

The Rutherglen Reformer and Cambuslang Journal Reports Football 1876-1886



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“Lying two miles south-east of Glasgow, Rutherglen can boast such an antiquity that in the early days it gave lodgings to the craftsmen working on erection of the Glasgow Cathedral. Today it is a vigorous town, but none the less rich in tradition“. **“Rutherglen An Ancient Royal Burgh“**. D.C. Cuthbertson.

“2nd Hamilton v Stonelaw 2nd - This match was played on Saturday last on Mr.Love’s field at Burnside and was one of the best games by the 2nd Stonelaw team this season.”
Rutherglen Reformer match report 17 March 1877.

“The game of football is spreading in popularity and another new club, we have just learned, has been formed in Rutherglen. It is to be called, the Burgh Thistle “. **Rutherglen Reformer 27 October 1877.**

“The juvenile portion of the community are showing great partiality for the game of football, if we are to judge by the number of clubs in existence in the burgh and district. We have received a note of the starting of another club, to be called the Argyle”. **Rutherglen Reformer 16 February 1878.**

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There are 332 teams referenced during this reporting period. There are 684 match reports/results. That is a lot of players playing the game every Saturday. Many towns across Lanarkshire had a team to call their own. There was a growing/thriving football scene.

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Introduction.

I grew up in Fernhill and played on most of the football pitches in the Rutherglen area during the 1960s and 70s. This included grounds like the Overtoun Public Parks, the Spittal pitches, Southcroft Park, Shawfield Stadium, and the Big Red Ash Fernhill football pitch. I can still remember a Friday night game in 1970 when the whole Fernhill community came out to support the under 16 boys playing against a team from Germany in 1970. It was some night. Fernhill won the game.

There was a lot of different places/green spaces around Rutherglen where you could throw down a few jackets for goal posts and a game would soon kick off. There was no square passing back then, and everyone liked to dribble and score a goal. You could not swing a cat in most streets in the Royal Burgh without hitting a good footballer. Every school and every team had players who could really play. Any town of our size that can produce at least fourteen Scottish international footballers is a bit special. We spent as much time out of the house as possible. Playing football was endless, day and night. Players learned their skills by playing.

Today I am a volunteer with the Football Memories Scotland Project. It started in 2009 with one group, and today it has approx 400 groups across most parts of Scotland, hosted mainly by volunteers - in care homes, hospitals, community centres, libraries, and football clubs. It is a project that uses football photographs and memorabilia to trigger memories and start conversations. It was setup as a partnership between the Scottish Football Museum at Hampden and Alzheimer Scotland. It is the oldest program of its type in the world. But now it has a much wider purpose and also reaches out to those experiencing depression, loneliness or social isolation.

Everyone is welcome to attend. We host a number of meetings around Rutherglen. I have met so many wonderful people and heard so many different personal football stories and memories at these sessions. Everyone has a story to tell. As one 90 year old gentleman in a Care Home said recently, **“It’s great to talk about football again “**. The Covid pandemic left many vulnerable older people isolated or lonely, and many missed out on regular daily conversations. The collective nature of a Football Memories session can bring out the best in people. If someone is struggling to recognise a famous football name/face/team/game, but the person sitting in the next seat, who may also be

in the same position, then offers help to find an answer, you know it is something special. Both are delighted when they are right.

But these sessions also made me want to learn more about the football history in our community. For example: Who was the first Scottish internationalist footballer from Rutherglen? Who were the first “Big“ team in Rutherglen? Where did they play? Who scored the first goal? Did any famous teams of the day come to play in Rutherglen? So I decided to find out. I later found the answers to all these questions, and more. They are in this booklet.

Local newspapers are like a mirror of what is was like in a community at any given time. **The Rutherglen Reformer has been reporting on football matches since 1876.** - It was a great experience to read about games played 146 years ago! The Scottish Football Association celebrates its 150th birthday next year, and the Reformer has been reporting on games almost as old as the Association. That is remarkable.

The Reformer reported on many different games every week – and the earliest reports are from a time when there was not even a telephone in Rutherglen. There was no newspaper travelling reporters in those days, and I can’t see any reporter names against the match reports. The clubs were responsible for writing a match report and sending it to the local press. Reports appeared in a column section titled “Football“, some were very short reports and others very lengthy and descriptive. It was from a different age.

But what a football legacy the Rutherglen Reformer has left us. Information is only as good as the sources, and there is no better source than someone who was at the game. These reports have not been re-interpreted. It is straight from the reporters, or match secretary’s, eyes.

The Reformer was not just reporting on football in the Rutherglen area, but also across a large geographical area in central Scotland. It must also have played an important role in promoting the game to its readers and aided the popularity and development of football. It helped make teams and players names more visible.

Something must have attracted the early generation of football supporters to go and watch a game of football on a Saturday afternoon in the winter. Local readers may have bought their newspaper to see a range of stories on current events, but also to see if their local team was winning. And also it may also have been an introduction, or education, to many as they read about these “new rules” of (Association) football that every team had to follow.

In the early days many times a protest would follow a bad result. Often the protest was not legitimate as the club did not fully understand what rule had been violated. It needed administrators, or the captain, at the clubs to know the rules. Their knowledge about a legitimate reason to protest could be shared in the Reformer with readers (and spectators). There was no TV or radio that supporters could tune into to learn about the game.

We should also not forget the office bearers and the unpaid committee men of the first clubs around Rutherglen and their determination to bring football to the burgh. These were football pioneers and they planted the roots of football in our community and you will see many of their names in the note below. You needed someone to organise the games, find players, a pitch, field markings, put up the ropes, goalposts, a round shaped ball (more than one), a referee and umpire for unbiased opinions, a whistle, same coloured jerseys/uniforms, a pavilion, treat injuries, arrange travel for away games, and know the Rules of Association Football. It was also important to make visitors comfortable before and after games – this was part of the spirit of the game.

The early match reports in the Reformer are of historical importance to football supporters in the Royal Burgh who are interested in the origins of our local game. There will be lots more to re-discover in the Reformer – it just needs time to sit in the library with the original newspaper and have a good reason to do it.

As you read through these original match reports I hope you find one that surprises you. It happened to me so many times.

Robert Harvey

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

All the match reports came from the Rutherglen Reformer newspaper collection in the Mitchell Library in Glasgow. They are held on microfiche tape. It was a case of sitting down at a microfiche reader, writing out the contents by hand, and then transferring them to a Word document. The very early editions limited their football reporting to local matches, but that soon changed, even in the brief

time period that I looked at. The Reformer could report on over 20 games in a single edition, from games played in opposite parts of the country, from the Far East (Edinburgh) to the Far West (Greenock).

Match reports would appear in a column headed “**Football**”, but this was not always the case. They were often mixed in with the rest of the other local news, so you had to eyeball search for it. Sometimes the print was smudged and it was difficult to read. There will be spelling mistakes and typos in the match reports below, but this is the way they were originally written. You will also see some words that today may appear unusual, but were normal at the time of writing. For Example, “the strangers“, are the away team.

I have made every effort, including sitting peering at the text with a magnifying glass, to report the articles with accuracy. I even took photos (with permission from the Library) on my mobile phone and IPAD, to try and enlarge the text. Writing about football games played well over 100 years ago has a few challenges. If anything has to be corrected, or added, please just let me know.

Initially I focused just on teams from Rutherglen, but the scope of football reporting grew in the period covered. The early editions of the Reformers covered places like: Cambuslang, Tollcross, Greenhill, Holytown, Newton, Cambusnethan, Shotts, Bothwell, Baillieston, Clarkston, Crawford, Dykehead, Lesmahagow, Blantyre, Eastfield, Carluke, Carnwath, Chapelhall, Condorat, Barrhead, Wishaw, Coatbridge, Crofthead, Longridge, Motherwell, Pollokshaws, Uddingston, East Kilbride, Thornliebank, Lanark, Shettleston, Carnbroe, Douglas, Larkhall, Caldercruix, Gartsherrie, Calderbank, Bathgate, Broomhouse. I find it amazing how the journalists managed to pull all this information together every week.

In the book titled: “**Rutherglen Lore 1126 - 1926** “ by W. Ross Shearer, it tells the story of 800 years of the Royal Burgh of Rutherglen. It makes some references to football including:

P133. “In the field immediately to the West of Blairbeth Terrace, the old Stonelaw Football Club had its pitch. Thousands of people gathered there on one occasion prior to the introduction of electricity to witness a match at night, illuminated by new magnesium light, but the trial was a failure.”

P133. The population of Burnside which is in the county of Lanark, is about 800, with 180 houses. On the Blairbeth, or “ Gray’s “ Road, many handsome villas and terraces have been erected, and erstwhile “ lovers walk “ has become quite a busy thoroughfare. Football, golf, bowling, and tennis greens have been

acquired, while a Scouts Hall, in which Miss MacFarlane carries out a private seminary, provides for indoor amusements “.

P141. At Dalmarnock Bridge there was a double block of tenements called Clydesdale Place. On the Clyde side of the work, just in front of Millers Dye Works, was the playing pitch of the old Clydesdale Football Club.

In the book titled “**The Burgh and Parish of Rutherglen**” by W.Reid, he describes some of the landscape around Rutherglen.

P240. Up till 1880 and a few years afterwards Rutherglen was a rural town surrounded almost by rich arable land, and the farming industry was an important one.

P240. Farms around Rutherglen include Blackfaulds, Bankhead, Spittal, Low Crosshill, High Crosshill, Stonelaw.

P248. The Phoenix Tube Works were on Dalmarnock Road.

As I was reading about games played away from Rutherglen, the one question I had was: **How did Rutherglen teams travel to away games to places like Shotts, Edinburgh, or Port Glasgow?** It is difficult enough today by public transport! - Assuming it was by train, a quick check shows the Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway Company opened for passengers on 21st February 1842. Basically it went from Haymarket to Dundas St.(Queen St) The journey took 2.5 hrs. So if it took approx one hour into Glasgow from Burnside, then the round trip would have been about 7 hours for a match in Edinburgh. And possibly a days lost wages for the players if they worked on a Saturday.

Whenever you see a reference to “**Hampden Park**“, it will be **NOT** be the present day Hampden Park, which is Hampden Park number 3. It will be Hampden Park Number One or Hampden Park Number Two

Keep in mind that some club names that you may be familiar with today had not been formed in the time period covered in this note. Some examples are: Celtic (1888); Aberdeen (1903); Dundee (1893); Ayr United (1910); Dundee United (1909); and other clubs.

Clyde did not play in Rutherglen (Shawfield Stadium) during this period. They were founded in 1877: Membership 50; Grounds (private), Barrowfield Park, on the banks of the Clyde: ten minute walk from Bridgeton Cross: Club house on grounds; Colours, White & Blue. Secretary. John.D.Graham, 24 Monteith Row.

Football had little resemblance to the game we know today. There could be different rules used in different parts of the country: For Example, no limit to

the number of players: or players could handle the ball, etc. Then codification happened, and the SFA was formed in 1873. There is plenty of evidence from sources such as Richard McBrearty on <https://scottishfootballorigins.org> and www.scottishsporthistory.com from Andy Mitchell that a form of football was played for hundreds of years in Scotland.

Different styles of play were used in this period of football. Weight was seen to be an advantage. For example in the report dated 30 Nov 1878 for the game Stonelaw v Renton, it was reported “**it was evident the combined play of the Stonelaw was not to be victimised by the heavy weight of their opponents.**”

Whenever you see reference to the Scottish Association Challenge Cup, this is the Scottish Cup. A good example is 01 November 1879 when the famed Vale of Leven, who had won it three years in a row, came to play in Rutherglen for the first time.

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Three of the early clubs.

| LANARKSHIRE. | | | | LANARKSHIRE. | | | | | | | |
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| Name of Club. | When Founded. | Members on Roll. | Name and Address of Secretary. | Colours of Club. | Grounds, Public or Private. | Name of Grounds and where situated. | Nearest Station or Tramway Terminus. | Club House and where situated. | Result of Matches. | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Won | Lost | Drawn |
| Drumpellier Coatbridge. | 1874 | 98 | John Stewart, Dunbeth Terrace, Coatbridge. | Dark Blue and White. | private. | Drumpellier C.icket Grounds. | One Mile from Caledonian Sta. | On Grounds. | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Hamilton, Do. | 1874 | | James Kerr, Quarry St., Hamilton | Blue Jerseys and White Knickers. | private. | South Avenue Park. | Five minutes walk from Railway. | On Grounds. | | | |
| Hamilton Academicals, Hamilton. | 1874 | 45 | David N. Cross, 32 Brandon St., Hamilton. | Scarlet and White. | private. | Private Park, Bent Farm, Hamilton. | Quarter of a Mile from Hamilton Central Station. | Gibson's Hall, Church St. | 6 | 3 | 6 |
| Levern, Barrhead. | 1874 | 40 | Arch. M. Arnut, Hnrlet, Barrhead. | Blue and White Jerseys and Hose, and Blue Knickers. | private. | Wellington Park, Househill, Nitshill. | Quarter of a Mile from Nitshill Sta., G. B. & K. J. Rail. | At Hurlet near Park. | 8 | 1 | 6 |
| Shotts Ironworks, Shotts. | 1876 | 22 | P. S. Robertson, Shotts, Ironworks, Shotts, Lanarkshire. | Magenta. | private. | Calderhead Park. | 200 yards from Railway Station, | Station Hotel. | .. | .. | .. |
| Stonelaw, Rutherglen. | 1875 | 40 | D. Perry, Sheriff Park, Rutherglen. | Royal Blue Jersey, Victoria X, White Knickers, Bl. Hose. | private. | Gallowfiats Park. | Near Railway Station or Bus Terminus. | On Grounds. | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| Thornhill, Blantyre. | 1875 | 36 | Thos. Morton, Calderglen, Blantyre. | White Jersey and Knickers, and Red Hose, with Red X and Monogram. | private. | Thornhill Park. | Three Minutes walk from Blantyre Station. | Room near Grounds. | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| DUMBARTONSHIRE. | | | | DUMBARTONSHIRE. | | | | | | | |
| Alclutha | 1872 | 38 | John M. Cameron, 21 College Park St., Dumbarton. | Dark Blue Jersey, White Knickers, and Red Hose. | | Near Barloan Toll, Dumbarton. | About Half-a-Mile from Station. | No Club House. | .. | .. | .. |

Stonelaw Football Club Rutherglen. – Registered in the SFA book 1876.

A few years later in the 1879 SFA Annual, it details the following in the Lanarkshire team section.

Clydebank (Rutherglen) – formed in 1873, 35 members, Grounds private, Phoenix Park near Dalmarnock Bridge quarter mile from Rutherglen Station. Colours Red and Blue 2 inch stripes. Last year played 12 matches won 6 lost 2 and drew 4, obtained 21 goals, lost 12 goals. Thomas Millar Junior, Post Office, Rutherglen, Hon. Secretary.

Stonelaw – founded 1875. 42 members, Grounds Private, Burnside Park one mile from Rutherglen, a bus terminus nearby, dressing room on grounds, colours Royal blue and white. Last year played 15 matches won 10 lost 5, obtained 39 goals, lost 21 goals. Donald Campbell Junior, 156 Mill Street Hon. Secretary.

Upper Clydesdale. Formed in 1878. 70 members. Grounds private, Shawfield Park, Rutherglen Bridge, 5 minutes walk from Bridgeton Cross. Dressing room on grounds. Colours, royal and blue striped jersey, with red star

on left breast, hose, and white knickers. Last year played 15 matches, - won 9, lost 3, drawn 3; obtained 30 goals, lost 19 goals. Robert Colthart, 194 Main Street, Anderston, Glasgow, Hon. Secretary.

The Scottish Football Association Annuals edited by the Secretary of the SFA, are a great source of information on all teams of this period

MATCH REPORTS.

11th March 1876

Stonelaw v Drumpellier. A match was played between these two clubs on Saturday at Gallowflat. The day was cold and wet, heavy showers falling at intervals. The game was well contested which resulted in a draw, neither team making a goal, which is very credible indeed for the Stonelaw, seeing it is the first match they have taken part in since their existence. J.R.Reid's goal keeping was all that could be desired, particularly his place kicking; also the back play of Wight stayed the Drumpellier forwards; while the Stonelaw forwards played a very fast pressing game. Among them we observed Guthrie, Perry and Reid prominent. For the Drumpellier, Stewart played well in the forwards and Wilson in the backs. Teams: Stonelaw – J.R.Reid captain and goalkeeper. Morton and Baker, backs: Fleming and Wight, half backs: Perry, Whitson, Broom, Reid, Guthrie, and Young, forwards. – Drumpellier team; J.Brown, goal keeper: Wilson (captain) and Shanks, backs: Pettigrew and Shaw, half backs: Forbes, Beaton, Cunningham, Service, Bell and Stewart, forwards. The Stonelaw play the Blantyre today (Saturday), first and second elevens. Mr.Reid's kindness in entertaining both teams to refreshments at Gallowflat, after the contest, was much appreciated.

18th March 1876

Thornhill (Blantyre) v Stonelaw (Rutherglen). A match between the above clubs was played at Blantyre on the grounds of the former – being witnessed by a large number of ladies and gentlemen and after a most enjoyable and well contested game resulted in favour of Stonelaw by one goal to nothing. The Stonelaw winning the toss selected to play with the wind in their favour. On the ball being kicked off the Thornhill forwards brought the ball well up the field

and for the first five minutes the Stonelaw goal was in danger, but the Stonelaw quickly settling down to work, reversed affairs and during the first half they had some excellent chances of scoring, which was rendered futile owing to the softness of the ground. During the last half Stonelaw pressed their opponents very hard. The Thornhill occasionally breaking away with one run of special solo being made by Mitchell ending in a fine shot at the goal which was well saved by the goal keeper. On the ball being returned it was well carried up field by Whitson and centred it to Reid who neatly shot it through the goal. The Stonelaw after this had many chances at goal but failed to score further. For the Thornhill Messrs Torrance, Tennent and Mitchell showed good forward play and Jackson as back played well. For the Stonelaw Messrs Whitson, Young and Reid shone conspicuously; the back play of Messrs Rodger and Baker being very effective. In fairness we may add that the Thornhill for the first half played one man short. Teams: Thornhill – Goal - Naismith: backs, Downie and Jackson; half backs Adamson and Cochrane: forwards Torrance, Tennant, Mitchell and Fairless: Minto (captain). – Stonelaw: - goal Gardiner: backs Rodger and Baker: half backs Wright and Morton: forwards Whitson, Perry, Reid, Young, Guthrie and Rodger. The 2nd eleven of the above clubs played on Saturday at Gallowflat and after a well contested game ended in favour of Thornhill by one goal to nothing. The goal being taken a few minutes before time was called.

01st April 1876

Thornhill (Blantyre) v Stonelaw (Rutherglen). The return match with the above clubs which was looked forward to with some interest, took place on the ground of the latter at Gallowflat on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for the Stonelaw by three goals to one. The weather being fine and a good number of spectators turned out to watch the game. On the ball being kicked off, the Stonelaw at once showed their superiority. With the play being mostly confined in the territory of the Thornhill. A little before half time was called, the Stonelaw scored their first goal by a fine shot from the foot of Davidson, who along with Guthrie, played an exciting passing game. During this half Thornhill occasionally broke away but failed to score owing to the good back play of their opponents. On ends being changed, the play for the first ten minutes was pretty equal. As this time Minto for Thornhill had a good run and cleverly passing the ball to Torrance. It was neatly shot through the goal, lowering for the first time this season the colours of Stonelaw. Many good shots being averted by their good goal keeping. Stonelaw after this secured another two goals. One from a

maul and another from a fine shot by Whitson, this leaving them victors by three goals to one. For the Thornhill, Minto, Torrance and Tennant (forwards), and Davidson (back), did good work. While for Stonelaw the play of Whitson, Davidson, Young, and Guthrie (forwards), and Wright and Rodger (backs) was splendid. The 2nd elevens of the above clubs played their return match at Blantyre. The game ending in a victory for Stonelaw by four goals to one. The goals being kicked as follows: Stewart 2, W.Brown 1, and Brown 1. – The goal for Thornhill being kicked by Barr. The winning club had the best of the game throughout.

08th April 1876

Albert (South Side) v Clydebank (Rutherglen). This match was looked forward to with some interest. It took place on the ground of the former and resulted in favour of Clydebank by one goal to nothing. On the ball being kicked off, the Clydebank showed their superiority and the play was mostly confined to the Albert territory. Before half time the Clydebank had scored a goal by a beautiful kick from Waters. The Albert broke away several times but failed to score owing to the good play of their opponents. On ends being changed, the play was very equal.

15th April 1876

Loyal Thistle (South Side) v Clydebank (Rutherglen). This match between the above clubs was played at the ground of the latter at Dalmarnock Bridge, and resulted in favour of Clydebank by two goals to nothing. During the first half the play was pretty equal and Gardner for Clydebank got some fine runs in the centre. Just before half time the first goal was scored by J. Graham from a beautiful shot that touched the tape and went under. On ends being changed, Clydebank pressed their opponent's very much and they only got away once or twice but were quickly checked by the backs. A little before time was called the second goal was scored by a fine kick by R.Gilchrist who had played splendid the whole day. The return match between the Albert and Clydebank will be played on the ground of the latter today (Saturday) kick off 4p.m.

22nd April 1876

Albert (Queens Park) v Clydebank (Rutherglen). The return match between the above clubs was played on Saturday last on the ground of the latter, and returned in favour of the Clydebank by four goals to nothing. The toss was won by the Albert, who chose to play with wind which was very strong. On the ball being kicked off, Albert seemed as if they would take their opponent's goal by storm, but their attempt was frustrated by the excellent play of the opponent's

backs, and the ball was kicked down the field. They again brought it away and a shot was made for the Clydebank, but it went wide of its mark and went past. For some time after this, Albert kept the ball on their opponent's ground, except an occasional run by Brown for the Clydebank. Shortly before half time Gilchrist and Gardner for the Clydebank got the ball and passing splendidly to one another took it down to the Albert's goal where Gilchrist centred it finely to Gardner who put it through. Just after this half time was called. On the ends being changed, the ball was at once taken to the Albert's territory, where the play was mostly confined during the rest of the game. The second goal was taken by a good shot from Gardner. After the Albert had brought it away, it was taken back, and D.McLean took the third goal by a good screw kick. After that the Albert began to despair about scoring and made a great effort, but it was no use, and the ball was taken back. Shortly before time was called, a hand was allowed for the Clydebank near to the Albert's goal. The kick was given to Graham who shot it well in under the tape, and one of the Albert's backs in an attempt to kick it out, was charged through along with the ball by Gardner. For the Clydebank, Gilchrist, Brown, and Gardner amongst the forwards, Graham at half back, and White and Steve at the back, played well. For the Albert, Maxwell, J.Reid and Beanland amongst the forwards and Webster and Reid at the back, were the best.

07th October 1876

Shotts v Stonelaw. Played on the ground of the latter at High Crosshill, Rutherglen on Saturday last, and resulted in an easy win for the Stonelaw by three goals to nothing. The Shotts club won the toss and chose to play with the wind, but on the ball being kicked off it was quickly returned to Shotts territory and there followed some clean shots and scrimmages at their goal. During the first half the Stonelaw pressed their opponents very closely, but only one goal was taken. On ends being changed the Stonelaw with the wind in their favour, once more carried the ball down the field, and during the latter half shots at goal came thick and fast. The Shotts had very few runs and it was only by their playing a good defensive game that limited the number of goals taken by their opponents to three. The weather for the above match was not very favourable, there being a strong wind from the east, but there was a good turnout of spectators, and it was altogether a very enjoyable game. This is the Stonelaw's first match, and also cup tie, for the season, and as they showed very good form on Saturday. It is expected that they will prove worthy opponents to some senior clubs with whom they have arranged a list of matches.

14th October 1876

2nd Mount Vernon v Clydebank. A match was played last Saturday on the ground of the latter and resulted in favour of the former by one goal to nothing, which was obtained five minutes before time was called. The Clydebank team played very hard and determined, as also did their opponents who were much heavier. Clydebank are due to meet Albert today (Saturday) at their ground at Dalmarnock Bridge. Kick-off is 3.45hrs.

21st October 1876

Albert v Clydebank. This match was played on Saturday last at their ground of the latter and resulted in their favour by four goals to nothing, kicked by J.Steven, A.Gardner, D.McLean, and W.May. The following match will be played today (Saturday) on the Clydebank ground when they met the 2nd Thornhill from Blantyre.

28th October 1876

Linwood v Clydebank. This game was played in the ground of the latter at Rutherglen, and resulted in their favour four goals to none.

04th Nov 1876

Crosshill Rangers v Clydebank (Rutherglen). This match took place on the ground of the former in the Queens Park on Saturday last, and resulted in favour of the Clydebank. For some time after play was commenced the play was pretty equal. The first goal was secured by a fine shot from James Steven. Sometime after A.Gardner had a shot for goal that struck the tape but was disputed whether it went over or under. The second goal was obtained by James Steve a few minutes before half time. During the second half although Clydebank pressed their opponents very hard, no goals were obtained owing to the excellent play of the Rangers backs – the match thus ended in favour of Clydebank by two to none.

11 Nov 1876

Clydebank v St.John's Hamilton. This game was played on Saturday last on the ground of the former at Dalmarnock Bridge. During the first half of the game the paly was pretty equal, nothing of note occurred with the exception of an occasional by the forwards of St.John's who were very swift and played well together. When the ball was kicked off at half time by Bennie of Clydebank it was by D.Wilson then McLean who obtained the ball, ran swiftly up to the strangers goal, passed it to Gardner who put it through. Shortly after Lightbody of the St.John's ran the ball down, and passing the half backs, took a splendid

shot at goal that went under the tape. A few minutes after this time was called. Thus after one of the swiftest matches played by the Clydebank, it resulted in a draw. O'Dair for the Clydebank played exceedingly well.

25 Nov 1876

Cathcart v Clydebank (Rutherglen). This match came off on Saturday last at Dalmarnock Bridge, and after a well contested game, resulted in favour of Clydebank. On the ball being kicked off, the play was equal and continued so up to half time. Shortly after that, Gardner had a run nearly from goal to goal, and taking the ball well into goal, a "scrimmage" took place there, which resulted in Gardiner with his head. The goal was however disallowed by the umpire, owing to the ball being fouled before going through, After this another "scrimmage" took place which resulted this time in a goal, kicked by D.McLean. The match thus resulted in favour of Clydebank by one goal to none. Urie played well as a forward for the Cathcart. Adair playing well as half back for Clydebank. The Clydebank met the Ingram today at the Dalmarnock Bridge. A good match is expected.

02 December 1876

2nd Stonelaw v 2nd Townhill. This match, despite the unsatisfactory weather, came off at the ground of Stonelaw at High Crosshill on Saturday. The Stonelaw winning the toss chose to play with the wind in their favour. The ball being kicked off by the Townhill was at once returned by the Stonelaw backs and for some time the play was kept pretty much in the strangers territory and their goal was several times in danger. About ten minutes to four J.C.Reid, who was ably supported by Hunter in the centre, ran the ball well down the field and, passing the backs, managed by a long shot at goal to lower the Townhill colours for the first goal. After this the play was pretty equal until half time. When ends were changed and the wind now being in the strangers favour. ** Cannot read the remainder of this report due to print being smudged **.

09 December 1876

2nd East End v Clydebank. This match took place on the ground of the Clydebank at Dalmarnock Bridge last Saturday. The Clydebank having won the toss they chose to play with the wind. Shortly after the game commenced the ball was run down to the goal of the East End and well put through by Miller. On the ball again being kicked off by the East End, it was well returned by the half backs, and run down the left side by Gilchrist, who played well the whole of the game. It was handed by one of the forwards of the East End just before their goal, Gilchrist took the shot and lifted it well over the other end of the

goal, and it was headed through by G. Miller, but it was disputed as to whether his head was the goal or not before touching the ball. The next goal was well obtained by James Steven. After this half time was called – the strangers now having the wind in their favour, but they had not succeeded in obtaining a goal. The game thus resulted in a victory for the Clydebank by two goals and a disputed one to nothing. The back play of Clydebank was good, as also was that of the East End.

23 December 1876

Stonelaw v Clydebank. This match did not come off due to Stonelaw failing to appear.

20 January 1877

Cathcart v Clydebank. The return match between these clubs was played at Cathcart on Saturday, and after a very hard game resulted in a draw, neither side obtaining a draw. The Cathcart had five members of the surrounding senior clubs playing with them. The excuse the Cathcart club gave for this was that their own members would not turn out to play on such a bad day. For the Cathcart the back play was good. Urie (captain) and Blair of the Busby T.C. played well among the forwards. For the Clydebank, Little played splendid among the forwards, and Adair and Brown played excellently in the back ground.

27th January 1877

2nd Lennox (Dumbarton) v 2nd Stonelaw (Rutherglen). This match was played on Saturday last on the ground of the latter at High Crosshill. The weather being extremely fine a number of spectators turned out to witness the game. At half past three o'clock the Dumbarton team arrived on the ground, and by their appearance, a victory for them seemed inevitable. Owing to the lateness of the day it was agreed to play only for an hour. During the first half of the game the home team had the best of it, and, for the most part, confined the ball in the vicinity of their opponent's goal. The same may be said of the strangers during the second half. Throughout the game the play was concentrated near the west goal, this owing to the softness of the ground, being the weakest point of attack. When time was called no goals had been secured by either side, the game ending in a draw. Both sides played well together, and, although a drawn game, the home team surprised their most sanguine expectations. A local match will be played today (Saturday) between the Clydebank and the 2nd Stonelaw on the ground of the former.

