ASSOCIATION CUP-TIES.

BLACKBURN ROVERS SURPRISED BY SOUTHPORT.

Southport surprised Blackburn Rovers by beating them by 2 goals to none at Haig Avenue. The game was of a gruelling order, great deal of pressure in the first half, though at no time did the Rovers appear to be impressing, long chances, but failed unsuccessfully, and a his colleagues were alone as regards attacking shooting. Southport generally speaking, the result of a well placed shot by White, they outside left.

The second half was overwhelmingly favour of Southport, and this time the home goal to their score through Bradford. They, unfortunately had been in position with, Southport actually got the ball into the net the point, a corner kick being given by Marsden, that the ball had passed over the line in transit by the goal.

It was the first time Southport have beaten Blackburn, and the first time that they have game so far in the competition.

DARLINGTON OVERTHROW RHYL

Rhyl Athletic, the surprise club of the earlier rounds, had their hopes of a second success in the Cup, where they were defeated by 2 goals to 1. The Welshmen, however, were always fighting Darlington were the stronger side generally out in the earlier stages of the game missed opportunities to score. Crookford, Roddy, and Hooper all shaped well in the forward line, with only the Rhyl keeper in front, but sent wildly past the goal. The Darlington defence was good, the visiting forwards were well held by the home halves and backs, though Richie on occasion gave Fawcett a stinging shot. Towards Darlington had the game pressed strongly, and Boutar, the Rhyl goalkeeper, made three brilliant saves in quick succession.

Darlington took the lead five minutes after the resumption, Roddy scoring direct from a fine pass from Hooper, waved a second goal. Midway in the half Hoodless scored a fine goal for Rhyl. In the subsequent play the visitors fully held their own, and towards the close pressed hard, but could not defeat the strong home defence.

FULHAM v. CHESTERFIELD: FULHAM'S DESPERATE STRUGGLE.

This tie at Craven Cottage was full of thrills, the game ended two many anxious moments before Fulham, after a desperate struggle, emerged victorious by four goals to three. Throughout a thoroughly interesting game there was never very much to choose between the two sides. Fulham took the lead ten minutes from the start, when Tomer scrambled the ball into the net after good work by Pearl and Craig, but Rosebourn, the old Chapter Orient player, made the score level, eight minutes later. Following this success the visitors were all over Fulham, and within a minute they had taken the lead through Rosebourn, who dribbled clean through the home defence, and then finished up with a fine shot gave Beecham no chance. Subsequently Pape put Fulham on terms again with a clever overhead kick, and shortly before half time Craig curled the ball into the net after Tonner's shot had been only partially cleared by Beech. Early in the second half Ralphs profiting by weak defensive play, made it again level, but within minutes from the restart Tonner scored what proved to be the winning goal, following capital work by Craig.

CLAPTON ORIENT AND FORT VALE TO MEET AGAIN.

A strenuously contested game at Homerton in which the defence proved superior to the attack ended in a draw, each side scoring a goal. Considering that they lost the services of Evans almost throughout the second half, Orient, who had twice lost League games with their opponents this season, did remarkably well under the circumstances to force a replay. Orient's goal was scored five minutes from the interval by Dennison. In the second half, at the end of 35 minutes, Port Vale drew level. The ball from a corner was kicked across to the centre, and with the Orient backs hesitant Simmons dashed in and scored. Scores:

BLACKPOOL SURRENDER TO BOLTON WANDERERS.

Bolton Wanderers defeated Blackpool at Blackpool by three goals to one. The score at half-time being a goal to nothing in their favour. Bolton were throughout the more convincing side, though there were occasions when Blackpool, playing with great determination, were strong in attack.

Twenty-eight minutes from the start J. R. Smith scored. Six minutes from the restart Trenalliere headed through to equalise the score, taking advantage of Pym going down to an effort by Crook. The defence of Blackpool was in every way excellent. Later J. R. Smith scored from an excellent cross by Butler, and before the close of play J. R. Smith went on to score his third goal. Vizard gave one of his best displays, and it was the clever and fast forward movement of the Bolton forwards that proved too good for Blackpool.

NEWCASTLE UNITED TROUNCE NOTTS COUNTY.

