back, whilst his colleagues, Burton and Yates, played a fine game, always cool and collected in their play. Hodgetts excelled himself on the left wing, and was beyond doubt the finest forward on the field. Allen and Hunter played well, whilst Tom Green played an energetic and clever game. Albert Brown was hardly assiduous enough, and collectively the Villa shooting was erratic, this being their greatest failing. For the winners N.J. Ross at back played magnificently. Howarth proved an able partner, and between them they took the work off the shoulders of Ferguson. The halves, Robertson and Russell, played finely, as did Graham, though too roughly at times. The whole string of forwards passed with great precision, and played with great dash throughout."

SM: "In order to leave no stone unturned, each team underwent a week's training, the Prestonians being located at Southport under the watchful care of the pedestrian, Concannon, while the Villa took up residence on the Holte Fleet, on the Severn, within some few miles of Droitwich, the hot salt baths of which they have indulged in with satisfactory effect. There was little doubt as to the constitution of the home side, the only point being the possible substitution of Devey for Burton at half-back, which was not, however, acted upon, but the same cannot be said in connection with the North End. The club executive were somewhat distrustful of Addison in consequence chiefly on account of his

diminutive stature, and Mills-Roberts, the Welsh international, was not qualified for another week, and in the dilemma Rose was sought for, but not discovered until too late, their second team goalkeeper, Ferguson, having in the meantime been requisitioned and sent into training. Howarth, their full back, was reported a bit off colour, and Holmes was freely mentioned as likely to take his place, while almost at the last moment, Thompson made room for Goodall as centre forward."

Aston Villa: J. Warner (Goal); F. Coulton, G. Cox (Backs); H. Yates (right), F. Dawson (centre), J. Burton (left) (Half Backs); Albert Brown, T. Green (Right Wing), A. Hunter (Capt.) (Centre), A. Allen, D. Hodgetts (Left Wing).

Preston North End : J. Ferguson (Goal); R. H. Howarth, N. J. Ross (Capt.) (Backs); A. Robertson (right), D. Russell (centre), J. Graham (left) (Half Backs); J. B. Gordon, J. D. Ross (Right Wing), J. Goodall (Centre), F. Dewhurst, G. Drummond (Left Wing).

Umpires: C. J. Hughes (Northwich, Hon Sec, Cheshire Association) and M. P. Betts (Old Harrovians).  
Referee: J. C. Clegg (Sheffield Association).

MIDDLESBROUGH 4 (F. Dennis, A. Borrie, W. Fox, Rev. E. J. Wilson)  
OLD FORESTERS 0  
(H. T. 2-0) (Sat Jan 7<sup>th</sup>) (At Linthorpe Road Ground, Middlesbrough)

Northern Echo 9/1/88 P.4/Sportsman 9/1/88 P.4/York Herald 9/1/88 P.2/  
Field 14/1/88 P.48/ Manchester Courier 9/1/88 P.3/Sporting Life 9/1/88 P.4:

NE: "Middlesbrough, fortunate in getting into the fifth round of the English Cup after being defeated by Sunderland, met the Old Foresters team on the Linthorpe Road Ground on Saturday. The field during the last few weeks had been in a wretched condition. On Saturday an attempt had been made to clear away some of the mud, and in places tan had been put down. The visitors played a most gentlemanly game, and were conspicuous for remarkably neat dribbling, but their passing was uncertain and the defence remarkably bad. Right at the commencement they took the ball down the field, and narrowly missed scoring. The ball hit the crossbar. After this for some time it was a pretty even game, and then Middlesbrough gradually began to show superiority. Towards the end of the first half Dennis scored the first goal, the whole team then playing up in better form than they have shown for many weeks. Almost immediately afterwards Borrie obtained another goal.

On changing ends Middlesbrough were for a while jeopardised to some extent by having the sun full in their eyes, and in this period of the game the Londoners perhaps showed up best. It was, however, only a temporary relaxation on the part of the home team, and soon they were working again hotly on the aggressive. Fox worked hard, and in a dodgy run eluded the vigilance of the goalkeeper and scored a third goal. The visitors still struggled on pluckily. Several dashes were made into Middlesbrough ground, and casual shots taken at the home goal, but nothing came of it. The Foresters were very deficient in shooting, and in this respect could not improve the opportunities they did get. Near the end of the

game the Rev. E.J.Wilson put the ball through again,making the fourth goal in favour of the home team.Nothing further was scored.The result-Middlesbrough, four goals;Old Foresters,none-was received with tremendous enthusiasm by the spectators,who would number no less than eight thousand.Before the match the Old Foresters lodged an objection to the state of the ground with the referee."

SM:"This tie was played at Middlesbrough in the presence of eight or nine thousand spectators.The weather was splendid,little wind blowing,and the ground in fair condition,tan being laid near the goalsThe Foresters played a short passing and dribbling game,and the home men showed they had benefited from recent matches,playing up with more dash than usual.Walsh and Fox worked like Trojans.Old Foresters kicked off,and carried the leather up to the home goal line by nice passing,but the kick from goal transferred it to the opposite goal,which was presently beseiged.After a couple of shots had been stopped a corner was conceded to Middlesbrough.This was not confirmed,but a moment later Borrie sent in a hot shot which Walker stopped.Another attack on the visitors' citadel was followed by a dash into the home territory,and then another corner being conceded,Walsh centred well and Dennis scored for Middlesbrough.A couple of minutes later Borrie added a second.After this the visitors had a couple of corners and made sundry unsuccessful assaults on the home goal,but no further score was made up till the time of crossing over.

In the second half Middlesbrough had to do more defensive work,but still found opportunity to frequently attack the visitors' goal.A quarter of an hour after re-starting Fox rushed the ball through as Walker was dealing with it,and ten minutes later Rev.Mr Wilson added a fourth goal.The final result was a victory for Middlesbrough by four goals to none."

SL:"The visitors,it may be mentioned,were without the services of R.C.Guy at centre forward,his place being taken by his brother,Hugh Guy."

Middlesbrough:J.Dawkings(Goal);G.Millar,T.H.Wynn(Capt.)(Backs);J.Walsh, T.Bach,G.McCrie(Half Backs);Rev E.J.Wilson,W.Fox,A.Borrie,R.Wilson, F.Dennis(Forwards).

Old Foresters:W.Walker(Goal);F.R.Pelly,W.S.Borrow(Backs);H.H.Johnson, R.B.Johnson(Capt.),C.Collison(Half Backs);C.J.Horner,R.W.Burrows, Hugh Guy,H.C.Newberry,A.Robertson(Forwards).

Umpires:Smith(Derby County) and Sanderson(Scarborough).  
Referee:Jope(Wolverhampton).

NE:"Before the match the Old Foresters lodged an objection to the state of the ground with the referee."

(Replay ordered after the protest but then Old Foresters scratched after the F.A. ruled that it should be played at Middlesbrough:see below)

N.B. The Middlesbrough Complete Record records:

“Meeting held in London on 14<sup>th</sup> January to hear Old Foresters complain that the ground conditions affected the result of the game. Mr Jope, the referee reported that in places the ground was covered with “tan and sand” and therefore the conditions did not allow a fair battle to be waged.” “The Association ruled that a replay was necessary and was to be played on 21<sup>st</sup> January at Middlesbrough and, if the ground was still unfit, the tie would be switched to Sheffield. On hearing that the replayed tie was scheduled for Middlesbrough, the Old Foresters scratched from the competition.”

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 4 (J.M. Bayliss 2, T. Pearson, G. Woodhall)  
STOKE 1 (J. Owen)  
(H.T. 1-1) (Sat Jan 7<sup>th</sup>) (At Stoney Ground, West Bromwich)

Birmingham Daily Post 9/1/88 P.7/Manchester Courier 9/1/88 P.3/Field  
14/1/88 P.48 (Short Report)/Sportsman 9/1/88 P.4/Sporting Life 9/1/88 P.4:

Sheffield Evening Telegraph 7/1/88 P.3: “Stoke were minus Bennett and Sayer, while Albion had their full team.” (No teams)

BDP: “These teams met on the Stoney Ground, West Bromwich. There was a numerous assemblage of spectators. The home team during the first half played down hill with the wind in their favour. The visitors soon after the start carried the sphere into the Albion quarters, and from a foul Owen scored a goal. Albion then began to press and some exciting play took place close to the visitors’ citadel. The defence of the Stoke backs and custodian was, however, very stubborn. After a time Bayliss equalised out of a scrimmage. The home team kept up the attack, and secured two corners in succession, but they were both cleared. The Albion were now having the best of the game, the struggle, which was very exciting at this point, being principally confined to the town end. As the close of the first half drew near the game was fast and furious, both teams playing in splendid form. Repeated combined and determined onslaughts were made on their opponents’ fortress; but although the home team narrowly missed scoring on several occasions, and experienced hard lines, the Stoke men repulsed them successfully each time, and when the whistle blew the score stood 1 goal each.

Early in the second half the sphere was taken up the right wing, and Bassett centred to Pearson, who scored the second goal for the home team. An appeal was made on the ground of off-side, but the goal was allowed. Shortly afterwards Bassett sent in another well directed shot, which the Stoke custodian fisted out in capital style. From an admirably placed shot by Woodhall, Bayliss registered the third point for Albion. Bayliss made a rush up the field, and passed to Woodhall, who scored the fourth goal. Just before the call of time Wilson collided with one of the Stoke men, and fell to the ground. For a time it was feared that he had sustained serious injury, and Dr Brown, who happened to be on the grand stand, went to his assistance. He, however, soon recovered, and left the field. Immediately afterwards the whistle blew, the victory resting with Albion by 4 goals to 1.”

MC: "During the first half the visitors played up hill, with a strong wind against them. From a foul Owen scored the first point for Stoke. The Albion put on a spurt, and Bayliss equalised matters. Both teams were in good form, and some splendid play was witnessed. The Albion pressed, and were several times within an ace of scoring. The visitors' back division played a good game, but the Albion showed a decided superiority in passing, and smart tactics round the goal. At half time the score was even—one goal each.

On changing ends the Albion played a much faster game, notwithstanding that they had a strong wind against them. Woodhall made a smart run, and passed to Bassett, who shot across the goal. Wilson met the ball, and Pearson touched it through. The point was appealed against, on the ground of offside, but it was allowed. After an attempt by Stoke, the Albion got away, but Rowley saved. The visitors again attacked the Albion goal, and Roberts saved a nasty shot. A long shot from Woodhall was rushed through by Bayliss. An exciting scrummage ensued near the Albion goal, but Roberts kicked out, and Bayliss getting possession, after a smart struggle, passed to Woodhall, who, with a fine high shot, scored another goal. Both teams now fought very hard, but towards the close the Albion proved decidedly the best team, and eventually won by four goals to one."

SL: "This match under ordinary circumstances would have attracted a large assemblage to the West Bromwich Ground, but owing to the strong counter-attraction at Perry Barr the audience failed to reach more than 3,000 people at the outside. The Albion started downhill with the wind in their favour. Play commenced fast, and the ball was worked up to Roberts' charge where a foul fell to the visitors, from which Owen scored. Upon resumption the Albion pressed severely, but the Stoke defence proved equal to the occasion, and for a time the Albion were kept at bay. Bayliss at length equalised from a scrummage, and from this point the Albion made repeated attempts to score. They sustained very hard lines indeed on several occasions. Two corners fell to them, both of which were cleared after lengthened scrimmages, and the game became very exciting; the Albion pressing very severely, but despite their attacks the Stoke goal remained intact to further incursions until the whistle sounded half-time with the score a goal each.

Changing over play continued fast, and each side strove their hardest. The Albion showed by far the better combination, and shortly after change of ends the ball travelled up the field at a rapid pace. Bassett centred to Pearson, and that player scored the second goal for the West Bromwich team. An appeal for off-side was not sustained, and then Rowley had to fust out a hot shot from Bayliss shortly afterwards. Not to be denied Woodhall sent the ball into the mouth of the goal, and Bayliss put the finishing touch upon it by kicking it through, thus scoring the third goal for the Albion. The home team maintained the aggressive, and from a combined run Woodhall scored the fourth goal for his side. Just before time Wilson was hurt in a collision, and had to leave the field. No other goals were scored, and the game ended in a victory for the Albion by four goals to one."

West Bromwich Albion:R.Roberts(Goal);A.Aldridge,H.Green(Backs);E.Horton,  
C.Perry,G.Timmins(Half Backs);G.Woodhall,W.I.Bassett(Right),J.M.Bayliss  
(Centre),J.J.Wilson,T.Pearson(Left).

Stoke:W.Rowley(Goal);T.Clare,A.Underwood(Backs);J.Broadhurst,G.Shutt(Capt.),  
E.Smith(Half Backs);L.Ballham,G.Lawton(Right),D.Millward (Centre),A.Edge,  
W.Owen(Left).

(Stoke History order but is this W.Owen(last game November 1887) for  
J.Owen?).

Umpires:Hall and Henshaw.Referee:J.Armstrong(Clapton).

CHIRK 1 (J.Jones)  
DERBY JUNCTION 1 (S.Smith)  
(H.T. 1-0)(Sat Dec 31<sup>st</sup>)(At Chirk)

Wrexham Advertiser 7/1/88 P.3/Derby Mercury 11/1/88 P.2/Field 7/1/88  
P.16/Sportsman 2/1/88 P.4/Sporting Life 2/1/88 P.4:

N.B.DDT FOR 1888 NOT ON LINE

WA:"This match,which has been looked forward to by the football world of North  
Wales,with no considerable amount of interest,took place on Saturday at Chirk in  
the presence of a fairly good number of spectators.It was thought by many that  
the Chirk would almost have a walk over,while others took a more serious view,  
and fancied the Welshmen would have all their work cut out.Both teams having  
entered the arena,Chirk won the toss,and the Derby centre set the ball in motion,  
and soon after the home forwards were busy,J.Rogers compelling Bromage to fist  
out.The visitors' forwards were now at work,and the Chirk backs were called  
upon.Owens and Rogers were next to the front,and obtained a free kick for  
hands.The home left were again on the move,and the visitors obtained a free kick  
for off side near their own fortress.The Junction left wing now were prominent,  
but Wynne returned,and Potts did likewise for his team.W.Owens and Rogers  
next did a bit of passing,but were unsuccessful,and the visitors' forwards had a  
neat run,the ball being finally passed to the right wing,who failed to turn it to  
account.Owens and Griffiths were next noticeable,the former making a shot,  
which the visitors' custodian returned,and J.Bromage and Smith did a good  
dribble.D.Jones now returned a shot from the visitors' left,and Williams,the home  
centre,obtained possession,and passed to W.Owens,who kicked the ball out of  
play.Chirk left wing were now conspicuous,and a corner resulted,which was  
nicely placed,and Wyse made a splendid shot,the outcome of which was another  
corner,from which a scrimmage ensued in front of the visitors' goal,P.Griffiths  
finally landing the ball the wrong side of the posts.The visitors' forwards now  
worked the ball to the other end of the arena,but Jones and Wynne were all there  
and frustrated their attempts,after which W.Owens and Rogers made an  
incursion which was fruitless of a result.Williams,in an attempt,landed the ball  
wide,and Wynne and Jones were busy in repelling an attack by the visitors'  
forwards.The Derby right was next on the path,Smith making a shot,which went

wide of the mark. The visitors shortly afterwards obtained a free kick for foul near the Chirk citadel, from which the home forwards did a smart canter, W. Owens, Rogers, and Williams being to the front. From a throw-in for the home team, W. Owens made a shot, a corner resulting which was well placed, and from which another corner was conceded Chirk. W. Owens nicely placed the ball in the mouth of the goal, and J. Jones (Half Back) drew first blood for Chirk after about twenty minutes' play. Encouraged by their success, the home forwards now played up, W. Owens finally landing the ball out. After Povey had been compelled to fist out a shot from a charge by the visitors' forwards, the ball was soon travelling in the opposite direction, G. Owens making a shot which the visitors' goalkeeper returned in style, another shot hit the post and rebounded into play. The home team now pressing, compelled Bromage to again save, and P. Griffiths made another attempt, the ball going over the cross-bar. The next point was a shot by Wm. Owens, which was unsuccessful. The visitors' forwards now made an invasion into their opponents' territory, their stay being of short duration, and the home forwards worked the ball into dangerous proximity to the Derby goal, Chirk obtaining a corner, which was taken by W. Owens, and nicely fisted out by Bromage. After the last-named personage had again done his duty for his team, the visitors' forwards were in possession, and caused Povey to show his abilities by warding a shot from the right wing. Wyse directly afterwards was conspicuous with a "big dig", and Williams, the home centre, getting the custody of the globe, evaded the visitors backs, and appeared to have a clear goal, the only obstacle in his way being the custodian, but he, to the surprise of the home supporters, landed the ball over the crossbar. The home forwards still caused the Derby back division some trouble. The visitors' left wing were now exhibiting some neat passing, but D. Jones, being on the alert, stopped them in their career. The next point of notice was a shot from the visitors' left, which went wide. The Derby still kept in the vicinity of the home goal, and Povey was forced to exhibit his defensive capabilities, which he did neatly. The home forwards now made a canter but their attempt was abortive. After one of the home backs had been cautioned by the referee, the Junction men obtained a free kick for hands near the home citadel, the ball being landed over the posts. From the goal kick (Siddons) (who played a grand game) returned, and Radford and Hopkins did some neat passing, but Wynne, however, cleared and the home forwards were making tracks in the direction of the Derby goal, Rogers compelling one of the Derby backs to give a corner, and from which the Chirk had very hard lines, the ball finally going over the bar. Shortly afterwards half time was called.