27th January 1877

1st Stonelaw (Rutherglen) v 1st Lennox (Dumbarton). The match came off on Saturday last at Dumbarton. The Stonelaw having won the toss elected to kick off and a smart tussle at once ensued. The first half of the game was throughout very well contested – the ball being now in the territory of the Lennox and back to that of Stonelaw, until time was called, when it was found that the home team had scored one goal. In the second half of the game the Stonelaw club had unfortunately to play with a man short, and this, combined with the facts that the wind was now against them and that the play of Lennox was very well together and determined, made the struggle a severe one for them to defend their goal. A very hard fought game closed by the Lennox securing four goals and one disputed, and the Stonelaw securing one goal. The return match is to be played shortly in Rutherglen when no doubt the Stonelaw will get together a good team and do their best to redeem their credit by gaining a victory. This (Saturday) afternoon, at three, the Stonelaw meet the Drumpellier Club at High Crosshill, when there will doubtless be a game well worth witnessing.

03rd February 1877

2nd Stonelaw v Clydebank. In presence of between one and two hundred spectators a match came off between the above clubs on Saturday last on the ground of the Clydebank at Dalmarnock Bridge, and after a very swift and exciting game it ended in favour of Clydebank by one goal to nothing. The Clydebank took the goal in the first half against the wind. During the second half of the game the Stonelaw forwards tried again and again to break away, but owing to the splendid play of the Clydebank half backs and backs, they were unable to score. For the Stonelaw, Wallace, Hunter and Ross played well, and for Clydebank Little, Gardner and Adair. – Teams : Stonelaw – Guthrie in goal: Wallace and Bennie, backs : Campbell and Fleming, half backs : Shearer, Andrews, Johnston, Hunter, Ross, forwards : - Clydebank – Connel, goal : Graham and Brown, backs : Millar and Adair, half backs: Gilchrist, May, Little, Gardner, McLean, Millar, forwards.

03rd February 1877

Stonelaw v Drumpellier. This match was played last Saturday at High Crosshill and resulted in a defeat for Drumpellier by one goal to nothing. Although the weather cleared up and gave promise of a bright afternoon, the recent heavy rain left the ground very soft, which tried to the utmost the stuffiness of the different teams. The strangers having won the toss chose to play with the wind in their favour, and on the ball being kicked off, it was

carried well up to their goal, their backs and goalkeeper having for the first five or ten minutes some pretty hot work. After this till the end of half time, give and take were the order of the play, good runs being made on both sides, but nothing scored. But shortly after ends were changed, the Stonelaw with the wind in their favour, by a combined rush of their forwards, scored a goal. This seemed to give more real, for from then till the end of the game they played with greater determination, pressing the strangers very hotly, and trying to the utmost the play of their goalkeeper who played a capital game, saving the goal in splendid style time after time. Despite the fact that the Drumpellier played a man short, the first half showed the home team were superior in play on Saturday. Forbes and Stewart for the Drumpellier made a good run occasionally, but almost never got the length of shooting at goal: in fact the Stonelaw goalkeeper only handed the ball twice during the game. This is the second match the above clubs have played together this season. They have both been pleasant games. The first was won by the Drumpellier by one goal to nothing, so that that they may now be termed equal.

10th February 1877

A match is fixed for today (Saturday) at 3.30 pm on a field at High Crosshill, Rutherglen between the **St.John's Club (Hamilton) and 2ND Stonelaw (Rutherglen)**.

17th February 1877

Ingram v Clydebank. The return match between these two clubs was played on the ground of the former at Queens Park last Saturday, and after a hard and well contested game, resulted in another victory for Clydebank. During the first part of the game there was no goals taken, the play being pretty equal, but after half time Clydebank kept the ball well confined to their opponent's territory and one of the Ingram backs kicked a goal for them. The Clydebank played one man short. The return match between the 2nd East End and Clydebank will be played today at the Glasgow Green.

17th February 1877

St.John's (Hamilton) v 2nd Stonelaw (Rutherglen). These teams met on the ground of the latter at High Crosshill last Saturday to try their respective merits. Some little interest was attached to the game, owing to the St.John's having beaten the Clydebank by three goals to on a former occasion, and the Clydebank having beaten the 2nd Stonelaw by one goal to none three weeks ago. The game began about 3.30 under very favourable circumstances. The weather was fine, and the ground in rather better condition than recently. The captain of the home

team having won the toss, kicked off with a slight breeze in his favour. The ball was well returned by the strangers who tried hard to get past the Stonelaw backs, but to no avail. The game continued through the first half in mid field and when time was called no goals had been secured by either side. With a change of ends, and the wind in their favour, it was thought the strangers would press the home team very hard, but contrary to expectations, the Stonelaw carried the ball right in front of their opponents goal, and there continued it ever afterwards. Shortly after the start of the second half, a hand in favour of the home team was given, and in the ensuing free kick a goal was obtained by Stonelaw. Another goal was kicked not long afterwards by Bennie, but was disputed as having gone over the tape rather than under. A third one was scored just before time was called; the game ending in favour of the 2nd Stonelaw by two goals and a disputed one to none. It would be unfair to particularise any of the 2nd Stonelaw as having played better than the others, as all of them played remarkably well. It is only right to say that for the St.John's, Messard, Beaney, and A.Lightbody made several good runs.

A match will be played today (Saturday) between the Wanderers (Govan) and the 1st Stonelaw (Rutherglen) on the grounds of the latter and by the kind permission of Mr.Gemmel, Fishecoates Farm (?), and another game will be played between the 2nd Mount Vernon and 3rd Stonelaw teams on one of his fields.

24th February 1877

The Stonelaw Football Club held their first conversation and ball in the Town Hall on Thursday evening. The following, among other gentlemen, were present: Provost King : ex-provost Scouler : Baillies Hamilton and Pinkerton : Councillors Connell and Fleming: and Mr.Gray, Town Clerk. During the evening, Mr.Perry, Secretary of the club, submitted a report on the general statistics of the club. Provost King, in return, thanked Mr.Perry for his report, and recommended the young ladies present to the gentleman of the club as honourable and smart young men. A most enjoyable was spent by a large and select audience. Towards the close of the assembly, ex Provost Scouler thanked the gentlemen of the club for having provided such a social and agreeable evening. The hall was tastefully decorated with flags and evergreens. The Stonelaw Football Club is to be congratulated on their first annual conversation and ball.

24th February 1877

The match between **Clydebank and the 2nd East End** clubs did not come off last Saturday, owing to the latter not being able to put forward a team. Today (Saturday) a match is to take place between the Clydebank and Warwick clubs at Dalmarnock Bridge. The secretary of the Clydebank Club writes us as follows : In your issue of last Saturday, I observed from the report of the 2nd Stonelaw v St.John's football match, that the latter had beat the Clydebank (Rutherglen) by three goals to one. I beg to state that when this game came off it was considered by both clubs to be a friendly game, not a match, owing to the Clydebank only having nine men, five of them being 2nd eleven members, and it being a very wet day – New Year's Day. The Clydebank played the St.John's in a match in November 1876, which ended in a draw, and the return match should have been played on the 3rd February 1877, but it was a very wet and stormy day and did not come off, but the match is now fixed for the 25th April at Hamilton, when a good match is anticipated, seeing as it is the closing match of the season for both clubs.

24th February 1877

Stonelaw v Wanderers. This match was played last Saturday on the Stonelaw's ground at High Crosshill. It was played under more favourable circumstances than the last. The ground being in better condition and the weather all that could be desired, consequently there was a large turn-out of spectators. The ball was set in motion by the Wanderers, who carried it at once into the opposition's territory where, after being mauled and throw in, it was carried away in fine style by the Stonelaw centre forwards, after which some good open play was shown, until about 15 minutes after the kick off, the Stonelaw by some good passing play, secured their first goal. The Wanderers, who played a good game in the first half, but were severely pressed during the latter half. They were very seldom getting well up field except for a free kick for hand. The Stonelaw obtained before time was called, another two goals and one disputed to nothing. So the match ended in an easy victory for the home team by two goals and one disputed to nothing. The two backs for the Wanderers played a capital game. For Stonelaw, Gardner (half back) and Morton (back) did capital service, while Whitson and Stevenson on the right had some good runs and showed rare dodging.

03 March 1877

This one is a bit odd. These reports are in the newspaper dated **03rd March 1877**, but the date against the match comments shows a date of **24 February 1877**.

Stonelaw Smokers v Non Smokers. The return match of the above teams was played last Saturday at High Crosshill, but owing to the wind and rain, the game was stopped about twenty minutes before time was up. Each team scored a goal with the wind in their favour. This match will be resumed on the 31st of the month. A match will be played today (Saturday) between the 1st Stonelaw and the 1st Mount Vernon on the ground of the latter, and by kind permission of Mr.Love of Burnside, the return match between the Clydebank and the 2nd Stonelaw will be played on the field next to the Burnside Lodge.

03 March 1877

Warwick (Glasgow) v Clydebank. This game came off last Saturday on the ground of the latter at Dalmarnock Bridge, under very unfavourable circumstances with the wind being very strong. The Clydebank having won the toss, they chose to play with the wind, and during the first half of the game they kept the ball confined to their opponent's territory. Successive good shots were made for the Warwick goal, but they either went over or by the goal post. After half time the Warwick showed their superior strength and weight, and they now having the wind in their favour succeeded in scoring two goals to nothing, thus ending in a victory for the strangers. The return match of 2nd Stonelaw v Clydebank will be played this Saturday afternoon on the ground of the former at High Crosshill.

10th March 1877

2nd Stonelaw v Clydebank. The return match of the above clubs was played on Saturday last on the ground of the Stonelaw in presence of several hundred spectators. The first match was played at Dalmarnock Bridge, and after a keen contest, Clydebank were victorious by one goal to nothing. The Clydebank winning the toss chose to play down the hill and the Stonelaw kicking off, it was well followed up, but was returned by the Clydebank backs, and taken down the field by Little. After some give and take play, mostly confined to Stonelaw territory, a "hand" was claimed for the Clydebank, but the Stonelaw umpire disallowed it, and immediately after, by a very smart shot from Shaughnesay, the ball was sent through the Stonelaw goal. After the next kick off, the Clydebank soon brought the ball back and had a number of shots for their opponents goal, none, however, proving effective. Ends being changed, and each end having secured a goal, it looked very black for the Clydebank with the ground against them. The ball was kicked off and it was now Clydebank's turn to assume the defensive. Again and again the Clydebank goal was besieged

but was always relieved by the excellent kicking of the backs. About ten minutes before time, by a beautiful run, Little brought the ball up to the Stonelaw goal, and on being tackled by the goalkeeper, passed it to W.May who shot it through. A dispute arose about this goal, the Stonelaw affirming that the ball went over, but the Clydebank umpire gave his decision that the ball went under. The Stonelaw then refused to play, and left the field. The Clydebank immediately following seven minutes before time was up. For the Stonelaw, Stewart, Ross and Wallace played well, and for the Clydebank Gilchrist, Shaughnesay and Millar in goal, but the feature of the match was the forward play of W.Little for the Clydebank with his “dribbling” and “dodging” being superb.

17 March 1877

2nd Hamilton v Stonelaw 2nd. This match was played on Saturday last on Mr.Love’s field at Burnside and was one of the best games by the 2nd Stonelaw team this season. At the outset of the game the home team played downhill with the wind in their favour but only succeeded in taking one goal in the first half. In the beginning of the second half the strangers took their first goal, but they did not carry out their success, as the 2nd Stonelaw team took another two goals against the wind while they only added another to their score. The game ended in a win for the 2nd Stonelaw by three goals against two, and was very pleasant throughout. Messrs A.Cassels and Hinds played well for the 2nd Hamilton, and Shearer, Johnstone and Andrews played well for the 2nd Stonelaw.

17 March 1877

Warwick v Clydebank. The return match between these clubs was played last Saturday on the ground of the former at Queens Park. The Warwick took two goals to none from Clydebank three weeks ago, and it looked very black for the latter on Saturday as they only had nine men, but contrary to expectations, the game resulted in a draw, neither side obtaining a goal. John Steve, Gilchrist, Millar and Gardner, played very well for the Clydebank. The back play of Warwick was good.

The following office bearers were appointed for the coming cricket season at a general meeting of the Clydebank, viz:- President Thomas Millar, Captain, George Millar, Vice Captain John Connell, Treasurer James Christie, Secretary Wm May. J.Stevens, D.McLean, and R.Gilchrist members of the committee.

31 March 1877

1st Stonelaw v Eastern. This match has been fixed to play today (Saturday) on the new ground of Stonelaw in Burnside, and although Eastern occupied the enviable position of being one of the “ crack “ clubs in Glasgow, their younger opponents may be expected to make a good match of it.

14 April 1877

Grand Football Match. It will be seen from our advertising columns that a grand football match is to take place at Rutherglen on the ground of the Stonelaw Club for the benefit of the Broomhill Home for Incurables. The clubs who are to compete on the occasion are well matched and will doubtless play a keenly contested game; but apart from this, the worthy object they have should ensure them a large turn-out.

21 April 1877

Woodlands v Clydebank. The return match between the clubs was played at Dalmarnock Bridge Saturday last. The Woodlands having won the toss chose to play down field with a breeze in their favour, and sometimes after the ball was kicked off they worked down to the Clydebank goal, when Harley shot through, but he being “ offside “ , it was not allowed, and the ball was kicked off from the goal. Nothing further happened up till the latter end of the game when one of the Woodlands backs on trying to “screw” the ball out, shot it through. Shortly after this time was called, this resulting in a win for the Clydebank by one goal to nothing. For the Woodlands, Harley and McKay played well, while for Clydebank Little, Gilchrist and G.Millar goal, played exceedingly well.

28 April 1877

Westburn v Clydebank Juniors. A football match between the above teams was played Saturday last at the ground of the latter. The play was pretty even up till 10 minutes before time was called when Clydebank Juniors broke off and pressed their opponents so much that the ball was kept chiefly on their territory, and continued so till a minute or so before time was called when one of the Clydebank Juniors shot the ball through their opponents goal. Thus the match ended in favour of the Clydebank Juniors by one goal to nothing.

05 May 1877

Scratch team of Hamilton club v Clydebank. The Clydebank journeyed to Hamilton on Saturday last to play the return match with the St.John’s, but instead of being escorted to their ground, they were taken to that of the Academical’s Athletic and Football Club, there to meet a scratch of Hamilton

clubs, and as was to be expected under the circumstances, the Clydebank suffered a defeat by two goals to nothing. The Hamiltonians won the toss and played downhill with a very strong wind in their favour, and during the first twenty minutes they secured the two goals. But from that up to half time although they pressed the Clydebank very hard they were unable to score further, owing to the good defence of the Clydebank goal-keeper, backs and half backs. Ends being changed it was now the turn of the home team to get it hot. All through the second half the Clydebank the Clydebank, although by far the lightest team, seldom allowed the ball to pass mid-field, but all their efforts to score failed owing to the splendid goalkeeping of Mackintosh. It is rather unfortunate that the Clydebank brought so successful a season, as they have had, to a close with a loss but out of twenty one matches played this season this is only the third time they have left the field beaten. For the Hamilton, Mackintosh at goal, Wilson, back, and Blaney, Ferguson and Smellie, forwards, played well and for the Clydebank, G.Miller goal-keeper, T.Miller, back, Adair, half back, and Gardner and Little, forwards. The Clydebank will open their cricket season on Saturday May 12th by playing a friendly game with the old Stonelaw Cricket Club.

12th May 1877

The Charity Football Match. – We understand that as a result of a match between **Hamilton and Stonelaw Football Clubs**, the committee have handed over to the Broomhill Home for Incurables nearly nine pounds. This is very gratifying, considering the bad weather on the day of the match, and had it been more favourable there is no doubt, this would have been doubled.

12th May 1877

Greenbank Football Club. At a meeting of this club held on Monday last, the following were elected office bearers for the ensuing season. Captain, John Muir; Vice captain, Robert Brown; Treasurer, John Bryce; Secretary, James Kirkwood. We understand the first match of the Greenbank Club will take place on their ground at Eastfield, today (Saturday), when they will meet with a team from Westburn Football Club.

19th May 1877

Clydebank Juniors v Westburn. Played on the ground of the former, and after a well contested game, resulted in victory for the Juniors by two goals to nothing.

01st September 1877

The Stonelaw Football Club meet for the first time this season on Saturday first when a game will be played between the probables and the improbable teams in order to decide who shall constitute the first eleven. The first match of the season will be played at Burnside on Saturday 15TH.

29th September 1877

At a general meeting of the **Clydebank Football Club** held on Wednesday night, it was agreed that the club rent the ground they lately occupied at Dalmarnock Bridge and propose opening it with a match on Saturday 06th October.

29th September 1877

The **Stonelaw** played their second match on Saturday last, their opponents being **Port Glasgow**. The game that started considerably later than advertised owing to the non-appearance of the strangers, was very pleasant throughout, and resulted in a complete victory for the home team. Port Glasgow, winning the toss chose to play with the wind, and Gardener kicked off. For a short time at the start the game was pretty even, but as the teams settled down to work it became apparent that Stonelaw was having the best of it, as the strangers seemed unable to keep them out from their goal. Shot after shot was made at it, but a repetition of last Saturday's work ensued, and many good runs into the mouth of the goal were fruitlessly lost by the forwards kicking the ball high over the posts. A few corner kicks were obtained against the Port Glasgow, and one of them was cleverly breasted through by Crumbie. Shortly after this half time was called and on play being resumed, the ball was soon in front of the Ports goal and this half more success attended the Stonelaw's efforts, and the strangers were closer pressed than ever. Whitson scored the second goal, and Andrews quickly increased this number to three. Some fine passing was now exhibited and Maltman very cleverly took the fourth and fifth goals. Nothing else occurred and when time was called Stonelaw had won five goals to none. The stone play off their first cup tie this season with the Airdrie at Burnside today at four o'clock and an exciting game is anticipated. The Rutherglen Brass Band will turn out for this Saturday afternoon promenade and play a selection of music in the park.

06 October 1877

Stonelaw Juniors V Cambuslang Juniors. – The Stonelaw Juniors and Cambuslang Juniors played a match of football on Saturday last on the ground of the former and resulted in their favour by eight goals to nothing. Goals

kicked by : J.Thomson : T.Potter: H.Potter (2): A.Steven (2): T.Stevenson (2).

The **Stonelaw** played in the Association Cup tie against the **Airdrie Football Club** on Saturday last at Burnside. After a very exciting game, time was called when each team had not scored a goal. The match thus ended in a “draw “.

13 October 1877

On Saturday last, the **2nd Stonelaw** played their first match of the season against the **2nd Drumpellier** on the ground of the latter. It had previously been arranged that the 1st eleven of the Stonelaw was to open the ground of the Drumpellier on that date, but owing to the Drumpellier having to play a cup tie , the 2nd elevens who were to play at Burnside, met at Drumpellier. On the arrival of the 2nd Stonelaw at the Drumpellier ground, their light appearance contrasted strongly with their opponent’s heavy weight, but as will be seen appearances are deceitful. The 2nd Drumpellier having won the toss, set their opponents to play up hill. Immediately after the kick off Hunter followed up the ball, which was carried in front of the Drumpellier fortress, where a hand was given against them, and in the free kick that followed, Hunter scored the first goal within two minutes of the start. The game now took a livelier form, and although the Stonelaw confined the ball in their opponent’s territory, the Drumpellier broke away and with a fine long shot scored a goal which placed them on equal footing. On restarting from the centre of the field, the Stonelaw, by smart passing, managed to get in front of their opponents goal, but failed to score. Again and again they tried to get the ball through, but to no purpose, and their opponents breaking away carried the ball down the centre of the field from which they succeeded in placing a second goal to their credit. Nothing further transpired until half time, the game at that time being in favour of Drumpellier by two goals to one. With a change of ends, Stonelaw played a very skilled game all through the second half, and confined the play to their opponent’s territory. Great amusement was caused by little Gilchrist successfully dodging one after another of his opponents. About twenty minutes from the finish Menzies scored a goal a goal for Stonelaw making both sides equal. Five minutes later Preston scored another and immediately on the back of it Gilchrist got away with the ball and centred it to Hunter who headed it through. In the finish of the game Drumpellier were fairly done up, and unable to get away from their goal until a few minutes before time when they carried the ball into the teeth of their opponents goal, but failed to score. At the close of the game the score stood as follows: 2nd Stonelaw four goals, 2nd Drumpellier two goals. The united play of Stonelaw was excellent but the individual play of Gilchrist

on their behalf is worthy of praise. Miller played well for Drumpellier, but as a whole their team was very slack. The game was witnessed by about two hundred spectators. Today (Saturday), the 1st Stonelaw play their undecided cup tie against the Airdrie, on the ground of the "Partick" at Partick, and the 2nd eleven will meet 2nd Milngavie at Milngavie.

20 October 1877

Rising Star v Greenbank Juniors: played on Wednesday and resulted in one goal to nothing for the Rising Star. Woods kicked the goal. W.Ramsey and Robert Robertson played well for the Rising Star.

Stonelaw (Rutherglen) v Airdrie (Undecided Cup Tie). This tie was played on Saturday at Inchview, and resulted in a win for Stonelaw by two goals to none. Teams: Stonelaw : Goal, J.B.Whitson; backs: John Wallace, Wm Shearer; half backs; Colin Gardner (captain), Jas.C.Reid; forwards; W.Whitson, J.Crumbie, J.Menzies, Jas.Andrew, Jun; K.Hunter, D.perry. - Airdrie: Goal, Hugh Macnife; backs, F.McRorie (captain), Patrick Skelton ; half backs Daly, J.Skelton; forwards ; W.Skelton, J.Delaney, Hendry, J.Delaney, E.Hendry and Maclaughlan.

27 October 1877

New Football Club: the game of football is spreading in popularity and another new club, we have just learned, has been formed in Rutherglen. It is to be called, "**Burgh Thistle**". And is to play its first match today (Saturday). The following are office bearers: David Chalmers, Captain; Wm.Chalmers, vice-captain; Walter Alison, treasurer; Robert Robertson, secretary.

Glengowan Worthies v Stonelaw, Rutherglen. The second cup tie of the above clubs took place on Saturday last on the ground of the former, and resulted in favour of the home team by three goals to one. The day was a most desirable one, there being little wind and the weather dry. Unfortunately the ground was somewhat soft owing to the rainfall the day previous. A large number of spectators from Airdrie, Clarkston, and district, had gathered to witness the match, a keen contest being anticipated from the fact the Stonelaw having gained considerable celebrity in the game, and also veterans in the art. The local team, although not equally so good, nevertheless, had shown well in front during the season. The start, rather late, was effected at 4.25p.m. the home captain having won the toss selected to play with the slight hill in favour. The ball, kicked off by Stonelaw, was smartly returned to centre, where it was kept in active motion. Here, the strangers, in extreme good nature, were indefatigably persistent in their liberality to treat the home team to a taste of

their leather, and who, repudiating such kindness and not to be outdone in generosity, refused acceptance, and in their turn were also vigorously kind in their efforts to treat the strangers. The praiseworthy spirit continued with unabated vigour till nigh twenty minutes past time, when the home forwards, refusing all denial, however strenuous, made a gallant dash into the Stonelaw territory, and making many able attempts to score, which being skilfully repulsed by the strangers, resulted in a corner kick, which entrusted to Cumming, with his usual precision planted the ball neatly in the centre from where it was handed through by A.Peters thus securing the first goal for the home team. The ball was again sent rolling, the Stonelaw free kick driving it well up the field where, picked up by the opposing forwards, some splendid play ensued, until Morrison and Dickson on the left, breaking away, ran well down and a strong kick for goal by the former, driven out by the keeper, was very cleverly breasted through by Murray of the centre, again lowering the strangers colours. The leather again put in a state of revolution by the strangers, so remained until half time, and ends changed, no advantage having been gained by either side, when a grand display of scientific passing brought the ball into Stonelaw goal confines, and was rapidly shot through by Maguire, which scored goal number three. The expiry of time drawing near, the serious losses sustained by the stranger,, and their chances of scoring now little, nerved then for a final struggle, but despite their best endeavours they could make little way, the darkness fast creeping in retarding the progress on either side. However, as luck would have it, a scrimmage occurring near the home goal, the ball was knocked through barely seen, this scoring the one and only goal for Stonelaw. The names of the home eleven are: Goal, J.Burnett; backs J.Peters (captain) and I.Dudgeon; half backs D.Cumming and J.Harkins: forwards, A.Peters, A.Tait, W.Murray, G.Maguire, J.Morrison and P.Dickson.

03 November 1877

Stonelaw v Cambuslang Villagers. This match was played on the ground of the former and resulted in their favour by six goals to nothing, one of them being disputed. The goals were kicked by A.Allan (2), T.Stevenson (1 and 1 disputed), A.Steven (1), and W.Weir (1). H.Potter and R.Adair played well at the back for the Juniors. The Juniors play a match with Cumbernauld today.

Smokers v Non-Smokers. This football match, which is one of the most interesting of the season, came off at Burnside on Saturday last. The weather was very unfavourable, frequent showers falling during the game, yet notwithstanding, the brass band and a few good spectators turned up to witness

it. The Smokers having won the toss, chose to play with a strong wind in their favour, and immediately on the kick off, the ball was carried into the Non Smokers ground. Some smart passing, followed by a long shot from Andrew, sent the ball spinning between the posts, thus scoring goal Number 1 for the Smokers. Immediately after this a corner kick ensued which was headed against the post by Hay. Bounding back into play, it was caught by Andrew, and smartly shot between the posts, making the second goal for the lovers of the weed. This spurred the non-Smokers up, but till half time was called, there was no further result. On the change of ends, they made several determined attacks, but the backs in the smokers team frustrated all their attempts. A little after this one of the Smokers retired and the Anti Tobacconists plucked up more spirit, but the Smokers were not to be denied, and playing all the more determined because one of their number being disabled, succeeded in scoring a third goal, taken this time by Maltman. Nothing further occurred, and the match ended in a complete victory for the Smokers. Teams. Smokers. Goal, J.B.Whitson, Backs, W.Shearer and A.Thomson, Half Backs, James C.Reid, and D.McGregor, forwards, D.Crumlin, D.McAuslan, J.Andrew, W.Maltman, J.Preston, and W.Hay. NON –SMOKERS: Goal, J.K.Hunter, backs, D.Rodger, and John Wallace, half backs, James Wallace, and A.Rodger: forwards, D.Perry, W.Johnstone, Robert Gilchrist, W.Whitson, J.Menzies, and W. Ross. – The Stonelaw will play today (Saturday) the Clyde at Barrowfield Park: second elevens play at Burnside.

10 November 1877

Clydebank v 2nd Thistle. This match was played on the ground of the former on Saturday last, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team by nine goals to nothing. Six goals taken in the first half and three during the latter part of the game. The Clydebank will meet the 2nd Union today (Saturday) at Dalmarnock Bridge. Kick off starts about 3.30 p.m.

Stonelaw v Clyde. This match was played on Saturday last on the ground of the Clyde at Barrowfield Park and resulted in a draw – both teams scoring a goal. As only seven men of the Clyde put in an appearance the Stonelaw transferred two of their men to make up the team, and the friendly game (for it could hardly be called a match) which ensued was played with nine men a-side. There was nothing very noticeable in the game, which was pretty evenly contested. The goal for Stonelaw was taken pretty cleverly by Walter Whitson and the one against them was put through by their goalkeeper. As for the match between the second elevens of the above clubs, it was a repetition of the first. At Burnside Clyde could only muster six representatives, thus spoiling this match

as well. Several substitutes on the field were got in, sides chosen, and a friendly game was played, which resulted in a draw.

On Saturday first, the Stonelaw will play the second Queens Park at Burnside and from the well-known ability of the players in it, an exciting game may be expected. In fact reports speaks so fair of many of them being almost as good as those in the first eleven, that Stonelaw will have to produce their very best players to face them; and even with that the odds are heavy against them. The second eleven journey to Milngavie to play their second eleven.

17 November 1877

Football is still spreading in popularity in the burgh of Rutherglen. There is a new club commenced this week which is to be called "**The Blue Bells**". The following are the office bearers: James Ramsay, captain: James Young, vice-captain: Robert Peppers, treasurer; Archibald Robertson, secretary.

Caledonian v Clydebank Juniors: This match was played on Saturday on the grounds of the former and resulted in a draw.

Western v Greenbank: This match was played on Saturday last on the ground of the Greenbank at Eastfield, and after a well contested game ended in a draw, each side having scored a goal – that for the Western J.Deans and for the home team by J.Muir. Today the Greenbank meet the Crookston Rangers, from Pollokshields at Eastfield.

Clydebank v Union (Scratch team). – This match came off last Saturday at Dalarnock Bridge. The Union winning the toss chose to play down the field. The ball being kicked off by the Clydebank, it was well returned, by the Union backs and kept about the centre of the field, runs being got on either side, but the superior strength of the Union proved too much for their opponents, and they succeeded in gaining one goal during the first half of the game by A.Gardiner, who, on trying to save the ball, kicked the ball through. Ends being changed, it was thought the Clydebank would now lower the strangers colours; but this they did not succeed in doing, owing to the splendid back play of Beveridge (captain 1st Union), who always lifted the ball high, and the wind being in their favour, they secured another two goals, this resulting in a victory for the Union by three goals to none. James Steven and O.Adair, for the Clydebank, played well, while, as we have said, the back play for the Union was splendid.

2nd Milngavie v 2nd Stonelaw. These clubs met for the first time on the grounds of the former, and the game resulted in a draw greatly in favour of the Stonelaw.

The Stonelaw captain having won the toss, the Milngavie set the ball a rolling, which was immediately returned by the strangers backs. After some give and take play, the Stonelaw forwards ran the ball down to their opponents goal, where it was kept during the remainder of the first half, except occasional runs by the Milngavie, the most prominent being made by Thomson which was only stopped by Gray, the Stonelaw goal-keeper, kicking the ball well out from his goal, when it was immediately taken back to its old quarters, but nothing came of it. On ends being changed, the ball was kept pretty much in mid-field, no advantage being gained by either side during the first ten minutes; but the strangers again getting possession of the ball, it was taken into the mouth of their opponents' goal, in which vicinity it was kept all the second half. For the Milngavie, Eadie and Rennie in the back ground, and Thomson as forward, were their principle supports; while for the Stonelaw, it would be difficult to know who played best. Teams: Milngavie; Goal, Crosbie; backs, Eadie and Logan (captain); Half backs, McQueen and Rennie; Forwards, Thomson, Fleming, McQueen, Steele, Tibbs, and Black. Stonelaw: Goal, Gray; Backs, Wallace and Stevenson; Half backs Rennie and MacGregor; Forwards: Rose, Rennie (captain), Wallace, Preston, Millar, Gilchrist. Today (Saturday) the 2nd Stonelaw play the 1st Craigton Thistle on the ground of the latter.