Newcastle United, on their own ground, gained a decisive victory over Notts County by eight goals to one. The winners, on the heavy ground, were the more convincing side from start to finish, but the heavy zone sometimes exaggerated their superiority. Visitors adopted open methods, but Newcastle, despite the heavy ground, were the more clever in their short-passing game, and within ten minutes of the start had taken the lead. Gallacher shooting through with a fine strong. The same player headed a second goal when play had been in progress twenty-five minutes, and shortly afterwards Urwin added a third goal. They followed goal, by a quick succession through Seymour, Macdonald, and Gallacher to give Newcastle a clear six goals advantage at the interval. The home side continued to play hard, but the ball seemed to have lost its lively in the early part of which Macdonald increased their lead. The visitors' only points were obtained by Widdowson at the end of twenty-seven minutes, but before the finish Seymour scored his third goal of the match for his winners from a penalty kick.

CARDIFF CITY MUCH BETTER THAN ASTON VILLA.

Thirty thousand people gathered at Ninian Park to see Cardiff City gain a decisive victory Aston Villa by the odd goal in three. There were many chances for a fine game, the conditions were ideal, although the weather was dull.

After a shaky start Cardiff settled down selves together, thanks mainly to some splendid work by Sloan, the centre half. Aston Villa, holding Capewell, found time to put in three shots which Jackson saved. Tremendous excitement prevailed, and both sides missed good chances. After a half hour's play Cardiff were seen to good advantage on change of attack, Len Davies headed a goal from a free kick, and directly afterwards Curtis beat Jackson with a fine shot. Aston Villa made some great awaying the home Villa made some great efforts, but they gained a consolation goal through Farquhar, after running a centre from Barnett on his own goal.

PLAYER'S LEG BROKEN AND ANOTHER ORDERED OFF AT READING.

Twenty-eight thousand people—record ground for the Reading ground—saw the home side, though playing with a strong nine men, gain a fine victory over Manchester United. The early draw 1—1 at home of Reading's fine first play went in favour of Johnson goal in two five minutes of the home goal, however, the Subsequently the game became even, but Reading were generally speaking of Reading were the more aggressive, Lewis and Moore kept the home men out. Following change of attack, Reading adopted the rather too vigorous checker game adopted by Dougall, the Reading methods, and at length, from the field with a forward, was carried in Reading's favour. Reading broken up. Despite this handicap, Reading took the lead after twenty minutes through Richardson, and then came another interlude, Dougall, Mc Donald, Reading, being ordered off the field for misbehaviour. With only nine men Reading were safe handicapped, but they played in galant fashion, and it was not until fifteen minutes from the end that McPherson headed through to save the game for Manchester.

Johnny Goodall, who was football reunion with Preston North End and Derby County, is in hospital at Derby. He is now 64 years of age. His greatest of many scoring feats was his 16 goals out of 18 for Preston North End in an F.A. Cup-tie against Hyde.

While playing in a junior match on Saturday, Edward Brent (20), of 6, Murdock Street, Keighley, sustained a fracture of the right leg, and was taken to the Halifax Infirmary.

THIRD DIVISION.

BRADFORD'S GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

A SPLENDID VICTORY.

Bradford rose to the occasion in splendid style in their important match with Rochdale at the Rovers' ground yesterday, and, with two winners by a substantial margin. Came away from the opening stages, when Rochdale scored their solitary goal, Bradford were always the better side, and two of their five goals were among the best seen on the ground made amends for time.

The ground was very muddy, and mis-kicks consequently numerous, and it was as a result of one of these by Duffield that Rochdale took the lead after sixteen minutes. Duffield's mistake made it necessary for Clough to have his goal to kick away, and before he could clear Hughes returned the ball for Tomlinson to tap it into the net. Bradford might have equalised immediately had Mc Donald fired straight at Hill from point-blank range, but the home centre, several made amends five minutes later when he ran through on his own and netted. From this point onwards Bradford had always the upper hand, and the best goal of the match came from Mc Lean with a glorious drive into the corner of the net from a range of thirty yards. Just as the whistle was about to go for half-time McDonald scored again with one of his characteristic goals. In the second half Taylor increased Bradford's lead direct from a free kick. The concluding stages were contested in semi-darkness, and in the last minute Mc Donald completed the hat-trick. Result—Bradford 5 goals, Rochdale 1 goal.

HALIFAX TOWN WIN EXCITING GAME AT WREXHAM.

An exciting game was seen at Wrexham, where the home side lost to Halifax Town by four goals to three.