Upon the recommencement of hostilities the Chirk were at once on the ball, Rogers shooting over the bar. The home forwards, not to be denied, made another abortive attempt, and the Derby left were at work. Shortly after, one of the visiting team was hurt, but he soon recovered, and the game proceeded, Chirk forwards making several ineffectual efforts to score. Povey afterwards had to save. W. Owens and Rogers were again seen doing some praiseworthy duty, but could not force the visitors' defence. After the Derby forwards had looked dangerous, the home forwards forced Bromage to fist out, and a few moments later the Derby quintet made a poor effort, the ball going outside the posts. After some give and take play the home forwards experienced near chances of scoring, having several corners, but could not break through the defence of the backs and

goalkeeper. Just about ten minutes off time the visitors made a determined run and S. Smith for Derby made matters even. The Chirk now worked up well to gain the winning point, but when time was announced the game stood a draw - one goal each. The game will be re-played today (Saturday) at Derby."

Chirk: E. Povey (Goal), T. Wynne, D. Jones (Backs); P. Griffiths, J. Wise, J. Jones (Half Backs); W. Owens, J. Rogers (Right Wing), T. Williams (Centre), G. Owens, G. Griffiths (Left Wing).

Derby Junction: E. Bromage (Goal); G. Potts, T. Hind (Backs); R. Smith, I. Siddons, J. Walker (Half Backs); J. Bromage, S. Smith (Right Wing), A. Peach (Centre), J. Radford, W. Hopkins (Left Wing).

Umpires: T. Evans (Hon Treasurer of the Liverpool and District Association) and Lemont (also of the Liverpool Association).  
Referee: C. Crump (President, Birmingham and District Association).

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

DERBY JUNCTION 1 (J. Bromage)  
CHIRK 0  
(H.T. 1-0) (At the Arboretum Ground, Derby)

Derby Mercury 11/1/88 P.2/Field 14/1/88 P.48/Sportsman 9/1/88 P.4/  
Sporting Life 9/1/88 P.4/Sheffield Daily Telegraph 9/1/88 P.7/Manchester  
Courier 9/1/88 P.3/Wrexham Advertiser 14/1/88 P.3/Athletic News 10/1/88  
P.7:

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SDT: "At length Peach shot in, and Povey being bothered by one of his own men, stepped around on the wrong side, and the ball passed through, thus registering the first goal to the Junction team."

"Although the Junction team deserved to win, they were certainly assisted by the peculiarity of their ground, which, on the other hand, was decidedly against the Welsh team."

DM: "The match was very gamely contested throughout, play on the whole being pretty even. Towards the finish Chirk had several chances of scoring, but hard lines and Bromage's excellent goalkeeping prevented them from doing anything. Griffiths and G. Owen played very nicely together on the Chirk left wing, the whole of the forwards displaying better combination than the Juncs. Radford was in his best form at centre, while Sid Smith, despite an objectional way of continually getting offside, made some very pretty runs. Wynne was the best of the Chirk backs, and the half backs proved a good trio. Each of the Junction halves did a lot of good work, especially R. Smith, and Potts was in fine fettle at back. Both

goalkeepers performed exceedingly creditable. The Juncs now possess the credit of having gone further up in the cup than any other Derbyshire team."

F:"The match between these clubs at Chirk on Dec 31 having resulted in a draw, it was replayed at Derby on Saturday, attracting about five thousand persons. The game was very well contested. Derby Junction had rather the better of the play during the first half, and they obtained a goal just before the time for crossing over, but in this they were perhaps fortunate. After the change of ends the play was very spirited, and Chirk towards the close made several smart attacks; but the point already referred to being the only one scored throughout, the home club retired winners by one goal to none."

AN/WA:"In the first half the Junction scored, their success being very well greeted by their supporters. It was a somewhat lucky point, however; Povey, the Chirk custodian, being hampered by Jones, one of his backs; and, being charged through the posts by Bromage, before he could get to the ball." (No teams)

MC/SM:"Just on the interval a misunderstanding between the Chirk backs and the goalkeeper allowed Bromage to score for Derby amidst great cheering."

Derby Junction: E. Bromage (Goal); G. Potts, T. Hind (Backs); R. Smith, I. Siddons, J. Walker (Half Backs); S. Smith, J. Bromage (Right Wing), J. Radford (Centre), A. Peach, W. Hopkins (Left Wing).

Chirk: E. Povey (Goal); T. Wynne, D. Jones (Backs); P. Griffiths, Davies, J. Jones (Half Backs); W. Owen, J. Rogers (Right Wing), T. Williams (Centre), G. Owens, G. Griffiths (Left Wing).

Umpires: Hole and Jones.

Referee: C. Crump (President, Birmingham Football Association)

NOTTS FOREST 2 (T. Lindley, F. E. Burton)  
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 4 (W. Ingram 3, H. Winterbottom)  
(H. T. 2-1) (Sat Jan 7<sup>th</sup>) (At the Gregory Ground, Lenton)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 9/1/88 P.7/Sheffield Independent 9/1/88 P.6/  
Nottingham Evening Post 7/1/88 P.3/Nottingham Journal 9/1/88 P.7/Field  
14/1/88 P.48/Manchester Courier 9/1/88 P.3/Sportsman 9/1/88 P.4/Sporting  
Life 9/1/88 P.4:

SDT:"At the last moment Danks, the international forward, who has been in great form this season, was unable to help his club, owing to an injury to his knee, sustained in a match against the Bolton Wanderers last week. Beardsley, the regular goalkeeper for the Foresters, was superseded by Widdowson, and M'Cleod, the Scotch international back, who during his residence in Nottingham has helped the "Reds", was omitted from the team, for reasons into which it is now unnecessary to enter. George Tutin, a second team man, took the place of Danks forward, and Caborn re-appeared at full back, and captained the Foresters.

Provision had been made to accommodate a big crowd upon the enclosure of the Forest club at Lenton, a suburb of Nottingham, lying close to the Nottingham and Mansfield branch of the Midland Railway, and every bit of space was needed, fully 10,000 persons being present. The weather was beautifully fine and warm, with a light breeze blowing; the ground, though soft, was in fair condition, and everything was favourable for the contest.

The Foresters lost the toss, but the Sheffield captain preferred, during the first half, to play against the wind, which blew obliquely across the ground, and to attack the Radford goal, which is situated at the summit of a slight eminence. It was twenty-five minutes past two o'clock when Lindley kicked off for the Foresters amidst a scene of much excitement and enthusiasm. The "Reds" got possession, and rushing to the opposite end Lindley at once forced a corner. The flag kick was taken by Ward, and nicely dropped into goal, but Burton headed wide. The Nottingham people were delighted with the form thus early shown by their men, but a fine passing run by the Sheffield elicited loud cheers from the Sheffield spectators who were clustered together on the popular side, and Widdowson was called upon to kick away a long shot. The game was very fast and smart, and from a throw in for touch, Tutin got possession, and passing to Lindley, the Cambridge captain scored the first goal with a rattling shot two minutes from the start. There was frantic cheering and waving of red flags and handkerchiefs at this early success of the Foresters, and the odds lengthened to 3 to 1 on the Notts team, at which figure a considerable sum of money was betted. Upon the ball being restarted from the centre, however, it was speedily made clear that the Foresters had no easy task at hand. The Wednesday men, instead of being disheartened at their reverse settled down to steady work, and showed capital form, the back play of Thompson and Brayshaw being particularly fine. The latter wearing his international cap was conspicuous throughout, and his partner played a sterling game, never making a mistake and tackling the forwards on the opposite side time after time at critical moments; indeed this pair had a big hand in the ultimate victory of their side. Continuing the history of the game, the Foresters returned to the attack and ran the ball over the visitors' goal line, but the advantage was only temporary, Winterbottom centring to Mosforth, who shot over the bar. A free kick helped the Sheffield men, who swarmed around the Forest goal, and Widdowson had to pick up and throw away. Brayshaw repulsed a determined attack, and Ingram, getting onto the ball from a throw in from touch, dribbled smartly, and by a swift clean shot equalised the score seven minutes from the start. There was again loud cheering, and the game proceeded afterwards even faster than before, neither side being able to claim a definite advantage. Winterbottom screwed the ball to the centre close from the goal line, and the Forest custodian had hard work to save, while Ingram a moment later shot just wide of one of the uprights. Dungworth returned to the attack, causing Widdowson to come out and handle, but the Foresters galloped away to the other end, where Smith had to catch and throw away from a fine shot by Tutin. Brayshaw frustrated another attack, but the "Reds" forced a corner, and Ward again placing the ball well from the flag, Burton headed the second goal for his side amidst another enthusiastic demonstration. Three goals in a quarter of an hour was sharp work, and on resuming the pace was somewhat slower, but both teams strove their utmost. The Forest forwards now seemed to get more into

their stride, and often pressed. Fox headed into goal from a free kick, but Smith was equal to the occasion, and Mosforth, showing something like his old cleverness, got away from the wing, and passed to Winterbottom, who, however, sent in a weak shot which was easily dealt with. The Sheffield men gradually got the upper hand, and had very hard lines upon two or three occasions, Mosforth, Winterbottom, and Ingram each sending in shots, two of which struck the crossbar. The "Reds" broke away, but Betts looked well after Lindley, and prevented that dangerous dribbler getting far. Both sides had chances which were not used, and at half time a splendidly fought game was in favour of the Foresters by two goals to one.

The breeze had freshened when the teams changed over, and the supporters of the Sheffield team were sanguine that with its help their side would eventually pull through. The second half was not two minutes old when an event occurred which practically decided the match in the visitors' favour. Burton, who had played a fine game during the first 45 minutes, had penetrated well into the Sheffield half with the ball at foot, when he and Thompson collided. The Sheffield man got the ball, but Burton did not rise after the charge, and it was found that he had sustained a kick upon his right leg which disabled him from taking further part in the game. He remained upon the field a little time, but was perfectly useless, and was carried off amidst a sympathetic cheer. This misfortune was received with regret by Sheffielders and Foresters alike, and its effect was soon apparent. The Nottingham front rank was completely disorganised, and the Sheffielders very properly taking advantage of the occurrence forced the pace strongly. Gradually they forced the Foresters down, and Widdowson had to handle a shot from Cawley, who directly afterwards headed over the bar. Ingram screwed into goal and Widdowson fisted the shot away, but the "Reds" playing very pluckily, drove their opponents back, and Lindley was only just checked in time. The Sheffielders rallied, and though the Forest backs and halves worked hard, the attack was too smart for them, and Winterbottom sent in an oblique shot close to the ground, which traversed the breadth of the goal, and passed through. The Foresters appealed against the point, but unavailingly, and there was a lot of cheering when the ball was returned to the centre to be kicked off. Having half an hour in which to play, and the game being level, the Sheffield players got to work in real earnest to win the match, which was well within their grasp, Hancock being hard put to give a corner, which Dungworth dealt with cleverly, but Widdowson fisted out. Waller, however, returned with a splendid overhead kick, and Widdowson being charged at the right moment, the ball passed through the goal. Mosforth, who charged the Forest custodian, was standing offside when he rushed in and the appeal of the Forest captain against the point was successful. The visitors again put the ball through the posts for a free kick, but as it had not touched anyone in transit the shot did not score. Dashing in again the Sheffielders were dangerous, but Norman kept them away for a time, and Leighton going to the other end centred to Tutin, who was only tackled in the nick of time by Brayshaw. Mosforth then got away and though tackled by Caborn, the little International beat his big opponent, and forwarding the ball to Ingram, that player registered an easy goal. From this point the Foresters were never able to make a bit of headway, while the Sheffield forwards, playing as fresh as if the game were beginning instead of closing, were more constantly aggressive.

Ingram, by another good shot, made the fourth goal ten minutes from the finish, and the Wednesday men won a fine game by four goals to two. The best side undoubtedly won, but had Burton stood up the game would have been much closer. The back play of Sheffield was much more reliable than that of their opponents, and herein lay the merit of their success."

NJ: "Before a very numerous and enthusiastic body of spectators this match was played on Saturday on the Gregory Ground. Though Sheffield Wednesday had won their previous rounds with only a little to spare, the team had gradually improved in form as the season advanced, and having the benefit of careful preparation, it was expected they would give the Foresters trouble. The ultimate result of the game will be found below. Though they had not the exact team anticipated some little time ago, the "reds" were as a matter of fact, fully represented. The play was fast from the opening, the Forest players forcing the game. The ground was in good condition—a trifle heavy, perhaps, in parts: but "nothing whatever to grumble at". Forest were set to kick to the Derby-road goal. Except for a good bit of play by Mosforth, and some heading, the Wednesday men did not show to advantage. Forest right obtained a corner kick from Brayshaw within a couple of minutes, a goal-kick being the result. Then with a "kick and run", Dungworth sent the ball in the direction of Widdowson. He, helped by the wind, landed it into the next field. From the goal kick, Lindley made a magnificent dribble, not a Wednesday man being able to touch him, and, going straight to the goal, shot the ball past Smith with consummate ease. Boisterous cheering greeted this success (Forest one goal). After this, Wednesday, playing in really fine form, had much the best of the game for some time. Mosforth and Hiller did wonders, and Widdowson kept out a good shot by the latter. Still hotly pressing, Wednesday kept round the Forest goal, and Mosforth scored. (One goal each). After the ball had been kicked off from the centre, the visiting team still attacked; and Widdowson's fine goalkeeping was repeatedly applauded. He kept out some remarkable shots. The right back of the Sheffield team mis-kicked, and G. Tutin, who was playing in place of Danks, got away with a good run, and Smith stopped a fine screw shot from the Forest man. This was the commencement of an attack by Forest, which culminated in Burton smartly heading the ball through from a corner kick, after a period of bustling, exciting play. (Forest, 2; Sheffield, 1). Manifestations of the delight of a large proportion of the spectators were loud. Wednesday, however, had a good following, who sent up a big sigh of sorrow when a well-planned attack by the Wednesday forwards failed through really bad luck. Successive shots by Mosforth and Winterbottom struck the cross-bar, and at last the ball rolled over behind. Fast good play on both sides followed, Lindley being very prominent for the "reds", and Betts and Mosforth for Wednesday. The Sheffield men played a "ragged" sort of game, Cawley and Mosforth especially getting mixed up; but they were effective. Thompson, the right back, a young player, did not kick well, but Dungworth in front of him proved a good half-back, though he showed a tendency to hold Leighton. Hancock, with a hoist of his long left leg, cleared the ball from a dangerous position in front of the Forest goal, but Fox, by a mis-kick, gave a corner. This was resultless, and from another later on the ball was sent behind. Lindley and Tutin were applauded after this, the one for tricky dribbling, and the other for smartly getting the ball from a hard pass. There

was nothing else done before the cross-over.Score at the change of ends:-Forest 2 Sheffield 1.”

Early in the second half,before either side had formed an attack,Burton received a severe,but accidental kick on his right leg from Thompson,the Wednesday right back.No bones were broken,but the player found that he could only painfully limp,“superfluous on the field”,and retired.This was a serious loss to the Forest, and its effect was soon visible in the continued attacks by the Sheffield right,from one of which Cawley headed just over the bar,and Widdowson had to fist away another.A free kick to the “reds” availed little;for,playing desperately,the visitors pressed,and Widdowson beat away the ball from a sharp hook round by Ingram. The goalkeeper gave a corner,but Caborn cleared,and there was a momentary relief through a run by Lindley.It was a spasmodic effort,however.Betts grassed the Forest centre forward,and sent the ball back,Winterbottom scoring with a very “angular” shot.There were doubts as to whether the ball,which crossed the front of the goal,had gone through,but the referee’s decision was in favour of Sheffield.This made the score two each,after a quarter of an hour’s play-a considerable interval having been subtracted on account of Burton’s accident. The game got very exciting after this.The “reds” scorned to fetch another man back and act on the defensive,and Wednesday had all the best of the game. Mosforth robbed his side of a goal.Waller out of a short scrimmage sent the ball through over the goal-keeper’s head,by an overhead kick;but Mosforth,who was” off-side”,charged the goalkeeper,and the goal was not allowed.Directly after this,from a free kick in front of the “reds” goal,the ball was put through,but no one touched it in its passage.Brilliant play by Leighton took the game to the Wednesday goal,but the ball was headed out.Then some really good passing was exhibited.Cawley dribbled,and passed to Mosforth,who beat Caborn and centred. Hiller,having no opening,passed to Ingram,who followed the ball a yard or two and then neatly shot it through.The gaining of the point was greeted with great cheering and other demonstrations by the large number of admirers of good play.Repeated shots were made after this at the Forest goal,and the “reds” with four forwards could make no sustained pressure on their opponents.The quartette,however,worked gallantly;but without effect.In spite of Caborn’s hardest work,another piece of combination gave Ingram a chance,and he scored the fourth goal for Sheffield Wednesday-Wednesday ,4;Forest,2.The “reds” were playing a losing game and evidently knew it.”Time” was quickly approaching, and Wednesday continued to show superiority.The loss of Burton had altogether disorganised the Forest team.Widdowson kept goal very well for the Foresters. Caborn worked very hard at back.Lindley was watched by Betts.Fox did nothing that was particularly noticeable.Leighton was clever,as usual,and Dungworth used unfair means to stop him on occasions.Burton played well up to the time of his accident.There was nothing to choose between Ward,Pike,and Norman. On the whole,as before said,the “reds” were not up to their previous standard, and were inferior to the winners.”