24 November 1877

Greenbank v Crookston Rangers. This match was played last Saturday on the ground of the former at Eastfield, and after a very one sided game, resulted in their favour by 1 goal to 3, disputed to 1. Today the Greenbank play the Victoria at Eastfield. Kick off about 3.30p.m.

The Clydebank Juniors v the Victoria appear to have played a match on Saturday last on the ground of the Clydebank , but as their respective clubs lodged conflicting reports as to the result, that must remain matter of doubt. According to one account the Clydebank Juniors took one goal, while the other account of the game resulted in a draw.

Stonelaw (Scratch team) v Clydesdale A.R.Club. – This match was played on Saturday last on the ground of the former in Burnside. The day was very unfavourable, and but a few spectators turned out to witness the game. Owing to the lateness of the start, the game only lasted an hour. It was very pleasant all through, and resulted in a win for Stonelaw by one goal to nothing, although only four of their first team were in the team. Today, Saturday, the **Stonelaw** will play the **Ramblers** at Burnside and second elevens to play at Lorne Park, Glasgow.

Stonelaw Juniors v Cumberland. This match was played at Burnside on Saturday, and after a splendid game, the Cumberland succeeded in securing a goal, which was, however, disputed. As two of the Juniors team did not appear they had to supply their places with two second eleven men, this giving the Juniors harder work. The play was very equal, but occasionally the Cumberland forwards got too near to the Juniors goal, which was kept by Lynn, who played splendidly. As the return match will be played soon, it will be expected to have a different result. The Juniors play the Clydebank Juniors today.

1st Craigton Thistle v 2nd Stonelaw (scratch). These clubs met on Saturday on the ground of the Milngavie Football Club, that club having kindly lent their ground to the Craigton, whose ground was rather far away for the length of the day. The game lasted only one hour. The Stonelaw captain having won the toss. The Craigton set the ball in motion against a stiff breeze, when they at once carried the leather into Stonelaw territory, but failed to score, the ball going past the post. The ball having been kicked off from the goal, the strangers forwards got possession and by good passing worked the ball into the ***** remainder of this report cannot be read - ******

01 December 1877

Muirbank v Victoria. These two clubs met on the ground of the latter when a well contested game resulted in favour of the Muirbank by one goal to nothing. The goal was kicked by William McDonald. Thomas McMullan played well for the Muirbank and J.Murray for the Victoria.

Clydebank v Roseknowe. This match was played on Saturday last on the ground of the former, and after a well contested game, resulted in a draw, although the home team had the best of the game, and often had the ball near the strangers goal, but did not succeed in putting it through. For the Clydebank, Gardner, G.Miller and Dickson at goal played well. The back play of Rosknowe was very good. The Clydebank will meet the 2nd Whiteinch today (Saturday) at Dalmarnock Bridge. Kick off at 3.30 p.m.

Greenbank v 2nd Victoria. These two clubs met on Saturday last on the ground of the former at Eastfield. The first half of the game was well contested, and both teams being about equally matched, the ball was kept running from one end of the field to the other. Taylor kicked the first goal for the strangers, and although the home team worked hard, they were unable to score owing to the excellent back play of the Victoria, Gilliespie especially working hard for the strangers. Ends being changed, the ball was speedily brought towards the Victoria goal, and R.Neil sending it between the posts made matters equal.

Shortly after W.S.Tait kicked a second goal for the Greenbank, the game thus ending favour of the home team by two goals to one. Paterson and Gillespie at half back and W.Brown in goal did good service for the home team. Today Greenbank play the Dalmarnock F.C. at Eastfield, and although the latter are the heavier team, a good game is expected.

Stonelaw v Ramblers. This match was played on Saturday last at Burnside, and resulted in a victory for the home club. Owing to the Ramblers not putting in an appearance till nearly an hour after the advertised time of starting, the game barely lasted an hour, and it was almost dark before play was stopped. The game was very pleasant, and although the Stonelaw had nearly all it their own way, still occasionally the Ramblers made a rally to shift the conflict from the vicinity of their own goal. Shortly after the kick off the forwards of the home team made a splendid run up the field, and the ball was sent spinning between the posts, to be stopped by the goalkeeper when nearly a yard through. This goal was protested and as the umpire did not clearly see it, disallowed. Not to be done this way, the Stonelaw team came away with a rush immediately on the ball, being kicked off, Hunter and Menzies taking it up the whole length of the field between them cleverly evading their opponents. When near goal, Menzies made a splendid shot from the left corner, and once more lowered the Ramblers colours. The play after this was very one sided and in about five minutes from the first goal being taken, J.C.Reid made a long shot from the centre, and for the third time the ball was sent clean through the Ramblers goal. On the change of ends, the Stonelaw completely hemmed in their opponents, but as nothing else occurred of any importance, the match ended in a win for the home team by two goals and one disputed to none. Hunter and Menzies, forwards, Shearer, back, and Whitson at goal played well for Stonelaw. Today (Saturday) the Stonelaw should try and conclusions with the South-Western, but as they are forced to play off their cup tie, the match has had to be postponed, although advertised through the town. The 2nd elevens of the above clubs will however meet at Burnside today kick off at three o'clock and the match will doubtless be well contested.

08 December 1877

Victoria v Greenbank Juniors. This match was played on the ground of the latter and resulted in a draw. Jas.Young played well for Greenbank Juniors, and Wm.Chalmers for the Victoria.

Stonelaw Juniors v Victoria. These two clubs met at Burnside and played a match at football on Saturday last, and after a little take and give game, Allan, of the Juniors, got the ball to his feet and ran it through their opponents goal,

which brought down their colours for the first time. The Victoria wrought hard, but were unable to score. About the last ten minutes, Stevenson got the ball and passed it to Allan, who then passed it to Steven, who knocked it between the posts. Nothing however happened until time was called, and the game stood two goals in favour of the Juniors to nothing. The Juniors play the return match with Muirbank today at Burnside. Kick off 3.30 pm.

2nd Stonelaw v 2nd South Western. These clubs met at Burnside on Saturday last. The day was good, but the ground was very soft from recent rains. Play was commenced shortly after three o'clock by the Stonelaw. After the game had proceeded about a quarter of an hour, it was seen that the elevens were pretty equal. During the first half of the game the Stonelaw had rather the best of it, and although the home team had a good many corner kicks, they failed to score. On the ends being changed, the strangers bore down upon the Stonelaw, but were unable to score. About twenty minutes from time, the Stonelaw made a raid into the territory of the South Western and some close work took place at their goal near which a foul occurred: and from the free kick Stonelaw scored a goal. Preston giving the final kick. On the ball being again kicked off, the South Western strove hard to make matters equal, but the steady play of the Stonelaw rendered all their efforts futile. Nothing further occurred worthy of note during the remainder of the game. Thus the Stonelaw were the victors. The 2nd Stonelaw meets the 2nd Port Glasgow on Saturday at Port Glasgow. Teams. South Western. Goal, Allan; backs, Robertson and Kermouth; half-backs, Fraser and McArthur; forwards, Jack, K.McDonald, G.McDonald, Gibson and McRaken (captain). - Stonelaw. Goal, Gray; backs, Wallace and Stvenson; half-backs, McGregor and Bennie, Forwards, Menzies (captain), Miller, Preston, Miller, McAuslin, Hunter, Gilchrist.

15th December 1877

2nd Stonelaw v 2nd Port Glasgow. Played on Saturday on the ground of the latter. The Stonelaw played with eight men during the whole game, which ended in a draw.

Greenbank v Cambuslang. The return match between these two teams was played on Saturday last at Eastfield. Owing to the recent rains, the ground was in deplorable condition; and darkness and rain setting in before the game ended; it could scarcely be termed a "match", good play being simply impossible. The home team had the best of it in the first half, but the Cambuslang, being by far the heavier team, kept the ball well away from their lines in the second half, the game resulting in their favour by four goals to two. Today the Greenbank go to the Crosshill to play the return match with Alma F.C.

Hamilton v Stonelaw. This match was played on the ground of the former on Saturday last and resulted in a win for the Stonelaw by one goal to none, which was taken by James Andrew. Owing to the unfavourable aspect of the weather, only eight of the Stonelaw players turned up to meet the Hamilton, but notwithstanding, they had the game very much their own way, although this disadvantage greatly hindered them from scoring on numerous occasions. For the Hamilton, Messrs Kerr and Hinds, as forwards played a good passing game, but the defence of their goalkeeper was the principle feature of the game. The Stonelaw played well to a man, although the play of Messrs. Shearer and McGregor at half backs, and J.B. Whitson as back and goalkeeper is worthy of special mention. (**Advertisement:** Playing members are requested to turn out for PRACTICE on SATURDAY at 3pm).

05 January 1878

Drumpellier v Stonelaw. This match was played last Saturday at the ground of the former, and resulted in Stonelaw adding another victory to their list. Play commenced about half past three o'clock and the game only lasted an hour. In the first half the Drumpellier, with the hill in their favour put two goals to their credit, whilst the Stonelaw only got one; but in the second half the Stonelaw scored other three goals and the Drumpellier failed to score; the game ended in favour of the Stonelaw by four goals to two. Both sides played very well considering the ground was rather slippery. This being the first encounter between the above clubs this season, although on the fixtures it appears as a return match, the first meeting put off for a cup tie, it is expected that the Drumpellier will endeavour to arrange a second meeting, when a good game may be expected. Today (Saturday) a match will be played at Burnside between the Uddingston and the Stonelaw. Kick off at 3 o'clock.

26 January 1878

Woodburn v Muirbank. These clubs met on Saturday last on Rutherglen Green when the match resulted in favour of Muirbank by two goals to none, and one disputed. The Woodburn played an excellent game throughout but play was stopped half an hour before time was up, on account of a dispute.

Stonelaw 1st v 2nd eleven. The above played the return match between the first and second elevens, which resulted, as formerly, in a draw, no goals being taken. Today the first eleven will play the Mount Vernon on the ground of the latter, while the second elevens will meet at Burnside. Kick off 3.30 pm.

Greenbank v Westburn. On Saturday last a friendly game between these clubs took place at Eastfield. Throughout the game the Greenbank had it all their own way, the ball never coming within forty yards of their goal. The wind blowing across the field made scoring difficult, and though the ball was shot for the Westburn goal every few minutes, it nearly always ended in a bye. Although obtaining several free kicks from fouls, the Westburn had no chance, the game ending in favour of the Greenbank by five goals and one disputed to nothing. Today the Greenbank meets the Clydevale FC from Glasgow on their ground at Eastfield – kick off at 3.30pm.

02 February 1878

The match between the **Stonelaw and Mount Vernon** which was arranged for last Saturday had to be postponed on account of the frost. Today, Saturday, the 1st eleven of the Stonelaw journey to Port Glasgow, whilst the second eleven will meet at Burnside, weather permitting.

Muirbank (Rutherglen) v Lancefield (Glasgow). These two clubs met last Saturday on the Rutherglen Green, and the match resulted in favour of the Glasgow team by two goals and one disputed to nothing. The Muirbank meets the Strathclyde F.C. today from Glasgow, on their ground at Rutherglen Green. Kick off at 3.30.

09 February 1878

Muirbank (Rutherglen) v Clydevale (Glasgow). This match was played on the Rutherglen Green last Saturday, and resulted in favour of the former by five goals to nothing and one disputed. The Muirbank will meet the Greenbank today at Rutherglen Green. Kick off 3.30pm.

Stonelaw Juniors v McDonalds school. This game was played on the ground of the former at Burnside and resulted in their favour by 4 goals to none. The Juniors' always kept their opponents in their own territory, and their backs played well. The goals were taken by Stevenson (2) and Steven (2). The Juniors' will play at Muirbank today.

Greenbank v Clydevale. A match between these two clubs was played last Saturday on the ground of the former at Eastfield. During the first half of the game the Clydevale was hard pressed: Greenbank scoring no fewer than four goals: 2 being kicked by Drummond and 2 by Bournan. During the last half Clydevale wrought hard to score, and although the ball was brought several times into the ground of the home team, they were unsuccessful, and before time was called the Greenbank had added another goal to their number, this

time kicked by R.Neil. The match thus ending in their favour by 5 goals to none. Today the Greenhill meet the 2nd Kelburne from Crosshill.

1st Port Glasgow v 1st Stonelaw. On Saturday last the return match between these two sides was played on the ground of the former, on the heights above Port Glasgow. The fog was so dense in Glasgow and the surrounding neighbourhood that it was feared that the game would require to be abandoned, but on the arrival of the Stonelaw at Port Glasgow the atmosphere was perfectly clear, and the sun shone brightly. Only nine of the Stonelaw team appearing at the ground, two members of the Port Glasgow kindly volunteered their services as substitutes. Play commenced about four o'clock and the game which was exceedingly pleasant, lasted an hour and a half. Port Glasgow won the toss and chose to play up the hill during the first half of the game, with the hope of winding their opponents in the second. The Stonelaw led the attack with the hill in their favour, and continued it until the finish of the first half, during which they placed two goals to their credit. In the second half the Port Glasgow to reverse the order of things and gradually wrought themselves into the teeth of their opponents goal; but the ball was neatly extricated from among their feet by the Stonelaw goalkeeper, Mr. Whitson, and thrown to the side. This was the hottest half of the game as the Stonelaw retained their wind, and had several good shots at their opponents' goal, which were very narrow shaves. Port Glasgow, however, scored a goal, and not long after, the Stonelaw scored one also; but nothing further transpired before the close of the game, which ended in a win for the Stonelaw by three goals to one. McPherson and McNeill played in good form for the Port Glasgow; and Gardner and Hunter played well for the Stonelaw.

Mrs.K.Hunter, Duncan Cottages, Gallowflat, Rutherglen, has been appointed interim Secretary for the Stonelaw Club in place of Mr. J.C.Reid, resigned.

2nd Stonelaw v 2nd Port Glasgow. These club's met on Saturday at Burnside to play their return match. Play did not commence till half past four. The Stonelaw had a slight breeze and the ground in their favour during the first half. Play was started by the Stonelaw, and from the run that followed, the Port's fortress narrowly escaped downfall from the foot of Gilchrist. Up till half time was called the strangers were pressed very much, the ball never crossing the Stonelaw's line once; but owing to the Port Glashow being very much heavier, the home team were unable to score. In the second half it was expected that the Port being so heavy and having the ground and the wind in their favour would have made the play equal, but such was not the case. The second half was much

the same as the first, the ball only crossing the Stonelaw line once. The Port had now to play very hard in defence of their fortress which certainly would have fallen very often had it not been for the fine play of their goalkeeper. The Stonelaw were not to be denied and Ross and Menzies (captain) on the right wing gave them abundance of work; but despite all their efforts to keep the home team back, the ball was put through about ten minutes from time. On the ball being kicked off, the Port tried hard to get down the field, but the ball was sent back to its old place, where it remained until time was called. This the game resulted in favour of Stonelaw by one goal to none.

16 February 1878

Burgh School. Football match. A match was played last Saturday between the first and second elevens of the Burgh Thistle Football Club, which resulted in favour of the first team by one goal and two disputed.

Woodburn v Wellington (Glasgow). Played on the ground of the Woodburn at Rutherglen, and resulted in favour of the home team by three goals to one – ball bursting before time. The Woodburn will meet the Stonelaw Juniors today at Burnside.

The juvenile portion of the community are showing great partiality for the game of football, if we are to judge by the number of clubs in existence in the burgh and district. We have received a note of the starting of another club, to be called the **Argyle**, of which the following are the office bearers. Samuel Thomson, captain; James McKuskar, vice-captain; Wm. Ramsay, secretary; and Cornelius Hunter, treasurer.

South Western v Stonelaw: The South Western Club are to meet the Stonelaw on Saturday first at 4p.m. Lately the South Western beat the 3rd. L.V.R. in the cup tie , but the latter club disputed it, and in the second match, the South Western by two goals to one. Although Stonelaw are not as strong as S.W. doubtless they will make a splendid game of it. The second elevens will meet at Copeland Park to play the return match.

Greenbank v Kelburne. A match between these two clubs was played on the ground of the former at Eastfield. Immediately on the ball being started, it was taken into the ground of the home team and it seemed as if the strangers were going to carry all before them; but after a few minutes play the Greenbank forwards got possession and speedily reversed matters and thus the ball was alternately carried from one end of the field to the other. Birrell on behalf of the Greenbank made a shot for the Kelburne goal and it was knocked out by the goal keeper with his hands, but the Greenbank maintained that it was through,

as the goalkeeper was standing behind the posts; and matters stood thus at half time. Ends being changed, the Greenbank assumed the offensive, but were for a time unable to score owing to the capital back play of the strangers. A hand in front of the Greenbank goal put the home team on their mettle, and a scrimmage arose from the free kick, when J.Muir getting possession of the ball, and passing half backs and backs in capital style sent it through the Kelburne goal, having run from one end of the field to the other. Although the Kelburne made several narrow escapes from goal, there was no further scoring, the match thus ending in favour of the Greenbank by one goal and one disputed to none; Today the Greenbank play the return with the old Victoria on Glasgow Green.

02 March 1878

There was 8 match reports in a new format under a section titled “**Football Matches**”.

Thornliebank v 2nd.3d L.R.V. – Former won by four goals to none.

Arthurlie v 3d L.R.Volunteers. – Played at Dunterlie, Barrhead, and resulted in Arthurlie gaining by two goals to one.

Woodburn v Muirkirk. This match was played on the ground of Woodburn at Rutherglen, and resulted in favour of the Woodburn by two goals to none. The goals were kicked by Wm.Hart and Wm.Simpson.

Cambuslang v Ardayar - The return match between these clubs was played on Saturday last on the ground of the former at Cambuslang, and after a pretty severely contested game, resulted in favour of the home team by four goals to nothing. Goals taken by J.Dunn, J.Buchanan, T.Duncan, and the fourth was put through in a scrimmage.

Berkeley v Greenbank (Rutherglen). This match was played on the ground of the former and resulted in favour of the Berkely by six goals to none. The Berkeley pressed their opponents very hard and scored several times when they came away with a rush. The Greenbank tried to score, but were unsuccessful. Birrell for the Greenbank made great shots at goal but always too wide. J.Muir made fine runs down the field but was always stopped by the beautiful play of the Berkeley’s backs.

Marnley (Thornliebank) v Ailsa (Glasgow). – Played at Culzean Park Pollokshields and resulted in favour of the Aisla by four goals to nothing.

2Nd Cambuslang v 2nd Greenbank. Played at Eastfield and resulted in a draw. The first goal was taken by the Greenbank who played very rough throughout

the whole game. The goal for Cambuslang was taken by Dalrymple who made a splendid shot at goal which the Greenbank goalkeeper caught hold of, but being, it was alleged, a foot or so behind the posts (and he made himself more so by stepping back to throw the ball out). The Cambuslang claimed the goal, but the Greenbank would not give in to it. Play was therefore stopped short about five minutes from time.

Clydebank v 2nd Rosslyn. This match was played at Merkland Park, Partick, on Saturday last. The Rosslyn having won the toss chose to play down the field with the wind in their favour, and on the ball being kicked off, the home team endeavoured to keep it within their opponents territory, but were prevented from doing so by the Clydebank forwards breaking away in fine style taking the ball to their opponents goal. Here however McIntosh took a fine kick down the field. Clydebank won by one goal to none. ** The rest of this report is difficult to clearly read **

09 March 1878

Mayflower (Glasgow) v Westburn. Played on the ground of the latter in Rutherglen and resulted in favour of the strangers by four goals and one disputed to nothing.

Woodburn v Wellinton (Glasgow). Played on the ground of the latter at the Glasgow Green and after a well contested game resulted in favour of the Woodburn by one goal to none. The Wellington made an attempt to make scores equal, but was speedily returned by the strong play of the backs and half backs of Woodburn.

Greenbank v Berkeley. The return match between these clubs was played on Saturday last week on the ground of the latter at Overnewton. Throughout, the game was very unpleasant, the Berkeley playing very roughly, and striving to make up by weight what they wanted in skill. Several times the Greenbank forwards broke away but were unable to score owing to the capital back play of the Berkeley. Twice a halt was called in front of the Greenbank goal and each time the ball was carried through the post by sheer strength. Ends being changed, the Greenbank for a time kept the home team from their lines, but were unable to cope with the superior weight of the Berkeley, and before time was up, the Berkeley scored another goal. The match resulting in their favour by three goals to none.

Stonelaw Smokers v Non Smokers. The return match between the above teams of club was played at Burnside on Saturday 23rd February. The Smokers appeared in white and the Non Smokers appeared in blue and white. This match

fills two dates in the club's list of fixtures annually and there is a great amount of increased interest attached to it. In the early part of the season the Non Smokers suffered their first defeat, but it was confidently expected that the Non Smokers would on this occasion retrieve their good name. The captain of the "whites" having won the toss, chose to play down the hill, with a slight breeze in his favour. This was the most interesting half of the game and some good play was shown by the "blues", but unfortunately their goalkeeper, miscalculating the distance of a long shot made at goal, ran out to meet the ball, which "stotted" over his head and rolled through. In the second half the "blues" pressed their opponents nearly all of the time, with the exception of two fine runs made by the "whites" which was stopped by the opposing goal keeper, but only succeeded in scoring one goal, which made the game terminate in a draw. In this half the "blues" played very loose, which may be accounted for in their having to change their forwards on four occasions in order to supply a goalkeeper, none of the team being accustomed to playing in that post. Messrs Whitson, Shearer, Thomson and McAusland played well for the Smokers; while Messrs Wallace, Stevenson, Menzies, Gilchrist and Perry wrought hard for the Non Smokers. Smokers – J.B. Whitson, goal; A. Thomson (captain) and Wm. Shearer, backs; J.C. Reid and George Bennie, half backs; Crumbie, J. Stevenson, J. Andrew, D. McGregor, Preston, and D. McAusland, forwards: Non-Smokers – D. Rodger and John Wallace, backs; James Wallace and D. Stevenson, half backs; Ross, Menzies, Thot, Whitson, R. Young, D. Perry, J.K. Hunter and R. Gilchrist, forwards.

Fixtures for today (Saturday). 1st Clyde v 1st Stonelaw at Burnside; 2nd Clyde v 2nd Stonelaw at Barrowfield; 1st Greenbank v Woodvale at Queens Park; 2^d Greenbank v Strathclyde at Eastfield.

16 March 1878

Football Matches: We cannot guarantee the insertion of football matches played on Saturday, notices of which only reach us a few hours before publication. This notice applies in all communications which might easily be sent earlier in the week.

23 March 1878

Burnside Juniors (Rutherglen) v Rangers (Cambuslang). This match was played at Burnside on the ground of the former and resulted in a draw, one goal each. The Rangers winning the toss, the ball was kicked off by Burnside and

kept well in the centre until about 15 minutes from half time, when the Juniors scored a goal. The ball was now kicked by the Rangers, but nothing further occurred till changes of ends. The ball being kicked off by the Juniors was kept well in the centre until about 20 minutes after the kick off, the ball was kicked through the Juniors goal by R.Bowman, but some quarrelsome persons who were standing near the goal said that it went over the tape. The Rangers seeing that a quarrel would ensue, put on their clothes and came away.

Rosslyn v Stonelaw. This match was played on the ground of the latter last Saturday. The day was very fine, and on account of a few dry days previous to the match, the ground was in splendid condition. The match was one of the hardest Stonelaw have played this year, and although the number of goals taken were few, yet many good runs were obtained by both sides, which made it more pleasant and exciting to the onlookers. The game ended in a draw each side scoring a goal, both of which were got in the first half. Both teams played well and deserve praise for the manner in which they wrought together.

Caledonian Rangers v Crosshill Rangers. Played at Rutherglen on Saturday and resulted in favour of the former by two goals to one.

Mayfield v Blue Bells. Played at Rutherglen and resulted in favour of the Blue Bells by five goals to none.

Harriet Street Juniors v Bouverie Street Juniors (Rutherglen). These clubs met on Saturday on the grounds of the Harriet Street Juniors. After an exciting game, it closed by the Harriet Street Juniors securing two goals to none.

Muirbank v Rosehill. Played at Southside and resulted in favour of the former by one goal to nothing, kicked by Alex.Edmiston. The goal was disputed, and the Muirbank left the ground.

30 March 1878

Clydebank Juniors v Greenhill Rangers. Played at Rutherglen and resulted in favour of the Clydebank Juniors by five goals to none.

2d Greenbank v 2d Cambuslang. The return match between these clubs was played at Turnlaw. The game throughout was keenly contested, and resulted in a draw – no goals.

Westmuir v Cambuslang. A match was played between these clubs on Saturday last on the ground of the former at Westburn. The result stood after a very pleasant and enjoyable game, in favour of the Cambuslang by three goals to two.

2nd Stonelaw v 1st Craigton Thistle. Played at Burnside on Saturday. The Stonelaw captain having won the toss, the strangers kicked off with the ground in their favour, and in about a quarter of an hour scored a goal. This put the home team on their mettle, and they pressed their opponents till the end of the game, in which time they put two goals to their credit.

Clydebank Football and Cricket Club. – At a meeting of the Clydebank Football and Cricket Club held on Saturday last, the following office bearers were appointed for the ensuing cricket season: John Hamilton, captain; Thomas Muir, vice-captain; James Christie, treasurer; Members of the Committee: A.Gardner, W.Park, R.Shaughnessy, John Connel, and James Steven; Wm McLachlan, secretary.

Stonelaw v Hanover (Edinburgh). This match was played on the East Meadows at Edinburgh. It has been looked forward to with considerable interest by the members of the Stonelaw Club, and hopes were entertained by them that the team sent through to play the return match against the Edinburgh club would reverse the former decision. The game was arranged to commence at half past three o'clock and at the time appointed both teams took the field. Stonelaw played a man short for about half-an-hour, owing to a misunderstanding about the starting time. The captain of the Stonelaw having won the toss, chose to play with the wind in his favour, and with this advantage they were not only able to keep their opponents in check, but began to press down upon them. Several shots were made at goal about this time but the wind which was pretty strong, carried them rather wide. Two corner kicks followed, which were entrusted to Hunter, but nothing came of them – the first was badly placed he having stumbled in the act of kicking it, and the second was a shade too fine, just dropping between the posts beyond the goal line. Immediately after this Hanover relieved their fortress and gradually wrought the ball to the other end, when they lowered the Stonelaw fortress by a long shot. No attempt was made by the goalkeeper to stop it, he apparently thinking the ball was passing outside the goal post. Shortly after this half time was called without any further result. In the second half the ball was kept travelling up and down the field and, several wide shots were made by the Harrow, but about quarter an hour before the finish the Stonelaw determined to make a great effort to score, and by smart dribbling by Young almost pressed the ball through amidst great cheering from the crowd. Up to the close of the game the Stonelaw continued with unabated energy to press their opponents goal, which had many narrow escaped from downfall, but without success. The game ended in the defeat of the Stonelaw by one goal to none. Nearly two thousand spectators witnessed the game, which was said to be the greatest ever witnessed in Edinburgh under the Association

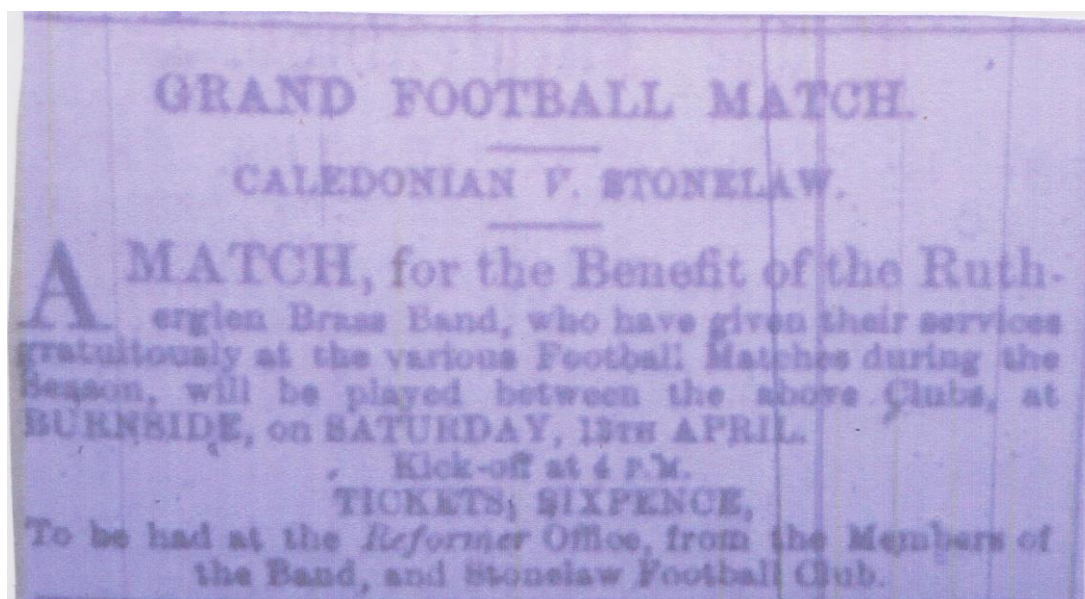
rules. Shortly after the finish of the game, the Stonelaw were entertained to dinner by the members of the Hanover Club. The following members of the Hanover team played well for their Club: Messrs.McKenzie, Masterton, Drennan, Dawson and Barberas also did Messrs.Wallace, Shearer, Reid, Young, and Menzies for Stonelaw. The teams are as follows: - Hanover – Goal, McKenzie, backs, Masterton and Revell, half backs, Dawson and Watson, forwards, Drennan, Goodall, Brown, Findlay, Robertson, and Barber (Captain). Stonelaw, goal J.B.Whitson (Captain), backs J.B.Wallace and Thomson, half-backs, Shearer and Reid, forwards, Maltman, Preston, Andrew Young, J.H.Hunter, and Menzies.