The opening stages were very evenly contested, but at the end of about fifteen minutes Halifax took the lead through Seabrook, and despite many attempts Wrexham, playing with four forwards could not get the ball into the net. In the second half a splendid struggle was seen. Within ten minutes Halifax had gone further ahead through Jackson, and after this second reverse Wrexham were seen at their best. Playing double forward the home side attacked persistently, and at length their efforts were rewarded when Jones put the ball into the net. After this success Wrexham made desperate efforts to force defeat, but the visitors' defence was not to be beaten again.

WIGAN BORO' v. DONCASTER' ROVERS: DONCASTER GAIN A POINT.

Doncaster Rovers were rather unlucky not to win at Wigan, where Wigan Borough gained a point in a mudlarking game which ended in a draw of one goal each, before 5,000 spectators.

Ground conditions militated against good football, but forceful play was seen throughout. The first half was distinctly in favour of Wigan, who after ten minutes obtained the lead through Hampson. Frequently after this telling shots were put in by McHaine and Cook, and by Dickinson, but the visitors had only narrowly, but with most of the play Wigan failed to again beat Farmery, who was playing in goal instead of Dunn. The second half saw a complete change of fortunes, with the Rovers well in the ascendant, and the Borough showing a good deal of tiring. All the nine minutes after the resumption Frank Keetley equalised after a long run from the field, but twenty minutes from the restart Tonner scored what proved to be the winning goal, following capital work by Craig.

ROTHERHAM UNITED v. TRANMERE ROVERS.

After being a goal ahead two minutes from the end, Rotherham United saw their opponents, Tranmere Rovers, equalise 30 seconds from the finish in their encounter at Millmoor, Rotherham.

Rotherham were much the better team in the first half, and at the interval were leading by the odd goal, scored by Chilton after eight minutes' play. After the change of ends however, the visitors asserted themselves, and Flanagan equalised for them after 18 minutes. The game now developed into a keen end-to-end struggle, both goalkeepers being in great form. Chilton scored his second goal for Rotherham two minutes before the end of the game, however, shortlived, Jones putting his team level in a last-minute rush.

STOKE CITY v. DURHAM CITY.

Stoke City, who made a splendid rally in the second half, defeated Durham City by four goals to nothing at Stoke. There was little to commend in the game, the only exceptions being Durham City played a particularly aggressive game, and Durham City, playing with the wind, were strong in attack.

Twenty-eight minutes from the start J. R. Smith scored. Six minutes from the restart Trenalliere headed through to equalise the score, taking advantage of Pym going down to an effort by Crook. The defence of Stoke good was in every way excellent. Later J. R. Smith scored from an excellent cross by Butler, and before the close of play J. R. Smith went on to score his third goal. Vizard gave one of his best displays, and it was the clever and fast forward movement of the Bolton forwards that proved too good for Blackpool.

NELSON v. STOCKPORT COUNTY.

Nelson playing at home gained a fine victory over Stockport County by six goals to nothing. After fifteen minutes Hampson burst through and scored, and fifteen minutes before change of ends Hampson increased the lead while the visitors appealed for off-side. On resuming Hampson completed the "hat trick." Martin replied for Stockport, but in the last quarter of an hour Nelson overwhelmed the County, and scored three more goals through Keers and Sharp (2).

NEW BRIGHTON v. BARROW.

New Brighton, at home, defeated Barrow by three goals to one. Play was fast and gave the play when Melville converted a cross from McDonald to open the score for Barrow midway through the opening half. Whitter soon equalised with a good effort. On resuming Williams gave New Brighton the lead with a magnificent cross shot. A little later Williams established Whitter on heat Moss with a hot drive. Towards the close Barrow pressed nearer all the play, but they failed to improve their position.

F.A. AMATEUR CUP.

FIRST ROUND REPLAYED TIE.

STOCKTON M.I. v. ROTHERHAM AMATEURS.

In their replayed tie at Stockton, the Stockton Mechanics Institute qualified to enter the second round by beating Rotherham Amateurs by four goals to one.

The first goal was got by Bellerby after 20 minutes' play, and Rotherham lost the lead minute by Holdsworth. The Stockton team showed themselves better in the green conditions prevailing, and were, therefore, entitled to their victory. The visitors were very fortunate in not being awarded a penalty in the first half.