“There were about 8,000 spectators,a sixth part of whom had come from Sheffield by excursion trains.The best team of the day was undoubtedly Sheffield Wednesday.Even had Burton stood up to the finish Wednesday would probably have won.The Forest half-backs and backs did not,on the whole,appear to much

advantage, though the forwards opposed to them were individually inferior in skill to the Forest men. Brayshaw, Betts, and Mosforth were the best of the winners."

Notts Forest: T.H. Widdowson (Goal); C.J. Caborn (Capt.), W.T. Hancock (Backs); A.W. Ward, Harry Pike, S. Norman (Half Backs); G. Tutin, F. Fox (Right Wing), Tinsley Lindley (Centre), E.J. Leighton, + F.E. Burton (Left Wing).

+ Had to go off early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half

N.B. Ernest J. Leighton not J.E. Leighton as in some earlier games.

Sheffield Wednesday: J. Smith (Goal); E. Brayshaw, F. Thompson (Backs); J.W. Dungworth, W. Betts, G. Waller (Half Backs); W. Ingram, H. Winterbottom (Right Wing), C. Hiller (Centre), W. Mosforth, T.E. Cawley (Left Wing).

Umpires: Lithgoe (Liverpool) and Craven (Darlington).  
Referee: T. Duxbury (Darwen).

F.A. Meeting on Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1888: Birmingham Daily Post 16/1/88 P.7:

"On Saturday morning an important meeting of the Council of the Football Association was held at Kennington Oval. There was a full attendance of delegates. The business included the settlement of many disputes arising from the results of the previous rounds of the competitions. The chief of these was the match at Birmingham on Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> between Preston North End and Aston Villa. It will be remembered that owing to the immense crowd frequently encroaching on the field of play the game was frequently interfered with. After the Villa had scored one goal Preston protested and the referee declared the game could not be reckoned as a cup tie. In the end Preston won and claimed the match, leaving the decision with the Council. The committee agreed that the referee had power to decide: that the game was no cup tie: but that Aston Villa did not make proper arrangements for the crowd and thus left the field of play at the mercy of the spectators. On these grounds they awarded the match to Preston.

Previously to the above decision the following business was transacted: Old Foresters and Middlesbrough were ordered to play their tie next week at Middlesbrough, if the ground is in proper condition, otherwise the match will be played at Sheffield. The protest of Chirk against Derby Junction was not sustained. Similar decisions were arrived at with the protests of Darwen against the Blackburn Rovers and Derby County against Crewe Alexandra.

Disqualification of Sunderland was confirmed by the Council. The meeting, which was strictly private, was adjourned at 2.30, until the evening owing to the North v South match. At the conclusion of the North v South match the Council resumed their meeting and proceeded to make the draw for the Sixth Round of the National Challenge Cup. The result was as follows:

## SIXTH ROUND

Derby Junction .v. Blackburn Rovers  
Old Foresters or Middlesborough .v. Crewe Alexandra  
West Bromwich Albion .v. Old Carthusians  
Sheffield Wednesday .v. Preston North End

The first named club in each tie has choice of ground, and the matches have to be played on or before January 27<sup>th</sup>. After the draw for the Sixth Round of the Cup had been made Major Marindin proposed and carried the following resolution:

1. That in the opinion of this Council the conduct of the Crewe Alexandra Club in regard to their protest against the Swifts in their Cup Tie played at Queen's Ground, West Kensington, on December 17<sup>th</sup>, was most unsportsmanlike and calculated to degrade the game of association football in the estimation of those of the public who wish to see it played in a proper spirit and further that the rule be amended so as to prevent the occurrence of such a case. 2. That the Council shall consider how best to deal with the case so as to mark their sense of their conduct."

DERBY JUNCTION 2 (S. Smith, W. Hopkins)  
BLACKBURN ROVERS 1 (John Southworth)  
(H.T. 1-1) (Sat Jan 28<sup>th</sup>) (At Arboretum Ground, Derby)

N.B Doubt about the 1<sup>st</sup> Junction scorer, but S. Smith in DM and BDP.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 30/1/88 P.7/Blackburn Standard 4/2/88 P.7/Derby Mercury 1/1/88 P.2/Birmingham Daily Post 30/1/88 P.7/Field 4/2/88 P.157/Sportsman 30/1/88 P.4/Sporting Life 30/1/88 P.4:

N.B. DDT FOR 1888 NOT ON LINE

SDT: "When it became known that Blackburn Rovers were drawn against Derby Junction in the sixth round of the National Cup competition, it was at once voted an easy task for the Rovers. The tie was played on the field adjoining Derby Arboretum, and known as the Arboretum Ground. Extensive preparations had been made for the match-four large stands had been erected, and a wire rope with strong posts surrounded the field of play."

"The Derby team, who had undergone a week's training at Matlock, under the charge of Jem Robinson, of Sheffield Handicap fame, arrived in Derby at half past twelve on Saturday afternoon. The Rovers came in at half past eleven, and made the Derwent Hotel as their headquarters. People crowded onto the ground from half past one, and at 2.30-the time announced for the kick off- quite 5,000 spectators surrounded the field of play. The ground was in a slippery condition, the sun having thawed the surface of the turf. Junction were the first to enter the field, and were received with enthusiastic cheers; the Rovers following shortly after received another good reception. Upon the teams taking up their positions it was seen that while Junction were playing in their usual positions, there was a

slight alteration in the Rovers' eleven-Beresford being an absentee,his place was filled by Douglas while Barton took the centre half back position.

Just after half past two,Arthur having won the toss,and deciding to let his men kick up hill,with the sun in their faces,but with the wind in their favour,Junction set the ball in motion.The Rovers' forwards were soon dangerous,and the Junction backs being unable to effectually clear,Townley got possession and came down the wing very prettily.A corner resulted,but Potts cleared,and then Southworth let fly with a beauty;Bromage saved,and again the Rovers obtained an unproductive corner.S.Smith was then prominent,and Suter only just succeeded in stopping the dashing little forward.S.Smith and Bromage came again,and the latter player put a good shot on the wrong side of the post.The visitors,however,soon transferred operations,and for a few minutes were fairly running around the "Juncs.", Townley putting in some brilliant dribbles up his wing.Southworth was again given the ball,and he put in a low powerful shot that Bromage was unable to get down to in time,the Rovers thus scoring the first goal after 15 minutes' play.From the kick off the noted Blackburn combination were again conspicuous,and Southworth put in another grand shot,but Bromage this time saved amidst cheers.Ding-dong play now took place,the backs of both teams defending finely.After Bromage had saved another shot from the toe of Southworth,the Junction men seemed to settle down well together.Bromage and Sid. Smith came down at a rattle,but Walker shot out.After Siddons had repelled a determined attack of the Rovers,Radford was given an opening;he put in a good shot which just passed the wrong side of the upright.After the Junction had obtained an ineffectual corner,and Radford and Peach had only just missed scoring,the home forwards made a combined rush,the ball was put across Arthur's goal,and Sid. Smith touching in,Radford put on the final,and the Junction Club thus equalised matters,after half an hour's play,and amidst a scene of the wildest enthusiasm.Up to half time the "Juncs" did most of the pressing,and on crossing over the game stood-Derby Junction,1;Blackburn Rovers,1.

Great excitement was manifest as soon as the leather was again off the centre line.A foul having been given against Junction,Chadwick shot out.A foul was now given against the Rovers,but Suter saved in the nick of time.Townley now put in a good shot that Hind returned.E.Bromage threw out three shots in quick succession.Runs were now made on all wings,but if anything,Junction were having the best of the play.Twenty-five minutes from the restart Hopkins saw an opening and putting in a low shot with plenty of power behind it,the ball passed Arthur at full speed,and the Junction led by a goal amidst loud and continued cheering.The Rovers seemed surprised,but on the ball being again in motion they soon settled down to what looked like real business.Junction,however,were happy,and for a few minutes contented themselves with defensive play.Again the "Juncs" attacked,but Beverley and Suter saved.Townley and Chadwick now were conspicuous.Arthur was here called upon to handle for the first time in the match.Strenuous efforts were made by the Rovers to equalise,but all to no purpose;but an unproductive foul in the Junction goal kept the excitement alive right up to the finish.The whistle blew, and the famous Blackburn Rovers were knocked out of the National Cup by Derby Junction.

The winning team were carried to their quarters amidst ringing cheers from the excited crowd. To pick out players would be invidious; every man did his best, and did it well. \*A rumoured protest by the Rovers as to the size and formation of the ground will, on a later statement of Arthur, their captain, be not proceeded with. Derby Junction, therefore, go into the semi-final. The condition of the winning eleven reflects great credit on their trainer, Mr Robinson."

\*But see below for failure of protest

BS: "These teams met in the sixth round of the National Competition on the ground of the latter on Saturday, in the presence of a large number of spectators, the stands, which ran along one side of the field, and which had been erected since the cup tie was announced, were full. The ground is about the worst that can be found in the length and breadth of the country, and was altogether unfit to play a cup tie upon.

The Rovers won the toss, and decided to defend the bottom goal in the first half. Barton with a nice kick gave Townley a chance to show his fine turn of speed, and although he easily got round his opponents, he had to come to a standstill before he could shoot, such was the condition of the ground, and consequently the goal was packed when the ball was sent in. As a result of some pressure the Rovers gained a corner, but it came to nothing. After Heyes and Chadwick had put in weak shots, Southworth made Bromage fist out. The "Juncs" were next awarded a free kick, but the visiting front division quickly gained the ball and away. Townley took it to the other end, where his centre was missed by Forrest, who fell over one of the "hills" on the ground. The Rovers were playing badly, their passing being very inaccurate, and their kicking very injudicious. After a great deal of trouble the Rovers got close in, and Southworth gaining possession, he ran round the backs, and notched the first goal for the Rovers in about fifteen minutes after the start, not a solitary cheer greating the feat. On re-starting the home custodian had a busy time of it, and more than once saved shots, which were within an ace of scoring. The Rovers were then compelled to act on the defensive for some little time, the home team being at ease with the ground, and kept on their feet much better than the blue and whites. A scrimmage was formed round Arthur, and from this Hopkins equalised the game amid tremendous cheering. The visitors were the first to take up the running, but their shots were very erratic, and notwithstanding that they had much the best of matters, half-time arrived with the score standing at one goal each.

On the resumption Junction were the first to act on the aggressive, and for some time Suter and Beverley had to be very lively, but at last Douglas relieved with a run down the right, and centring to Townley, that player almost scored. Southworth was near to the mark with a grand shot, and a minute later the Rovers had hard lines in not scoring. Then Junction again showed up a little better, and the play for a few minutes was of an even character. At this point one of the Junction men was cautioned for dirty play. Heyes was going for the ball, which had been worked over the touch line, when Peach deliberately went up behind him and struck him with clenched fists on the back of the neck. Directly afterwards the Rovers woke up and exhibited some of their old dash, and Bromage for some time had to keep fisting shots away. However, the pressure

was relieved, and the home forwards worked their way in front of the goal, and after some exciting play, Hopkins placed the Junction one ahead. This had the effect of making the Rovers play up in a most determined manner. They got into the home quarters, and they were stuck. When it came to shooting, the Rovers continually kept failing, such was the uneven character of the ground. Douglas, through one of the home backs missing his kick, had a splendid chance, and, although he had the goal at his mercy, his final effort was wretched. The Rovers pressed till the finish, but, do what they could, they failed to put the ball through again, and the game ended in a win for Derby Junction by two goals to one."

BS: "It would be an impossibility to describe the consternation which was caused in Blackburn by the result of the match between the Rovers and Derby Junction in the sixth round of the English Cup Competition. It was considered such an easy thing for the "blue and whites" that when the result was posted on the windows of our office, the large crowd which had assembled could not, to use a common expression, believe their own eyes. However, it turned out to be only too true, and consequently their sorrow was exceedingly great. The only reasons that can be advanced in explanation of the defeat are that the losers played a poor game, and that the ground, which is of a very uneven character, was not in a fit state to play upon. Over and above the fact that the ground was very lumpy, part of it was covered with ice, which had been ingeniously hidden with sawdust, whilst cinders in no small quantities were scattered about. A great deal of misunderstanding has arisen as to the "muddle" of the protest by the Rovers, and this has mainly come about by the ignorant ravings of a contemporary. The Rovers, after the ground had been inspected by the captain, decided to protest, and the usual form was filled up. Just before the commencement of the game Dr Morley asked for Mr Jope, the referee, and on that gentleman coming up to him he said that the ground was not in a condition to play a cup tie upon, and they had therefore decided to protest. Mr Jope, however, said that acting in accordance with the rules it would be impossible, as any objection of that kind ought to be lodged within seven days after the draw. Therefore, the protest was not put in, but on the following day after the matter had been carefully considered a protest was forwarded to London against the condition, not formation, of the ground. It has been stated the umpires were of the opinion that the ground was not in a fit condition, but whether this is so or not, and whether the referee will confirm this, will be seen on Monday night when the protest will be heard. The Blackburn team have also protested on the ground of professionalism."

DM: "The match between Derby Junction and Blackburn Rovers was played on the Arboretum Ground, Derby, before 4,000 spectators. The Rovers, with the incline in their favour, scored the first point, but S. Smith equalised before half-time. Hopkins obtained a second point 25 minutes after the resumption, and although the Rovers tried their utmost, they were unable to equalise, the Junction thus winning amid much excitement by 2 goals to one."

"A rumour having got about to the effect that the Rovers had protested against the state of the ground, enquiries were made and Arthur, their captain, stated they had made no protest whatsoever. Today, however, it is said that the Blackburn team have entered a protest against the ground."

BDP: "A run and shot by Bromage, which went wide of the posts, was applauded, and another stampede to the opposite end gave Southworth an opening, which he availed himself of by scoring the first point. This put new life into the Rovers, who attacked fiercely but could not get beyond a certain point. Sith and Bromage (forwards) hampered the halves, and the former ran the ball out, whilst Radford caused Suter to concede a corner, and Junction, for a wonder, began to press. After Arthur had stopped a hot one of Hopkins's, the sphere was returned in front, and S. Smith had no difficulty in breasting it through, making the game one all. Up to the crossover the Rovers had the best of matters, but the game remained unaltered.

In the second half the excitement was even greater than in the opening portion. The Rovers showed up most determinedly, but could not break through the grand defence of the Junction back division, and as Peach ran up and passed accurately to Hopkins, he added a second goal for the Derbyshire lads, whose partisans' delight knew no bounds. The Rovers now pressed hard, but could not score; and as time was fast drawing nigh, and the Derby fellows were ahead, the Rovers lost their heads. The pretty and accurate passing was non est. Just on the point of time the Rovers had an unproductive corner, which was the last item of note; and the whistle blew with the Rovers beaten by 2 goals to 1.

Although the Rovers played the best game and had hard lines, there is every credit due to the Junction Street for their indomitable pluck and perseverance, which brought them victory."

F: "The Rovers had a thoroughly good team, but seemed hampered by the peculiarities of the ground."

Derby Junction: E. Bromage (Goal); G. Potts (Capt.), T. Hind (Backs); R. Smith, I. Siddons, J. Walker (Half Backs); S. Smith, J. Bromage (Right Wing), J. Radford (Centre), A. Peach, W. Hopkins (Left Wing).

Blackburn Rovers: J. W. H. Arthur (Goal); J. Beverley, F. Suter (Backs); A. Heyes, J. Barton, J. H. Forrest (Half Backs); J. Douglas, W. Rushton (Right Wing), John Southworth (Centre), W. J. Townley, E. W. Chadwick (Left Wing).

Umpires: Stacey (Sheffield) and Hughes (Northwich).  
Referee: W. H. Jope (Wednesbury Old Athletic).

MIDDLESBROUGH 0

CREWE ALEXANDRA 2 (J. H. Pearson, J. Ellis)

(H. T. 0-1) (Sat Jan 28<sup>th</sup>) (At Linthorpe Road Ground, Middlesbrough)

York Herald 30/1/88 P.7/Northern Echo 30/1/88 P.4/Crewe Guardian 1/2/88 P.8/Sportsman 30/1/88 P.4/Sporting Life 30/1/88 P.4:

YH: "The tie between Middlesbrough and Crewe Alexandra in the sixth round of the National trophy was played on the Linthorpe Road Ground, Middlesbrough

and resulted in the defeat of the home team by two goals to none. The game was a great disappointment, for owing to the return of wintery weather, the hard state of the ground prevented good play on either side, and Middlesbrough had the bad fortune at an early stage, to lose the services of their best man, George Millar, the celebrated back, who sustained an ugly twist of his right leg whilst tackling an opponent. Another good man, Mr O.H. Cochrane, also received a nasty kick in the face later on, and the Northerners after this failed to show the dash and smart combination which has characterised nearly all of their recent matches. Only occasionally did they show a bit of their true form, and but for their exceedingly bad luck in the early part of the game, which disorganised them, they would in all probability have won. Crewe Alexandra played an indifferent game, and showed signs of flagging soon after change of ends, but the home men failed to take advantage of their antagonists' weakness.