The proposed match today between Stonelaw and 2nd Queens Park, has been postponed.

06 April 1878

Stonelaw Football Club: the annual meeting of the members of this club for the election of the office bearers for this coming year was held in the Town Hall Building. Mr.Robt.Young, jun, in the chair when the following were elected. Provost King, Honorary President: Colin Gardner, President: John R.Reid of Gallowflat, honorary captain: J.K.Hunter, captain: R.Young, jun vice-captain: Donald Campbell, secretary: John Guthrie, treasurer: James Wallace, jun, 2nd eleven captain: John L.Stewart , 2nd eleven Secretary; J.R.Whitson and W.B.Fleming, members of the committee. At the same meeting the club arranged to play a match for the benefit of the Rutherglen Instrumental Band on Saturday the 13th, at Burnside, their opponents on that day being the far famed “Caledonian”, and as this is sure to be a splendid match, it is to be hoped there will be a good turn-out of spectators.

13th April 1878



2nd Rosslyn v Clydebank. These two clubs met last Saturday at Dalmarnock Bridge, and played their return match under most favourable circumstances, the weather being fine and the spectator numerous. It will be remembered that at the last match played at Partick on Feb 23, Clydebank won by 2 goals to nothing. Since then the 2nd Stonelaw (Rutherglen) played the 2nd Rosslyn the match resulting in a draw, this showing the Clydebank to be the superior of the Rutherglen clubs. Great interest was therefore manifested in last Saturday's match, some people thinking that the Clydebank would be unable to keep up their reputation, owing to the splendid form that the Rosslyn had been showing of late. However, those who indulged in this thought were mistaken, as after the fastest and most exciting game played by both clubs this season, the Clydebank again won by one goal to nothing. During the first half the Clydebank played with a stiff breeze in their favour, and kept the ball confined to their opponent's territory all through. They also had numerous shots at goal, but failed to score, the Rosslyn goalkeeper playing splendidly. Ends being changed, the Rosslyn had now the wind with them, which however did not advantage them any as the game afterwards was very even. Twenty minutes from time the Clydebank had a free kick not far from the Rosslyn goal. McGill was trusted with the kick and sending the ball well in, it struck the head of one of the Rosslyn and went through amidst great cheering. This put Rosslyn on their mettle and now ensued fifteen minutes of exceedingly fast, but even play, the ball flowing from one goal to the other with great rapidity. Time was called with the result as above stated. For the Rosslyn, special praise is due to Carswell for the manner he defended his goal, and to McGill and Little of Clydebank. Teams. 2nd Rosslyn. R.Carswell, goal; J.Ness and W.Walker, backs; R.Brown and C.McIndoe, half backs; G.Goudie, J.Harvie, J.McKellar, J.Halkett;

C.Campbell and A.Munro, forwards. Clydebank: G.Miller, goal; J.Brown and J.McGill, backs, James Steven and T.Millar, half backs; A. Gardner, W.May, A.Brown, W.Little, J.Hamilton and R.Shaughnessy, forwards.

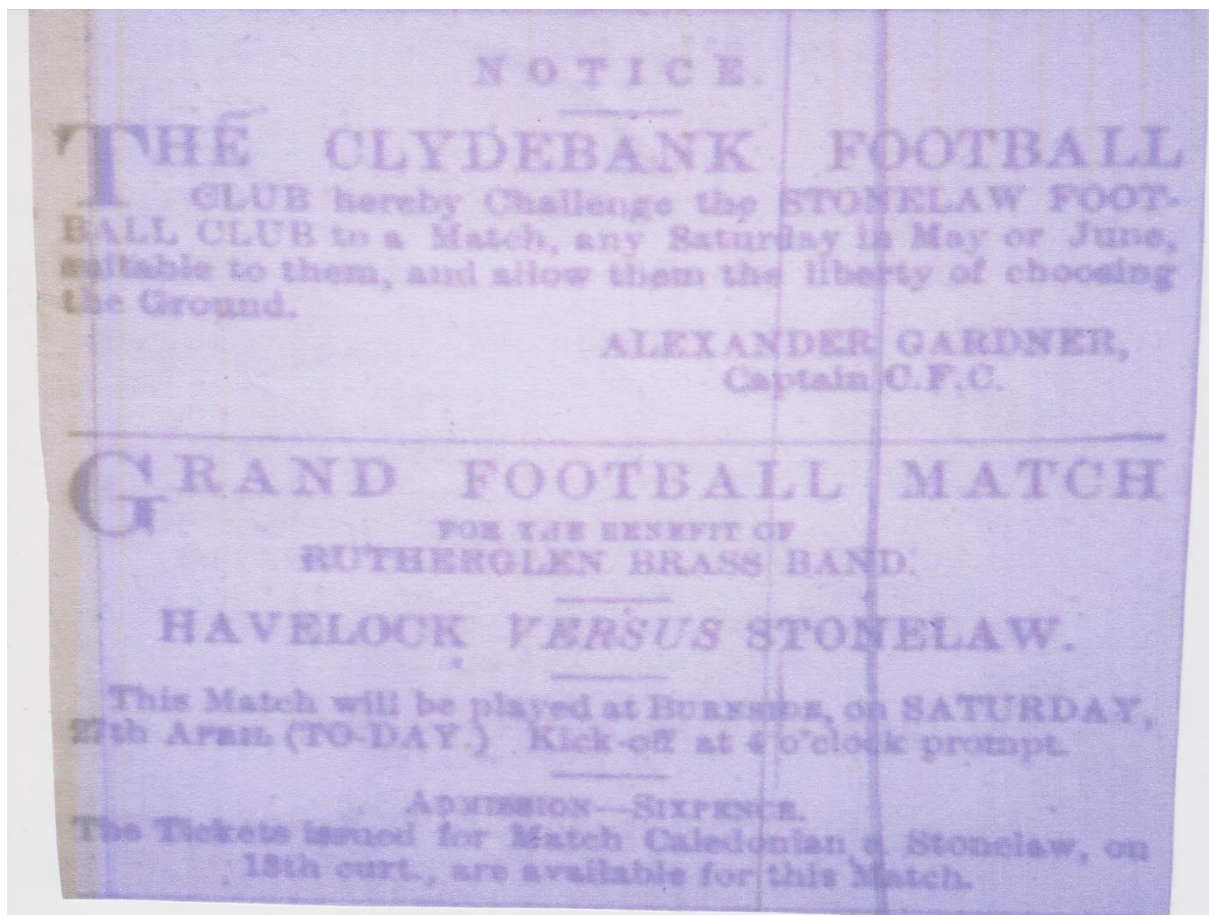
20th April 1878

Stonelaw Football Club: At a committee meeting of this club held on the evening of Tuesday last, it was agreed that this match for the benefit of the brass band to be played on Saturday 27th, and that tickets bearing the date of 13th April are available on the above date. The match was advertised to be played on Saturday last, but was postponed on account of the Caledonian not coming forward owing to the heavy rain falling during the day.

Clydebank v 2nd Rosslyn: Sir, in the report of the match between the Clydebank and the second eleven of the Rosslyn (doubtless written by some of the Clydebank). I find it my duty to criticise one important portion of a very muddled and selfish report. The Clydebank have muddled their report so as to make readers understand that they are the best club in Rutherglen, when it will take them pretty hard to draw with the second eleven of the Stonelaw. The Stonelaw is one of the best clubs in the west of Scotland and well known, and is not likely to suffer by their report; but the Clydebank to think themselves the best club in Rutherglen is rather impudent. I hope this has only been an error in the composition of this report. The game between the Clydebank and the 2nd Rosslyn may justly be termed a draw. – Yours & c. Robert S.Brown, Captain 2nd Rosslyn.

27th April 1878

It will be observed from our advertising column that a match of football for the benefit of the Rutherglen Brass Band is to be played at Burnside on Saturday (today) between the Havelock and Stonelaw Clubs.



11 May 1878

Rainbow v Marchtown. Played on the ground of the former, and after a keen contested game, resulted in a draw.

2nd Kelvingrove v 2nd Cambuslang. Match between these clubs on Saturday ended in a draw – no goals taken.

Muirbank v Westburn. This match was played on the ground of the Cambuslang club at Turnlaw and resulted in favour of the home team by two goals to one.

Windsor v Cambuslang. This match was played on the ground of the Cambuslang club at Turnlaw, and resulted in favour of the home team by two goals to none.

Westburn v Cambuslang. This match came off on Wednesday 8th at the ground of the latter, at Turnlaw, and resulted in favour of the home team by three goals to one.

2nd Stonelaw. The 2nd eleven of this club played their last match of the season on Wednesday night, when the game resulted in a draw. Out of a total of fifteen matches, won ten, drawn five, lost none.

Woodburn v Hawthorn. This match was played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a draw, both sides having scored three goals. The game was pretty equally contested, both sides playing very well.

Westburn v 2nd Greenbank. Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in favour of the Greenbank by one goal to none. The Westburn won the toss and chose to play down the field. As soon as the kick off was made, the Westburn began to press their opponents very hard, and placed the ball several times past their lines before the game was very long started. The Greenbank began to press up a little and by a swift shot sent the ball between the posts, this scoring the first and last goal.

Cambuslang v Clydebank. A match between these two clubs was played on Thursday last on the ground of the latter at Clydeside. The Clydebank won the toss and played the first half of the game with wind in their favour, but obtained no goals. Shortly after ends were changed one goal was counted for the Cambuslang club, and although after this some pretty hard play was indulged, no more goals were taken – the ball bursting about ten minutes before time up. The game thus ended in favour of the Cambuslang club by one goal to nothing.

2nd Stonelaw v 1st Cambuslang. This friendly game was played on Wednesday night at Burnside. Cambuslang turned up one short, but the captain of the first Stonelaw kindly filled the vacancy. The Stonelaw having won the toss, chose to play with the wind. After ten minutes play it was seen that the Stonelaw was going to have the best of the game. Hunter at last broke away and with a fine run and passed the ball to the centre, it was passed back to him when he cleverly headed it between the posts. The Stonelaw disputed this goal, on account of a foul before the ball went through, and the umpires being at the other end of the field, did not see it, but gave the strangers the benefit of the doubt. From this to the end the Stonelaw pressed their opponents very hard, but only succeeded in making matters equal. The lasted only one hour, when the home team asked the strangers to play another half hour, they refused.

18 May 1878

Greenbank Football Club. The following have been elected office bearers for the ensuing season: James McDonald, President; William Tait, vice

president; John Muir, captain. Robt Brown, treasurer; Wm Hamilton, secretary; James Kirkwood, 157 Main Street, Rutherglen, match secretary. During the season past, Greenbank first eleven have played 17 matches, of which 10 were won, 5 lost, and 2 drawn. The second eleven have played 7 matches, winning 3, drawing 3, and losing 1.

25 May 1878

Hawthorn v Clydebank Juniors. Played on the ground of the latter and resulted in their favour by one goal to nothing.

06 July 1878

On Thursday night a match was played between the **Muirbank and Royal Oak** clubs on the ground of the former, resulting in favour of Muirbank by two goals to win.

Last Friday a match was played between the **Muirbank 2Nd eleven and the Bouverie Street Club**, resulting in favour of Muirbank by nine goals to none.

17 August 1878

Osborne Football Club: At the general meeting of the club the following were elected office bearers for the ensuing season: President, J. Calder; captain J. Barclay; vice-captain, D. Hutchison; treasurer, J. Anderson; secretary A. Anderson, Wardlawhill, Rutherglen.

Stonelaw Football Club: the season for the beautiful and exciting game of football will shortly open again; and we are pleased that there are excellent prospects of enjoyment for lovers of the manly sport in our neighbourhood. The Stonelaw Football Club, Rutherglen, which is rapidly rising year by year to the first rank among the champion clubs of Scotland, promises this season to do more than maintain its former position and prestige, the members in number and efficiency being all that could be desired. The list of fixtures for the approaching season embraces matches with some of the principle clubs in the country, and the opening match, which comes off at Burnside on 31st August is to be with the Helensburgh Club, which last year rose to the position of one of the best clubs in Scotland. The list of fixtures is large, and generally the arrangements of the Helensburgh Club are in a forward state, and reflects great credit in the office bearers. The other Rutherglen clubs – chief among them being the Clydebank and the Greenbank, will doubtless also be looking to their armour, and making preparations for the season which is about to commence.

31 August 1878

Stonelaw Football Club: the opening match of the season of this club takes place today at Burnside when they meet Helensburgh Football Club. Their list of engagements, which is not yet full, embraces games with such well known clubs as 1st.I.R.V., South Western, Arthurlie (Barrhead), Hanover, and Heart of Midlothian. (Edinburgh); and this seasons play promises to be full of interest to lovers of the game in the district.

14 September 1878

Stonelaw v Heart of Midlothian. Played in Edinburgh in presence of a crowd of spectators and resulted in a win for the Stonelaw by four goals to nothing; great interest was taken in the match by the Edinburgh people, owing to the fact that the "Heart" is the Champion Club in east of Scotland, and the holders of the Edinburgh Football Association Cup. Before the game commenced few of the spectators seemed to have the faintest idea of the possibility of their favourite "Hearts" losing the match, but as the sequel will show the brilliant combined play of the Stonelaw proved too much for them. The Hearts captain kicked off, and a rush was made for the Stonelaw goal, but a good kick by Thomson relieved the pressure, but during the first ten minutes the Stonelaw were having a hot time of it, and a good shot from Mitchell, caused Whitson to use his hands; Shearer got it and sent it onto his forwards, some splendid passing ensued, and Fuge middles to Andrews who had a shot but the ball passed outside. The Hearts had a good run along the right side, Wylie and Mitchell going very fast; the run looked dangerous, but Shearer by good tackling stopped them both and saved his goal. Knitting themselves together the Stonelaw forwards came away, and were soon at the goal mouth, bur Barber kicked behind. The corner proved fruitless and again the Hearts had a good run, but Wallace by a splendid kick over his head, dropped the ball at the feet of Menzies and in a moment he had it down in the corner, and a smart shot by Andrew scored the goal for the Stonelaw just as time was called. Ends were changed and play resumed, and immediately the Stonelaw were making it hot for the Hearts. Maltman sent in a good shot which was cleverly stopped by the goalkeeper, but before he could throw it away, Andrews charged him through, and Preston sent the ball through after them. On the kick off Reid sent it in again. Purdie kicked it back, but Shearer headed it in to Andrews who cleverly shot the third goal for the Stonelaw. The ball was again kicked off but Thomson sent it on to Preston, and backed up by Fuge, the pair soon had it in the corner. Fuge centred to Niven and a hard shot from him scored the fourth goal, the ball grazing the bar as it went through. The Hearts were now having to

work hard to save their fortress, and the backs were forced to kick behind twice to save their goal, but nothing came of the corner kicks. The Hearts made one more effort to get away, but time was called when they were about midfield. The game was toughly contested, both teams doing their utmost to score. The Stonelaw forwards played a splendid fast passing game, which will carry them safely off many a field if continued. For the "Hearts", Reid at goal played a wonderful defensive game, while Purdie (back), Lees, Wylie, and Mitchell (forwards) played a very fast game. For the Stonelaw the forwards combined play was much admired, especially the passing of Andrews, Maltman, and Menzies. Preston played well as did Niven, the backs played a power game. Thomson and Shearer's good tackling and the kicking of Wallace and Reid being the subject of special remark amongst the spectators. Teams. Stonelaw. Whitson (goal); Wallace and Thomson (backs); Reid and Shearer (half-backs); Menzies, Maltman, Andrews, Niven, Preston and Fuge (forwards). Hearts of Midlothian. Reid (goal). Purdie and Barber (backs); Robertson and Buchanan (half backs); Wylie, Mitchell. Alexander, Sweeny, Lees and Steel, (forwards).

FOOTBALL: Sir, I think it will; occur to the bulk of those interested in the "Stonelaw" that your correspondent "**A Lover of Football**", hardly honestly to your numerous readers the status of our "local club". The club in name has existed for a few seasons, but the present playing members may be said to be in many instances strangers comparatively. Yet the club presently is as strong, if not stronger, than it has been at any time – and while there may be one or two who ignorantly play for their own hand, which is a common thing in almost any club, the members generally play very well for each other. Last Saturday's game was proof of this, and I am satisfied the most rigid critic must admit it was a very fine evenly contested game, although of course the Stonelaw were unfortunate in losing a goal, which I confess might have been saved had the left side forwards been in their place. Some were disposed to put the onus on the shoulders of the goal keeper, but my answer is that no goal keeper could have saved it. Even a "**Lover of Football**" could not have prevented this occurrence, and his experience is beyond all comparison.

I would as a firm supporter of the Stonelaw, only hope to see them play as well as they did last Saturday, and improve upon it as the season advances. They may, like other good clubs, occasionally come off second best, but there is one thing that the club that beats them will require not only to be efficient players, but they shall need to exert themselves to the very utmost. I feel quite confident

that the Stonelaw would make a good appearance in opposition to the premier clubs, “ Vale “, “ Queens Park “, or any of the crack clubs. As a local club it is as good as is going, and if you do not like to believe me, you can ask our “Captain“. There is another good feature in the members – fellow feeling. It is quite a common thing on a practice night when there are not sufficient members to form a team, to invite a few of the spectators to fall in and have a “kick“. In fact, although gentlemen, on one occasion during the season a few carters who were looking on were acknowledged, and asked to fill up the ranks. They were however rather shy, feeling their attire was the insignia of their profession. They however could not decline without insulting the thoroughness of the invitation. The carters set to work and of course got excited at the same proving their superior strength and their utmost ignorance of the rules of the game. The ball went up and down the field, latterly, the celebrated “back “gave one of his ascension kicks. One of the carters, perhaps the strongest of the batch, rushed forwards with his eyes looking upwards – “Leave it tae me, chaps – staun’ off – here she comes – vain!“. His tackety boot came in mighty contact with the ball – “Wo wo ho ! ya rascal ye “ . But no the ball not being a horse paid but little heed, and with great force struck the goalkeeper on the forehead and sent him birling over the hedge. The goal keeper on this occasion may have been your correspondent, hence the “selfish play “ he complains of. The ladies, what an insult he gives them. They only appear a few nights before a “spree “. And then they are picked up. I wonder really if any allowed themselves to be picked up by your correspondent ? No. Mr.Editor, the ladies who frequent the grounds of the “Stonelaw Club “ are ladies. – Yours, &c. Tom Mackplane.

21 September 1878

Stonelaw v Barrhead. This match was played at Barrhead on Saturday last and resulted in a win for the Stonelaw by two goals to nothing. The choice of positions went to the Stonelaw captain and he elected to play down the hill, having besides a strong breeze in their favour. During the first half the Stonelaw had hard lines, because they had not only the hill and wind to face, but a strong son beating in their faces made it almost impossible for the backs to see the ball. Stonelaw made a run uphill to the Barrhead goal, Fuge centred the ball but in the scrimmage that ensued it was sent past. The ball was kicked off from the goal, but Wallace sent it back and Menzies got it up to the corner and centred; but one of the Barrhead forwards made a splendid run down the hill, finishing with a long hard shot at goal but it struck the bar and rolled over. During the remainder of the first half the game was very evenly contested, good runs being made on both sides. On play being resumed, the superiority of the Stonelaw at

once became apparent, and although the wind had died down and the sun gone down, with the hill in their favour, they began pressing their opponents. Fuge and Preston had a good run down the left but Hunter sent the ball over the lines. Fuge took the corner kick and sent it well in, and Maltman cleverly headed it through. On the kick off from the midfield, the Barrhead made an effort to score. Davidson dodging the Stonelaw backs made a shot but Whitson struck it out only to be headed in again. But Thomson saved his goal by heading it out to Preston. A rush was made down to the Barrhead goal, and the second goal was scored from a scrimmage in front of the goal, Niven giving the finishing touch. Shortly after a splendid shot by Fuge was saved by the goal keeper and another by Menzies caused him to throw the ball behind. No further scoring took place. Although the Stonelaw had many shots at their opponent's goal, the smart play of their goalkeeper saved it from further downfall. Hunter at the back kicked very strong, and Davidson, forward, played a good game for the Barrhead; while Menzies and Preston, forwards, and Thomson, back, played well for the Stonelaw.

28 September 1878

Stonelaw Football Club: The match between the smokers and non-smokers of the club which should have been played last Saturday had to be postponed on account of the players not turning up, but the match will be played further in the season. The fixture on the card for this Saturday is the 1st L.R.V but this match is also put off because the 1st L.R.V. are to play their first cup tie that day.

The committee of Stonelaw has arranged to play a match on Saturday between the 1st forwards and 2nd eleven backs, and the 2nd eleven forwards and the 1st eleven backs. As both teams are strong, a good match is to be expected.

05 October 1878

Craigpark v Clydebank. A match was played between the two clubs on Saturday last at Haghill Park, Dennistoun, and after a one sided game resulted in favour of Clydebank by seven goals to nothing. The Clydebank had the game all to themselves, taking two goals in the half, and five in the second. Gardner (2), Hamilton (2), Brown (1), Miller (1), May (1). The Clydebank open their ground for the season this Saturday afternoon when they meet Glasgow Thistle.

12 October 1878

Football Matches: 2nd Thistle v 2nd Clydebank. Played on Dalmarnock Park, the ground of the former and resulted in their favour two goals to one.

Thistle v Clydebank. Played on the ground of the latter and resulted in favour of the Clydebank by five and one disputed to none. The game was rather one sided, and the goals were taken by Telfer two; McGill Gilchrist and Little one each.

19 October 1878

Stonelaw Juniors v Osborne, Rutherglen. The match between these clubs was played on the ground of the latter and resulted in favour of the Juniors by 2 goals to nothing. The first goal was taken by Stevenson about the beginning of the game and the second goal was taken in the last few minutes by D.Stewart.

Greenbank v Excelsior. This match, the opening one of the season for the Greenbank, was played on Saturday last on their ground at Blackfaulds. The game throughout was one sided and resulted in favour of the home team by six goals to none. Today the Greenbank play the 2nd Partick Thistle at Blackfaulds.

26 October 1878

2nd Excelsior (Airdrie) v Greenbank (Rutherglen). Played at Airdrie on Thursday last, and after a very one sided game resulted in favour of the former by 7 goals to 2. J.Connor (back), J.Adam and W.Binnie, forwards, played well for the home team.

Clydebank v Vale of Clyde. This match came off at Phoenix Park, Rutherglen on Saturday last and resulted in a win for the Clydebank by two goals to one. The Vale secured the first goal from a scrimmage in front of the Clydebank goal posts. The Clydebank then quickly put two goals to their credit, and shortly after half time was called. All through the second half the Vale were kept in their own territory. The Clydebank secured another goal but it was disputed.

The Clydebank play the Queens Park, Hampden eleven today, Saturday.

Stonelaw v Hamilton Academicals. Cup Tie.

This tie was played off on Saturday last, at Burnside, and resulted in a win for the Stonelaw by two goals to none. This match was in many respects the best the Stonelaw ever played. Both teams fought hard for victory, and the game

was well contested, although in the second half the Stonelaw had decidedly the best of it. Good dribbling and passing was shown by both teams, but the feature of the match was the half back play of Ricketts and forward play of Menzies. Ricketts played a splendid game his judicious tackling and placing of the ball was all that could be desired; while Menzies fairly expressed all his former efforts and without exception was the best forward on the field. As both teams were eager for the match to begin, little time was lost in getting placed; the choice of positions fell to the strangers and they played down the field. Reid got the ball rolling for the Stonelaw and a smart run brought it up to the strangers goal but it was sent over the line. For the next period the play was mostly confined to the Hamilton territory and then McLay had a good run down the left side. Shearer got the ball and good passing brought it well up the field and being challenged by Dunn he passed to Preston who had a shot, and the ball going off the foot of Fuge, went clean through the goal. But it was not allowed on the plea of "off side". The play had become very fast, and the ball was kept travelling from goal to goal with great rapidity – both goal-keepers being called upon to relieve their charges. Good play on the part of the home team carried the ball up hill, and Shearer sent in one hard to the goal-keeper, but he had time to throw it over the bar. The corner kick came to nothing, but shortly after Menzies scored a goal for the home team. The strangers now wrought with redoubled energy to retrieve the loss, but the accurate kicking and tackling of the Stonelaw, aided by good goalkeeping on the part of Whitson, kept them from scoring. On ends being exchanged the play was soon transferred to the ground of the Hamilton who played a brilliant defensive game, but many of the shots sent in were a little wild. Arthur had a good run up the left side, but he was smartly checked by Ricketts, and the ball was sent on to Menzies; good passing ensued and Shearer had a shot, but the ball was headed out. Ricketts sent it flying in and the ball proved too hot for the goal keeper, as he was unable to stop it, and passing between the posts the second goal was scored. Both teams faced each other again, and the Hamilton went away with a rush; they almost scored off a shot by McLay, as Whitson had no more than time to free his goal. A good kick by Thomson relieved the pressure and again the ball was on its way to the strangers goal, but Mitchell sent it over the lines. A good centred ball was missed altogether, and passed the lines. It was now getting dark but the game continued as fast as ever. Shortly before time was called Preston had a shot and the ball glancing off Shearer's knee went straight in, but past the post, although many of the spectators thought a goal had been scored. Time was called soon after. The Hamilton team played a splendid game, particularly Dunn, half back, and McLay, Arthur and McIntosh, forwards. For the Stonelaw, the back play was quite up to its usual, and that is saying a great deal, although

Ricketts was the most prominent. The forwards played well, particularly Menzies, Preston and Shearer.

02 November 1878

Greenbank v Blantyre Thistle. This match was played on Saturday last on the ground of the latter at Blantyre and after an hour's play, during which the Greenbank had the best of it, the game resulted in defeat for the Thistle by two goals to none. The goals were taken by Muir and Tait.

Today the Greenbank play the Cambuslang F.C. at Blackfaulds when a good match is expected.

Greenbank v Westburn. This match was played on the ground of the former. Shortly after commencing the Westburn took to their usual quarrelling and disputing and, seconded as they were by their umpires, the game became very disagreeable. Shortly after half time, Greenbank claimed a foul, the Westburn refused to give in to it, Greenbank stopped play and left the field. One of the forwards ran the ball through the goal. The game ended in a draw.

09 November 1878

Albert Rangers v Osborne. This game came off on Saturday last on the ground of the former at Govanhill, and after a very one sided game resulted in favour of the Osborne by 8 goals to nothing – 2 of which we got five minutes after the kick off.

Greenhill Rangers v Woodburn Juniors. Played on Monday and resulted in favour of the Woodburn by 6 goals to 5.

Woodburn v Clydesdale. Played on the ground of the latter and resulted in favour of the Woodburn by three goals to nothing.

Dennistoun v Clydebank. This match was played at Kennyhill on Saturday last. Both teams were very evenly balanced, and after a fast game, resulted in a draw – no goals.

Today the **Clydebank meet the Cambuslang 1st**, and 2nd elevens at Cambuslang and Rutherglen respectively.

16 November 1878

Eastern Rovers v Westburn. A match was played between these clubs on Saturday on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a draw.

2nd Greenbank v 2nd Bredalbane. This match was played on Saturday last, on the ground of the former, at Rutherglen. The Greenbank pressed their opponents throughout the whole game, and after two hours play, the Bredalbane were defeated by six goals to none.

Today the 1st **Greenbank play the Western** at Blackfaulds, while their 2nd elevens meet at Overnewton Park, Glasgow.

Cup- Tie. Stonelaw v Clarkston. This tie was played off last Saturday at Burnside, and resulted in a win for them by one goal to none. The afternoon was bitterly cold, so that the number of spectators was limited. The game was of very uninteresting character as the Stonelaw had it all their own way from the beginning; but owing to the splendid play of the Clarkston goal keeper, and the stubborn defence of their backs, aided by the poor play of the Stonelaw centre forwards, they were unable to increase the score. The slippery state of the ground, and the high wind prevailing, made good forward play almost an impossibility and long kicking took the place of good dribbling and passing. During the latter half the home team forwards played a good game, but were unable to score till within ten minutes from time, when the first and only goal was scored. For the Clarkston, the goal-keeper defended his charge most successfully, and the backs played a hard defensive game; for the Stonelaw, Reid and Ricketts, the half backs played well, and among the forwards, Hunter played the most efficient game.

Sir, last Saturday I took the trouble of going up to Burnside, for the purpose of seeing the match between the Clarkston and Stonelaw, and I must say I was grievously disappointed with it. From first to last it was quite evident that Clarkston were no match for Stonelaw, and yet they were only defeated by one goal. To the spectators it was evident that there was something wrong and in my opinion, this something is not far to seek; the sole cause of the Stonelaw only being able to score is to be found in the fact that they were too eager to score; and, in their eagerness to pass the ball between the posts, they lost many opportunities. Now, I like to see a club play with dash and spirit, providing they also play warily and cautiously; and my object at writing at this time is to throw out a few hints to the Stonelaw team, which I hope they will profit by. Being a firm supporter of our local senior club I am extremely anxious to see them acquit themselves credibly and I am certain their faults only require to be pointed out to

them, to be amended at once. I begin with their uniform. Now, Sir, their something pleasing seeing eleven men taking the field all dressed alike – it is a certain sign that they all belong to one club and, in my opinion, it ought to be a rule that all players appear in the club uniform – there is a touch of the sawdust-ring in a team turning out in jerseys of many colours. I cannot say that the Stonelaw are very guilty, but still I have seen it. But to return to the play. I will begin with the back division. Their kicking and tackling is very good, but when their goal is in danger, they ought to support their goalkeeper better, in the way of stopping every man who comes to charge him through. The same remarks apply to the half backs, with this addition if their opponents put the ball past them, if possible they stop the player so that the back may get a kick. The chances are against a team if they confine their attention to the ball; watch the player and it is almost a certainty you will get the ball. Among our home team forwards there is a lack of that good organisation which is required in playing good matches. I would most strongly advise them to begin a match with the same dash and vigour as they usually end it, and also to play coolly and cautiously, to lose no opportunities of scoring, and at the same time give their opponents no chance of scoring, either by carelessness or misunderstanding. When the forwards take the field let it be with a determination to win, and also to play a good game, and no doubt success will often be theirs. I would strongly insist that they should play the passing game, but I would also say when any one of the players has the ball at his foot, there is no necessity for passing the ball till an opponent comes to tackle him; then by all means let him pass it. I also noticed on Saturday that when the ball was passed in to the centres, even although they had a clear field, they immediately passed it out again. Now, they should have dribbled it up until they were being tackled, and then passed it out to the wing, and when it was centred, shot it hard in. I would impress on the forwards the necessity of playing to each other. If one player has the ball, let it be the duty of another to save him as much as possible from being charged by an opponent; and to the centres I would say, don't get excited in front of goal, but don't lose a single opportunity of scoring

– and above all, shoot hard. Hoping the Stonelaw will take these hints in the spirit in which they are given. I am, &c, - Spectator.