BISHOP AUCKLAND v. CHILTON COLLIERY.

At Bishop Auckland. Neither side served after a goalless first half, Chilton taking the lead had to thank their defence for this circumstance, for in the first half Chilton were the better football, but Auckland's rearguard kept them out. In the second half, however, Chilton were much quicker on the ball, but could not score. In the attack on goal the defences again excelled, and the game ended without a score.

The replay takes place at Chilton on Wednesday.

ESH WINNING v. HALLAM.

On their own ground Esh Winning defeated Hallam by the odd goal of three. The performance of the home team was far more meritorious as they finished the game two men short. Hetherington and Smith had to retire with injuries during the extra time. The visitors were the first to score, Shelley kicking through when play had been in progress for twenty minutes. Esh Winning tried hard to get on terms, and at length a series of strong attacks resulted in Brown kicking the goal. The home men should have decided the issue before extra time was necessary, but in the last minute of the second half Lumley failed with a penalty kick. Hallam, in the extra additional period, Hastings decided the issue with a good goal.

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

Leeds City were well beaten at Hunslet Nelson by Scarborough Penguins. The first half was even, twenty minutes passing before Calder opened the score. Barton immediately increased on the right for Goldthorpe to equalise. On the resumption the visiting team attacked continuously, and Clarke to refer leaden until mid-way through, Fountain netting. Result: Scarborough Penguins 2 goals, Leeds City 1 goal.

RUGBY UNION.

CHESHIRE WIN THE NORTH CHAMPIONSHIP.

YORKSHIRE TEAM OUTPLAYED.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Cheshire gained the Championship of the North and the right to meet Leicestershire in the semi-final for the Championship, when they defeated Yorkshire by 15 points to 8 at Birkenhead Park on Saturday. From the kick-off the Cheshire team dominated the game, and before the game had gone a quarter of its course the men from Yorkshire, feeling the influence of the Cheshire attack, as had been expected, was the might of their forwards, allied with the assistance of Oracle, their stand-off half, and in the first thirty minutes, when the game was won and lost, Yorkshire fought continuously with their backs to the wall.

It came as a big surprise to the 10,000 spectators to see Yorkshire so overplayed, and it came as a big surprise too, be it added, to the Yorkshire team themselves, for all to those keen Cumbrians who had travelled south to see the Yorkshire team, realised the necessity of an additional triangular tournament for the Northern Counties Northern honours. But Yorkshire were never given a chance. Their forwards' chargers were ineffective against the Cheshire men, who, opening with the advantage of a big numerical record, went into the fight with irresistible dash, and were never in danger of losing it.

Cheshire had the wind to start with, and the game was only seven or eight minutes old when they put their first tangible blow through the Yorkshire defence. They had worked up the right wing, and, from a scrummage, the ball shot to the Yorkshire line, followed by a fine run by Davies, the left wing, who, the defence and bounced back, and Davies, who taking it in his stride, fell over the line for a try which left some onlookers thinking that the Yorkshiremen had been caught napping. From the touch-line Paxton-Harding kicked a fine goal. This early success of the Cheshire men put the encouragement they required, and a decided forward in the game. The home forwards increased their power in the scrummages and the loose, and with Grace directing the Cheshire backs, to begin with, Yorkshire gave way to defence one through time. Quite occasionally with kicks by Goodall and Roberts, or rare by Fairbrother and Hardy, Yorkshire got the ball out of their own half, and never was Grace's half back in his own line. It was not, until near the interval, Yorkshire got beyond the home 25 yards.

Before this came Cheshire's second try, Grace took the ball from Roberts at the scrummage, and, with the wind, ran and left Grace, who played grace and Davies, who, with Lockie and Wainwright on his left, Paxton-Harding again judged the goal kick fairly, and it was by these ten points that Cheshire led at the interval after forty minutes of play, in which Yorkshire had never been allowed a scoring chance.

Yorkshire commenced the second half with a scrummaging in the last five minutes of the first half, and, with Oracle, second, and their backs sans much more of the ball. Mr. Mc Morphies, who had been Davy and Fletcher was not impressive, and Cheshire back was between the posts, and, with the sideline touchie to the Yorkshire defence. The game was now in the Yorkshire half, and, with the wind, in which Adams was shaping well, and Grace, and Davies, and Davies, Cheshire had never been allowed a scoring chance.

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