As might have been expected a great amount of interest was evinced in the contest in the district and notwithstanding the unfavourable aspect of the weather, about 5,000 persons were present. Middlesbrough, winning the toss played with the wind at their backs to the Swatters Carr Hotel during the first half, and the ball was at once taken into the visitors' territory, only to be returned by Price, who with a splendid shot sent the ball into the hands of Dawkings. The Middlesbrough custodian threw it out, and the leather was quickly taken into Crewe Alexandra territory, where a bit of smart play ended in Borrie kicking the ball over the crossbar. Immediately afterwards Dennis missed a somewhat easy chance, but the home team not to be denied sent in some rattling shots, all of which, however, proved abortive owing to the fine back play of Conde and Cope. Crewe Alexandra were given hands, and Dawkings again saved a capital shot, knocking the ball on to the cross-bar, and then fisting it away. Millar obtained possession, and dribbled the ball swiftly down the left wing, finishing up by passing to Dennis, but the latter again missed his chance. The visitors, by the aid of Pearson, Bayman, and Price, worked the ball back into home territory, and Millar in attempting to get possession, met with the unfortunate accident above mentioned. He was assisted off the field by Dr. McQuaig and a soldier, and the doctor on examining the limb, found that the tendons had been so severely injured, that he advised him at once to proceed home.

After three minutes' stoppage of the game the ball was thrown up by the referee, and Middlesbrough rushed it down the field, and Wilson taking a shot for goal sent it about a foot wide of the uprights. The visitors returned the ball into home quarters, and having little opposition \*scored, the home players evidently being at a loss as to what position they should play in through the absence of Millar. From this Bach took the place of Millar, and Cochrane and Walsh remained in the half back division.

Crewe Alexandra again showed to the front, and, obtaining hands near the home goal, owing to Wynn falling on the ball, they looked dangerous, and Wynn, in attempting to get the ball out of a scrimmage, was badly winded. A stoppage of a couple of minutes ensued, and the referee started the ball. The home players obtained possession, and Fox and the Rev Mr Wilson, with a bit of good passing, got it down near the visitors' goal mouth, where Cope conceded a corner. Dennis

taking the kick placed the ball nicely into the goal mouth, but Price headed it away at the cost of another similar point. On Dennis centring for a second time, Price performed a similar feat, but this time succeeded in getting it out of danger. Wynn two or three minutes later sent in a rattling shot from the centre of the field, but Halfpenny cleared, and Fox returning the ball dropped over the bar. The Crewe Alexandra men after this several times looked dangerous, but Dawkins succeeded in frustrating all their attempts to score, and the home team changed the play to the other end of the ground, and experienced hard lines, the Rev Mr Wilson kicking the ball onto the top of the right post. Not to be denied Middlesbrough secured two corners in succession, but failed to improve them, and the Crewe Alexandra forwards obtaining possession rushed the ball past the home backs through the posts, but the referee blowing his whistle, the ball was brought back. Cochrane obtained possession of the ball, and whilst essaying for a long kick, one of the visitors made a lunge for the ball and caught Cochrane on the face with his boot. Play again ceased for a few minutes, and, on restarting, the visitors, acting upon the aggressive, called upon Dawkins to save, which he did very smartly, and the home team again had the best of the play for the next ten minutes, when half time was called.

On crossing over Middlesbrough had the advantage for the first few minutes. Crewe Alexandra then broke away, and looked like scoring, but Wynn got the ball away, and play during the next fifteen minutes was of a give and take nature, neither side showing any particular advantage. A scrimmage took place in the home territory, and Bayman had to leave the field owing to his being injured. The home team held the advantage for the next few minutes and a swift shot by Fox was splendidly saved by the visitors' custodian. A couple of minutes later the Rev Mr Wilson had a smart run to the visitors' goal mouth, but Conde prevented him from scoring. After this the visitors got down the field, and succeeded in putting it through, but the goal was disallowed on the ground of offside. Crewe Alexandra continued to have the advantage, and Ellis eventually notched the second goal for his side in a very easy manner. The whistle blew before the ball could be restarted, and the visitors thus won by two goals to nil. For the home team Walsh played a magnificent game, but all the others played indifferent, whilst for the visitors, Price, Pearson, and Ellis were the best."

\*NE": "After he (i.e. Millar) was hurt, but just before he retired, Bayman, Pearson, and Ellis ran the ball up the field. They passed Walsh, the only really dangerous man left in the Middlesbrough back division, and shot a goal. After this goal scored against the Middlesbrough club, Millar left the field".

CG: "This match was played at Middlesbrough before 6,000 spectators. The weather was bright, and despite the recent heavy falls of snow, and the succeeding thaw, the ground was in excellent condition. Punctually at 2.30 the ball was kicked off by Crewe, and remained about the centre of the field for a few minutes. A little later a rush was made for the goal by the visitors, but the home goalkeeper was found at home, and cleverly landed the leather out. The ball was quickly down to the other end of the field, and Borrie shot at goal, but just missed. The Middlesbrough goalkeeper again saved in splendid style. Hands were given for Middlesbrough about the middle of play and shortly afterwards Millar went

for his man, but missing him, came to the ground, and sustained an injury to his leg. Almost immediately Pearson made a clever run, and succeeded in registering the first goal for the visitors. Millar was compelled to leave the field. Four corners were kicked for Middlesbrough, and Cochrane fell, but was soon all right. At half-time the game stood - Crewe one, Middlesbrough, none.

On resuming, snow began to fall, but soon eased. The loss of Millar was greatly felt; Middlesbrough, however, played well. Snow again fell thick and fast. Bayman, one of the visitors, was hurt, and had to retire, thus reducing the teams to ten each. Ellis registered a second goal for the visitors, and the game ended in a victory for Crewe by two goals to none." (No teams)

Middlesbrough: J. Dawkins (Goal); T. H. Wynn (Capt.), G. Millar (Backs); J. Walsh, O. H. Cochrane, T. Bach (Half Backs); W. Fox, Rev E. J. Wilson, A. Borrie, R. Wilson, F. Dennis (Forwards).

Crewe Alexandra: E. Hickton (Goal); C. T. Conde (Capt.), A. G. Cope (Backs); W. S. Bell, F. W. Halfpenny, E. Osborn (Half Backs); J. Bayman, J. H. Pearson (Right Wing), G. Price (Centre), I. Tinsley, J. Ellis (Left Wing).

Umpires: Dr Wilson (Birtley) and Woolfall (Blackburn Rovers).  
Referee: R. P. Gregson (Lancashire Association).

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 4 (T. Pearson 2, J. J. Wilson 2)  
OLD CARTHUSIANS 2 (H. C. Price 2)  
(H. T. 2-1) (Sat Jan 28<sup>th</sup>) (At West Bromwich)

Birmingham Daily Post 30/1/88 P.7/Sporting Life 30/1/88 P.4/Sportsman  
30/1/88 P.4/Field 4/2/88 P.157:

BDP: "This match came off at West Bromwich in the presence of a very large crowd of spectators. The visitors' team had been greatly weakened by the substitution of Waddington for Cobbold."

"Price kicked off on a ground as hard as stone from the severe frost. For a short time the play was equal, but slow. The Carthusians, who were playing uphill, were the first to attack, Parry shooting wide over the Albion line. Green shortly afterwards did well in relieving his side from a determined attack by the Carthusians left wing, Parry in the centre almost getting the ball through. A bit of long passing enabled Woodhall to get right down on the Carthusian lines, and Locker gave a corner kick to save his goal. From it Perry put in an unexpected shot, which Walters met; and then on the other side Aldridge, hard pressed by Waddington and Ainger, had to kick over his own lines, and Blenkiron got the ball right in goal, and Parry shot hard in, but Roberts saved marvellously, and Wilson getting away ran the ball down and shot. Wreford-Brown threw out, but Wilson returned the ball again clean through the goal. Before this, however, the whistle had blown for a foul, and the goal was in consequence disallowed.

Locker left the field his collar bone broken. Going on with ten men, the Londoners were now somewhat pressed. Perry had a long shot, which Wreford-Brown had difficulty in saving, while from a centre by Woodhall he had just time to get outside the post when Pearson charged him through. Price for the Carthusians then put in a grand run right the way up the field, Waddington, however, spoiling it by a very bad shot. The Carthusians' defence was now severely taxed, but for a long time it withstood the strain well. A nice bit of combined play by Woodhall and Bassett, however, was too much for them. Bassett finished up with a quick shot, and sent the ball across to the left wing, and Pearson, pouncing on it, made a good goal. Wreford-Brown was now sorely beset, and he saved his goal thrice in fine form in as many minutes. A collision between Bayliss and Walters resulted disastrously for both, Walters being badly shaken by a fall on the hard ground, while Bayliss had a bad cut above the eye. Walters soon afterwards was outwitted by Wilson, who shot hard for goal, and although the goalkeeper caught the ball, he failed to get it away, for Wilson going on, took it from his hand, and kicked it through, making a second goal for the Albion. The play was now chiefly confined to the Carthusians' ground, and the Albion should have scored twice if they had played with their usual dash. Currey and Price now broke away, and Aldridge missing his kick, Price got in front of goal, and with a fine shot scored. Roberts ought to have saved, but he did not expect the attack. Up till half time the Albion kept up a determined attack on the Carthusians' goal, and secured three corner kicks, but no goal. Sides were changed with the score-Albion 2, Carthusians 1.

On restarting, the Carthusians, with the wind and hill in their favour, although playing a man short, made a strong attack on the Albion goal, and it was twice only through the marvellously good goalkeeping of Roberts that the Albion were kept from disaster. The attack was sharp, but it was short. The Albion drove their opponents back, and Bayliss and Pearson, passing right up the centre of the field, Pearson got fairly in and scored a third goal for the Albion. An equally pretty bit of play was witnessed, Price and Parry running clean through the Albion backs, only to be brought up by Roberts. Backward and forward the ball went for some considerable time after this, nothing of importance taking place till Pearson centred across the Carthusians' goal, and Woodhall headed in, the ball striking the goal post. The Carthusians after this were conspicuous for the stubbornness of their defence, and for the occasional brilliant breaks-away of their forwards, Waddington and Ainger in particular doing some splendid work; but on the whole the play was decidedly in favour of the Albion. Out of the loose passing in front of the Carthusians' goal, Wilson screwed the ball over his shoulder. It went high and swift, but a gust of wind caught it suddenly with great force, and beating it down, diverted it altogether from its original course, and it went sailing through the goal, to the astonishment of everyone. A few minutes after this the Carthusians had a free kick in the Albion territory, and the ball coming to Price, he made a second goal for his side by a beautiful shot. The Albion now on several occasions only escaped increasing their score by the merest shades. Wreford-Brown managed to wriggle the ball thrice away from his charge, when it seemed impossible to do so, and Walters headed or kicked out when his goalkeeper could not get it. Woodhall banged the ball in, and made the goal posts shake with the force with which the ball came against the bar. Time was now drawing near, and

as the Albion were having the upper hand, the result was, barring the unexpected, as good as over. Till the very last moment, however, the Carthusians played up with indomitable pluck, but when the whistle blew at the conclusion of the hour and a half, the Albion were left the victors by 4 goals to 2."

SL: "The old Charterhouse boys came to West Bromwich on Saturday last with the avowed intention of making the "Throstles" trot, and it cannot be denied by the most enthusiastic supporter of the gallant Black Country club that A.M. Walters' team fulfilled their mission. Under a cloudless sky, and in most seasonable weather, the Old Carthusians made their bow for the second time to a West Bromwich audience in the English competition, and they were received right royally, and the only drawback to the proceedings was the hard state of the ground, over which the feet of the players rattled like clogs on granite. Unfortunately this element of danger thus introduced by "Jack Frost" turned out most disasterously, as W.A. Locker, one of the visitors' backs, fell in the early portion of the game, and it was subsequently ascertained that he had broken his collar-bone. This, as may readily be imagined, was a hard blow to the amateurs, although Albion did not altogether escape the casualty list, Bayliss in particular having to put up with a nasty bump, whilst Wilson got hurt badly in the second half of the game.

The home team won the toss, and Price kicked off uphill. The ball travelled up to Roberts' charge, Parry ending by shooting over the bar. Green shortly afterwards relieved the pressure, and a fine run by Woodhall ended in Locker giving a corner. Perry put in a hot shot, which Walters stopped. Aldridge stopped Waddington and Ainger shortly afterwards at the expense of a corner, which was most miraculously saved by Roberts. Wilson came away, and after a fine run, put in a shot which Wreford-Brown fisted out, only to be returned again by the Albion left, but the whistle sounded for a previous foul, and the point was disallowed. Locker here had to leave the field with a broken collar-bone, and the Carthusians had to play with only ten men.

The game had so far been of a very even character, but gradually the Albion began to gain the upper hand in play. A fine run by the Albion forwards ended in Bassett passing the ball across to Pearson on the left, and that player registered the first legitimate point for the Albion after about fifteen minutes' play. Upon resumption the home team put in some good work, and for a time matters were very lively for the Southerners. Wreford-Brown frequently distinguished himself by his magnificent custodianship. Twice the goal appeared at the mercy of the West Bromwich forwards, but danger was averted, and a corner fell to the Albion, which proved abortive. Bayliss had to leave the field to get his eye attended to, having received a nasty knock in a charge. From a run on the left Walters spooned the ball, and let up Wilson, who shot across to Woodhall. That player returned the ball across the mouth of goal to Wilson, and the second point was obtained for the Albion, amid cheers. The Albion continued to press until Waddington broke away. Green, however, relieved, and a dashing run by Woodhall was brought to an end by Walters, who played in his usual brilliant style. After being pressed hard the Old Carthusians broke away, and after a run the whole length of the field, Price sent in a shot, which eluded the vigilance of Roberts, and

scored the first point for the visitors;and shortly afterwards ends were changed,with the score standing two to one in favour of the Albion.

Upon resuming,with the hill in their favour,the visitors had their full share of the play,and the Albion halves were kept hard at work,Waddington doing excellent service on the right,whilst the opposite wing occasionally distinguished themselves.At length the home team got a secure footing,and gradually breasted the hill.Their efforts were eventually rewarded after some tricky passing by the whole string of forwards,which led to a third goal,Bayliss passing to Pearson,who popped it through.The game never flagged in interest,and the high standard of play was well maintained,the grand combination of the Albion forwards frequently giving them the upper hand.Pearson thoroughly beat the visitors' defence,and passed to Wilson,who registered the fourth point nearly twenty minutes from time.The odds against the Old Carthusians began to increase as the chances of victory gradually got more remote,until Price again assisted his side by scoring a second goal from a foul.

Up to the end of the game,the conflict was carried on in a most resolute and determined style,although the Albion always held the trump card.Bassett obtained an off-side goal shortly before time,and the whistle sounded with the game standing to the credit of West Bromwich Albion by four goals to two.The victors have certainly played better,albeit their display was of a highly creditable character,their combination being excellent.Timmins was very weak at half-back, though it must be mentioned,in credit to him,that he was far from well at the time,having been out of sorts all the week.Roberts was only in moderate form, but the forwards and backs were excellent,whilst Perry and Horton did good work at half-back and atoned for Timmins' failure.For the visitors Wreford-Brown played a superb game in goal,and his display left no room for improvement.A.M.Walters was a tower of strength at back,the halves were fairly good,whilst Waddington on the right,Price in centre,and Parry on the left especially distinguished themselves,the two first-named playing a dashing and brilliant game."

West Bromwich Albion:R.Roberts(Goal);A.Aldridge,H.Green(Backs);E.Horton, C.Perry,G.Timmins(Half Backs);W.I.Bassett,G.Woodhall(Right Wing), J.M.Bayliss(Centre),T.Pearson,J.J.Wilson(Left Wing).

Old Carthusians:C.Wreford-Brown(Goal);A.M.Walters,W.A.Locker(Backs); T.W.Blenkiron,F.J.Barmby,S.R.Arthur(Half Backs);C.W.Waddington, W.H.Ainger(Right Wing),H.C.Price(Centre),C.W.Parry,E.S.Currey(Left Wing)

Umpires:Lythgoe(Liverpool) and Craven(Darlington).  
Referee:T.Duxbury(Darwen).

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 1 (W.Ingram)  
PRESTON NORTH END 3 (S.Thomson 2,J.D.Ross)  
(H.T. 0-1)(Mon Jan 30<sup>th</sup> )(At Olive Grove,Sheffield)

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 31/1/88 P.7/Preston Herald 1/2/88 P.7/Sheffield Evening Telegraph 30/1/88 P.3/Sheffield Independent 31/1/88 P.6(No teams)/Blackburn Standard 4/2/88 P.7/Sportsman 31/1/88 P.4/Sporting Life 31/1/88 P.3/Field 4/2/88 P.157:

SDT/SET(Same Report apart from the last 6 lines):"It is a long time since a match of any description caused so much party feeling or excitement as that attending the meeting of the above teams in the sixth round of the National Cup competition at Olive Grove yesterday.Additional interest was taken in the encounter from the fact of so many objections having been raised,and the various alterations in the date consequent on the Football Association Committee and the sub-committee.