30 November 1878

Govanhill Hawthorn v Albert Rangers. This match was played on Saturday last on the ground of the latter, and after a very hard game resulted in favour of the Hawthorns by two goals to one. The Rangers were hard pressed seeing they had to play with only seven men.

2nd Stonelaw v 2nd Renton. This match was played on Saturday last at Burnside. When the strangers appeared on field their appearances being so big and heavy in comparison to the home team, it was feared that the result would be in their favour. However, before half time was called, it was evident the combined play of the Stonelaw was not to be victimised by the heavy weight of their opponents. Stonelaw played a good passing game, and although the match resulted in a draw, it was plain that had not the strangers played well on the defensive, the result would have resulted in favour of the Stonelaw. For the Stonelaw, it may be worthy to note that the good play of MacGregor (forward in the centre) and Guthrie (at half back), did good work for their team.

Renton v Stonelaw. This match had been looked forward to with considerable interest by the Stonelaw, was played at Renton on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for them by two goals, and one disputed to none. The ground was soft and slippery, but good play was the order of the day. From the first it was evident there would be a tough fight for victory; but, notwithstanding, the game was played by both teams in a very friendly spirit. The choice of positions fell to the Renton captain; and Reid kicked off for, having both wind and ground against them. Maltman got the ball and had a good run up the right side, but the ball went over the lines. The Renton then had a good run down the field, but the shot went over the bar; Whitson kicked off, and Hunter and Shearer piloted the ball past the opposing backs, and centred; but Menzies made a mis-kick and it went over the lines; soon after Reid had a corner kick which was well placed, but the goalkeeper struck it out, and the Renton forwards came away in style, M. Crithman being conspicuous but he was smartly stopped by Ricketts, and the ball returned, but it was headed over the bar. The game here became very fast, both teams doing their utmost to score; but the back play was very strong on both sides and for a time the game was played mostly in midfield; but Maltman and Menzies had a good run up, and on being tackled, passed right across the field to Shearer, who in turn passed out to Hunter; and after some good play between Hunter, Shearer and McAuslan, the

ball was shot through, McAuslan giving the final touch. Ends were exchanged soon after and the game was renewed with redoubled energy. The Renton were playing a good passing game and were soon crowding round the Stonelaw goal, but Whitson cleared the ball in good style. – Preston had a fine run in the centre, but being tackled by Grant, who was playing a powerful back, passed out to Shearer; - the ball was centred and Preston put it between the posts, but the Renton claimed offside. A corner kick fell to the Stonelaw, Ricketts placed the ball right in front of the goal, and after some hot work, McAuslan sent it through again. Loy had run up the left side, but was stopped by Reid; but soon after Whitson was called on to save his charge, which he did. Good passing again carried the ball into the Renton ground, but Hunter's final kick was not well directed. McCrimman again did fine work, but a good kick by Thomson relieved the pressure, and the ball was again travelling to the Renton goal. Maltman had a shot but the goalkeeper guided it past the posts: the corner kick came to nothing, and Loy made a fast run up the left side, but Wallace stopped him, and the ball was again in midfield. The Renton made a final effort to score but were unsuccessful, and time was called with the ball in the Stonelaw ground. The Renton played a fast passing game all through; Loy and McCrimman being conspicuous among the forwards. While McKinnon at half back, and Grant back, were of great service to their team. The Stonelaw team played well all through.

07 December 1878

Greenbank v Bellafield. Played on the ground of the latter at Fallside, and after a very one sided game, resulted in favour of the Greenbank by six goals to none.

2nd Leven v Lizzieville. This match was played on the ground of the latter and resulted in favour of the former by three goals to none. The former team was much heavier than the latter. Goalkeeper for Lizzieville played exceedingly well.

Gayfield v Albert Rangers. These two clubs met on Saturday last on the ground of the latter, and after a very pleasant game, resulted in their favour by five goals to none. The ground was in miserable condition owing to the unsettled state of the weather.

2nd Greenbank v 2nd Cambuslang. Played on the ground of the latter at Cambuslang. During the first half the game was pretty well contested, but on

ends being changed, the Cambuslang, playing downhill, had decidedly the best of it, although they were unable to score – the game resulting in a draw.

Stonelaw v Thistle (Cup Tie). This game was played on Saturday last on the ground of the Thistle, Dalmarnock Road, Glasgow. The Stonelaw having won the toss for ends, the ball was set a rolling by the Thistle, who followed well up, and the play was kept in Stonelaw's territory for a short time. When the ball was sent down the field by their backs, and a combined run by the forwards carried it right down to the Thistle goal, but the shot went wide of the mark. After a series of throw ins, the play was gradually brought back to the Stonelaw's goal, and in attempting to stop a dangerous inroad by the Thistle centre forwards, the ball was put through by one of the Stonelaw half-backs. The Stonelaw forwards, on the ball being kicked off, immediately rushed into the Thistle's goal, but a stubborn defence being made by the latter, the ball was put over the lines. Some good up and down play now ensued, and the Thistle getting possession of the ball, it was passed to the left forwards, who wrought it down to the corner and a screw kick by Little sent the ball right into the hands of the goal-keeper, who allowed it to slip through. From half time to the finish the game was of a give and take nature – the Stonelaw managed to take a goal about ten minutes before time. The Stonelaw lodged a protest with the referee before leaving the ground, which was considered by the Association Committee on Wednesday evening, and decided in favour of the Stonelaw – the Thistle being disqualified.

Football Match by Oxyhydrogen Light. – A match by Birrell's patent oxyhydrogen light was announced to take place at Burnside on Thursday between the 2nd Stonelaw and Greenbank clubs, but owing, we believe, to a breakdown in the apparatus, it did not come off. The match will be played however next Thursday when it is hoped that a fair opportunity will be given for testing Birrell's light for football purposes.

Stonelaw v Thistle. – SIR, Being a lover of football, and as an admirer of our local team, I was looking forward with some degree of pleasure to the above match, which was played on the ground of the Thistle on Saturday last. From all that I could learn, I understand it was to be a good game, both teams being what is called in football circles "crack clubs" for their age. However, I must say that I was not only disappointed, but thoroughly disgusted. In the first place the kick

off was advertised to be at 2.30, and knowing that that there would be no more time to play the match in daylight, I took care to be there punctually at the advertised time. Sixpence was charged at the gate, and whenever I entered the field and looked around me, I was impressed with the idea that I had made a mistake, as the field had no appearance whatever of being a field for football; besides, the time being up, and not a single player to be seen that I had got into the wrong ground. I went back to the gentleman at the gate and asked him if there was not a "Cup-Tie" to be played here today between the Thistle and Stonelaw. He answered in the affirmative, and said they would be here immediately, as they were changing their clothes. Knowing from past experience that the Stonelaw players were punctual, I went away back into mid-field quite satisfied, but you can fancy my rage and disappointment when I tell you that I was kept waiting fully half an hour before any of the players put in an appearance.

I will say nothing of the match as it beggars description, but I cannot overlook the report of the match as it appears in the "Glasgow News" on Monday. It is therefore stated that after the first five minutes the Stonelaw players were completely overmatched. Now that is true to the letter, but not as the Thistle would have us understand. They were consistently overmatched in brutality and ferocity, for such a savage display of kicking and smashing it has never been my lot to witness, and I hope never will again. If football is to become one of our national games, let it be played scientifically, and in a friendly spirit, but let us never again see a display such as we seen last Saturday. In conclusion, I may state that the Stonelaw scored three goals to none, yet they lost the game, as they scored one for themselves and two for the Thistle. Yours aye. A Spectator.

14 December 1878

2nd Greenbank v Brandon. This match was played on Saturday last at Cambuslang, and after a game of scarcely an hour's duration, resulted in favour of the Greenbank by two goals to none.

Today the **Greenbank play the Kensington** at Blackfaulds, while the 2nd elevens play on the grounds of the Kensington at Bright Place, Glasgow.

Albatross v Cambuslang. These clubs met at Cambuslang on Saturday last for the first time this season. The Albatross captain kicked, but the ball was immediately returned to the home backs, and the forwards getting possession of it, a good piece of passing ensued, and before five minutes from the commencement of the game, Cambuslang had scored their first goal. This quickened up the strangers, and the kick off being well followed up, they managed to equalise matters by putting a goal to their credit. No more scoring took place during the remainder of the first half of the game; but on a change of ends, Cambuslang managed to score another goal 15 minutes from the kick off, and during the latter part of the game, two more goals were added to their credit. Cambuslang thus winning by four goals to one.

Royal Oak v Westburn. A match was played between these clubs on Saturday 07 December on the grounds of the latter, and resulted in the defeat of the Royal Oak by 4 goals to nothing. The game had scarcely been started when the Westburn forwards broke away with the ball and carried in front of their opponent's goal, and while in a skirmish at the goal, Wm.Dixon put the ball through. On the ball being set in motion again, the strangers tried to score, but the Westburn pressed them so hard that in about ten minutes the ball again passed through their goal by a smart shot which was made by Geo.Elliot. Nothing more happened till ends were changed. Shortly after ends had been changed, the Westburn forwards broke away and carried the ball in front of the Royal Oak goal when it was put through for the third time by Wm.Wyatt. About five minutes from the end a foul was claimed for the Westburn, and the fouled ball was kicked by R.Muir, who made it strike against one of their opponents legs when it passed through the goal for the last time.

Clydebank Football Club. Annual Soiree and Concert.

The first annual soiree, concert and assembly of the Clydebank Cricket and Football Club took place on Friday evening last in Reid's Hall, Main Street. About one hundred members and friends were present. Mr.Colin Gardner, the Honorary President of the club occupied the chair, and was supported by J.Hamilton, captain; T.Miller, secretary; and the members committee. After tea and the usual good things had been partaken of, and Thanks returned, the

Chairman rose and said. “Your committee drawing up their programme have started in the orthodox fashion with the chairman’s address, the omission of which would not be any great loss to you, and a considerable relief to me. Your club have much reason to be proud of their position, as I understand it you are in a thoroughly healthy and prosperous condition at the present time, both financially and numerically (applause). You have been successful in your competitions for the current season in a greater degree than almost at any former period of your existence as a club, and I am certain that I only express the feeling of all present, and also of your numerous supporters and admirers, that you may be still most successful in the contests that remain to be engaged in. (applause). It affords me much pleasure in looking around the hall to find that you are so numerously and well supported by your fair friends. (hear hear),and I think time is a good augury for the progress of your club, as the co-operation and interest of the ladies is a strong incentive to outstrip your rivals in the noble and manly games of cricket and football (applause). The Clydebank can now claim to be one of the first junior teams in this locality, and is fairly entitled to a little more consideration in your so called ambition to play clubs that make pretensions to be first in the county. You ought rather to be commended for endeavouring to secure games with clubs that rank a little higher in football circles, as you thereby display a plucky spirit in wishing to try conclusions with heavier metal than you usually encounter (applause). There are those who object to the game of football and assert that it is nothing but an exhibition of savage ferocity, but they entirely lose sight of the skilful points of play, the steady determination to overcome all opposing tactics, and the readiness to take advantage of any loose points in their opponents play, and so long as the game is played on the points of skill, endurance, and combination, it will command the respect and admiration of all lovers of athletic exercises. The club is to be congratulated on being so well managed as is shown by the very complete arrangements for this evening’s entertainment, and to the enjoyment of which we will now address ourselves (applause).

A long and varied programme was then entered upon which comprised songs and recitations of every description. During the evening the secretary read the fourth annual report, which showed the club to be flourishing condition in every department. During the year 22 matches had been played. Of these 12 were won, 6 lost and 4 drawn.

At the conclusion votes of thanks were awarded in a hearty manner to the chairman, singers, and soiree committee. The proceedings ended with the company singing “Auld Lang Syne“.

21 December 1878

The late intended Grand Football Match by Oxy-Hydrogen Light.

Sir, Seeing the placard announcing the above match at Burnside a fortnight since, and being a lover of the game – though my time will not allow me on Saturdays – along with a friend. I hurried up to the ground about 8 p.m. expecting to see a grand display, as the evening was everything that could be desired; in fact it could almost have been played by moonlight. Judge our surprise when nearing the gate to find a large number outside who would have been expected to patronise and be inside the gate. However on paying our money we stepped within the enclosure, but instead of witnessing a hotly contested game, we only saw a few groups of players who I think, along with the spectators, would not outnumber thirty in all. After waiting till fully 8.30, one of the Stonelaw announced that there would be no game that night owing to something being wrong with the apparatus. Although the Queens Park was not altogether satisfactory with its electric light, they had it on their ground when they announced their match, and made the best of it, and this might have been copied with advantage by the Stonelaw. Instead of receiving our money back, we were handed a ticket, stating that it would take place some other time,

but as this weather will perhaps not be suitable for football, would it be too much to get up another – say for instance, for the benefit of the unemployed in the burgh, and if not benefitting themselves, they would have the satisfaction of having done something for their fellow-man. If this cannot be done, would they kindly hand over the few sixpences collected for the tickets, and this be the means of buying a cart of coals, and warming up some desolate and pinches homestead in these trying times. I am, &c, A Fair Friend & No Favour.

28 December 1878

Football Match by Oxy-Hydrogen Light.

Sir, Would you kindly allow me a small portion of your space to inform “ **A Lover of Football** “ that the reason the match did not come off that he was at the ground was this – That I was going to use the light from four apparatus and I required six new retorts. I ordered them to be ready in time, but the maker was some days later than he promised in getting them ready. I tried four of them, and they were quite correct. I sent up three apparatus to the field in the afternoon expecting to take the others along with myself, but on trying the other two, I found they were both defective. The one had a hole in the side, the other’s coupling had been partially melted in the brazing. I tried Plaster of Paris and other substances to make them available for that night until it was too late. The painful feeling of disappointing the people was so great that I was unable to go up to the field, but I sent word, and I was told that it would be played on that night week. I was up with the apparatus on the field, but learned that it could not be played as there was too much snow on the field and it must be postponed until the weather moderates. The gentleman are very anxious to have the match played, and I am even more so. It will be played as soon as possible, due notice by bills and advertisement will

be given. Had I known then what I know now, I would have used the tree that were on the field. But “ Short’s the furthest folk can see “. No doubt it is a kindness which hides the Book of Fate from us all. Hoping the match will be played soon ,and actors and spectators will be fully satisfied with the result. I am, yours, &c. Wm Birrell.

04 January 1879

Greenbank Football Club: the second annual festival of the club was held on Wednesday evening in the Thistle Hall, Main Street. Mr. James McDonald, honorary President, was in the chair. There was a large attendance of members and friends. The chairman in his remarks, congratulated the club on their continued progress, and advised the members to persevere, and he had no doubts if they did so, before long they would be able to compete with any in the district. The secretary reported since the formation of the club about 18 months ago, they had played 32 matches, of which 20 had been won, 5 drawn, and 7 lost, and he thought considering most of the clubs they had played had started years before them, this reflected on the highest credit of the players. A concert ably sustained by Misses Cunningham, Kinnoun and Hamilton, and Messrs Dunsmore, Mathieson, Adair and Thomson was then entered into, and continued till well on in the night. Selections on the melodeon by Mr. Robertson, and reading by Mr. Jas Kirkwood, were also much appreciated. A most enjoyable evening being brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman. An assembly followed, being kept up with much spirit till an advanced hour.

22 February 1879

Stonelaw v Thistle (Glasgow). The above clubs met in a friendly contest on Saturday last at Burnside, on the ground of the former. The Thistle having won the choice of positions elected to play downhill with a strong easterly wind at their backs. After some excellent play, during which several goals were nearly obtained, Menzies and Maltman at last made a good run, a well-aimed shot by the former being punted out by Dow, but Preston in time a scrimmage happened, the ball ultimately passing between the posts from the foot of Marshall just as half time was announced. The Stonelaw partisans were now looking cheerful, as the Thistle had failed to score with all the advantage of wind and ground – the Stonelaw getting on the sunny side with one goal to their credit. Hostilities were resumed by Mr. McGill kicking off for the visitors. The leather being immediately returned by the Stonelaw backs, was taken possession of by the forwards and carried right up to the Thistle citadel – Dow

freeing his charge in nine style. The Thistle backs now had their work cut out for them in repelling the constant attacks of the home forwards, who were not to be denied, and scored another two goals. The home team played well all round, especially the backs, whose "form" is most reassuring in immediate prospect of their fifth cup tie.

Johnstone Athletic v Clydebank. After being unemployed for about ten weeks the Clydebank resumed "**the same old game**" on Saturday last at Johnstone Athletic. After a good game the match resulted in favour of the Clydebank by 4 goals to 2. Clydebank goals taken by Gardner 2, Miller and Loudon one each.

(Reports of football matches played p.m. Saturday ought to be sent in earlier than the day previous to publication.)

08 March 1879

The Caledonian and Rosebank Football Clubs played on the ground of the latter. The game ended the Caledonian taking three goals to nothing.

Stonelaw v Hanover. This match was played last Saturday at Burnside, and after a fast game resulted in a win for Stonelaw by 4 goals to two. The strangers won the toss and elected to play down the field. Reid kicked off for Stonelaw, and Hunter getting on the ball, carried it up the left side and centred, but the goalkeeper punted it out and the chance was lost. On the kick off Reid placed the ball to Martin and he ran it up and dropped it in front of the goal, but Hunter headed it just past the post. The Hanover team were getting better together and a good run was finished by putting the ball between the posts. Seconds after the home team got it well up the field, and Hunter made another shot. The ball was soon in midfield again and various good runs were made by both sides. Shortly before half time Hunter scored the second goal for Stonelaw, but the strangers soon made things equal by placing another goal to their credit. On sides being changed, the Hanover sped away with a rush, but Thomson stopped this advance. The home team were playing better than in the first half and after a good run down Andrews scored the third goal for the home team and soon afterwards Preston scored another. The strangers worked very hard to score another, but could not. The play on both sides was at times very good, but the softness of the ground was very much against good passing and dribbling. Some of the Hanover team showed splendid spirit. Particularly McKeown at goal; Browne at half back and Finn, forward. For the Stonelaw, Thomson at back, Hunter, Preston, and Menzies, forwards, played a splendid game.

15 March 1879

Clydebank (scratch) v Thistle. The return match between these clubs was played at Dalmarnock Bridge, and resulted in favour of Thistle by four goals to nothing. The Thistle had rather the better of the game all through, which was only to be expected, the Clydebank having a team made up of first and second eleven members.

2nd Clydebank v 2nd Thistle. This match was played at Phoenix Park, Rutherglen and resulted in a draw. The game was hotly contested, and at the call of time, neither side had gained an advantage.

29 March 1879

Clydebank v Hamilton Thistle. The return match between these clubs was played on Saturday last in Phoenix Park, and after a very pleasant game resulted in favour of Clydebank by one goal to nothing. This is the third time these clubs have met at football, and on each occasion Clydebank have been the victors. The Hamiltonians, with the evident intention of wiping off their two previous defeats, came down with a very strong team, being considerably strengthened by a few of the Academicals, while on the other hand the Clydebank had to put up with the services of a few of their second eleven. However, as already stated, the Clydebank again won. The Thistle captain won the toss, and Shaughnessy had to kick off against a very strong wind. The play during the first half was exceedingly even, the forwards of both sides having at times beautiful runs. The backs also played in rare form, their kicking and tackling very sure. In the second half, Clydebank, aided no doubt to a considerable extent by the wind, pressed the Thistle pretty hard, and had numerous shots at their goal, only one of which took effect, Willie May cleverly putting the ball between the posts. For the Thistle, the goalkeeper, Miller, Wilson and Lightbody played in good style, and for the Clydebank Hamilton, May, Shaughnessy were the most conspicuous, while a special word of praise to T. and D.Muir, Robertson and Park (the second eleven members), for the manner in which they acquitted themselves.

12 April 1879

Osborne v Stonelaw Juniors. Played at Burnside and resulted in a victory for the Osborne by 3 goals to 2. Kicked for Ritchie 2, Bennett 1. For Stonelaw, Horseburgh 1 and Stevenson 1.

Caledonian v Rugby Rangers. Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in their favour, by two goals to one. Gordon played well as goalkeeper for the Rangers.

19 April 1879.

A match was played between the **Caledonian and Eastern Clydebank** on the ground of the latter, resulting in favour of the Caledonian by one goal to none.

26 April 1879.

Stonelaw v 3d.L.R.V. will be played between these clubs on the ground of Stonelaw in Burnside today Saturday 26th. Kick off at half-past three o'clock.

Clydebank v 2d South Western. The return match between these two clubs was played on Saturday last at Copeland Park, Govan, and resulted in favour of the South Western by two goals to one. During the first half of the game, Clydebank got it rather hot, but in the second half the play was of a more even nature.

03 May 1879

Farme Rangers v Lizzieville. Played on the ground of the former and resulting in favour of the latter by three goals to a disputed goal.

A match was played between the **1st and 2nd elevens of the Cathcart Club** and resulted in favour of the former by 4 goals and 2 disputed to none.

The Caledonian Club met the Shettleston Greenbank club at their ground in Shettleston and after a one sided game the victory rested with the Caledonian by six goals to none.

10 May 1879

Cambuslang v Clydebank. The return match between these two clubs was played on Saturday last at Phoenix Park, Rutherglen, when the Clydebank again proved the winners, this time by three goals to nothing. The game was well contested all the way through, both clubs turning out first class teams. Loudon placed two goals to the credit in the first half, and Gardner succeeded in the third in the second half. All the Cambuslang team played very well, while Loudon, Gardner and Blair were conspicuous for the Clydebank.

14 June 1879

Caledonian v Wellington. Played on the ground of the former and resulted in a draw – each team securing a goal. The back play of the Caledonian was good.

09 August 1879

Clydebank Football Club : At a general meeting of this club held on Monday evening last, the following were appointed office bearers for the ensuing season: President, Thos Miller; captain, John Hamilton; vice-captain, Jasper Browne; second eleven captain, John Dickson; vice-captain, Wm.Park; treasurer, Geo.Miller; Committee, Messrs. A.Gardner, T.Muir, J.Frame; Secretary, Thomas Miller jun, Post Office, Rutherglen.

13 September 1879

Clydebank v Fence Rover (Tillietudlem). On Saturday last Clydebank opened their sixth football season by playing a friendly with the Fence Rovers, who journeyed all the way from Tillietudlem. The game lasted only an hour and resulted in favour of Clydebank by two goals to nothing.

Caledonian v Barrhead Victoria. Opening match of the Caledonian Football club. Played on the ground of the former and resulted in a draw one goal each. Office bearers for the season: Captain, R.Speirs; Vice captain J.Watson; Treasurer W.Simpson; Secretary, Archibald Miller.

27 September 1879

The Eastern Rovers played the Caledonian last Saturday on the ground of the latter. The game resulted in favour of the Eastern Rovers by three goals to none. Kicked by Rafferty and Croley.

Stonelaw v Clarkston. The football season may be said to have fairly opened on Saturday by the playing all or the majority of the cup ties. For this purpose the Stonelaw journeyed to Clarkston and for the first time since their admittance into the association were defeated in their first cup tie. **** The print of this very full match report is too small to read. This was a Scottish Cup tie. *******

Stonelaw open their ground at Burnside on Saturday when they meet the **Heart of Midlothian.** A good game is expected.

11 October 1879

Clydebank v Cambuslang. These clubs met on Saturday last on the ground of Clydebank, Phoenix Park, Dalmarnock Bridge. The Cambuslang captain won the toss and chose to play with the wind. Hamilton kicked off for the Clydebank, and the play commenced by the Clyde, making an onslaught on the Cambuslang goal, and ended with the ball being put between the posts, but it was disallowed owing to a foul being claimed. Then the Cambuslang seemed to gather themselves together, and made a pretty passing run to the Clyde's goal, which was only saved by the smart play of their goalkeeper. The play now began to be very fast with both sides playing well now. The ball was carried from one goal to the other time after time, but both teams seemed too eager to score, and at half time they both stood equal – no goals to either side. After half time the play was very exciting, both goals being in danger of downfall, but the goalkeepers played well, and saved their citadels time after time. A run took place on the right wing of the Clydebank. Hamilton put the leather well into Hamilton, who made a pretty goal for the Clydebank. Time was shortly after this called, leaving the Clydebank victors by one goal to none. Blair and Brown (at back) and Hamilton (centre forward), played well for the Clydebank, and Fleming and Dalrymple for the Cambuslang.

18 October 1879

Clydebank v Ingram (Glasgow). Teams representing these clubs met for the first time this season on the ground of the Clydebank at Rutherglen. The ground was in good condition for playing, and some good play was shown by both sides throughout the game. Shortly after the game commenced it appeared that they were pretty equally matched, although the “ Clyde “ had slightly the best of it throughout, and had it not been for the fine play shown by the Ingram's goalkeeper, the Clyde would have scored repeatedly. The Ingram forwards played a neat passing game, while their opponents indulged a great deal in long passing. During the first half the Ingram made some pretty runs towards the Clyde goal, but the shots went past the post time after time, and at half time no goals had been scored by either side. After half time the game became more equal, nothing of note occurred till about time was called when a foul occurred before the Ingram's goal, claimed by the Clyde. Boyle placed it very neatly for the Ingram's goal, and one of their backs trying to avert the danger, headed it through his own goal before the goalkeeper had time to save it. The game thus resulted in favour of Clydebank by one goal to nothing.

25 October 1879

Stonelaw v Clydesdale. This match was played on Saturday last on the ground of Clydesdale at Titwood, and after a fast game, resulted in a draw – each team securing a goal.

01 November 1879

Stonelaw v Caledonian. This match was played on Saturday last at Burnside, and resulted in a draw, no goals being scored. The day was not very favourable heavy showers falling shortly before play commenced. Neither side was complete. Nine men of the Stonelaw taking the field against ten of the Caledonian, the others having been deterred by the threatening aspects of the weather. The play was never very bright and up till half time neither side had looked dangerous, much to the disappointment of the Caledonian who, elated with their last Saturday's victory in Belfast, expected differently. On ends being changed, Stonelaw put another player on the field, thus making the sides equal. A long shot was made shortly after straight at goal, but Whitson caught it and sent it out. An attempt was made to claim this as a goal, but it was too absurd to be persisted in. the game was pretty open after this, the Caledonian making several runs into goal, but their shots were badly directed. A long shot from the Stonelaw backs was followed up by Andrew, who eluding the back, had the goal at his mercy, but his shot was badly directed. From one of their runs a shot was made for goal, but it struck and opposite player in its passage, and eventually went through , slipping out of the goalkeepers hands , who was interfered with by the offside man at the same time. The Caledonian claimed this as a goal, but the Stonelaw umpire refused to give it on account of the “ offside “, and the Caledonian very childishly walked off the field, leaving only about five minutes of the game to play.

The famed **Vale of Leven team** will make their first appearance in Rutherglen on Saturday first, when Stonelaw will play them at Burnside. With the exception of one or two players the Vale team will consist of men who have repeatedly figured in the international matches, and although the odds are very heavy against the Stonelaw, a good game may be expected. It is hoped that the people of Rutherglen and Cambuslang will take advantage of this visit and turn out strongly on Saturday to welcome Scotland's champion players, who for three years in a row have been the winners of the Scottish Association challenge Cup.

08 November 1879

Vale of Leven v Stonelaw. This match was played at Burnside on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for the strangers by two goals to one. The weather was everything that could be desired by for a football match, although very cold, the wind was not strong enough to be detrimental to good play. Both teams were in good form, and certainly they had a fine appearance on the field – the blue and white uniform of Stonelaw forming a fitting contrast to the dark blue uniform of the strangers. Conspicuous among the Vale team were those who wore their badges of honour, won by them after many of a hard fought match. As to the play, it was one of the finest games it has been our lot to witness. Rough charging was conspicuous by its absence: good dribbling and passing by the forwards, and fine tackling and kicking, being the principle features of the match. Another feature was the miserable turnout of spectators who came to see the Scotland's champion team play against the Stonelaw. It shows how little interest the inhabitants take in the manly sport. We question if ever the gallant strangers have played in presence of such a pitiful turnout of spectators before: and as far as football is concerned the Ruglonians are still a century behind the age.

Both teams appeared on the field a few minutes after the advertised time. The Vale captain won the toss and chose to play with the wind. Reid got the ball a-rolling for the Stonelaw, but Strathers returned it, and from a short run looked dangerous, but he was tackled by John Wallace, and the leather sent to midfield. Some fine passing took place here; eventually Gilchrist got possession of the leather, and eluding McPherson, he passed it onto Menzies, who centred it, but the ball went over the lines. On the kick off, Baird got it and passed it out to McFarlane, he and Gillies had a good run up the right side, and McGregor had a try at goal, but his shot was too high. For the next twenty minutes play was pretty fast, the ball ravelling from goal to goal with great rapidity, the strangers having slightly the best of play, but some sure tackling and kicking from the Stonelaw backs prevented any scoring. Taylor had a good run and centred it, Gardner kicked it out, but McFarlane sprung in, caught it on his knee, and scored the first goal. A few minutes after the Stonelaw forwards by good passing, wrought the ball well into the Vale, Gilchrist made the shot, McPherson attempted to head it out, but the ball glancing off struck McDougall on the leg and went clean through the goal, this making the score equal. For the next few minutes the play was confined to the ground of the home team, and Watson was called on to use his hands several times to clear his charge, but a good kick by James Wallace relieved the pressure, and the forwards breaking away in fine style, Menzies final shot caused McIntyre to have some difficulty in getting rid of the ball, but latterly he lifted it and threw it out, McDougall got it ran it up the field,

and was about to centre it, when John Wallace again tackled him, and sent the ball spinning down the field. At this point one of the Vale team had to retire on account of a slight accident. Half time was called soon after. On play being resumed, the Vale wrought hard to score, and their efforts were rewarded by another goal, the final shot being made by Baird. The home team now made strenuous efforts to make things equal. Menzies sent in a hard shot to the goalkeeper, but McIntyre kicked it out, and again the Vale forwards were at the Stonelaw goal, but the ball passed the lines. Perry next got possession, and dodging everybody passed it to Gilchrist who shot it in, but McFarlane jumped in and screwed it round the post. The corner kick came to nothing. Both teams were now working very hard to increase their score, but to no purpose, as time was called soon after, the game finishing two goals for the Vale and ne goal for the home team. For the Vale, Strathers (at back), McPherson (half back), and Baird, McDougal and McFarlane (forwards), played a magnificent game; while for the home team, all the forwards played a good game. And among the backs the most conspicuous were Guthrie and James Wallace. The Vale of Leven team were entertained to tea in the evening.

The teams were – Vale of Leven: Goal, A.McIntyre; backs, Strathers and McEwan; half backs, Cranmer and McPherson; forwards, McDougal, Taylor, Baird, McGregor, Gillies and McFarlane. Stonelaw; Goal, W.Whitson; backs John Wallace and James Wallace; half backs Reid and Guthrie; forwards, Preston, Perry, Gardner, Andrews, R.Gilchrist and Menzies.

15 November 1879

2nd Lancefield v 2nd Clydebank. A match was played between these clubs on Saturday last, on the Phoenix Park near Dalmarnock Bridge, Rutherglen, and resulted in a win for the Clydebank by two goals to one. The captain of the home side winning the toss chose to play against the wind, and the kick off fell to the lot of the Lancefield. The ball was set in motion by one of their centre forwards, and was carried a short time into the territory of the Clydebank, when it was passed the between the posts by one of their left wing forwards. This roused the Clydebank, and they seemed determined to make up what they had lost. The ball being set in motion again was carried up to the Lancefield goal, where it remained some time, and was at last put through by J. Bryce, this putting both teams on an equal footing. Again the ball was set going, when some good play went on for some time, but the Clydebank forwards breaking away in a splendid run carried into the front of their opponent's goal, when they put it between the posts for the second time by Wm.Wyatt. Shortly after that ends were changed. Scarcely had the ball been set rolling again when it burst,

and thus the game was speedily brought to an end, before another ball could be prepared it would be dark.

22 November 1879

Osborne v Stonelaw Juniors. These two teams met on Saturday last, on the ground of the former and played in a friendly game. When the play was stopped the score stood; Osborne two goals, Stonelaw Juniors one goal.

Caledonian v Fingal (Bridgeton)

A match was played between these clubs on Saturday on the ground of the latter at Eastfield; - and after an exciting game in which the Final showed exceedingly good play, they proved victorious by two goals to none.

Lanarkshire Football Association. Owing to the increased popularity of football in the Upper Ward of Lanarkshire. A meeting of representatives from the various clubs in the Upper Ward was called by circular from the secretary of the Clarkston Football Club and held in Mr.Clark's Inn, Coatbridge, on Monday night for the purpose of considering of forming an association similar to those in Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and Edinburgh, which have been highly successful. Mr.Reid, Stonelaw, occupied the chair. There were 16 clubs represented, and after a few remarks from the chairman and others, the meeting unanimously resolved that such an association should be formed and called the Lanarkshire Football Association. The following clubs are the seven highest in the ballot, and form the committee: Clarkston 26; Drumpellier 23; Stonelaw 21; Hamilton Academicals 21; Shotts 14; Glengowan 12; Cambuslang 12. Mr.John Stewart, Drumpellier, was appointed to act as secretary. The following are the other clubs represented: Lindon, Upper Clydesdale, Clydebank, Airdrie, Plains, Blue Bell (Bellshill), Shettleston, Daisy (Bellshill), and Airdrie Excelsior. The committee to meet on an early date to frame a code of rules for the guidance of the association and draw the first ties.

29 November 1879

Osborne (Rutherglen) v Cessnockbank (Glasgow). This match came off on the ground of the former on Saturday last, and after a very stiff game, resulted in a draw, one goal each. The Cessnockbank played splendid, as did the Osborne, especially N.Riddle (forward), J.Barclay, J.Liddle (backs) and R.Burns (goal).

Clydebank Football Club: The annual soiree, concert, and assembly of the members of the Clydebank Football Club and friends took place on Friday

evening in the Masonic Hall, Cathcart Street. There was a good attendance and Mr. Colin Gardner honorary president of the club, occupied the chair. After an excellent tea had been partaken of, the chairman made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion. In the course of his speech, he expressed his pleasure at the fact that the Clydebank Football Club have got into the Association, so that they would now have a chance of playing a cup tie. This was the best mode of bringing out the good qualities of players, and showing what mettle is in the in such a way that could never be done by playing friendly matches. The Clydebank had been very successful in the past and he wished them success in the future (applause). A most attractive musical programme was then entered upon – the vocalists being: - Misses Hamilton, Shearer and Hutcheson, Millar and Connell. The singing was throughout of high class description and far removed and far removed from the ordinary amateur stamp. In the course of the evening Mr. Wm. Tolmie made a few remarks on the game of football, in which he took a considerable interest, especially as represented by three local clubs, - Stonelaw, Clydebank and Cambuslang. He considered that football took the lead of all the outside games for interest and excitement; and he did not stand alone in that opinion, as was demonstrated by a recent match on Glasgow Green under the patronage of the Lord Provost and Magistrates of Glasgow, when nearly 400 pounds were raised on behalf of the poor from the admission money. He ventured to say that such a sum could not have been raised in the present state of trade, under any other organisation. He differed from the chairman, however, as to the best football play being seen in cup ties; there was great deal of “charging”, a practice condemned by all lovers of the game; and for beautiful and scientific play nothing could surpass friendly matches. A most successful and enjoyable concert was followed by an assembly – dancing being kept up for several hours with much vigour.

20 December 1879.

Cessnockbank v Ardenlea. Played on the ground of the latter and resulted in favour of the former by three goals to none.

17 January 1880

Lanark v Stonelaw. Association Cup Tie. A match in connection with the above tie between these two clubs took place on the racecourse on Saturday last. After a keenly contested game the score was Stonelaw one goal, Lanark, none.

07 February 1880

A match between **Westburn and Shettleston Thistle** took place at the ground of the former, and resulted in their favour by five goals to one.

Shotts v Clydebank (Lanarkshire Cup Tie). Teams representing these clubs met on Saturday last in Phoenix Park, the ground of the Clydebank. The Shotts won the toss and elected to play with a strong wind in their favour. In the first half the Shotts lowered the colours of their opponents three times. In the second half the “Clyde “ now had the wind in their favour and seemed that as if they were now about to turn the tables on their opponents. Shortly after starting they scored two goals in the short space of five minutes, but after this the Shotts played a more defensive game, and gradually bore down on the “Clyde’s “ goal, which they again lowered ten minutes before time was called – leaving the Shotts victors by four goals to two. The forward play of the “Clyde “, especially on the wings, was exceedingly poor, while the play of the Shotts was good all round.

21 February 1880

Cambuslang Juniors v Silverbanks. On the ground of the latter, and after a rough game, resulted in a draw. No goals were scored.

06 March 1880

There was 5 match reports in this edition. I have included one report. This would have been a local derby game.

Cambuslang v Clydebank (Rutherglen). – resulted in favour of the Clydebank by one goal to nothing.

13 March 1880

Westburn v 2nd Clydebank. A match was played on the ground of the latter and resulted in favour of Westburn by three goals to one.

27 March 1880

Stonelaw v Glengowan. Lanarkshire Association Cup Tie.

It will be remembered that these clubs met a fortnight ago on the ground of the Stonelaw at Burnside to play off their cup tie. On that occasion the home defeated the opposition by 3 goals to 1. But after the match was over the Glengowan lodged a protest against the result on the grounds that the Stonelaw team were 18 minutes late on going onto the field, although the Glengowan themselves had insisted on being allowed 15 minutes over the time in the event

of the train they came by being late. However, the fact the Stonelaw team being a few minutes late would not in any way effect the result of the game. Their protest was considered at a meeting of the Lanarkshire Association Committee and, strange to say, it was accepted and the clubs were ordered to play over again on the ground of the Drumpellier at Coatbridge. The Stonelaw team went there on Saturday last play their opponents again and to play a match that had already been played, and won. On arriving at the ground it was evident there was considerable interest in this game. There would be about 200 spectators in the ground and feelings ran very high among them. The Glengowan had a strong body of supporters with them but the Stonelaw were evidently the favourites. ** Unfortunately the rest of this report was too difficult to read on the microfiche film roll **

24 April 1880

Rosebank v Rosevale. Played on the ground of the former on Monday 19th and resulted in favour of the Rosebank by nine goals to none.

Caledonian v Howard. Played on the ground of the former. The captain of the Caledonian won the toss and chose to play down the hill. The ball being set in motion from one end of the field to the other, some give and take play ensued. Ends being changed, the home team had it all their own way, Watson broke away with a fine run and centred it over to Turner who sent it between the posts. The game resulted in favour of the home team by one goal to none.

01 May 1880

Cambuslang Juniors v Tollcross Violet. Played on the ground of the former and a very exciting game resulted in an easy win for the Cambuslang Juniors by three goals to one.

08 May 1880

Caledonian v Silverbanks of Cambuslang. Played on the ground of the latter and resulted in a draw, one goal each. The Silverbanks had three of the Cambuslang who played well for them. The Caledonians meet Westburn on their ground this Saturday. Kick off 4 p.m.

Hamilton v Stonelaw. Lanarkshire Cup tie.

The sixth round of the cup tie was played last Saturday on the ground of the former, in presence of a large concourse of people. More than ordinary interest was taken in this game from the fact that the Hamilton club only beat one club

in this cup tie, and drew twice with the Stonelaw in the second tie, twice with the Clarkston club in the third tie, and drew four times with the Shotts club in the fourth and fifth ties. The strangers were more than equal to the home team and they gained the mastery over them by one goal to none. The Final tie will be between Shotts and Stonelaw. About five minutes from time being up, a sad accident occurred to one of the players in the Hamilton club named Brown, whereby he got his leg badly broken by coming in contact with one of the Stonelaw players – their legs got plaited in each other and this caused the accident to Brown.

15 May 1880

Westburn v Caledonian. Played on the ground of the latter at Eastfield and resulted in favour of the Eastfield by one goal to nothing. The game was stopped shortly after ends were changed in consequences of Caledonian disputing a goal.

Southfield Football Club. A ball was held on the night of the 04th May for the above association, in the Crown Hotel. A very pleasant evening was had with dancing until the early hours of the morning. The arrangements under the supervision of Messrs. Ferguson, Revie and Johnstone. The following office bearers were elected for the Cricket Club for the ensuing season: Captain, D.Bell; Vice-captain, D.Ferguson; Treasurer, C.Rattcliff; Secretary, S.Revie; Committee – D.Borlem; J.Stirling; J.Kelso and A.Topping.

29 May 1880

Stonelaw v Hamilton Academicals. Cup Tie. This tie was played off last Wednesday on the ground of the Hamilton team, and after a very fast game, resulted in a win for the Stonelaw by 3 goals to nothing. It will be remembered that these two clubs met at Hamilton three weeks ago to decide the tie, but unfortunately the game was stopped owing to an accident – the game standing at that time, Stonelaw 1 goal, Hamilton nothing. The committee of the Association ordered the game to be finished on Wednesday last, and the above is the result. Play was commenced at half past seven. The Stone at once were aggressive and a few minutes from the kick off a shot from Menzies caused the Hamilton goalkeeper to use his hands. Good kicking by the backs relieved he pressure and the play was transferred to midfield. Both teams were working very hard but the powerful back play of Stonelaw proved too strong for their opponents. A bit of good passing brought the ball into the mouth of the Hamilton goal, where Dalrymple sent it smartly through. On the kick off the

ball was out to Lightbody, but he was tackled and the ball again was sent into goal but the keeper proved equal to it and threw it out. The Hamilton forwards broke away and had a good run, almost the whole length of the field, but the ball went out. At the throw in Shearer got it away and passed it out to Hunter, but a good kick by Smellie sent it back again. Preston had a run down the left side, and on the back coming out to meet him, he passed across to Gilchrist who ran it up a bit and centred. Dalrymple sent it hard in, but the goalkeeper was on the alert and struck it out, but only to be sent back again, and in the “scrimmage” that ensued Gilchrist got a fall, but while lying on the ground he kicked the second goal. Half time was called soon after. On the play being resumed the Hamilton team worked hard to score, but the splendid tackling of the half backs and the steady kicking of the backs of the Stonelaw rendered all their efforts futile. McCallum and Goldie had a run into the Stonelaw territory, but they were smartly brought up by Fleming who passed the ball to Preston; but a splendid kick by Wilson sent it well down the field. The forwards quickly followed it up, but Thomson quickly got it away. Soon after this Wilson had a long shot at goal, and Whitson had to free his charge, this being the first and only time he was called on during the match. Time was called soon after. The game was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators, and the reception given by them to the Stonelaw team was anything but encouraging, hissing and booing being indulged to an unlimited extent. However, the indomitable pluck of the Stonelaw proved more than a match for the united efforts of players and onlookers. The game was a good one all through. For the Hamilton team Goldie, McCallum, Lightbody, Dunn and Wilson were in splendid form, and played a brilliant game, the combined play being very good. The teams were: Hamilton Academicals – Goal, Alexander; Backs, Wilson and Smellie; half backs, Dunn and Lorimer; forwards, Lightbody, Smellie, Goldie, McCallum, Brown and Rodger. Stonelaw, Goal, Whitson; backs, Thomson and Wallace; half backs, Wallace and Fleming; Forwards, Menzies, Gilchrist, Dalrymple, Shearer, Preston and Hunter.

05 June 1880.

There was 5 match reports from different districts in this edition. I have included one report.

Glenburn (Rutherglen) v Stonefield (Glasgow). This match was played on Glasgow Green last Saturday and resulted in favour of Glenburn by

one goal to none, kicked by J.Kerr. The Glenburn played a good passing game and pressed their opponents during the latter part of the game. The only good play of Stonefield was their backs and goalkeeper.

26 June 1880

Caledonian v Glenburn. This match was played last Wednesday and resulted in a draw – one goal each.

28 August 1880

This edition had 5 match reports from different districts covered by the Rutherglen Reformer and Cambuslang Journal. It included Thornliebank v Portland, which was the opening of the home team ground.

Cambuslang Juniors Football Club.

At a meeting of the club the following office bearers were elected; Captain, John Beveridge; Vice-captain, Jas.Low; treasurer, Wm.Ferguson; Secretary, John Longhurst, Rosebank Terrace Cambuslang.

Westburn Football Club: At a meeting of the members of the club the following were appointed office bearers during the ensuing season; President, Joseph McNicol; captain, Wm.Duncan; vice-captain, Wm.Wyatt; Secretary, John Fyfe; treasurer, Robert Thomson; ; match secretary James Glen, 8 High Street , Rutherglen; Committee; William Duncan, William Wyatt, James Glen.

25 September 1880

Hawthorn v Glenburn. This match was played at Rutherglen and resulted in favour of the Hawthorn by three goals to none. Today, the Hawthorn will meet the Meadowbank from Glasgow.

09 October 1880

There was 14 match reports in the Rutherglen Reformer and Cambuslang Journal on this date. All were different from geographic areas covered by the newspaper. A few matches were:

Westburn v Caledonian. Played on the ground of the former in Rutherglen and resulted in their favour by ten goals and one disputed, to nothing. Charging, kicking and tripping were indulged by the Caledonian, but these were of no avail, as they thoroughly exhausted long before time was called.

Arthurlie played Vale of Leven in Alexandria in front of 1,500 spectators.

16 October 1880

Cambuslang v Academicals (Hamilton). The match resulted in favour of Cambuslang by three goals to one.

Burnbrae v Cambuslang. Played on the ground of the former in Rutherglen and resulted in their favour by one goal.

Glenburn v Hampden. This match was played at Rutherglen last Saturday and after a well contested game resulted in favour of the strangers by 1 goal to 3.

18 December 1880

Glenburn (Rutherglen) v Meadowbank (Glasgow). The match was played at Farme, Rutherglen. The home side lost the toss and had to face a strong wind for the first few minutes. The Meadowbank had some good runs and the Glenburn goalkeeper had to use his hands, but after this the Glenburn settled down to their work McFarlane getting the ball, passed to Burtie who placed the ball between the Meadowbank posts. No further scoring took place in the first half. As soon as the second half began, the Glenburn began to press their opponents. Riddle and Murray now came up with the ball, and a scrimmage ensued, when Carr made a dash, and shot it through in this half. The Glenburn goalkeeper only handled the ball once. An enjoyable game ended, as above stated, in the favour of the Glenburn, by two goals to none.

26 February 1881

Glasgow Queens Park were successful against the Clapham Rovers by one goal to nothing.

The Vale of Leven were defeated by Nottingham Forest by two goals to none.

Crownpoint v Westburn. Played on the ground of the former, Barrowfield Park, Bridgeton and resulted in favour of the former by 5 goals to one. Although the game was one sided as regards goals, it was well contested.

12 March 1881

Cambuslang Juniors v Burnbrae (Rutherglen). Played on the ground of the former, and on the Burnbrae leaving the field at half time, the Juniors claimed the match.

Burnbrae v Cambuslang Juniors. Played on the ground of the latter and resulted after thirty minutes play in a victory for the Burnbrae. Goals taken by Martin Laird. (**Second report**).

19 March 1881

Burnbrae v Glenburn. This match was played at Rutherglen last Saturday and resulted in favour of the latter by two goals to one. During the first half the play was very well contested, both clubs having scored a goal. The Glenburn kicked the ball off in the second half and ran it down the field in front of their opponent's goal, where they chiefly remained during the rest of the game. But because of the smart way in which McDonald defended his goal they were unable to score more than once. Both clubs played with the pass.

Westburn v Eastern Carrick. Played on the ground of the former in Rutherglen and resulted in their favour by three goals to none. The strangers tried hard to make matters equal, but were unable to do so on account of the splendid play of the Westburn.

09 April 1881

Westburn v Tollcross. Played on the ground of the former in Rutherglen and resulted in their favour 5 goals to one. For the Westburn, Hamilton 2, Duncan 2, and Young. And Rodgers for Tollcross. The game was splendid throughout and there was an absence of charging. Today the Westburn meet the Shettleston Thistle and a good game is expected.

14 May 1881

Westburn Football and Cricket Club. At the annual meeting of the club the following were elected for the ensuing season: President, Robert Thomson; football captain, William Duncan; cricket captain, Robert Dick; treasurer, Gavin Wilkie; secretary, John Fyfe ; match secretary, James Glen, 8 High Street, Rutherglen; minutes secretary, James Edgar; Committee, William Allison, Thomas Gemmell, John Young, William Duncan.

21 May 1881.

Female Match with Female Players. – A DISGRACEFUL SCENE.

What was termed as an “international football match“ between teams of female players came off on Monday night at Shawfield near Rutherglen Bridge. Before fixing on Shawfield the promoters of the match made applications to the principle football clubs in the city for the use of their ground for the occasion. The members however in every instance declined to give countenance to what at best they concluded could only be regarded as an unseemly exhibition and sent those setting up the match to seek a field elsewhere. The Shawfield grounds being at last secured arrangements were entered into for the game, which, hardly being necessary to promise, did not draw a peculiarly respectable gathering or – and this was probably of more concern to the promoters – “a big gate “. Somewhere about 400 persons paid for admission to the ground and a good many hundred got in without paying, the weaker portions of the barricades surrounding the bank being captured by a clamorous crowd early in the evening. The players dressed in the usual football costumes were driven into the field by omnibus about half past seven and play was at once began. It implies little to say that the play was at the most amateurish description. A stronger term, however, required to describe the fouling produced by the spectacle from a general point of view. The spectators many whom were certainly not many of the class of people who usually patronise the game of football, seemed however, for the most, to enjoy the spectacle. They laughed and cheered and occasionally the most shocking imprecations and vulgarities being audible in all quarters above the general din. After fifty five minutes of play in which it can hardly be of interest to all, no goals were taken. The game was brought to an abrupt termination. The ropes keeping back the crowd from the players were out, and the roughest elements, who formed by far the majority of those present, at once rushed and took possession of the field. The poor girls ran, a bad chance of being injured in the crowd who pressed upon them from all directions. Seeing the dangers a body of county policemen, under Inspector Smith, who were tasked in maintaining order all through the game, charged the crowd with their batons and rescued the players, some of them, however, only with considerable difficulty. One or two of the players were rather badly treated by the mob, and they had to be assisted to the omnibus which was waiting to take them back to the city. As the bus left the players were hissed by the crowd. The result of the match was not encouraging, and it is hoped – indeed it may be predicted – that such an exhibition will not be repeated in the neighbourhood of the city.

10 September 1881

Westburn v Crownpoint. The opening match of the season was played between these two teams on Saturday on the ground at the Crownpoint at Bridgeton, and after a somewhat well contested game, ended in favour of the Westburn by 4 goals to none. Much interest was manifested in the match. These two clubs have drawn several times in previous seasons – and before the latest match was played each club had 14 goals placed to their credit.

10 December 1881

Cowlairs v Cambuslang. Played on the ground of the former and a very pleasant game resulted in favour of the home team by three goals to one.

Cambuslang Brandon v Tollcross. Played on the ground of the latter and resulted in favour of the former by two goals to one. Another report on the game says it ended in a draw.

Shotts v Vale of Teith. -Scottish Association Challenge Cup Fifth Round.

This interesting match was played on Saturday last, on the ground of the latter at Tulloch Knowe, Doune. For the want of proper railway accommodation, the Shotts team had to leave on Friday night in order to get the game played in time to be home on Saturday night. The day turned out to be a fine one, and the ground was in first class order. Shotts having their strongest team were determined to carry off the palm. In this they were not disappointed as they beat their opponents by 5 goals to none. The Shotts lost the toss and kicked off with a slight declivity of the ground in their favour, and by some fine passing play in their favour, and, by some fine passing play on the part of their forwards were soon in front of the home goal. The home team sent the ball over their own touch line and Shotts had the advantage of a corner kick, but a fine kick by Gray for the home team neutralised the advantage for the time being. The Shotts backs however, returned the ball, when Allander for the strangers, caught hold of it and shot it through the home goal four minutes from kick off. The right wing of the home team now had a fine run and centring well a fine shot by one of the centres caused McLean to use his hands which he did very smartly. The Shotts left wing now got possession of the leather and carried it to the other end of the field. A fine centre enabled Gilchrist for Shotts to head the ball and sending it between the posts, this scoring Number 2. The home team now commenced to play in earnest, and several times attacked the Shotts goal, and sometimes had a narrow shave; but McLean always did the useful. About ten minutes from the finish of the first half, Darling on the right wing, had a fine

run up to the home goal, centred the ball to McLaughlan who scored Number 3. The game for the remainder of the first half was pretty equal. In the second half the strangers displayed great superiority over the home team. For a time Shotts kept battering away in a severe manner at the Vale's stronghold, the outcome of which was that McLaughlan scored other two goals. For his team. The match throughout was very quiet but fast, and although the home team did not score, it was not for the want of good play on their side, but for the excellent play of McLean in the Shotts goal, the Vale would have lessened their defeat. The Shotts however played one of the finest passing games we have seen for a long time. The Shotts team were : Goal, T.McLean; backs, J.Stevenson and J.Elder; half backs William McAlpine and T.Williams; forwards, A.Darling, J.Allander, T.Gilchrist, and W.Peacock; centre forwards, L.McLaughlan and A.Elder.

12 November 1881

Westburn Football and Cricket Club. – The fourth annual soiree of the above club was held in Mr.Wm.Reid's hall, Main Street. Mr.Alex Brown was in the chair. The chairman in the course of his remarks alluded to the position the club held as regards football. At the same time he congratulated the members on their excellent behaviour and character in the past, and hoped the same would continue in the future with as good results as in the past. After this very enjoyable evening was spent assisted by the singing of Miss Yuill and Messrs. Snodgrass, Galloway, Frame and Forsyth. A trio – “ Willie brew'd a peck 'o maut “ by Messrs. West, Brown and Fyfe, was well received with continued encores. The programme was got through by 10 o'clock. Mr. Duncan (captain) proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and singers for their assistance there that night. This was responded to in a hearty manner by the company. Mr.Brown rose and said he had no doubt that most of them would be impatient for the better part of the evening, viz.- the ball of which his friend here, Mr.Galloway had to take charge. After “ Auld Lang Syne “ had been sung, the company, after enjoying a happy evening, separated to their respective places, some lingering to see the ball, which passed off in an orderly manner, finishing up about 3 o'clock on the following morning.

Greenburn v Bathgate. A match between these two clubs was played on Saturday last. Owing to the heavy rains which fell previous to the game, the ground was in a wet and slippery condition, and in consequence falls were frequent. At the conclusion of the game Greenburn scored five goals to the home team's nothing. Easton for the Bathgate played a very fine game, and his style was much admired and applauded by the various onlookers.

13 January 1882

Cambuslang v Plains Blue Bell. Lanarkshire Cup Tie. Played at Cambuslang and resulted in favour of the home team by five goals to two. The Cambuslang scored first but the strangers scored twice in succession. Cambuslang scored four times after this. The Plains played the most cowardly game ever played, doing nothing during the second half but kicking the ball out of play, and leaving the field ten minutes before time for no other reason than they were beaten.

Queens Park v Shotts. (Association Cup Tie). The Challenge Cup ties are now drawing to a close. The Queens Park met the Shotts Club at Hampden Park on Saturday in the sixth round, and had an easier victory than they under ordinary circumstance have expected – fourteen goals to none. The young country club, with a spirit of pluck, which clearly showed true football enthusiasm, although having the option to play the game at Shotts, agreed to come to Glasgow. About 400 spectators were present and the ground was very heavy from recent rain. Not long after kick off the Queens Park began to move and a continual record was kept up till time was called, the ball having been put between the Shotts no fewer than fifteen times. One of the goals, however, was disallowed for “off side “. Some of the Shotts backs showed fine ability in kicking cleanly, but were sadly deficient in tackling and judgement. The Queens Park had their usual team, and as such a few of the goals were taken in brilliant form. After the game was over the two teams had a get together in the Athole Arms Hotel and a very agreeable evening was spent before the strangers left for Shotts.

17 February 1882

Cambuslang v Airdrie (Lanarkshire Cup Tie). This match was played at Airdrie and resulted in favour of the Cambuslang by two goals to none. A crowd of about a thousand assembled and behaved in a most bad manner. About four minutes from time the umpire of the Airdrie (unclear what the next line reads due to smudged print), breaking a tooth and injuring him. There the crowd knocked down several of the Cambuslang players and kicked them in a most brutal manner. ** The rest of the report is unclear **

24 March 1882.

Shotts v Cambuslang. Played on the ground of the former and resulted in a victory for the home team by 3 goals to 1.

Newhall Juniors v Star Rutherglen. Played on the ground of the latter at Farme, Rutherglen, and after a well contested games resulted in a victory for the Star by 3 goals to nothing. Goals kicked by J.McAlpine and Wm.Kerr.

21 April 1882

Star v Eastfield. Played on the ground of the latter at Eastfield, and after a one sided game resulted in an easy win for the Star by 8 goals to 1.

09 June 1882

Cambuslang Football Club. The annual meeting of the Cambuslang Football Club was held in the Argyle restaurant on Friday last .the President took the chair. The annual report and other business was brought up. At present there are 53 members on the roll and the club is in a more flourishing condition than it has ever been yet. After business being transacted, the following office bearers were elected: President, Joseph Buchanan; vice president John Struthers; 1st eleven Captain, James Buchanan; vice-captain Wm. Smith; 2nd eleven Captain, James Gourlay; vice- captain, Wm Ferguson; 3RD eleven captain Thomas Gray; treasurer, James Dunn; honorary secretary, Duncan Longmuir; match secretary. Wm.Semple, Rosebank Street. Members of committee: Joseph Buchanan, William Eadie, Neil Black, Duncan Longmuir, James Gray.

25 August 1882

Scottish Football Association: A meeting of the committee of the Scottish Football Association was held in Glasgow on Tuesday night for the purposes of drawing the ties on the first round for the Scottish Challenge Cup. Mr.Lawrie presided. It was reported that 31 clubs had been struck off in consequences of not having paid their subscription, leaving 125 clubs in the association.