The Wednesday Executive had made ample preparations,and where the ground for spectators was flat,drays,omnibuses,and drags were utilised to give the outside ring a view of the game.Unfortunately the weather was not of the most favourable character,as near to the time for the admission of the crowd snow began to fall.Notwithstanding this drawback the entrance gates were besieged by one o'clock,and immediately on the opening of the entrance the spectators crowded in.A perfect stream of spectators kept the money changers and checkers busy,and as early as two o'clock there must have been 5,000 spectators ,with the thoroughfares leading to the ground still crowded.The ground was in good condition,though hard from the recent frost,and for a few yards in front of each goal it was deemed advisable to sprinkle sawdust.The teams were the same as advertised.A good force of police was on the ground to keep order,though their office was a sinecure.By twenty minutes past two there was a dense mass of spectators surrounding the playing area,but the cry was "still they come",and some of the daring ones gained a coign of vantage by mounting some poles on the outskirts of the ground.The officials arrived on the playing area at 2.30.The Wednesday team were the first to arrive on the ground,and received an ovation, and a similar ovation was afforded North End,who appeared just before 2.30. Wednesday were in their old colours,blue and white,and the Northenders in all white jerseys.Afterwards we learned from an authentic source that nearly-very nearly-8,000 "paid gate"(SI:"7843"),and considering the material to work upon, Mr Holmes and his committee are to be congratulated on the admirable arrangements they,in a short time,made for the comfort of the reporters and the general public.Not only was this the case,but the Wednesday committee are indebted to the latter for their orderly conduct –not a single hitch being noticeable from any inconvenience during all the time of play.

Preston won the toss ,and chose to defend the goal nearest to Heeley,with the wind at their backs.Hiller kicked off at 2.35,and at the outset the visitors assailed, gaining a corner,which was put outside by Gordon.Ross,senr., distinguished himself by some grand back kicking.Another corner Gordon took charge of,and from his kick Mosforth went away,but was stopped by Howarth,and Hiller directed the ball over the side.Smith saved from an attack by all the Preston forwards,and Ross,jun. just missed the post with a fast one.Cawley and Mosforth got nicely away,and by a piece of beautiful crossing,caused Howarth and Ross to bestir themselves,and this was followed by another attack from Wednesday's

right wing, the final effort going over the bar. Betts was playing in first-class style, and was cheered repeatedly. At 2.55 (no score) Ross senr. sent the ball over the bar, and Hiller wended his way up, and he, Winterbottom and Ingram, got within bounds, but Ross stopped them. Cawley made an effort to reduce the Preston stronghold, but although a good one, it was rather elevated. "Hands" were given to both sides, and from the free kick Preston nearly scored, and from another the ball went through, but not having touched anyone, it did not, of course, count. However, they (the Preston men) came again, and Thompson scored half an hour from the start. A most dangerous foul was given to North End three yards from Wednesday's stronghold, but the defenders prevailed, and then a determined attack was made upon the Preston goal, which was within an ace of being captured. Fast and furious was the game, and at the other end a corner by Gordon was well disposed of by Smith, and another fine shot by Ross jun. shaved the top of the bar. Smith was called on again to throw out, and Ross forwarded a beauty to him, which was well stopped—a feat which required all the custodian's capabilities to reckon with. "Offside" against Preston was the forerunner of a firm attack by Wednesday forwards, and Hiller sent the ball across the goal mouth, but no score. At half time the game stood—Preston 1 goal, Wednesday 0 goal.

Wednesday now had the advantage of the wind, but their opponents meant business, Brayshaw vetoing their well-intentioned exertions. Drummond got past everyone but Smith, and ran up within a few yards of him, and let fly, but he hit the goal post, and the Wednesday backs managed to transfer the danger. Graham deliberately pulled the ball back with his hand, and from the foul Mills-Roberts had only got rid of the ball when he was pounced upon. The game was now splendidly contested, Wednesday having the best of it, and Roberts' position was anything but a sinecure, he twice saving his side from what looked like certain reverses. Winterbottom accentuated this by a corner, and great jubilation was exhibited by the spectators. Ross jun. relieved the pressure, and Smith had to handle precipitately. At 3.45 no more goals had been scored, but in a minute Thompson scored a second for Preston. The visitors were a long way better in front of goal than the local men, and Ross scored a third goal by a magnificent low, fast shot, just inside the post. Preston were having the best of the play by a long way; the Wednesday warriors being fagged or disheartened. They, however, rallied, and a famous struggle occurred in Preston goal-mouth, which Ross and Howarth repelled, and Ingram missed the mark by a yard. Winterbottom had the same experience, but the defence was perfect in every degree. At last the house was brought down when Cawley forwarded the ball well in Preston quarters and Ingram, beating Ross senr., he scored the first goal amidst tumultuous applause and throwing up of hats.

After this the home team played as well as their adversaries the ball travelling rapidly from goal to goal. Hiller should have scored five minutes before the close, and although everyone thought he had, the fiat was "over". Dungworth had a corner which was grandly dropped—so much so that the ball went through the goal without being touched by a player, and soon after one of the best matches in Sheffield ended as under—Preston 3 goals, Wednesday 1 goal."

"If ever the ardent love of football was evinced by the residents of Sheffield and the district, it was yesterday afternoon, when under a leaden sky and falling snow, and facing a piercing north-west wind, thousands fought their way to the new Olive Grove Ground, recently inaugurated by the Wednesday Club, at Heeley. The excitement over the match has been worked up over the protracted negotiations which were deemed necessary before it was finally decided to settle at Sheffield the issue between the two great clubs, Preston North End, and the home combination. As is well-known, the Preston North End, amongst other objections which they raised to coming to good old razoropolis to play the sixth round in the English Cup Tie, was that of the prevalence of the small-pox and the fear of conveying the fearful disease to their districts. But, as all Sheffield knows, the widespread scare in regard to the epidemic is founded upon the grossly exaggerated statements of anonymous and irresponsible correspondents to distant papers; and at length the Preston North End and their friends were convinced that the danger was infinitesimal and consented to venture to the "plague spot" in order to endeavour to prove their superiority. If the Sheffield people were able to re-assure the players and those other Lancashire people immediately interested in the encounter, they were not able to convert the great bulk of the people in the neighbouring county. The railway companies, acting under alarmed local pressure, cancelled their arrangements for the excursions; and the comparatively small contingent who journeyed to Sheffield did so at their own risk, and without any of the usual and fully expected advantages."

PH:" Although the weather was very wintry, there was an attendance of fully 9,000 spectators at the Olive Grove Ground, Sheffield, on Monday afternoon, when the above-named clubs met in their English Cup Tie. The ground had a thin covering of snow, and snow fell until the game was nearly over. The visitors won the toss, and Hiller kicked off for the home team at 2.35, against the wind. The North End, notwithstanding a return by Brayshaw, got in front of Smith and won a corner, which came to nothing. The ball was kept in the Wednesday quarters, one or two attempts to break away being frustrated by Ross's powerful kicks, which evoked much admiration. Thompson, Dungworth, and Betts defended well, and another corner was won by Gordon. It was after this that Mosforth and Cawley got past Robertson, but Cawley put the ball into touch. The ball was at once returned, and Ross, jun., made Smith handle. It was with the greatest difficulty that the players on either side could keep their feet, so hard was the ground. Ross had to rob Cawley, and now, playing up better, the Wednesday left got round Howarth, but the danger was cleared by Russell. Winterbottom, however, got down the right, and centred, and Hiller put over the bar. This roused the visitors, who went down in a body, but Betts robbed Ross, jun., neatly. Then Drummond had a grand shot, which Smith did well to stop just inside the uprights. The Sheffield backs continued to defend well, and by a good run Winterbottom got past Ross, but his centre was put over the bar by Cawley. The Preston men were not showing their usual game, owing to the hard ground. Ross, jun., missed a good chance, as he kicked wide, and a free kick for hands fell to the visitors. This was well judged by Ross, the ball being landed in the goal mouth, where Thomson missed a splendid chance, and Brayshaw cleared the danger. The home right put in a good run, appearing to have an open course with Ross out of the way; Russell, however, brought them up, and the game was at once taken to the Wednesday quarters,

where Thomson scored for North End after half-an-hour's play. The Wednesday left now got well away, and the ball for a few minutes hovered dangerously near Mills-Roberts until Ingram kicked wide, amid much disappointment. The game was quickly taken up to the Wednesday quarters, where Ross, jun., shot over the bar, and Gordon made an excellent centre, which came to nothing. Ross, junr., gave Smith a hot one to stop, and Gordon made another good attempt. Then Mosforth made an excellent run, and centred the ball, which, however, was returned to the centre, and half-time arrived with the score one goal to nil in favour of North End.

After a short rest the game was re-started, the game being for a few minutes in the Wednesday quarters. A throw-in by Graham was headed on by Thomson, and Drummond dribbled up to the front, where he shot hard for goal, but the ball struck the upright and rebounded into play, where Ross, jun., had another shot, which went wide. After some by-play, a free kick for hands was given against Graham, and a weak return by Ross failed to get the ball away, and Ingram made Mills-Roberts save for the first time. The home team, who had the benefit of the wind, were playing with great dash, and Mills-Roberts soon had a low shot to save, he picking up the ball and throwing away as the forwards were close upon him. Another shot from Cawley rebounded over the line off Ross, and the home team took their first corner amid cheers, but nothing came of the point. The visitors retaliated and Brayshaw saved a header from Drummond. Ross and Howarth had to return once or twice though the half-backs were working hard and Goodall, Ross, jun., and Gordon were often dangerous. They were, however, repulsed, but came up again, and Thomson got the ball just as Smith ran out, and scored a second goal. Time, twenty minutes. The point was appealed against for off-side, but allowed. Ross, jun., shot just wide of the posts a minute later, and in three minutes, with a grand shot, scored a third goal, the ball passing inside the far post. Once or twice in the next ten minutes desperate attempts were made to score by Winterbottom, Ingram, and Mosforth, both Ross and Howarth being fully put to the test. The North End forwards came away with some beautiful passing, but Ross, jun.'s shot was spoiled by Brayshaw. Then the home team got through the visitors' halves, and the ball was worked to the front of the Preston goal, where it could easily have been saved, but Ingram scored, owing to a misunderstanding between Ross and Mills-Roberts. This success made the home team play up with great dash, in which they were greatly encouraged by the spectators. They won a corner, and soon won another, which was cleverly put in, the ball striking the upright, and passing out. From now to the finish play was of an even character, and the game ultimately ended in favour of North End by three goals to one."

Sheffield Wednesday: J. Smith (Goal); F. Thompson, E. Brayshaw (Backs); J. W. Dungworth, W. Betts, G. Waller (Half Backs); H. Winterbottom, W. Ingram (Right Wing), C. Hiller (Centre), T. E. Cawley, W. H. Mosforth (Left Wing).

Preston North End: R. H. Mills-Roberts (Goal); R. H. Howarth, N. J. Ross (Backs); A. Robertson, D. Russell, J. Graham (Half Backs); J. B. Gordon, J. D. Ross (Right Wing), J. Goodall (Centre), G. Drummond, S. Thomson (Left Wing).

Umpires:W.Sanderson(Scarborough) and M.Chaplin(Derby).  
Referee:M.P.Betts(Old Harrovians).

SEMI-FINALS:

DRAW:York Herald 11/2/88 P.16):

“The last draw necessary in this competition took place on Monday evening at the offices of the Football Association,51,Holborn Viaduct,when the protests of the Blackburn Rovers against Derby Junction,who defeated them ten days ago by two goals to one,were also considered.These objections,it will be remembered,were on the ground of an infringement of the rules relating to amateurs,and also to the state of the field of play.The ex-Cup holders,however,failed in either instance,and the Derby Club consequently enters the semi-final round.

The following was the result of the draw:

West Bromwich Albion .v. Derby Junction,at Stoke, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>

Preston North End .v. Crewe Alexandra,at Liverpool,(ground not decided on),  
Feb 18<sup>th</sup>.”

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 3 (J.M.Bayliss,J.J.Wilson,G.Woodhall)

DERBY JUNCTION 0 (H.T. 2-0)Sat Feb 18<sup>th</sup>)(At Victoria Ground,Stoke)

N.B.BDP (not a “West Brom” paper)gives Bassett,Bayliss,Horton as the scorers,but West Bromwich Complete Record and all of LEP,SDT,,SM,SL,and F give Bayliss,Wilson,and Woodhall as the scorers.

Birmingham Daily Post 20/2/88 P.7/Lancashire Evening Post 18/2/88 P.3/  
Sheffield daily Telegraph 20/2/88 P.7/Derby Mercury 22/2/88 P.8/Sportsman  
20/2/88 P.4/Sporting Life 20/2/88 P.4/Field 25/2/88 P.264:

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BDP:”This match was played at Stoke-on-Trent.The interest manifested in the match was very great,and the attendance of spectators was unusually large,taking the spacious ground to its utmost limit.Special trains were run from Birmingham,West Bromwich,and Derby and were heavily laden with partisans of the respective teams.Of these the West Bromwich Albion was,of course,the best known,and their position in the football world by far the most prominent,being,as will doubtless be remembered,the runners-up last year,when they were beaten by Aston Villa.The Derby Junction team,on the other hand,has only come into prominence this season,their most conspicuous performance being against the Blackburn Rovers,whom they defeated a few weeks ago,much to the surprise of the connoisseurs of the game.Their form,however,was by no means indifferent a week ago,for in the Semi-final of the Derbyshire Cup they defeated the Long Eaton Rangers,former holders of the Birmingham Cup,and thereby showed that their victory over the Blackburn Rovers was not such a fluke as some people were disposed to think.

The arrangements made for the match, and for the accommodation of the vast crowd of spectators, were carried out under the direction of Mr T.C. Slaney, secretary of the Staffordshire Football Association, and were of a very satisfactory character. Just before the time advertised for the kick-off the opposing teams entered the ground, being composed as follows:”

“The captain of the Albion won the toss, and selected the town goal, and Radford kicked off for the Junction, and for a few seconds the ball hung in the centre, when it was transferred to the Albion quarters, but was soon kicked out. From the throw-in a foul fell to West Bromwich, but they gained no advantage from it. Roberts had to relieve the danger. The ball was then taken into the Junction territory, and from a throw-in near the Derby goal, West Bromwich secured a corner, but nothing came of it, for after a splendid attack the leather was sent behind the uprights. The Junction then ran the ball into Albion ground, and in order to save his charge Roberts was compelled to kick out. The sphere was at once returned, but a timely kick averted disaster, and play was transferred to mid-field, where a foul falling to West Bromwich they were only prevented scoring by the leather going just outside the posts—a piece of ill luck, which the same team had again to endure a couple of minutes later. Still keeping the ball in the Derby quarters, a capital screw kick by Bassett resulted in the first goal for the Albion, some eighteen minutes from the start. The Albion continued to press their opponents, and from a throw-in near the Junction goal, they looked very much like adding to their account, but all chance of this was spoiled by the sphere going outside the posts. Derby then got the leather well under control, and S. Smith rushed it into the Albion quarters, but Aldridge cleared his lines in good style, and the Junction was soon called upon to act upon the defensive. Play now became very fast, and the ball was quickly transferred from end to end of the field, each goalkeeper in turn being compelled to handle. In defending their citadel the Albion conceded a corner, and the sphere being well placed, the Junction looked like opening their account, but ultimately the leather went just over the cross-bar. A minute later the ball was just in front of the Derby posts, and Bayliss secured the second goal for the Albion amidst great cheering. West Bromwich still had the best of the play, and a beautiful run by Bassett on the right wing resulted in a shot which just grazed the uprights. Derby then ran the ball into the quarters of the enemy, but Aldridge relieved, and the Albion team once more assumed an aggressive attitude. A corner speedily accrued to them, but from this no advantage was gained, the sphere being quickly got into the centre of the field. Half-time was called directly afterwards, the score standing in favour of West Bromwich Albion—who had decidedly the best of the play—by 2 goals to nothing.

Upon the game being resumed West Bromwich at once called upon their opponents to defend, but play was not at all dangerous, and the Derby team warming to their work the Albion backs had plenty of work to do to clear their lines, Aldridge on one occasion having to concede a corner. From it, however, nothing resulted, the leather going just behind the sticks. Derby still continued to act on the offensive, and a foul eventually accrued to them close in the mouth of the Albion goal; but they were unable to break through the defence, and the ball was once more brought into mid field. West Bromwich territory was speedily revisited, but all chance of scoring was spoiled by the leather being sent past the

posts. From the goal kick the Junction again got the ball in front of the Albion citadel, but they had hard lines and were unable to open their account. Give-and-take play followed for the next few minutes, but the Albion eventually got the ball well under control and a corner fell to them, but from it no advantage was gained. Play was soon carried to mid-field, from whence the Junction gradually got the sphere into the vicinity of the Albion goal, but the shot for goal proved ineffective, the ball going just outside the sticks. Play then became very fast, and the ball was speedily transferred to the Junction quarters, where a long shot by Horton registered the third goal for the Albion, the ball striking one of the posts, and rebounding through. Derby tried hard to get a look in, but they were unable to do so, and when the whistle sounded time the West Bromwich Albion again passed into the final round for the English Cup, having defeated Derby Junction by 3 goals to nil."