The drawing then took place with the following results. **Glasgow and Suburbs:** Battlefield v Partick Thistle; Jordanhill v Rangers; Pollokshields Athletic v Alexandria Athletic; Queens Park v Thistle; South Western v Third Lanark (3rd L.R.V.); Cowlairs v Whitefield; 1st. L.R.V. v Northern; Mavisbank v Granton; Possilpark v Pilgrims; Partick v Petershill; Clyde v Luton; Apsley, bye; University, bye; **Ayrshire:** Annbank v Largs Athletic; Lugar Boswell v Kilbirnie; Mauchline v Kilmarnock; Portland n Hurlford; Cunninham (Stewarton) v Ayr; Maybole v Rankinstone; Beith v Beith Thistle; Cumnock v Kilmarnock Athletic; **Lanarkshire:** Wishaw v Holytown; Bellshill v West Benhar; Airdreonians v Royal Albert; Drumpellier v Clarkston; Hamilton

Academicals v Cambuslang; Airdriehill v Shotts; Airdrie v Plain Bluebell; **Renfrewshire**; Ladyburn v Abercorn; Johnstone Athletic v Cartvale; Woodland v Sir John Maxwell; Thornliebank v Southern (Greenock); Arthurlie v Bute Rangers; St.Mirren v Yoker; Clippens v Glenpatrick; Pollock v Renfrew; Woodside v Kilbarchan; Johnstone v Paisley Athletic; Port Glasgow Athletic v Lochwinnoch; Morton v Johnstone Rovers; **Dunbartonshire**: Alclutha v Renton; Kilmarnock Thistle v Dumbarton; Jamestown v Vale of Leven Hibernian; Vale of Leven, bye; **Edinburgh**; West Calder v Kinleith (????) ; heart of Midlothian v St.Bernards; Hibernian v Brnswick; Addiewell v Dunfermline; Edinburgh University, bye; Perthshire; Vale of Athol v Vale of Teith; Coupar Angus v Dunblane; ** Unable to read the remainder of the draw **

06 October 1882

Matches today:

Airdrieonians v Cambuslang (Scottish Cup Tie) on the Airdrie Cricket ground. Kick off 4 p.m.

Cambuslang v Petershill at Brandon Park, Cambuslang.

2nd Cambuslang v 2nd Petershill at Petershill.

Thornliebank v Glenpatrick.

Airdrie v Wishaw. Scottish Cup tie at Rochmolloch. Kick off 4 p.m.

West Benhar v Shotts (Scottish Cup tie) at Harthill Mains Farm. Kick off 3.30 p.m.

Lanarkshire Association.

A meeting of this association was held in Mr.Greig's, Coatbridge, on Tuesday evening. After the preliminary business of the meeting had been gone through, the draw for the second round took place:

Larkhall v Holytown; Plains or Dykehead v Clarkston; Hamilton v Cambuslang; Benhar v Airdrie; Glengowan, bye.

Ties to be played before the 11 November.

13 October 1882

There was 5 match reports on this date. I have included one report.

Queens Park (Hampden eleven) v Glengowan. Played on the grounds of the latter at Caldercruix and resulted in a win for Queens Park by one goal to none. The Hampdeners scored a second goal but the score was disallowed on the plea that it had hit a players hand before going through.

03 November 1882

Airdrie Caledonian Football Club. At a meeting held recently the following were elected as office bearers. Honorary President, Mr. John Adam, Broomfield; Vice President, Mr. Andrew Colquhoun; Captain, Mr. Robert Paterson; Vice Captain, Mr. W. Gardner; treasurer, Mr. William Bell; secretary, Mr. Jas Brown, Broomfield Colliery, Airdrie.

Queens Park (Hampden XI) v Royal Albert. Played at Larkhall and after a good game resulted in favour of the Royal Albert by four goals to none. For the visitors, led the downhill charge in good style, while the home team played a good game all round.

17 November 1882

Queens Park v Cambuslang (Scottish Cup). Cambuslang agreed to play at Hampden after their park was in a bad state after the recent heavy rain. Queens Park won 5-0. The Cambuslang played a good game and seemed to astonish their formidable opponents with their formidable passing. Their backs were greeted with applause on several occasions for the fine way in which they stopped the Queens Park forwards.

01 December 1882

Cambuslang v Hamilton Academicals (Lanarkshire Cup tie).

Played at South Avenue. Shortly after half time the game stood Hamilton three goals, Cambuslang one goal. Cambuslang then pressed their opponents and played together neatly, made the scores equal. Four minutes from the end a break away by the home forwards ended in a goal.

Accident at a Football Match. – On Tuesday in the course of a football match at Shedden Park, Kelso, between teams from Kelso High School and Highfield House Academy, one of the half-backs of the Highfield team, Richard Waugh, about 15 years of age, met with a serious accident. While running with the ball he was tackled by an opponent, and both rolled over, the result being that Waugh's left leg was broken below the knee. The match which was greatly in favour of the Highfield team, was stopped and the injured lad attended to.

08 December 1882

Shotts v Edna (Edinburgh). On the ground of the former at Springhill, and after a very fast game Shotts were the victors by five goals to one.

2nd Bellshill v 2nd Drumpellier. On ground of the latter. The Bellshill had much the best of the game, but only succeeded in scoring twice.

2nd Hibernian v 2nd Hamilton Academicals. (Scottish Cup tie). At Mayfield Edinburgh and resulted in favour of the Hibernian. **Unable to clearly read the score **.

Bellshill v Drumpellier. Played at Bellshill and ended in an easy victory for Bellshill by three goals to one. *** Unable to clearly read the name of the pitch this game was played on **

2nd Falkirk v 2nd Royal Albert (Scottish Cup tie). On ground of the former and resulted in their favour by nine goals to none. Henry for Falkirk and the goalkeeper for the strangers specially distinguished themselves.

Inter City match. Glasgow v Edinburgh. The annual Rugby football match between representative teams from Edinburgh and Glasgow, came to Glasgow on Saturday and ended in Glasgow winning by a goal and a try to nil.

2nd Thornliebank v 2nd Cartvale (Scottish Cup tie). At Thornliebank. During the first half the game was well contested, the home team securing one goal. On change of ends, they had the game pretty much to themselves, and secured four other goals. The Thornliebank thus win by five goals to none.

Heart of Midlothian v West Calder (Edinburgh Shield tie). Played at West Calder and ended in a win for the heart of Midlothian team by one goal to none. The weather was of the most wretched description, the ground being slippery on top, but hard underneath. Play was unequal. During the second half Renwick for the Hearts scored the goal.

Lanarkshire v Renfrewshire. This fixture comes off at Paisley on Saturday next. At a meeting of the Lanarkshire Association the following team was selected to do battle for the county. T.Forsyth (Airdrieonians), goal; W.Jackson (Cambuslang) and W.Reid (Hamilton Academicals), backs; J.Queen (Hamilton Academicals) and J.Connor (Clarkston), half-backs; G.Glen (Benhar), A.Lightbody (Hamilton Academicals), J.Goldie (Hamilton Academicals), J.Hill (Plains), J.Hamilton (Cambuslang); and J.Downs (Hamilton Academicals), forwards.

Second Eleven Scottish Cup tie. Airdrieonians v Benhar. This game was played on the Airdrie cricket ground on Saturday. There was a pretty fair turn out of spectators. The home team immediately on the kick off, took the game into their own hands and within half an hour had placed to their credit a couple of goals. The Benhar team now roused themselves and played with great determination, by sheer weight drove their opponents close to their goal and out a scrimmage the ball was slipped through, the goalkeeper meanwhile being attended to by a couple of the forwards. These tactics were again repeated and a rush by the forwards resulted in the downfall of the home team's fortunes for a second time, the game now being equal. The home team for a short time assumed to be aggressive but the Benhar were not to be denied and in a very short time a third point was put down to them. From this the home team showed up better, the backs repulsing all attempts by the opposition forwards to break through. **It is unclear and difficult to read the next sentence but it looks like Airdrie won by four goals to three **

29 December 1882

There was four match reports on this date. 2nd Cambuslang v 2nd Thistle; Pollok v Renfrew (Renfrewshire Cup): Thistle v Cambuslang at Dalmarnock Road.

Greenock Morton v Thornliebank. (Renfrewshire Cup tie). Played at Greenock, Morton won 2-1. Thornliebank have lodged a protest as the last half hour of the game was played in darkness. Due to the late arrival of Morton.

05 January 1883

There was three match reports on this date.

Arthurlie v Kilmarnock Athletic. Challenge Cup game. Draw 1-1.

Thornliebank 6 v 1 Dundee Harp.

Shotts v 2nd Queens Park. This most interesting game, which was the best witnessed this season, was played at Shotts between the above teams and resulted in a win for Shotts one goal to none. It should be said that Queens Park only had 9 players.

16 February 1883

There was two match reports on this date. (I cannot clearly read one of the reports).

Thornliebank v Morton (Greenock). At Cartbank, Johnstone.

Thornliebank 3 v 1 Morton.

23 February 1883

Renfrewshire v Lanarkshire. This important contest came off at Paisley on the ground of the St.Mirren. Notwithstanding the disgraceful state of the weather, over 1000 spectators turned out to witness this contest, which was a capital one, considering the state of matters. At the call of time Renfrewshire stood seven goals; Lanarkshire two goals. Teams: Renfrewshire; goal, J.Houston (Pollok); backs, Whitehill, captain (Paisley Athletic), Fitch (Paisley Athletic); half-backs, Wylie (Paisley Athletic), R.Whyte (St.Mirren); forwards, T.McGroger (Pollok), Pat Gallocher (Johnstone Burgh), G.Morris (Pollok), Roberts (Greenock Morton); Calderwood (Paisley Athletic); McAuley (Paisley Athletic). – Lanarkshire, Goal, T.Forsyth, captain (Airdrieonians), backs, McKellar (Airdrieonians), Jackson (Cambuslang); half-backs, J.Connor (Clarkston), Welsh (Aidrieonians), forwards, G.Glen (Benhar), T.Stark (Clarkston), Hill (Plains), Semple (Cambuslang), J.Hamilton (Cambuslang); J.Adam (Airdrieonians). Umpires: Messrs W.Craig (St.Mirren), and the President of Lanarkshire Association. Referee, Mr.A.McKinney (Thornliebank). President Renfrewshire Association. After the game the Renfrewshire Association entertained both teams in the George Hotel, where a pleasant and happy evening was spent.

The Annual football match between **Glasgow and Sheffield** was played at Glasgow on Saturday afternoon. The local players won by four goals to two.

Thornliebank v Renfrew (Renfrewshire Cup tie). Played at Renfrew. Thornliebank proved victorious by two goals to none.

Alexandra Athletic (scratch) v Tollcross. Played on the ground of the latter at Wellshot Park, and resulted in their favour by one goal to none.

Kilmarnock Athletic v Arthurlie, Barrhead. Cup Tie. The fourth struggle in the sixth round for the Scottish Association Cup between above clubs came off at Cathkin Park and resulted in favour of the Athletic by one goal to none.

2nd Rosemount v Clifton. At Overnewton, and resulted in favour of the 2nd Rosemount by six goals to one. Rosemount played with ten men until half-time.

09 March 1883

These match reports were on Page 1.

Vale of Leven v Cambuslang. – Cambuslang won by three goals to one.

Falkirk v Lenzie: On ground of the latter and resulted in a win for Falkirk by four goals to one.

Thornliebank v Kilmarnock. On ground of the former. Thornliebank six goals Kilmarnock two goals.

2nd Queens Park v Hamilton Academicals. At Hampden Park. When things were called the game stood Academicals 3 Queens Park nil.

St.Mirren v Arthurlie. At Thistle Park, Paisley. In front of a large crowd of spectators, fully 3,000 persons being round the ropes. The weather was all that could be desired, and the ground was in splendid condition. ** It is unclear what the last sentence in the match reports says, but it looks like “ the Saints defeated the holders of the County Cup for the first time “.

16 March 1883

The Annual Association Football Match between Wales and Scotland was played at Wrexham on Monday and resulted in favour of Scotland by three goals to none.

The Annual International Football match between England and Scotland was played on Saturday at Sheffield and was won by the latter by two goals to one.

There was also 8 football match reports on this date including this one:

North Eastern Challenge Cup. Tollcross v Whitehill. The first tie for this cup was played by the above teams at Onslow Park, the ground of the latter. At half time the score stood Tollcross 0 v 3 Whitehill. On the change of ends however, Tollcross improved their play to something like their usual form, and scored 5 goals – four from the foot of Torrance and one by Dick. Tollcross thus winning a splendid game 5 goals to 3.

30 March 1883

Nine games reported on this date including:

Clarkston v Queens Park (Hampden eleven). On the ground of the former at Cowbrae Park and resulted in their favour by three goals to none. Hampden played two men short.

2nd Hibernian v West Calder (2nd Eleven Cup tie). Played on the Easter Road, Edinburgh, and resulted in a win for the home team by ten goals to one – five goals being taken in the first half and five goals in the second half.

Queens Park v Arthurlie. The return match between these teams was played at Hampden Park on Saturday. The forwards of Queens Park played in splendid form, and their short passing disposed the Arthurlie backs so much that they could not check them; and at the finish the score stood seven goals to none in favour of the Queens Park.

Blackburn Rovers v 2nd Lanark Rifle Volunteers. The Volunteers from Glasgow again met the Rovers in Blackburn and sustained a defeat similar to the one they had taken on their last visit. The Scotchmen played a good passing game and made some very clever runs but they were not so successful in front of the goal and they lost this match. They were defeated by six goals to nil. The match was not by any means a runaway one, although the result might give that impression.

13 April 1883

Lanarkshire Cup (Final Tie). Benhar v Royal Albert. These teams met on Saturday on the ground of the Airdrieonians in the final tie for this cup. A great number of spectators turned out to witness the game, which was well contested from the commencement to the end. In the first half the Benhar scored three goals and in the second half, one; while the “Royalists”, despite their most strenuous exertions, only lowered their opponent’s fortress once, and that in the second half. The forward play of the winners was superior to that of the Larkhall club, but the back play of both teams was excellent. G.McPike of the Royal Albert proving himself the best man on the field. The respective goalkeepers did very well, Devlin the Benhar custodian, carrying off the plan.

Thornton v Chryston. Played on the ground of the latter at Chryston, and after a well contested game victory rested with the strangers by two goals to one.

Arthurlie (Barrhead) v Pollok (Pollokshaws). Played at Dunterlie Park, Barrhead. In the first half of the play neither side scored, but in the second part the Arthur succeeded in scoring twice and the Pollok once.

The undecided Final Tie for the Association Challenge Cup was played on Saturday at Hampden Park. The competing clubs being Vale of Leven and Dumbarton. The latter proved victorious by two goals to one.

The team of Dumbarton football players that were successful on Saturday in a match with Vale of Leven, received shocking ill-treatment from a section of the inhabitants of Alexandria on Monday night while the former players and their friends were returning home from a holiday excursion. Stones were freely thrown at them, and several pails of blood obtained from a butcher were dashed upon several of their number. It appears, however, that the youths had been indulging in the dangerous amusements of throwing empty bottles at people on the streets and this to some extent provoked the attack.

20 April 1883

Lanarkshire Football Association team selected. — At a meeting of the above Association in Mr. Greig's, Coatbridge, the following players were selected to represent **Lanarkshire** in their match against Renfrewshire at Airdrie. Goal, T. Devlin (Benhar), Backs, M. McPike (Larkhall), T. Brown (Benhar); half backs, J. Walsh (Airdrieonians) and J. Connor (Clarkston), Forwards, J. Reid (Benhar), J. Hill (Plains), J. Clelland (Larkhall), J. Hamilton (Cambuslang), and J. McAuley (Airdrie). — The team announced to represent **Renfrewshire**: Goal, T. Turner (Arthurlie), backs, G. Ritchie (Port Glasgow Athletic), and J. Maxwell (Paisley Athletic), half-backs, A. Clark (Arthurlie) and H. Raeside (Renfrew), forwards J. McAulay (Arthurlie), H. Hunter (Port Glasgow Athletic), R. Bryson (Renfrew), J. Gordon (Port Glasgow Athletic), R. McPherson (Arthurlie), and J. ?? (Arthurlie).

Lanarkshire v Renfrewshire. On the ground of the Airdrieonians — Airdrie Cricket Ground. Today teams representing these counties meet in the return fixture of this game which have now almost gone the way of the predecessors. The previous meeting of the county representatives at Paisley is not a pleasant reminiscence, the game being played in in about six inches of mud and as neither of the sides were as strong as they might have been the game was consequently not at all satisfactory. The teams chosen at this time, though perhaps weak at some points, are fairly representative of the football of the two counties, and a good game is sure to be the result. Of this Lanarkshire team, the Benhar and Royal Albert supply three men each, Airdrieonians one, Clarkston one, Cambuslang one, Plains one, and Airdrie one. Devlin by his skilful defence in the final tie, laid a fair claim to inter-county honours; and McPike and Brown backs should make a dangerous pair. A combination which should also work

well is that of half-back division – Welsh and Connor – and the committee could not have selected better men. The forwards are perhaps the uncertain lot; the left wing is good enough, and the centre is fair, but the right wing is weak. This is the last football match that will be played on the Airdrie cricket ground this season – the A.C.C, occupying it till the end of the cricket season. After the match the teams will dine in the “Royal “.

18 May 1883

Hamilton Academicals v Cambuslang. Played at South Avenue, the ground of the former, and resulted in a victory for the latter by two goals to nil.

2nd Cambuslang v 2nd Hamilton. Played at Westburn Green, the ground of the former, and resulted in favour of the latter by three goals to two. Wilson of the 1st Hamilton played splendidly at the back. The Cambuslang welcomed two of their best forwards.

25 May 1883

Cambuslang v Harp. At Dundee in the presence of a large number of spectators. The Harp kicked off with the wind against them, and took the lead in 20 minutes with their first goal. This seemed to arouse the strangers who played with great determination throughout the game. At the call of time Harp scored four goals and Cambuslang three goals.

Ayr Academical v Tollcross. Played at Wellshot Park, Shettleston, the ground of the latter, and after a very splendid and fast game, resulted in a draw two goals each.

In the final tie on Saturday of the Glasgow Football Charity Cup competition, Queens Park beat Rangers by four goals to one.

10 August 1883

Cambuslang Football Club Amateur Athletics Sports. –The inaugural games of what promises to be an annual gathering of some importance in the village of Cambuslang under the auspices of the football club took place last Saturday under the most favourable circumstances. The event came off on the football ground at Wesburn, an admirable place indeed for such sports and there was present upwards of 1000 spectators. During the afternoon, however, slight showers of rain fell, but this had very little effect in the matter of discouraging the enthusiastic audience who manifested throughout the greatest interest in all the events of the day. The Cambuslang Brass Band was

present and discoursed some excellent music. The arrangements were carried out most effectively, and with the best possible results for the comfort of all concerned.

The leading feature of the day was the football competition. In the final tie, Cambuslang No.1 beat the Queens Park (H.E.) by two goals and a touch to one goal. The following are the results: 100 yards handicap (confined). – 1. Jas.Low (scratch). 2. James Plenderleith (scratch). 200 yard handicap (confined)- 1. Wm.Eadie (four yards). 2. J.Sanderson (scratch). Football Competition. – First round – Cambuslang No 1 beat Cambuslang No 3; Queens Park. H.E. beat Cambuslang No 2; Pollok No 2 beat Pollok No 1. Half mile handicap (confined). 1. John Anderson (scratch). 2. Wm.Semple (five yards). – Boys race. 1. James Jamieson. 2. George Wande. Football competition. – Second round. Westburn beat Rainbow No 2. Cambuslang No 1 beat Pollok No.2. One mile handicap (confined). 1. Archibald Clelland (fifteen yards). 2. Hugh Russell (forty yards). Quarter mile (open). 1. W.Blyth (scratch). 2. R.Whyte (ten yards). 100 yards handicap. 1. J.Sanderson. 2. W.Blyth. Football. Third round. Queens Park H.E. beat Rainbow No 1. Cambuslang No 1 beat Westburn. Half mile handicap (open). 1. John Anderson (fifteen yards). 2. George Hutton (scratch). Football competition. Final. Cambuslang No 1 beat Queens Park H.E. Throwing the hammer – 1. Alex McKellar, 85 feet. 2. James Shedden 82ft 7 in. Putting the ball. 1. Alex McKellar, 37 ft 7 in. 2. D.Crawford.34ft 1 in. One mile handicap (open). 1. Geo. Hutton (scratch). 2. R.White (five yards).

07 September 1883

Last Saturday a match between Rutherglen Westburn and 2nd Pollock was played on the ground of the former (Phoenix Park) and resulted in favour of the Westburn by 4 goals to 3.

14 September 1883

There was a six match reports in this edition.

Airdrie v Hamilton Academicals. (This was a very long well written descriptive match report).

Thornliebank v Johnstone at Johnstone. 4-3 to the Thornliebank.

Royal Albert (Larkhall) v Shettleston. 8-0 home win for Royal Albert.

Cambuslang v Bellshill. Played at Westburn Green, Cambuslang, and resulted in favour of Cambuslang by eight goals to none.

Airdrie v Tollcross. At Broomfield Park. Resulted in a 1-0 win for Airdrie.

Renton beat Dumbarton, the Scottish Champions, by two goals to one, but a protest has been lodged.

Chryston FC: At a meeting of this club on the 3rd, the following office bearers were elected for the ensuing season. Captain, Thomas Wright; Vice Captain Thomas McIntyre; Secretary James Angus; Treasurer, George Aitchison.

21 September 1883

There was six match reports in this edition but unfortunately there was a black mark through most of the newspaper text and it was very difficult to read all of the reports.

Thistle played Clydesdale on the Glasgow Green.

There was also a report on a game in Wishaw and a player had his thigh bone broken, but unable to read the full details.

06 October 1883

There was four match reports in this edition but unfortunately there was a black mark through most of the newspaper text and it was very difficult to read the reports.

Calderbank v Caledonian in a Lanarkshire Cup tie.

Royal Albert v Clarkston in a Scottish Cup tie.

Hamilton Academicals v Drumpellier.

Coatbridge team v North British (Airdrie).

12 October 1883

The Football Match at Clydeside: We have received a communication from J.M.G on the “disgraceful proceedings“ at a match on Saturday, but not having furnished us with the name and address, we cannot publish it. We direct him to our instructions for correspondence.

Cambuslang v Airdrie. At Westburn Green, Cambuslang, and resulted in favour of the home team by eight goals to none – all the goals being scored in the first half. The Airdrie were late in arriving, so that the match was stopped by mutual consent 15 minutes from time.

Benhar v Glengowan. On the ground of the latter at Caldercruix, and after a very hard game, resulted in a win for the present holders of the cup (Benhar), by three goals to two.

Clarkston v Wishaw Swifts. At Clarkston. The play was very fast and the strangers forwards showing some good play, but they were no match for Clarkston, who ultimately won by five goals to nil.

Calderbank v Caledonian. Undecided Tie. These teams again tried on Broomfield Park, Airdrie. The game, as before, ending in a draw – one goal each. Both teams will now be put in the “hat“ for the second round.

Royal Albert v Orchard. At Larkhall, and resulted in a win for the Albert by nine goals to none. The visitors played a plucky losing game. Thomson, McCluggage, Frame, Crane, Cullen and McPike put in a lot of splendid work for the home team.

Dumbarton v Vale of Leven. At Boghead, Dumbarton, resulting in a win for the home team by three goals to none.

26 October 1883

There was eight match reports in this edition but unfortunately there was a black mark through most of the newspaper text and it was very difficult to read the reports.

Thornliebank v Kilmarnock. The Kilmarnock suffered their first defeat of the season by one goal to nothing.

Cambuslang v Hamilton Academicals.

Tollcross v Queens Park XI

23 November 1883

**Airdrieonians 2nd Eleven v Kilmarnock 2nd Eleven. – 2ND Eleven
Scottish Cup Tie.**

About 200 spectators turned out to watch this game at the Airdrie Cricket Ground. The field was not in favourable condition for a good game. The Killie team were a heavy lot compared to Airdrie and in the last ten minutes of the game the weight told. The match was well fought throughout and ten minutes from time the score was equal – three goals each – although the home team had

3 goals disallowed by the referee, two of which, from the spectators were legitimate goals. Towards the end of the game the Kilmarnock right wing put in two long shots, which from his insecure footing, the goalkeeper failed to stop and the game ended without any other points. Kilmarnock five goals; Airdrieonians three goals. The strangers team was a strong one being composed of four or five of last year's first eleven from Kilmarnock Portland and with the captain of Kilmarnock for the last two years, and it was astonishing to see the Airdrieonians Junior players up so well to such good men. When the game was equal it looked like a home win for the home team who were having all the play. Baird and Macara at the back, and Mitchell and Sword (a new forward in rare style). The Kilmarnock were all good men.

Cambuslang v Hamilton Academicals (Lanarkshire Cup Tie). At South Avenue Hamilton and resulted in favour of the strangers by two goals to one. The ground was in a perfect puddle, which rendered good play impossible. During the first half Hamilton played a good game and each goal was alternatively assailed, but both sided defended well and at half time neither had scored. During the second half the Cambuslang had the best of the game and scored twice in succession, but the Hamilton made a final effort and scored three minutes from time.

Vale of Avon 2nd Eleven v Royal Albert 2nd Eleven. Played on Grierson's Holm in Strathaven, a spirited game ended in a draw. Both clubs scored two goals each.

Airdrie Caledonian v Albion Rovers. At Coatbridge and resulted in the Rovers favour by four goals to none. Both teams played with nine men.

30 November 1883

Queens Park v Rangers. At Kinning Park and resulted in a win for Queens Park by five goals to three.

Notts Forest v Dumbarton. At Nottingham. Resulted, after an extremely close game, in favour of Dumbarton by three goals to two.

Shettleston v Carradale (Coatbridge). On ground of the former, and resulted in their favour, by eight goals to one.

Cambuslang Thistle v Regent Park, Glasgow. The clubs met at Cambuslang, and the game resulted in favour of the former, by three goals to two.

Dykehead (Shotts) v Benhar. Played on the ground of the latter at Harthill, and, after a well contested game, resulted in a draw, each team scoring three goals.

Wishaw Swifts v Clarkston. On Cowbrae Park, Clarkston. The Swifts turned up with only eight men, but playing an excellent game, won by one goal to none.

Hamilton Academicals v Pollok. On ground of the former. In the first half of the game, the home team scored three goals. The game ended in favour of the home team by six goals to one.

Johnstone v Thornliebank (Renfrewshire Cup Tie). At Johnstone. The ground was in wretched conditions, and rendered accurate kicking almost impossible. The game, which was witnessed by a large number of spectators, proved to be a one-sided affair, and resulted in a win for Thornliebank by six goals to one.

Airdrieonians v Cowlairst. These teams met at Gourlay Park, Cowlairst. The strangers arrived on the ground with only nine men, but were kindly furnished with two good substitutes and the ball was set a-rolling with a strong wind at the back of the home team. The Cowlairst at once assumed the offensive, and the ball was continually over the Airdrieonians lines. The strangers' backs and goal-keeper, however, played a strong defensive game, and in the teeth of a perfect down-pour of rain and a strong cutting wind kept their goal intact. The strangers' forwards now and again broke away, but the home team backs were well on the ball and it was always safely returned. At half time no goals had been scored, and now the sun broke out and the wind moderated considerably. For about 15 minutes of the second half the game was very even, but latterly the strangers warmed to their work and for the remainder of the game the ball was kept dangerously near the home goal. The back play. However, was too good, and at call of time a very stiff game had to be declared a draw – no goals being scored. Both teams were minus three of their first eleven.

07 December 1883

St.Mirren v Cambuslang. At Westmarch, Paisley, in presence of about 3,000 spectators, and the Cambuslang had to submit to their first defeat they have suffered this season. Ends were changed with the score two to nothing in favour of the Saints. Other three goals were scored within ten minutes. When the game had ended in favour of the St.Mirren by seven goals to none. For the St.Mirren, Johnston and Brown showed up best up front, while the back

division played a faultless game. Although heavily defeated, the Cambuslang played hard throughout. The weak point amongst their forwards was their shooting for goal.

Thornliebank v Abercorn. At Thornliebank. The home team wanted the services of Wham and Scobbie, and did not show their usual form. The game was very evenly contested. The Abercorn scored early in the second half, and it was only in the last five minutes that the Thornliebank managed to equalise.

Royal Albert v Hamilton Academicals. On ground of former. The Hamilton, by good play, scored three goals to their opponent's one in the first half. On changing ends, the home team scored two goals to their opponent's one, the game ending in favour of the visitors by five goals to four.

Mavisbank v Airdrieonians. At Airdrie and resulted, after a somewhat lame display, in favour of the Airdrieonians by five goals to two. The ground was very soft.

2nd Albion Rovers (Coatbridge) v Violet (Airdrie). On grounds of the Violet and resulted in favour in a win for the Rovers by three goals to none.

2nd Abercorn v Thornliebank Athletic. At Paisley, and resulted in favour of the Abercorn by two goals to none.

2nd St.Mirren v 2nd Cambuslang. Played on the grounds of the latter, and after a well contested game, resulted in a draw with each scoring four goals.

14 December 1883

Pollokshields v Thornliebank. At Pollok Park. The game ended in victory for the Pollokshield Thistle by three goals to one. This is the first time they have played Thornliebank. For their victory they are mainly indebted to F.W.Shaw and Woody Gray.

Benhar v Larkhall. Played at Harthill last Saturday and resulted in favour of Benhar by nine goals to two. Benhar meet Cambuslang today at Harthill in the third round of the Lanarkshire Cup Competition, when an excellent game can be expected.

Hamilton Academicals v Clyde. Played on the South Avenue, Hamilton. The ground was in a very bad condition and after a very even contest it ended in a draw – two each.

2nd Clyde v 2nd Hamilton. On ground of former and resulted in favour of the latter by three goals to none. The Hamilton played with one man short.

Wishaw Swifts v West Calder. At West Calder. A draw two goals each. Swifts played throughout with ten men.

2nd Chryston v Glenboig Union. On ground of the former and resulted in their favour by five goals to none.

Drumpellier v Clarkston (Lanarkshire Cup Tie). Played on Cowbrae Park, Clarkston, and resulted in a draw two goals each.

21 December 1883

There was ten match reports in this edition. Thornliebank Clydesdale v Alva Vale. Thornliebank (scratch) v Mearns Athletic. Sir John Maxwell v Wishaw Swifts. Partick Thistle v Hamilton Academicals. Cambuslang Thistle v Avon (Glasgow). Glengowan v Plains. West Calder v Avondale. Cambuslang Athletic v Gartmore. 2nd St.Bernards v 2nd West Calder.