LEP: "This tie was decided on the ground of the Stoke Club. The lucky win of the Junction over the Rovers had raised them considerably in the estimation of all footballers in the Derby, Stoke, and Nottingham districts, and in consequence there was a large attendance. The Albion were, however, strong favourites, everybody counting them certain winners. In the matter of training both teams have done their share during the past week. The Throstles, however, have not gone away from their own homes, but have daily done all they could to get into the best possible condition. The Derby Junction, on the other hand, have been spending the week at Matlock, where they located themselves prior to facing the Rovers. Reports from their training quarters have all along given most glowing accounts of their custodian, and tipping them as winners just the same as when they were preparing for the Rovers. They could not, however, expect it to come off twice in succession.

There were several thousand (SL: "about 7,000) spectators. The ground (SL: "certainly was in a bad condition") was in splendid condition, and the weather was brilliantly fine. Immediately after the start the Junction took the ball up to the Albion quarters, and their half was occupied for some time by the Junction forwards. The Albion, however, soon crossed over and attacked, but the Junction backs saved by kicking out. Out of a foul in the Junction goal the Albion had an opportunity of making a carefully planned attack, but without success. The Junction returned to the attack vigorously, the excitement being at boiling point. After about a quarter of an hour's play Bayliss scored the first goal for the Albion. For some time the game was confined to the Derby half. Soon, however, the Junction broke away, and the forwards attacked the Albion goal pluckily. The Albion backs, however, were well alive and the ball was soon again at the other end of the field, and matters proceeded somewhat quietly. The Junction soon returned to the attack, but again the Albion backs relieved the pressure. Several times in succession the Junction attacked, but the admirable goalkeeping of Roberts prevented the Junction from equalising. Wilson then scored a second goal for the Albion, out of a scrimmage in the Junction goal. Some quiet play took place in the Albion's half. The line, however, was easily cleared, and the Albion pressed. From the left wing several shots were put in by the Albion, but they proved to be fruitless. The scene of action rapidly changed, play being very much of a give-and-take character. A cry of "Offside" was raised when the Albion centre

attacked, but his shot went past the post. The Derby backs cleared, and a brief respite was thus awarded to them, but soon the Albion went to the front, but their attack was tame, and nothing came of it. At half time the score was - Albion 2, Junction 0.

On restarting the Albion were first on the leather, and the Junction backs had their work well cut out in clearing their lines. Suddenly the Junction broke away and spiritedly attacked. A corner fell to their lot, but the Albion backs easily cleared. The Albion right wing ran the ball up, but were soon stopped, and Smith made a dashing run on the right. Nothing of advantage came of this, but the ball was kept in the Albion half. The Junction then pressed hard, but the Albion backs were fully equal to the occasion. Several times they tried, but in vain. Peach then made a good run on the left, and was well supported by his companion forwards, but his final shot went wide. The attack was well sustained, but the Junction backs were well alive, and they several times cleared their lines. Soon they broke away, but the ball was kicked out. For some time the ball was kept in the Junction half. Then Woodhall scored with a beautiful cross shot, the third goal for the Albion amidst loud cheering. Commencing once more, the Albion returned to the attack, but in vain. Play now became of an even character, the Junction apparently being tired out, and the Albion, satisfied with victory, rested on their oars."

SDT: "The Albion won the toss, and naturally decided to kick with a stiff wind in their favour, and with the sun at their backs. At 3.34 Radford toed the ball off the centre line, and for a few moments some "ding-dong" kicking took place; then little Sid. Smith, on the Junction right wing, went off at a rattling pace, and Roberts had to handle his final kick to sharply save. The right wing of the Albion now looked business, for Bassett and Woodhall were travelling well together, but Potts and Hind repeatedly returned, just as Bayliss was about to shoot. Radford then took the ball up and passed to Peach, who in turn kicked it across to Sid. Smith, and the latter again shot straight, but the toe of the Throstles' celebrated custodian averted the score. The Albion forwards again went off with great dash, and Woodhall centred smartly, but neither Bayliss, Pearson, nor Wilson being able to get on the ball in time to score: it passed out of play. Junction again made a spirited attack, in which Siddons, J. Bromage, and Radford were conspicuous. Aldridge and Green, however, averted danger by deliberate kicking out. After twenty-three minutes' determined play the Albion left wing attacked; the ball was crossed to their right wing, who in turn gave it to Bayliss, and the latter scored by a very swift and low shot. Cheers greeted the Throstles success, but the Derby lads were in no wise disheartened, and again went to work with a will. Timmins here fouled the ball, but it went unnoticed by the umpires, and very nearly resulted in another goal for the Albion, Bromage having to use his hands very smartly to save. After Pearson had missed an easy chance for the Throstles, Perry and Timmins put the ball well up the field, and Wilson, receiving from Pearson, put a sharp shot past Bromage, and this made the Albion's second goal. Albion pressed up to half-time, when the score read: - West Bromwich Albion 2, Derby Junction 0.

Directly the ball was again in motion the Throstles made a swift flight towards Enos Bromage, but Potts and Johnny Walker gave them the right-about. Junction

now looked like genuine business, and twice the Albion defence kicked out and conceded corners. Enthusiastic cheering was now given by the Junction supporters, for the Derby lads were severely pressing, and Roberts had to skip about in a lively fashion. Little Sid. Smith centred repeatedly, but the Albion backs invariably kicked out before the Junction forwards could shoot. The game was at length transferred, and Bromage had to run out to save. The leather was returned over his head, but Potts had slipped between the sticks and coolly headed over the bar, the corner proving unproductive. After Radford had just shaved one of the Albion uprights, Johnny Walker got away with the ball, but he was stopped in a most unsportsmanlike manner by a Throstle, and a free kick was awarded the "Juncs." amidst much cheering. Woodhall now tried a long oblique shot, that passed in front of Bromage, striking the upright, and bounding through before the Junction custodian could get at it. Albion 3, Junction 0, and ten minutes to play. From now till the finish both teams played hard, and Junction appeared in no way disconcerted at the prospect of defeat. The whistle blew, and the result read—West Bromwich Albion 3 goals; Derby Junction 0 goals."

There is no doubt that the best team won: still Junction played the fairest football, and only on one occasion did they deliberately kick out, while Albion frequently indulged in this somewhat questionable conduct. The "Juncs." were in capital condition, thanks to Mr Jem Robinson, and the Matlock air. The Albion still play a dashing game, and will doubtless give Preston North End a good fight for their money."

DM: "The Juncs played a very good game, and undoubtedly had the worst of the luck in the first half. Playing against the wind they had to bear a strong attack from the Albion forwards. After change of ends Junction quite held their own, and it was really the fine goalkeeping of Roberts which prevented them from scoring. Both sides played strongly to the finish, and though the Derby team were to some extent overmatched, they made a very good show against their formidable opponents." (No teams)

West Bromwich Albion: R. Roberts (Goal); A. Aldridge, H. Green (Backs); E. Horton, C. Perry, G. Timmins (Half Backs); W. I. Bassett, G. Woodhall (Right Wing), J. M. Bayliss (Centre), T. Pearson, J. J. Wilson (Left Wing).

Derby Junction: E. Bromage (Goal); G. Potts, T. Hind (Backs); R. Smith, I. Siddons, J. Walker (Half Backs); S. Smith, J. Bromage (Right Wing), J. Radford (Centre), W. Hopkins, A. Peach (Left Wing).

Umpires: S. Jessop (Notts County) and J. Daltry (Blackburn).  
Referee: W. H. Jope (Wednesbury Old Athletic).

PRESTON NORTH END 5 (J. D. Ross, J. Goodall 3, D. Russell)  
CREWE ALEXANDRA 0 (H. T. 5-0) (Sat Feb 18<sup>th</sup>) (At Anfield, Liverpool: Everton Ground)

Lancashire Evening Post 18/2/88 P.3/Preston Herald 22/2/88 P.7/Crewe Guardian 22/2/88 P.5/Birmingham Daily Post 20/2/88 P.7/Sportsman 20/2/88 P.4/Sporting Life 20/2/88 P.4/Field 25/2/88 P.264:

LEP:"This tie, which was played on the Everton ground at Liverpool, was decidedly the most interesting of the two, and though most people thought the "Two-foot Rulers" had no chance of winning it, it was generally expected that they would play a good game. They had not, however, gone into training for the event, a fact which denotes that they did not consider they had any chance of winning, and would not spend more money in the hunt than they were compelled. The North End have not undergone any special preparation further than taking care of themselves and having plenty of practice. The frosty weather certainly told most against the North End on account of their weight.

The North End team left Preston just before half-past eleven this morning, arriving in Liverpool just before one, in the best of spirits, and quite confident of an easy victory. Dinner was partaken of at the Neptune Hotel, after which preparation was made for the match. The ground, which is situated at the north-east end of the town, was in good condition considering the late severe weather. There had not been much snow, so it had not been necessary to clear it away. The field of play is almost devoid of grass, which goes against the North End's play, but the bright, warm sun, which had been shining all the morning, had quite softened the surface. In consequence the ball was considerably soddened, and stopped very quickly on touching the ground. The arrangements, which had been left in the hands of Mr Lithgoe, secretary of the Liverpool Association, were perfect, the convenience of both players, spectators, and pressmen having been thoughtfully provided for.

By half-past one o'clock large crowds were making their way to the field, so that by 2.30 the ground was packed, fully 10,000 being present. Before the start both captains walked over the ground with the officials, and the Crewe captain protested on the ground of temporary unfitness.

Ross won the toss, and decided to play with the backs of his team to the sun. As soon as a start had been made it was quickly seen that the sympathy was with Crewe. Play remained in midfield for some minutes, until, from a grand return by Ross, the North End forwards made a grand combined run, but Dewhurst, just in front of goal, missed his kick. A minute later Conde stopped a grand shot by Dewhurst, following which the Crewe right pair got away, Payne finally dribbling out of play. North End did not recover quickly, and Bell got a corner off Ross. This was badly managed, Pearson shooting very wide of the mark. Grand passing by the North End left got them within shooting range, Drummond finding Hickton something to do. He cleared, however, and Dewhurst finished with a miserably wide shot. At the end of nine minutes the North End right and Goodall ran the ball straight through their opponents, and Ross finished with an electric shot which completely beat the custodian. As soon as a restart was made North End were again in front, Hickton clearing just as Dewhurst got at the ball, which was lying dead a few yards from the goal mouth. When the surface of the ground had got trampled a bit, it was a perfect quagmire, neither side being able to judge the ball,

which fell dead. From a quarter way up the field Russell lifted the ball right up in the air, and immediately it dropped Goodall applied his foot, scoring a grand goal at the end of 19 minutes. Jimmy Ross was the next to have a grand chance, by a run, but put the ball out. At the end of 25 minutes' play Gordon put in a grand shot, the ball striking the goalkeeper, and bounding back to Dewhurst, struck his hand and went through the goal. No goal was scored of course. North End were now continually in front of the Crewe fortress, but the ground was altogether against scoring. At the end of 25 minutes, however, Goodall got well on the ball, and scored the third goal with a beautiful shot. North End were now getting stronger each minute, and the ball scarcely ever got past the Preston half backs. Dewhurst and Goodall ran the ball well forward with short passes, and the latter finally middling, Conde had a grand chance of clearing, but failed, and Goodall, rushing up, put on the fourth goal, at the end of twenty-eight minutes' play. In mid-field Russell was hooted for charging Price, but his tactics were legitimate, and no foul was given. Dewhurst and Drummond both found the custodian something to do, the latter's shot being picked up from the corner of goal. As Hickton threw out Russell met the ball, and, with a grand shot, negotiated the fifth point. The Crewe Alexandra right pair then got away, but Ross settled them immediately by a gigantic kick, North End again swarming round the "two-foot rulers" goal, but no further scoring took place before the interval. The Crewe right pair got round Ross, but Payne spoiled the chance, Graham recovering possession; following this Gordon made a splendid run, and Dewhurst from the cross struck the upright. At half time the North Enders led by five goals to none.

As soon as the restart had been made the North End were quickly in front again, but Conde and Cope did good service. Drummond once had a good opportunity, but overran the ball. From the goal kick Payne and Pearson ran the ball forward at great pace, the former finally getting a corner out of Jack Ross. This was badly manipulated, Graham clearing when the ball had been put clean to his feet. The North End took up the attack again, but Conde enabled his men to attack vigorously, but all their efforts only resulted in a goal kick. At the other end, Drummond had a nice chance, but dallied too long, and when he did get a chance to centre the ball was placed well in, and Goodall, who was only a few yards in front of the goal, had the ball at his toe, but Dewhurst, rushing up, shot it clean outside. Ellis and Tinsley next made a grand effort by which they got round Howarth, but Russell got back and cleared in fine style. The North End were now simply fooling with the ball, chances innumerable being thrown away. At length the Crewe left got away, and a couple of fruitless corners fell to their side, and from the latter of these Gordon and Jimmy Ross got away, but Cope foiled their endeavours. The North End now pressed severely, and Conde and Drummond had a set-to, the Crewe man kicking at, but missing, the North Ender. Soon after this Ross, who was vexed with his men, made a gigantic kick, which just went wide of the mark. From goal kick Crewe got in front, and Pearson was shooting the ball, but stopped short, and Roberts rushing out, handled for the first time, and threw away. Gordon, Young Ross, and Goodall went off with a rush, but the former shot wide of the mark. Drummond next puzzled Conde considerably, and one of his centres was missed by Gordon, when a grand goal might easily have been scored. Again Crewe rushed up from the North End goal, Tinsley putting in a miserably weak shot. On the North End's rush down to the other end, Conde was again to the

fore by robbing Drummond neatly. The pressure was not to be thus easily got rid of, Dewhurst sending the ball clean amongst the spectators, wide of the goal. Off went the Crewe Alexandra right pair and centre with a ruse, getting round Howarth, and looking remarkably dangerous. Ross rushed up, however, and kicked out, amidst hearty hooting from the Crewe supporters. The North End was simply amusing themselves. A few minutes before time the North End came down with a grand rush, and from a terrific shot Dewhurst struck one of the uprights, and though a goal was claimed it was not allowed.

Jimmy Ross scored the first goal for the North End nine minutes from the start.

Goodall scored the second goal for North End 19 minutes from the kick off.

Goodall scored the third goal for North End 25 minutes from the start.

Goodall scored the fourth goal for North End 28 minutes from the start.

Russell scored the fifth at the close of 35 minutes' play."

PH: "Although the match against Crewe Alexandra was not looked upon as one of the very first rank, there was much interest in the tie as being the first semi-final played at Liverpool, and excursions were run from Preston, Crewe, and several towns near the seaport, so that the ground of the Everton club was utilised to the utmost extent with a crowd of upwards of 10,000."

PH: "On Saturday the North End club and Crewe Alexandra played their tie in the penultimate round of the English Cup Competition, on the ground of the Everton club, Liverpool. There was an attendance of over 10,000, for the weather was favourable, but the ground was in a fearful condition through the sudden thaw, being in some places two or three inches deep in mud.

The Prestonians won the toss, and Price kicked off against the sun. The North End left soon had to be stopped by Conde (who took up a position near the goalkeeper), and Ross was called upon to return, a throw-in falling to Crewe. Gordon was then seen racing along the right, ending with centring splendidly, but Cope and Conde were kicking well, and Drummond terminated an open scrimmage by shooting over the bar. Payne and Pearson retaliated with a run on the right, but Ross forced them over the touch-line. A throw-in from the front of the stand again enabled Payne to make headway, he forcing a corner from Ross, but Bell put the ball behind. For a minute or so after the kick-off the Crewe forwards tried desperately hard to get near Mills-Roberts, but the tackling of Russell, Holmes, and Graham was too many for them, though the Crewe partisans at this point encouraged their pets with frantic shouting. At last Ross, jun., and Goodall brought the ball to the Cheshire men's quarters, where the latter passed to Dewhurst, who parted to Drummond, and he, out-dodging Conde, shot at Hickton, who had to use his hands, but Dewhurst terminated the attack by shooting wide. By this the Northenders had got thoroughly on the swing, and they kept the Crewe backs and half-backs continually busy. Hickton had to clear twice in the next two minutes, but Dewhurst brought the ball from mid-field, and,

passing to the right, Ross, jun., with a swift shot, put the ball through, thus scoring the first goal for North End in twelve minutes. Goodall was threatening with a good run, and Ross cleverly dispossessed the Crewe right, with the result that Goodall dashed to the front of Hickton, who had to kick the ball away scarcely a second before Dewhurst was upon him—an exceedingly narrow escape. A powerful return by Ross gave Gordon possession, and he won a corner from Cope. This was followed by a similar point, although fruitless. Try as they would, the Crewe backs could not get the ball away, and, after one or two good attempts by Gordon, Goodall sent the ball sailing under the bar, recording goal No 2. Time, 20 minutes. Russell and Graham were for a time troubled by Pearson and Price, but Drummond and Dewhurst made Cope kick out, and from the throw-in Ross, jun., shot the ball into the goalkeeper's hands, Dewhurst breasting it through before Hickton could throw away. The point was, however, disallowed for hands against Dewhurst. A corner was conceded to the Prestonians, and Graham and Ross again frustrated a rush by the Crewe right. A centre from Drummond led to a very dangerous scrimmage, though it was evident that the Northenders were now taking matters easier. From a pass from Ross, jun., Dewhurst shot wide; he soon had another chance, and shot the ball into the goalkeeper's hands. Hickton threw away, but the ball was instantly returned by Goodall, making the score three after half an hour's play. Immediately after the kick-off Goodall sent in a rattling shot, which Conde missed, and the ball passed under the bar, thus recording a fourth goal. Hickton soon had to save from a shot from Drummond. Ross, jun., kicked over the bar. At the other end Ross cleverly brought up Payne, and Russell and Holmes tackled Price, Tinsley, and Ellis with success. The ball was soon again in the Crewe quarters, where Drummond made Hickton save against the post, but Russell beat him with a splendid shot. Russell made another fine attempt, which forced a corner from the custodian, and after a run or two by the Crewe forwards, half-time was signalled with the score—North End five goals, Crewe Alexandra none.

The second half soon became uninteresting, as the Alexandra half of the field was nothing but a quagmire, in which it was impossible for the North End forwards to pass the ball. The game for a few minutes was near Hickton until Pearson and Payne broke away, and won a corner from Ross. This was resultless, but Bayman's return led to a desperate attempt to score by the Crewe forwards, the ball ultimately going over the bar amid applause. The Preston forwards were not exerting much, while Conde and Cope defended stubbornly, and it was not long before Tinsley and Ellis made a fine run on the left, getting past both Holmes and Howarth, but Ross was across and kicked out. Hickton was called upon a little later, and Russell missed a chance. A couple of corners was the result of a well meant run by Tinsley and his partner. Then Drummond made Hickton save splendidly; he had to throw away, and by way of a change the Crewe forwards rushed off to the other end, where they won a couple of corners, Russell returning the ball to his forwards, who again made Hickton save. One other good run by the Crewe forwards enabled them to get past Howarth, and for the first time Mills-Roberts had to save—he walked a few yards and threw the ball away, but Pearson returned with a wide kick. Drummond, Dewhurst, and Gordon each made fine attempts to score, and then Tinsley and his partner again got through the Preston defence and won a corner. A similar point fell to the North End, after Hickton had

saved, but once more the Crewe forwards broke away and were threatening, when Ross crossed over to the right and kicked out, a corner resulting. The Crewe men were trying all they knew, but were soon repulsed, and Hickton had again to clear. Price soon after had the North End goal at his mercy, when he was neatly robbed by Howarth. The Crewe goal had several other narrow escapes, but nothing more of interest transpired, and North End passed into the final round of the competition by five goals to none."

CG: "The more reasonable and reliable people were willing to admit that the Alexandra had really no chance against their redoubtable opponents, and that nothing but a chapter of accidents could result in a victory for Crewe. However, it cannot be said that the Crewe men shirked the encounter. They were in good heart, and if pluck could have won they would have returned from Everton victorious. The men took little or no exercise, and, to make matters a little worse for them, Osborn was unable to take his place in the team, and +Cope, a second team man, had to do duty at left half back. A large number of people went from Crewe and Winsford, and Hartford and Acton Bridge contributed their quota of spectators. A heavily laden special train ran by way of Warrington and Earlestown to Walton, while the ordinary trains via Runcorn took many others to the same station or Lime-street. From Walton Station it was a very enjoyable tramp across Stanley Park to Everton ground."

"The ground is surrounded by big boarding, the object evidently being to confine the quagmire within as small a space as possible and prevent it running out into the streets and suffocating the people. And notwithstanding this precaution a quantity of the slush was leaking out beneath the boards, forming delicious puddles and miniature bogs, in which the wheels of vehicles were sinking several inches deep." (Long very amusing description of getting to the press box through the quagmire of mud on the playing field)

+Confirming the defence lineup as below, but CG lists the wings as swapped over which is unlikely, so not followed, and see below.

CG: "Each team was heartily cheered on entering the enclosure, and it soon became evident that Crewe came in for a very large share of sympathy. The Preston captain won the toss, and within a few minutes of the advertised time Crewe kicked off. The North End team played towards that end of the ground which was most dry, or rather was least wet, and Hickton was soon as busy as the proverbial bee. Mills-Roberts at the other end of the ground, buried himself ankle deep in the mud between the sticks, and resigned himself to his fate, looking very much like an ancient martyr overframed. And there he remained for 45 minutes, during which time he never touched the ball. Indeed, the leather did not get close enough to look dangerous, and so Mills-Roberts was left severely alone. The play was mostly at the other end, and Hickton had all the fun to himself. The Preston forwards peppered away merrily at the Crewe goal. It was not long before Drummond shot over the bar, and a minute or two later the junior Ross sent the ball whizzing through, Hickton being unable to get near it. The Crewe men played up pluckily in spite of the state of the ground, and now and then they did one or two decent things, but they never had a chance of scoring in the first half. Another

onslaught was made upon their goal, and Goodall put another shot through, and Dewhurst scored a third, but the point was disallowed. After a few minutes' play Goodall added two more goals, and Russell scored a fifth before the call of half-time. The play of the Crewe backs in the first half was singularly weak, though no doubt the ground was to blame. Hickton played very well, but he could not be expected to stop all the shots sent in at close quarters. Some good ones he stopped, and his efforts were frequently applauded, but the task left for him was too much for any goalkeeper.

In the second half the North End simply did not try to score. The play of Crewe was better, and on several occasions their forwards got away, but it was often on account of the lax play of their opponents. Price had one chance, but he fell at the critical moment, and the opportunity was lost. Several corners were forced by the Crewe left wing, and Pearson and Payne made one or two good runs, but everything was spoilt by the wretched state of the ground, which rendered play practically impossible. The players floundered and rolled about in a pitiable fashion, and as one of the spectators remarked, play on such a ground was simply disgusting. The second half passed away without any score. It is not too much to say that the North End could have scored, had they chosen, but they finessed about the Crewe goal, and simply passed the time away.

One or two easy shots were sent into Hickton's hands, apparently for appearance sake, but the insincerity of the play was evident. Having won handsomely, the champions wanted nothing more. So the wretched exhibition ended, and the North End left the quagmire victorious by five goals to none. The Alexandra captain lodged a protest before playing, on account of the state of the ground, but the North End did not protest."

BDP: "The players were now pitiful objects, drenched in mud and water, and the game was little better than a farce. A more extraordinary match has never probably been witnessed, though the spectators greatly enjoyed the fun, the general impression being that this would not be regarded as a Cup Tie."

Preston North End: R.H. Mills-Roberts (Goal); R.H. Howarth, N.J. Ross (Backs); R. Holmes, D. Russell, J. Graham (Half Backs); J.B. Gordon, J.D. Ross (Right Wing), J. Goodall (Centre), F. Dewhurst, G. Drummond (Left Wing).

Crewe Alexandra: E. Hickton (Goal); C.T. Conde (Capt.), J. Bayman (Backs); W.S. Bell, F.W. Halfpenny, W.G. Cope (Half Backs); E. Payne, J.H. Pearson (Right Wing), G. Price (Centre), I. Tinsley, J. Ellis, (Left Wing).

Umpires: R.J. Smith (Hon Sec, Derbyshire Association) and W.H. Stacey (Sheffield).  
Referee: W.H. Jope (Wednesbury).

FINAL (At The Oval) (Attendance: 18,904) (Receipts: 827 pounds 13 shillings)

Sat March 24<sup>th</sup> 1888:

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 2 (J.M. Bayliss, G. Woodhall)

## PRESTON NORTH END 1 (J.Goodall) (H.T. 1-0)

N.B. There is considerable confusion as to who out of Goodhall, Dewhurst and Drummond scored Preston's goal; it is clear that Roberts was charged to enable the goal to be scored. PH has Goodhall shooting the ball in while Dewhurst charged Roberts through the goal, but LEP has Dewhurst charging Roberts and the ball through the goal.

Preston Herald 28/3/88 P.7/Birmingham Daily Post 26/3/88 P.7/Lancashire Evening Post 24/3/88 P.2-3/Sheffield Independent 26/3/88 P.6/Nottingham Evening Post 24/3/88 P.3/Sportsman 26/3/88 P.1/Sporting Life 26/3/88 P.4/Field 31/3/88 P.453:

PH: "There has been weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth in Preston since between five and six o'clock on Saturday evening, when the final result of the English Cup competition at Kennington Oval showed that the North End Club had been defeated by West Bromwich Albion, and had also suffered their first reverse of the season. As an outcome of this catastrophe, certain of the ill-conditioned are spreading all sorts of rumours about the club and the team, but as the details become more generally known, the better feeling of the supporters is asserting itself, and there is every probability that the club will in the future have even more friends than in the past. But what is the explanation of the reverse? To put it in a word - ill-luck. That at any rate appeared to be the verdict of the majority of the spectators, as many of the Albion supporters themselves admitted, the victory was "snatched". This is not in any way to detract from the credit due to the West Bromwich lads for their brilliant achievement - they deserve all the praises which have been heaped upon them.

Referring to the preparations for the great encounter, the reader may be reminded that the North End Club journeyed to London on Friday afternoon in readiness for the match, making their headquarters the Euston Station Hotel. At noon on Saturday the West Bromwich Albion also arrived in the metropolis, and, strange to say, also put up at the Euston Hotel, but they were in the west wing, while the Prestonians were in the east. The latter, it will be remembered, had been in training a fortnight at Freshfield, the Albion, on the other hand, preferring to do the hard work of preparation at home, and their appearance justified their choice of procedure, for even while they were resting for a while at the hotel, before the great struggle, it was remarked that they had a more healthy, cheerful, and more "fit" look than had North End. This was soon noticed when the teams put in an appearance before the 20,000 spectators at Kennington Oval, and the general opinion appeared to be that the favourites would have done better had they made their preparations in Preston.

The game for a short time in the first half was of a give and take character, an immense shout at the end of 17 minutes announcing the fact that the Albion had scored their first goal. For the remainder of the first half North End had the best of the play, shooting at Roberts and the backs, but all to no purpose, and the interval arrived with the score - West Bromwich Albion, one goal; North End, none. The Preston forwards, on re-starting, exhibited more dash than they had

previously done in front of goal. For this they were rewarded with an equalising point in five minutes, which was greeted with a tremendous cheer from the spectators. Of course the struggle became more exciting than ever after this. The North End forwards many times evoking admiration by their pretty passing, and groans almost of despair at their execrably weak and erratic shooting, and bad luck. Now and then the Albion forwards would make a dash into the North End territory, and it was during one of these inroads that Woodhall, with a splendid shot, hit the far upright, the ball going through, thus putting on what proved to be the winning point for the Throstles. The scene of enthusiasm at this juncture almost beggars description, for there only remained about ten minutes to play, and the cup, which was placed on a table in front of the grand stand, seemed almost a certainty for the West Bromwich. They at once made their citadel doubly secure. The North End for a minute looked like becoming panic-stricken, but their captain cheered them and they went to work again, but without any result, for when Major Marindin sounded the end of the match, the North End—to the utter and overwhelming consternation of their supporters, and the surprise of the whole of the football world—were defeated.

Well, as to the causes. There was no doubt that, man for man, the winners were more confident, more cool, and more prompt on the ball than were their opponents. The first goal to the Albion was what may be called lucky, but the second was a splendid shot, which hit the post and went through, while a similar shot made by Ross, jun., previously had hit the post and bounded again into play. Only about seven or eight times did the Albion get a shot at goal—such was the fine back play of the North End back division—and two of these scored, two others proving the capabilities of Mills-Roberts to the utmost. On the other hand, the North End forwards were almost continually in the Albion territory, passing and re-passing, finally shooting the ball either wide of the posts, over the bar, or against one of the backs. Roberts cleared many shots, some of them miraculously, others very luckily. He marshalled his backs in front of him with rare skill, so that if the ball by any means did get past them he was always in the right position. The match was, in fact, won by Roberts, and lost by the weakness of the North End forwards in front of goal. Speaking in more detail, it may be pointed out that Gordon, Ross, jun., Goodall, and Dewhurst tried all they knew to score, but for all that they were never seen at their best; Drummond—who, by the way, was the coolest man in the team—did nothing worthy of his reputation. Frequently the backs of the Albion pounced on the ball as the Preston forwards were hesitating whether to pass or shoot. The best of the five were no doubt Goodall and Dewhurst; the latter played with great energy for most part of the game, but was completely fagged towards the finish. All the backs worked splendidly. Nothing could have been finer and more earnest and determined than the half-back play of Graham and Russell, whilst Holmes tackled with rare success. It has been said that Robertson would have fed his forwards better than Holmes. No doubt he would, but it should be remembered that the forwards had the ball often enough and long enough to have scored half-a-dozen goals. Ross and Howarth played a magnificent back game. The latter tackled and kicked with certainty and coolness, while Ross had sufficient determination and skill for any two men, and he felt very bitterly the result of the game. Mills-Roberts is deserving of all praise for his goalkeeping, and was little to blame for the first goal.

The play of the Albion forwards was of an altogether different description from that of the North End. When their backs came into possession of the ball they generally gave it to the left wing, who raced away to the other end, and when challenged gave to the right. In this way the goals were scored. When Wilson and Pearson were left to their own devices their shooting at goal was of a poor description. This weakness was, however, fully compensated for by the speed, dodging, and correct shooting of Woodhall, Bayliss, and Bassett, who were always dangerous when they got near Mills-Roberts. Horton, Perry, and Timmins were capital half-backs, and lost no opportunity of returning to their forwards or harrassing the North End forwards, while Aldroge and Green stood almost continually within a few yards of the Albion uprights, and kicked shot after shot away with the utmost sang froid. There is no need to sing the praises of Roberts. He was the hero of the day, and as a goalkeeper stands unsurpassed. The disaster, for by no other name can it be called, which has befallen the Preston Club, will require all the devotion of its members to amend. This, it is said, is the third time that the Albion have tried for the cup; but it is the fourth time that the North End have been within measurable distance of the trophy, only to find themselves baulked in their ambition. Try again they will. It is not the first time that the club has been under a cloud, and now, led once more by Mr Sudell, and the other officials, they will no doubt try to avoid past mistakes, and, with their first-class team, yet reach what is considered the highest honour of Association football. It may be news to many that Mr Sudell had intended to retire from the position of chairman of the club if his team had been victorious in the final tie, but under the altered circumstances has determined to "stick to his colours". The members of the club will meet at the smoking concert at the club-house, Fulwood, tomorrow (Thursday) evening. Appended are the details of the game:-

The North End captain having won the toss, elected to play from the Crown Baths End, with the sun at their backs, while Bayliss kicked off at 3.31 from the Gasometer End. A return by Holmes gave the ball to his left wing, and Dewhurst got away until the ball went out. Horton then gave to his forwards, the left wing taking up the running, and a pass to Bassett, enabling that player to trouble Ross, a corner resulting, from which Holmes cleared. Tom Green, however, returned, and Pearson shot right at Mills-Roberts, who fell, but got the ball away. A minute later he had to clear one from Perry, and then the North End forwards dashed through the Albion half-backs with some fine passing, Roberts having one to save from Ross, jun. Gordon's screw shot forced a corner from Roberts, a second following, from which Drummond was within an ace of scoring, a third corner being given by Roberts. The pressure continued, but the crowd pressing in close to the Albion goal, operations were suspended for a couple of minutes.

On a re-commencement being made, Ross, jun., Dewhurst, and Goodall made their way to the front, the latter putting in a fine shot, which Roberts was equal to. A free kick for hands was given against Dewhurst as he was looking dangerous, from which Bassett and his partner had to be pulled up by Howarth and Ross. Goodall again soon had possession, and not finding an opening, passed to Drummond, who, however, was not up with the rest to the front rank, and Aldridge, Green, and the halves frustrated any further attempts. A run by the

Albion forwards was checked by Ross and Holmes was penalised for pushing Pearson a few yards from Mills-Roberts. This was an anxious moment for the Prestonians, but they succeeded in getting the ball away, Dewhurst running up the field until brought up by Aldridge. The Albionites were in this period very dashing in their play, and Mills-Roberts had a scorcher to stop right under the bar from Woodhall, but Bassett pounced on the ball, and, evading Graham, gave it to Bayliss, who was close in front. At this moment Mills-Roberts ran out, missed the ball, and the Albion captain promptly sent it through amid great cheering. Time, 17 minutes. The goal was appealed against unsuccessfully. This roused the Prestonians, who went to work a little more vigorously, the Throstles being forced back on their goal. Russell was spoken to by the referee for what was considered an unfair charge, though the crowd showed characteristically that they did not agree with the decision. The ball was kept near Roberts, who, with Green and Aldridge, saved shots from Drummond, Ross, jun., and others. Jimmy Ross then got clear through the defence, only to get tripped by Green, no notice being made of the claim for a foul. A run by the Albion forwards was spoiled by Graham, and then shots by Drummond, Ross, jun., and Gordon were negotiated by Roberts. Gordon tried again two or three times, but his screw kicks lacked their usual energy. Wilson and Pearson were well tackled by Howarth, Pearson being penalised for pushing. Mills-Roberts had another to clear from Woodhall, while Roberts repelled one from Goodall smartly, and Aldridge had just frustrated one from Dewhurst when half-time was signalled, with the score—West Bromwich Albion one goal, North End none.

The opening of the second half saw the North End forwards clustering round the Albion goal, where their weak kicking was easily combated by the opposing backs until, from a pass by Gordon, Drummond headed in, and as Goodall shot through, Dewhurst paid attention to Roberts. This, the equalising point, was recorded in six minutes, and was greeted with a mighty Lancashire cheer. The Albion appealed, but in vain, another burst of applause resulting when the ball was taken to the centre. The game now became keener than ever. Ross, jun., shot wide of the posts, and then little Bassett raced to the other end, where Woodhall forced a corner from Mills-Roberts. This was well put in, and afterwards the ball was cleared several times by the North End backs, only to be returned by Perry and Horton. At last the attack was frustrated, the North End forwards bringing about a very exciting scrimmage round Roberts. For fully a minute the ball was kept within six yards of the goal mouth, but the defence was too good and vigilant for the wild shooting. Aldridge and Green stopped good attempts by Goodall and Dewhurst. The Albion then broke away, Wilson putting the ball over the bar. Drummond was next prominent on the left, his centre being nullified by Aldridge, while a screw off the goal line was kicked away by Roberts. Mills-Roberts now had to run out to the ball, which was put in by the Albion left. Bassett then sent in a hot shot, which Ross met, and after a run by Drummond—who was dispossessed by Horton—Bassett put in a smart run, his centre being within an ace of being headed through by Bayliss. Gordon, Goodall, and Drummond made more well-meant attempts, Green and Roberts being “all there”, and then a groan of disappointment arose as a low swift shot from Ross, jun., hit the upright and was got away. Roberts was clever to save one from Goodall. From a free kick the siege on the Albion goal was raised, and Pearson and Wilson made the way down the left, the latter centring, and

Woodhall sending in a fine shot which hit the post and went through, ten minutes from the finish, the cheering being tremendous from the Midland section of the spectators. The North End for the next few minutes were inclined to be disorganised, but they pulled themselves together. The Albion defence was strengthened, and the Preston forwards made unsuccessful efforts to again equalise. Ross once dribbled the ball among his forwards, his centre not being utilised. Try as they would, the North End forwards could not find an opening in the packed goal, and when the whistle sounded West Bromwich Albion had won the English Cup by a victory of two goals to one."

N.B. BDP wrongly lists Robertson as playing but Holmes took his place.

BDP: "We doubt if there is now any distinction to be won in sporting or athletics which is the subject of such keen rivalry, and the struggle for which evokes such deep and widespread feeling, as the English Football Cup. The enthusiasm in Birmingham and the neighbourhood over Saturday's result will be proportionately great. For until the last few weeks it had appeared to be almost a certainty that the Cup would return to Lancashire, whence, after an unbroken stay of four years, the Aston Villa wrested it last season. The last hope, indeed, seemed to have fled when the Preston North End decisively proved their complete superiority over the Aston Villa, for at that time the Birmingham Club was indisputably the champion of the district, its old rival, the Albion, being notoriously out of form. But a great deal has happened since then. The Albion men have slowly regained, and more than regained, their last year's form. A series of three matches with the Aston Villa fully tested the extent and the permanence of the improvement. It became evident that the work of that fatal day at Perry Barr, last January, was undone, and that the great Lancashire Club—the giants of the North—would have to meet twice in the same competition the strongest organisation in the Birmingham district."

"Ever since the great Preston Club attained its prominence in English football the Albion has been its most dangerous competitor." "The team has precisely the qualities calculated to neutralise the qualities of its redoubtable opponent. The Albion is above all a plucky team. It is never overawed by the reputation of its opponents. The men never lose heart. They have snatched too many matches out of the fire to altogether despair under the most adverse circumstances. Until the whistle sounds to stop the play the Albion men never cease to believe that theirs will be the victory. The club has the best goalkeeper in the kingdom. Roberts has won his club innumerable matches, and on Saturday it was mainly to his exertions that it owed the culminating triumph of its career. It has a defence of undoubted doggedness and persistence. The defence is never quite worn down. The play may be round the Albion goal mouth—as it was on Saturday—for half an hour at a time, but the backs and goal-keeper will keep grimly to their work. For they know that if they can keep down their opponents' score, it is not necessary for victory that their club should have the best of the game. Every now and then their forwards are bound to break away and the Albion forwards never break away without serious danger to their opponents. In nice skill, and precise and finished science, there are at least half-a-dozen clubs in England whose forwards are greatly superior to the Albion. But in the reckless abandon of their

rush for goal the Albion have no rivals.No defence is secure against their fierce onset.It comes with bewildering suddenness,and the more the game is going against the Albion,the greater is the chance that they will find the opposing backs off their guard.We have twenty times seen-we saw it again on Saturday-a tearing charge of the Albion forwards score a winning point after their own goal had been in ceaseless danger for a good half hour.It will easily be seen-these considerations are,of course,familiar to all footballers-that the characteristics of the Albion play are admirably calculated to disarrange and dislocate the tactics of the Preston North End,who play at every point a game of the soundest science, and who for precision,for individual brilliancy and for ordered combination were and are unsurpassed and unsurpassable.We have gone over this ground in order that the victory on Saturday may become explicable.For some explanation the result surely needs."

LEP:"Ross won the toss,and elected to play from the Harleyford-road end, thereby compelling his opponents to face the sun.Bayliss started the play a minute late.The Albion rushed forward,and from a miss by Ross,their right wing became dangerous.Howarth,however,relieved,but before the pressure could be relieved,Mills-Roberts had stopped two clinking shots by Bassett and Woodhall. A grand combined run by Goodall and Dewhurst enabled the latter to force Roberts to kick out.The same side had a throw in near the corner flag,and from a grand centre by Gordon,Aldridge kicked over his own lines,but the corner,and a subsequent one in the next half-minute,were fruitless,though the latter was saved almost miraculously by Roberts when just under the bar.The pressure was still severe,and a grand cross over the goal mouth by Goodall enabling the Albion to kick from goal.Pretty play by both sets of half backs in midfield was relieved by a brilliant short run by Goodall,closed by a shot,which drew forth cries of "through" all round the field.Roberts,however,just managed to touch the ball with his fingers in the corner of the goal.Combined rushes on the North End fortress were neatly repulsed by Graham and Holmes but the pressure was only relieved by Ross allowing the ball to run out.

Jimmy Ross,Dewhurst,and Goodall got play nicely forward,but the last-named, when well in,kicked the ball too far forward,thus letting in Aldridge,who relieved with a tremendous kick.A couple of fouls were given against Gordon and Holmes for shoving,the latter only about fifteen yards in front of the North End goal.The free kick was badly managed,no shot ever being made at goal.From a throw in in North End quarters,Woodhall put in a grand centre,but Bassett headed wide.At the end of seventeen minutes Woodhall ran the ball down,and Bayliss,pouncing on the ball,scored the first goal amidst tremendous cheering.

Russell was cautioned by the Major for unnecessary roughness.Immediately after the resumption,North End took up the attack,a red-hot shot from Jimmy Ross only being spoiled by striking the legs of some of the Albion players,who were now turning all their energies to defensive tactics.Fred.Dewhurst when dangerously near the Albion goal,was penalised for hands,the decision being greeted with hooting.The free kick did not afford relief,Dewhurst in the next minute making a very wild shot.Jimmy Ross was next prominent,but when just in the act of making his shot,Green grassed him.Roberts,however,only saved the

attempt at the expense of a corner. This was put in by Gordon, but Jimmy Ross, to whose lot it fell again to shoot at goal, was erratic. Perry stopped a grand rush towards the Albion goal, and, in midfield a foul was given against Horton for kicking Dewhurst in the back. Nothing came of it. A claim for hands against Dewhurst was not allowed, and he replied with a stinging shot, which Roberts held, and threw out. Jimmy Ross had another chance of scoring, giving Roberts another handful to negotiate, which he did successfully. The North End left carried the play close in to the Albion goal, where a grand centre by Drummond enabled Gordon, with nobody in front of him but Roberts, to shoot. He managed badly, the ball crossing across the goal mouth, Dewhurst catching it on the goal line and putting it just over the post with an overhead shot. North End were now pressing very hard, but the defence was simply superb, shots being rained in thick and fast. Jimmy Ross had a scorcher spoiled by Goodall heading over the bar. Play was now scarcely ever over the half way line in the direction of the North End goal. Five shots across the Albion goal mouth occurred in as many seconds, but do what they could the North End could not get past Roberts. Perry was penalised for fouling Jimmy Ross, but this did not affect the North End, who immediately kicked from goal. Drummond and Dewhurst again worked the ball up, but equally well did the opposing backs repel the shots with fine kicks. Howarth, in North End quarters, completely spoiled a grand attack by Wilson and Pearson, and in the next minute Roberts again stopped a spanking shot from Goodall in a most marvellous manner. Nothing further occurred up to half time, when the score stood one to none in favour of Albion.

As soon as hostilities were resumed Goodall had a good opening from a pass by Drummond, but made a miserably soft shot. In another minute, from the North End right Dewhurst had the ball put to him when clean in front of goal, but falling in making his shot, nothing serious resulted to the Albion. The Albion forwards were playing only a moderate game, but their backs were showing champion form, shots passing the Albion posts on several occasions. At the end of five minutes' play the North End suddenly rushed up in a body, + and after the ball had have been stopped by Roberts. (+Must be a passage missing here describing the Dewhurst equaliser at this 5<sup>th</sup> minute point)

+LEP("From our Sporting Representative") : "Drummond put in a shot, which Roberts saved. Goodall, however, sent it back, and Dewhurst charged both ball and custodian through, a few minutes after recommencing."

From the goal kick the Albion forwards got away, Woodhall finishing with a shot which went wide. The North End forwards now passed for perfection, but in front of goal did not show that dash which generally characterises their operations. The play became tame, but once Gordon was dangerously near scoring, but at the other end the Albion were subsequently nearer, as after Howarth had been passed, Mills-Roberts rushed out, and had it not been for the prompt action of Graham, who got his knee to the ball, a shot by Bassett would certainly have taken effect. North End paid a momentary visit to their opponents' quarters, but Bassett, from a grand pass by Horton, put in a hot centre which Woodhall headed a few feet wide of the goal. A grand return by Ross enabled Drummond to get in a shot,

but Roberts was not to be beaten, and with a timely kick he got the ball well up to midfield. In the next minute Jimmy Ross, with a terrific kick, almost knocked one of the goal posts down, the ball rebounding into play. Russell got a corner out of Aldridge, but when Gordon had sent the ball in, the centre half back headed outside the goal. A magnificent dribble down the right by Gordon was loudly cheered, but when in front of goal, Jimmy Ross was fouled by Green. The place kick was well managed, and Roberts stopped a scorcher by Fred Dewhurst. Again just in the bottom corner of his goal when at full stretch. Hands were wrongly given against Dewhurst, but a similar penalty against Woodhall was richly deserved, as he knocked the ball down to enable him to shoot. The attack on Mills-Roberts' charge was not to be thus easily relieved, for the left pair, Pearson and Wilson, got round Howarth, and a grand pass by the former enabled Woodhall to put in a slanting shot. The ball struck one of the uprights and rebounded between, making the second goal for the Albion. ("at the end of 35 minutes") Woodhall now fell back, the Albion turning all their attention to defence. The North End goal was again vigorously attacked, but for the last two or three minutes they were continually shooting at Albion goal, but nothing further resulted.

#### THE GOALS:

Bayliss scored for the Albion 17 minutes from the start.

At half time, Albion 1 North End 0.

At the end of five minutes in the second half Dewhurst scored for North End.

Woodhall scored the second goal for Albion at the end of 35 minutes."

SM: "The Midland forwards next attacked, and a long run by Woodhall ended in Mills-Roberts having to use his hands. This onslaught proved very severe, and at length from a pass by Woodhall, Bayliss shot the ball through eighteen minutes from start, and the non-favourites thus scored first amid great excitement. On resuming the Albion were rather pressed, but Roberts, Green, and Aldridge kept the Lancashire men at bay. Bayliss and Pearson broke away, but Holmes stopped them, and Dewhurst rushed to the other end. Here he sent in two wild shots, both a long way wide the the posts, and far too lofty. A corner to Preston was unproductive, Timmins passing to Perry, who sent the ball to the left wing. Dewhurst again got up, thanks to a pass by Goodall, and gave Roberts a very hot shot to stop. The Albion goalkeeper then kicked out a long one from Holmes, but Preston still attacked. Gordon appeared to have an opportunity of scoring, but his shot went wide, and Dewhurst kicked over the bar. Westbromwich kept on the defensive. Roberts, who was well covered by the backs, however, had more shots to save from Drummond, Goodall, and Dewhurst, but just before half-time the ball was taken to the other end by Pearson and Wilson, and the sides crossed over with Westbromwich leading by one goal to none.

The game had not long been re-started by Goodall, when Preston attacked with great vogour. Their forwards got right up to the goal, and made any number of

shots. Roberts fisted out time after time, and only seven minutes had elapsed, when he was beaten by Drummond, who rushed through both ball and goal-keeper, after a rare header by Goodall, Dewhurst having just previously centred the ball from the left wing in clinking fashion. With the game in this state matters looked like going badly for the Albion, as their rivals kept the ball well in their half for a long time, but the Brums showed good defence, and after a while their halves aided Woodhall and Bayliss in sending the leather to the other end. Ross, sen., however, quickly returned it, and a corner for Preston was followed by a scrimmage near the goal. Perry eventually cleared, and Pearson got away along the right. Long passing between Bayliss and Pearson followed, and they got past the full backs, but Bassett muffed an opportunity of a good shot, and Howarth relieved him of the ball, which was taken by Goodall to the other end. Pearson returned and tried to score, but shot too high. An attack was next carried out by Preston. Drummond and Goodall made a good run, and the former might have put in a dangerous shot, had not Green come to the rescue. Dewhurst dodged him, however, and caused Roberts to kick out. Bayliss relieved, but was stopped by Russell, who was just about this time working very hard. He turned the ball over to Dewhurst. The latter ran down and put in a long shot, but the ball came back off the post, and Timmins just got up in time to send it out of danger. Once again Preston tried to score, but the Albion backs got round their goal, and met some of the shots in very clever fashion. A free kick for hands enabled the Midlanders to attack, but then a free kick fell to their opponents close to the goal. At length Timmins sent the ball up to Bayliss, who then passed to the rights. Woodhall then took a long shot, and the ball bouncing off Bassett's knee, hit the post and went through amidst tremendous cheers. About thirteen minutes were left for play. Preston attacked, but were beaten off by the backs, and Bassett got well away along the right, but the ball went out of play. The North End halves had got too far up, and the Albion rights repeatedly ran the ball down, and the backs had hard work to save. Preston now played as if they were done for, and time after time they allowed Bassett to run unmolested down the right. The Westbromwich full backs also kicked well. Ross, sen., made a long run down the right side, and did all in his power to save the game, but the Albion more than held their own, and their goal was never again in danger, the result being a win for the Westbromwich representatives, with the final score, Albion two goals, North End one goal. At the close the Cup was presented to the victors by Major Marindin."

SM: "Although the game was fast and exciting, it can scarcely be claimed that either team played up to its best form. The Prestonians certainly had the best of the game as a whole, though towards the latter portion of the play, the Albion, if anything, held the upper hand. One of the chief causes of the surprise was the grand performance of Roberts between the Albion uprights; a second, the erratic shooting of the Lancastrian forwards, noticeably Goodall and Dewhurst. The Birmingham backs were remarkably cool and determined, and time after time upset the combination of the favourites. The early success of the Albion, too, seemed to have an ill effect on the Northenders, for they afterwards played very wildly, especially in front of goal. Though they kicked with bad judgment, Dewhurst and Goodall at times dribbled quite brilliantly. Drummond and Gordon also played well, but Ross, jun., seemed out of form. The Albion backs were very good, as also were J. Ross and Howarth for Preston."

West Bromwich Albion:R.Roberts(Goal);A.Aldridge,H.Green(Backs);E.Horton,  
C.Perry,G.Timmins(Half Backs);G.Woodhall,W.I.Bassett(Right Wing),J.M.Bayliss  
(Centre)(Capt.),J.J.Wilson,T.Pearson(Left Wing).

Preston North End:R.H.MillsRoberts(Goal);R.H.Howarth,N.J.Ross(Capt.)(Backs);  
R.Holmes,D.Russell,J.Graham(Half Backs);J.B.Gordon, J.D.Ross(Right Wing),  
J.Goodall(Centre),F.Dewhurst,G.Drummond(Left Wing).

Umpires:M.P.Betts(Old Harrovians) and J.C.Clegg(Sheffield).

Referee:Major F.A.Marindin,R.E.,C.M.G.(President,Football Association)