Benhar v Cambuslang (Lanarkshire Cup Tie). These clubs met in the third round of the Lanarkshire Cup on the ground of the former at Harthill. In the first half the Cambuslang were first to score. Benhar scored shortly afterwards. No other goals were taken in the first half. Ends being changed Cambuslang played with ten men (one being disabled) and managed to score another two goals. Benhar warmed up, and about five minutes from time the score stood Cambuslang 3 v Benhar 2, when Benhar after a great struggle scored another goal, making the game a draw. Snow and rain fell heavily during the game.

18 January 1884

Airdrieonians (scratch) v Cambuslang. At Cambuslang. The strangers turned up with five of their usual team missing. The home team always had the game well in control and ultimately won by eleven goals to one.

01 February 1884

Scotland v Ireland. This, the first international played under Association Rules, took place in a field near Belfast on Saturday last. The Irishmen, though exhibiting a fair knowledge of the game were completely overmatched and

could make no headway against the splendid play of the Scottish backs. The forwards of the visiting team were also in rare form – Harrower and Gossland both playing remarkable fine games, and had a couple of goals each to their credit. Goudie scored also for the Scotch, and eventually won by five goals to none.

22 February 1884

Cambuslang v Alpha (Motherwell). Lanarkshire Cup – Semi Final tie. At Cambuslang and ended in favour of the home team by four goals to none. The Alpha played a surprisingly good game while the forward play of Cambuslang was very poor, as they only played to their usual form in the last few minutes.

Dykehead (Shotts) v Drumpellier. These clubs met at the ground of the latter in the semi-final of the above mentioned cup. This match was one of the hardest rough games this season. Notwithstanding the combined efforts of the Drumpellier Club, the strangers won a good game by two goals to one. The home team have protested.

Shettleston v Sir John Maxwell. At Higgs Road, Pollokshaws, when the former again maintained their superiority, winning a game which was a very pleasantly contested one, by three goals to nil.

Rangers Swifts v Royal Albert. At Larkhall and resulted in favour of the home team by three goals to one. “Dot” was in fine form between the uprights of the visitors, while McHardy, and Smith, forwards, played well. For the “ Royalists“ . McPike and J.Clelland (back) and Frame and Bolton (forward), were in good form.

Chryston v Thornton. At Chryston and ended in a decisive win for the home team by seven goals to one.

Cambuslang Thistle v Glenboig Thistle. On ground of the latter. Glenboig won by three goals to one.

Glengowan and Airdieonians. On the ground of the former at Caldercruix and after a very evenly contested game the home team won by five goals to three. The strangers were minus the services of their backs and goalkeeper.

The Inter-Association fixture between Glasgow and Sheffield resulted in favour of the St.Mungo team by two goals to one.

The semi-final ties of the Renfrewshire Cup competition were played at Paisley and Thornliebank with the result that St. Mirren (the previous cup holders) and Thornliebank have been left to decide the question of the county championship.

Accident on the football field. On Saturday afternoon Thomas Easleman (20), an upholsterer living at 50 Braid Street, Garscube Road, had his leg fractured playing in a football match in a park at Flemington Street.

North British v Violet (Airdrie). These teams met on the ground of the latter, but owing to the inclemency of the weather, the game was stopped before time.

29 February 1884

Partick Thistle v Hamilton Academicals.

At Hamilton and resulted in a win for the Partick Thistle by two goals to one. For the Academicals, London, Downie and Somerville, wrought hard. For the Thistle, the back play of Brown and Hendry were effective.

Thornliebank v Port Glasgow Athletic. At Clune Park, Port Glasgow. The ground was in bad condition. The game was very fine and evenly matched, and ended in a draw, two goals each.

England v Ireland. This international match, under Association rules, played at Ballyn (???) on the ground of the Ulster club, resulted in defeat for the Irishmen by eight goals to one.

Blackburn Olympics v Dumbarton. This game which was played at Blackburn ended in defeat for the famous Dumbarton by four goals to three. ** The remainder of this match report is very difficult to read clearly **.

14 March 1884

Cambuslang v Paisley Olympic.

At Westburn Green, Cambuslang and resulted in favour of the home team by six goals to two.

Rutherglen Star v Strathclyde. Played on Eastfield ground. The result was in favour of the former by three goals to none.

21 March 1884

Cambuslang Thistle v Clydesdale (Rutherglen) on the ground of the former, and resulted in their favour by six goals to one.

Meadowpark v Cambuslang Athletic on the ground of the former and resulted in a draw – one goal each.

The great International between **England and Scotland** resulted after a very hard fight in favour of Scotland by one goal to none.

Pollok v Airdrieonians. These teams met on Airdrie Cricket Ground on Saturday resulting in the defeat of the Pollok by eight goals to none. The international game in Glasgow drew to the city a great many of the “enthusiasts” and the number of spectators was consequently not great. The home team kicked off up the hill, and immediately they assured the aggressive. Playing a fine passing game the forwards were repeatedly storming the Pollok goal, and with some effect. The Pollok made some plucky attempts to get away, but the home back division were playing almost at perfection, and the game was all in the Pollok territory. At half time, three goals down to the Airdrieonians, the Pollok not having been able to secure a point. Before the ball had left the toes of the centres, on resuming the game the Pollok citadel had fallen again, and a very few minutes elapsed before the home forwards made their fifth point. The strangers by this time were beaten and it was only a question how many more goals the Airdrieonians would put on. The sixth, seventh and eighth goals were scored by some good play, and the call of time found the Pollok on the wrong end of fortune by eight goals to none. The goalkeeper of Pollok made one or two mistakes, otherwise he played very well. “Smudge” on their right wing also wrought hard, but Paterson and Macara never missed him. The best men on the winning team were J. Paterson, J. Macara, and J. Welsh (captain) at back, and T. Andrew and Jas Hill, forwards.

04 April 1884

Lanarkshire Final Tie. Cambuslang v Dykehead. These clubs met in the final tie of the Lanarkshire Cup competition on the grounds of the Airdrieonians – Airdrie Cricket Ground. By the advertised hour of starting there

would be very nearly 3000 spectators round the ropes, the largest crowd that has been on this field this season. The Dykehead were first to appear within the ropes and the cheers with which they were greeted by a great shout of applause, scarcely subsided when the Cambuslang men lightly bounded into the enclosure, and were greeted by a great shout of applause. The umpires and referee next appeared and while arrangements between the captains and these gentlemen were being made the observer at once noted the general physiques and build of Dykehead in contrast to their lighter opponents. Dykehead lost the toss, and Elder set the ball in motion, the left wing allowing it to go into touch. From the throw in the Cambuslang took the ball up the field, and an exciting scrimmage at the Shotts club goal resulted which was unproductive. The kick off was secured by the Cambuslang centre and running the ball right on their opponents goal, Goldie scored very easily. After the kick off Dykehead worked their way but the left wing made a bad try. The ball was soon again over the Dykehead lines and Jackson drove the kick hard back. A hand was given against Dykehead but Jackson did not manage the place very well and Dykehead were again down the field, and from a throw in, nearly scored. Once more the scene of action was in the Dykehead territory and the goalkeeper had a minute or two's anxiety till a corner gave partial relief. Neither team was playing in the form expected from the contestants in a final tie. Cambuslang continued to hem in their opponents, Watson smartly striking out three times in succession. From a long kick Dykehead again made an effort and were repulsed by the Cambuslang backs. They came on again with a rush, and Smith making a bad mis-kick, the Dykehead very nearly scored. For a short time, the game was of a give and take nature, but before half time was called, Cambuslang again raised the hopes of their supporters by scoring a second goal. The second half of the game was but a repetition of the first, the play not calling for a special comment, neither of the teams playing a good game. The Cambuslang succeeded in adding two more goals to their score and the whistle was sounded with the score four goals to none in favour of Cambuslang who thus won the cup in their first year of existence. Taking the losing team first, the best work was done by Watson in goal and he is to be thanked for saving his team from a more decisive defeat. The backs also played very well, but the half backs were not "class". Watson and Elder were the best in the front division. Semple was by a long way the best man on the winning team. Jackson not showing up as well as we have seen him. Smith played a real good game. The forwards did not play well together and their kicking at times was very faint and inaccurate; but of the lot, Low, Park and the youngster Dalrymple were the pick. Dunn in goal was equal to the work given him. After the game, the teams and the committee of the Association dined in the Star Hotel, Councillor Abernethy's. The teams

were: Cambuslang, Goal, Dunn; Backs, Smith, Jackson; half-backs, Black and Semple. Forwards, Low, Park, Buchanan, Dalrymple, Dalrymple, and Goldie, - Dykehead. Goal, P.Watson: backs: G.Simpson and McAlpine. Half backs, J,Simpson and McDonald. Forwards, D.Watson, Paton, Elder, Brown, Murray and Miller. Umpires Messrs Heggie (Wishaw Swifts) and Sloan (Clarkston). Referee Mr.Steel, President Lanarkshire Football Association.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

The ninth international football match between teams representing Scotland and Wales was played in Glasgow on Saturday. The visitors scored the first point of the game, but at the conclusion victory for the ninth time rested with the Scotch team who scored four goals to their opponent's one.

The concluding tie for possession of the **English Challenge Cup** was decided at Kennington Oval, London, the competing teams being Blackburn Rovers and the Queens Park. The former carried off the cup with two goals to one.

11 April 1884

Seven games were reported in this edition. This is the match summaries.

Cowlairs (scratch) v Hamilton Academicals at Hamilton, who won by three goals to one.

Falkirk v East Stirlingshire (Stirlingshire Cup Final Tie). Played on the ground of the Taravalla on Camelon Estate. Falkirk won a splendid game by three goals to one.

Chryston beat Shettleston by five goals to one before a large crowd at Chryston.

Cambuslang beat Wishaw Swifts by four goals to two at Wishaw.

Blackburn v Gloucester. At Broxburn on the Fast Day. Gloucester won by three goals to two.

Chryson v Albion Rovers. Rovers won by three goals to two.

Airdrionians beat the Rangers Swifts by four goals to two at the Airdrie Cricket Ground.

18 April 1884

Inter Counties Match. Lanarkshire v Stirlingshire. These teams met at the ground of the Falkirk Club on Saturday. This being the first match played by the newly formed Stirlingshire Association, great interest was shown in the game, which was witnessed by almost 2000 spectators. Stirlingshire turned out their very best men, but a number of representatives of Lanarkshire failed to turn up, then being Jackson, Semple and Low (Cambuslang), Somerville (Hamilton Academicals), and McNiven (Drumpellier). After a rather one sided game, the result was six goals (three of them were appealed by Lanarkshire, on the plea of off side) to none in favour of the home team. The following were the teams; **Lanarkshire.** Goal. Steele (Drumpellier). Backs. Smith (Cambuslang), Spence (Clarkston), half backs, Connor (Clarkston), Dyer (Cambuslang), Forwards, Whyte (Airdrieonians), Sneddon (Benhar), Reid (Benhar), Glen (Benhar), Devlin (Benhar), Shanks (Airdrieonians). – **Stirlingshire.** Goal. Turnbull (Falkirk), backs, Anderson (East Stirlingshire), Paterson (Campsie), half-backs, Inch (East Stirlingshire), McLaren (Kings Park), forwards, N.McLauchan (East Stirlingshire), W.Gibson (Falkirk), Ferguson (Falkirk), McVickers (Campsie), Jones (Kings Park).

Amalgamation of the Pollok and Sir John Maxwell Football. – A general meeting of the above named clubs was held in the Town Hall, Pollokshaws last Friday evening. Close on 100 young men put in an appearance, and formed the club which will be known in the future by the name **Pollokshaws Football Club.** Office bearers were elected. The club has acquired new grounds two minute walk from the car or five minutes from the railway.

Alexandra Athletic v Tollcross. At Kennyhill, the ground of the A.A.C, which was in good condition. This game throughout was most enjoyable, resulted in a draw.

Westburn (Rutherglen) v Wishaw Swifts. On the grounds of the former and resulted in their favour by five goals to none. Wishaw played with nine men.

Campsie v Uddingston. On the ground of the former and after a pleasant game resulted in favour of the Campsie by two goals to one.

Rutherglen Clydesdale v Govan. At Rutherglen and Govan won by one goal to none.

Motherwell Alpha v Dykehead. – On grounds of the former. Dykehead won by six goals to none.

Gartcosh v Parkgrove. At Gartcosh. Parkgrove won by seven goals to one.

09 May 1884

At Cathkin Park on Saturday the **Queens Park** won the undecided final of the Glasgow Charity Cup defeating the 3rd Lanark by eight goals to none. They then retain possession of the Cup until next season.

Drumpellier Football Club. The annual general meeting of this club was held in Mr.Greig's Hall, Main Street, Coatbridge on Wednesday evening. Mr.Robert Brown, captain, occupied the chair. The secretary's report stated that last season had been most successful ever engaged in by the club, having played 24 matches, winning 14, losing 6, and drawing 4. Goals won 88, lost 49. The treasurer's report showed the club to be in a good financial position. Office bearers were elected.

30 May 1884

Chryston Swifts v Blochairn. Played at Chryston and resulted in a win for the home team by seven goals to one. Black and Angus played well for the winners while McDougall played well for the losers.

Shettleston v Northern (North Eastern Cup Tie). Played on the ground of the former and resulted in a win for the latter by two goals to nil.

Chryston Football Club. The annual general meeting was held on Friday evening in Mr.Dougal's Hall, Chryston. Mr.Thomas McIssac in the chair. The secretary's report was read which showed the club to be in a highly prosperous condition. Office bearers were elected for the new season.

27 June 1884

Bo'ness Football Club. At the annual general meeting of the club held last Thursday evening, the Annual report was read showing the club in good condition. This was their first season in cup ties and the Edinburgh Consolation Cup. The club played twenty two matches, won fifteen, lost three and drew four. Goals 68, lost 29. **** It then list a huge list of patrons of this club **.**

Addiewell Football Club Games. This annual event took place on Saturday under very favourable circumstances. The programme included a five-a-side competition, in which seven teams took part. In the Final tie between **Mossend Swifts** and Addie, a dispute arose over a touchdown claims by

Addiewell, which to the disappointment of the onlookers was not settled, and this part of the business stood undecided, both sides claiming to be on the right.

West Benhar v Dykehead. Played on the ground of the former, and after a very one sided game, victory rested with the Benhar 5 goals to 0.

West Benhar 2nd v Dykehead 2nd. Played on the ground of the latter and resulted in favour of the West Benhar by 6 goals to 0.

25 July 1884

Airdrie Amateur Athletics meeting. It was very difficult to clearly read this edition. But it looks like it was an Open Day and included a football tournament.

19 September 1884

Queens Park (2nd eleven) v Airdrieonians. On Saturday last the Airdrieonians were visited by the second eleven of the Queens Park in honour of the opening of their ground, which for some time past has been undergoing extensive improvements. The steep gradient and ridges which were a great detriment to good passing, has now been removed to a considerable extent; a cinder track formed; and the whole enclosed with strong wire ropes; and on Saturday the ground presented quite a respectable appearance as compared to former times. There was a large turnout of spectators – the notability of the renowned Queens Park being a sufficient guarantee for that – and by the time the game commenced there would be fully 500 in the field. No little disappointment however was felt when it became known that the visitors had come shorthanded and four substitutes had to be “pressed “ on the field. The home team too were behind and they had to speak to three men to fill the places of Connor, Reynolds, and Forsyth, who were notable absentees in the team. *** **There was then a very long match report, but it was very difficult to clearly read **.** The home team were victors by five goals to three, the play of the Queens was very taking, and rounds of applause greeted the way in which G.Campbell manipulated the ball with his head, while the play of the substitutes was not to be found faulty, with Dixon especially doing a lot of good work. The home team all round played a good game with perhaps the exception only McKellar, whose kicking from the back was anything but clean and effective.

Dykehead v Wishaw Swifts. – Swifts won a hard game by two goals to one.

St.Mirren v Neilston. Played at Westmarch in the presence of a large attendance of spectators, and a hard game ended in favour of the St.Mirren by four goals to three.

Alloavale v Violet. In the opening match of the former at Pollokshaws the Alloavale won by four goals to two.

Pollokshaws Granville v Cathcart Halbane. On the ground of the former. Granville won by four goals to one.

Huntington v Chryston. The Huntington opened their ground on Saturday against the latter club. The former won by four goals to two.

2nd Possilpark Thistle v 2nd Clydesdale (Rutherglen). At Possilpark. The Thistle won a very hard contested game by two goals to one. For the Thistle Donald, Johnston, McCarty, and Savage (back) played well.

Hibernians v Bo'ness. On the ground of the latter club at Bo'ness and ended in a win for the home team by two goals to one.

Tollcross v Westburn (Rutherglen). At Tollcross before a large turn-out of spectators and resulted in a win for the Westburn by six goals to two.

Cambuslang v Royal Albert (Larkhall). At Larkhall and after an exhibition more remarkable for charging and tripping than scientific football, ended in favour of the Cambuslang by four goals to one. One of the Cambuslang players was removed from the field shortly after the start. He however recovered and played pluckily to the finish.

Shettleston v Airdrie. At Cartdyke and resulted in favour of Shettleston by four goals to one.

Hamilton Academicals v Clarkston. At Clarkston on Saturday, resulting in favour of the visitors by four goals to one.

Eastern v Drumpellier. Played on Newlands Park, the ground of the former and after a one sided game victory rested with the Eastern: eleven goals to one. For the Drumpellier, Miller, Calder, Neil and Chalmers played best. The visitors were missing three of their usual players, whose places were however ably filled.

St.Mungo v Gartrose. Played on the ground of the former and resulted in victory for the visitors by nine goals to one.

Calderbank 2nd v Drumpellier 2nd. These sides met on the ground of the former on Saturday last and the game resulted in a very easy win for the home team by 10 goals to two.

26 September 1884

Clyde v Cambuslang. This match was played at Barrowfield Park in presence of a fair turn out of spectators, the game ended in favour of the Clyde by two goals to none. For the Cambuslang, Jackson, Smith, Semple and Lowe played well, while Hart, Cherrie, McLachlan and Brown played best for the Clyde.

Thornliebank v Renton. This match was played on Saturday at Deaconsbank before a fair turn out of spectators ending in favour of the strangers by four goals to one.

Whitehill v Shettleston. Played on the ground of the former and resulted in favour of the latter by one goal to none.

Airdrieonians v Drumpellier. Scottish Cup Tie. These teams met at Blair Road Park Coatbridge on Saturday, and after a rather rough game the result turned out in favour of the Airdrieonians by six goals to none.

2nd Tollcross v 2nd Neilston. Played on the ground of the former at Tollcross and resulted in a win for the latter by five goals to none.

Mossend Rangers (West Calder) v Durhampton Rangers. Edinburgh Cup. Played on the ground of the former and resulted in a draw with each side scoring three goals.

Carrick v Glenboig Thistle. At Glenboig and resulted in favour of the former by seven goals to two. The Carrick played with ten men.

2nd Shettleston v 2nd Whitehill. Played on the ground of the former and resulted in favour of the 2nd Whitehill by four goals to one.

Tollcross v Neilston. Played at Neilston and resulted in a draw – two goals each. Tollcross played with ten men.

Govanhill v Towerhill. Played at Springburn on the ground of the Towerhill. The Govanhill won by five goals to two.

2nd Govanhill v 2nd Towerhill. Played at Queens Park and resulted in favour of the Govanhill by ten goals to none.

Armadale v Blackburn Shamrock. A match was played between the two clubs on Saturday for the Association Challenge Shield and resulted as follows; Shamrock two goals, Armadale, none.

Clarkston v Hamilton Academicals. Cup tie. Played on the ground of the former on 13th September, and after a well contested game, notwithstanding Clarkston was short of three of their first eleven players, resulted in a win for the latter by four goals to one.

03 October 1884

Dykehead (Shotts) v Wishaw Swifts. — These clubs met on a ground of the former in a protested Association Cup Tie. In the first match which was played at Wishaw, the Swifts gained a victory by two goals to one. Dykehead lodged an appeal, which was sustained. The Swifts maintained their reputation defeating the home team by five goals to two.

2nd Airdrionians v 2nd West Benhar. At Harthill and resulted in a defeat of the strangers by five goals to one. The losing team after the first ten minutes played with only ten men. And during nearly the whole of the second forty five minutes played with nine, as two of their back division being disabled.

Motherwell Glencairn v Govan. This match took place at Motherwell on Saturday at Meadow Park before a fair turnout of spectators. At the call of time the game showed for the Govan by four to one.

St.Mirren v Neilston. This protested cup tie was played off on Saturday at Neilston in presence of a good turnout of spectators and resulted in favour of the Saints by four goals to one.

Thornliebank v Southern (Greenock). Played at Deaconsbank before a very good turnout of spectators. Thornliebank won by four goals to one.

Grafton v Clydesdale (Rutherglen). On the ground of the latter, their opening match of this season. Clydesdale won by three goals to two.

Bathgate Rangers v Mossend Swifts. At Bathgate and resulted as follows: Bathgate seven goals, Swifts four.

Drumpellier v Airdrie. Played on the ground of the latter at Cartdyke and resulted in a win for Airdrie by three goals to two.

Pollokshaws Alicevale v Livingston. On ground at Alexandra Park. Alicevale won by three goals to none.

Vale of Avon v Hamilton Thistle. On ground of the latter who won by seven goals to two.

Thornliebank Woodvale v Clifton. On ground of the latter. Former won by two goals to one.

10 October 1884

22 games were reported on this date. They covered a large geographical area.

Airdrieonians v Cambuslang. Before 2000 spectators, and after a keenly contested game, ended in a draw – two goals each. Shortly after the start the home team scored from a free kick. Buchanan heading through his own goal. Shortly afterwards the Cambuslang made the score equal, and afterwards scored a second that was disallowed. The Cambuslang pressed the home team until they (the Airdrieonians) scored a second goal. For some time after this Cambuslang were pressed rather severely, and it seemed the Lanarkshire Cup holders were about to be beaten, but after Connor (who retired to goal) saved finely, J.Dalrymple made the scores equal, heading through a fine corner by Lowe. Shortly after Cambuslang scored a third, Lowe knocking over Connor, while Gourlay sent it between the posts, but to the great surprise of the spectators, it was disallowed. Nothing further of note took place, and the game ended with the above result.

2nd Eleven Scottish Football Association. At a committee meeting of the above association, held in the Scottish Football Association Rooms, 11 Carlton Place, on Friday evening last, Mr. John S. Hunter vice president in the chair, the second round of the ties were drawn as follows: Glasgow, Dumbarton, Lanark, Edinburgh, and Stirling shires. – Drumpellier v Northern; Renton v 3rd L.R.V, Hamilton Academicals v Falkirk; Wishaw Swifts v Partick; Cowlares v Hibernians; Benhar v Royal Albert; Heart of Midlothian, a bye.

Ayrshire and Renfrewshire: Port Glasgow Athletic v Arthurlie. Kilmarnock v Pollokshaws; Abercorn v Lanemark. Neilston or Thornliebank v St. Mirren. Kilmarnock Athletic v Ayr. – The first named clubs to have the choice of ground and the ties to be played off on or before 1st November.

West Benhar v Shettleston. At Harthill on the ground of the former in the presence of spectators whose conduct throughout the match was unseemly. The Benhar have earned an unenviable notoriety for rough play and on Saturday there was a further exhibition. One of the Shettleston players had to be carried off the field so dangerously hurt that the doctor had to be called in. the Shettleston were much lighter than their opponents and were fairly frightened out of the match, losing by nine goals to one.

Glengowan v Westburn (Rutherglen). Played on ground of the former and resulted in favour of Glengowan by four goals to one. For the strangers Wyatt, McCall and Duncan played best in front while Rae was the pick in the back division. The goalkeeper saved many different shots. For the home team, Glen was best at the back, while Hill, Hastie and Kennedy played well in the front division.

Drumpelleir v Albion Rovers. Played on the Rovers ground at Meadow Park, Whifflet. There was a fair turnout of spectators: considerable interest being taken in the first meeting between two local teams. After a fast and exciting game victory lay with the Rovers by four goals to one. The Rovers scored three goals in 15 minutes from kick off. J.Cowan scored three goals and T.McEwan one.

Falkirk v Grasshoppers. At Bonnybridge on the ground of the latter and resulted in an easy victory for Falkirk by four goals to one.

Cambuslang Hibernians v Partick Hibernians on the ground of Cambuslang. The home team won by four goals to two.

Other games reported on this date included:

Thornliebank v Port Glasgow Athletic.

Arthurlie v Abercorn

Pollokshawshaws Clifton v Woodvale (Thornliebank)

Paisley Olympic v Neilston

Armada v Caledonian

Blackburn Thistle v Blackburn Harp

Tollcross v Whitehill

Boness v Thistle

Eastern v Govanhill

Cambuslang Brandon v Glenboig Thistle
Royal Albert v Motherwell Alpha
Barrhead Rangers v Alicevale (Pollokshaws)
Fairfield v Clydesdale (Rutherglen)
2nd Whitehill v 2nd Tollcross
Pollokshaws v Southern (Greenock)
2nd Govanhill v 2nd Eastern.

17 October 1884

Cambuslang v Airdrieonians. At Westburn Park, Cambuslang before a large turnout of spectators and after a fast game ended in favour of the home team by ten goals to two. At the previous meetings of the clubs resulted in a draw, considerable interest was centred on this contest.

Hamilton Academicals v 2nd Queens Park. At Hamilton and resulted in favour of the home team by five goals to one.

Pilgrims v Thornliebank. At Copeland Park, Govan and proved a rather easy win for the Pilgrims by six goals to one.

2nd Neilston v 2nd Thornliebank. At Neilston before a large turnout of spectators. Neilston won by four goals to none.

Drumpellier v Campsie. At Campsie and after a highly contested game ended in a draw two goals each.

Cambuslang Hibernian v Glasgow Hibernian. Played at the ground of the former. Cambuslang won by three goals to none.

24 October 1884

Lanarkshire Football Association. The committee of the Association met at Coatbridge on Tuesday night. The results of the first drawings in the cup are as follows:

Cambuslang v Chryston; Glengowan v Dykehead; West Benhar v Tollcross; Hamilton Academicals v Hamilton Thistle; Clarkston v Monklands Thistle; Westburn v Airdrieonians; Clydesdale v Airdrie: Airdriehill v Clydesdale

Thistle; Wishaw Swifts v Albion Rovers; Cambuslang Hibernians v Royal Albert; Longriggend v Drumpellier; Alpha – bye.

A resolution was agreed that all clubs in the association be registered before playing.

Motherwell Alpha v Royal Scots Gents. Former won by two goals to one. The home team had four second eleven men.

2nd Falkirk v 2nd Hamilton Academicals (Cup Tie). At Hamilton and resulted in favour of Falkirk by three goals to two.

Parkhead Guides Star (scratch) v Rossneath Thistle. On ground of the former who won by two goals to one.

Springburn Hibernians v Cambuslang Hibernians. At Cambuslang. The Springburn Hibs won by five goals to two.

Pollokshaws Granville v Gotbridge Rangers. At Shawlands, Granville won by one goal to none.

Tollcross v Hamilton Thistle. At Tollcross and resulted in favour of the home team by two goals to one.

Pilgrims v Hamilton Academicals. At Copeland Park, Govan, and after a fast game resulted in a draw one goal each.

Shettleston v West Benhar. This undecided cup tie was played on a neutral ground at Airdrie on Saturday and resulted in a win for West Benhar by four goals to one.

Avonvale v Tataval on ground of the former at Campsie, and resulted in their favour by six goals to one.

Govanhill v Gloucester at Queens Park. Former won by seven goals to two.

Clarkston v Glengowan. At Clarkston and resulted in a win for Glengowan by five goals to one.

Chryston v Armadale. The home team won by five goals to four.

Cambuslang Brandon v 2nd Gloucester. At Queens Park. The Brandon won by seven goals to three.

Tullinvale v Cambuslang Athletic. At Cambuslang. Tullinvale won by three goals to none.

Thornliebank v Port Glasgow Athletic. This protested cup tie was played on Saturday at Clune Park, Port Glasgow, before fully 3000 spectators. The Thornliebank were without three of their first players, nevertheless the young players who filled the vacancies played a remarkably fine game. The Port Glasgow Athletic played the same team that visited Deaconsbank with the exception of Stewart being substitute for McKenna. A very hard and fast game ended in a draw two goals each.

Abercorn v Arthurlie. At Dunterlie Park, Barrhead. When time was called a hard, and at times rough game, ended in favour of the Abercorn by four goals to one.

3rd.L.H.V. v Cambuslang. The volunteers journey to Cambuslang on Saturday and a pleasant game ended in favour of the 3rd by four goals to three.

The Scottish Football Association have put their foot down firmly on professionalism and their decision was to suspend not only the two cases who were proved to have taken money for playing, but the club who paid them as well. *** The text was very dark and difficult to read this report in the newspaper **.

FATAL FOOTBALL ACCIDENT: A young man named Wm.McKinlay (23). A smelter at Newton Steel Works, and resident at French Lane, Tollcross, had been engaged in a game of football at Bogleshole Farm, Carmyle, when he received a charge or kick in the stomach. He died shortly after going home. Dr.Scott stated that death resulted from a rupture to the bowel caused by a kick.

31 October 1884

Hibernians v Glengowan. This tie in the third round of the Scottish Cup came off at Easter Road, Edinburgh, in rotten unfavourable weather. The match ended in favour of the Hibernians by five goals to one.

Thornliebank v Port Glasgow Athletic. This undecided tie in the second round was played at Deaconsbank on Saturday before a very large turn-out of spectators – a special train being run from Port Glasgow – and resulted in favour of the home players by two goals to one.

Cambuslang v Hamilton Academical. At Westburn Green Cambuslang before 1500 spectators, and after a hard game ended in favour of the home team by three goals to none.

Drumpellier v Northern. At Blair Lodge Park the ground of the former. The Northern turned up with an indifferent team. However they had the game in hand and won by six goals to one.

Pollokshaws v Houston Amateurs. At Broom Park, Cowglen and resulted in favour of Pollokshaws by four goals to none.

Shettleston v Chryston. Played at Shettleston before a fair turn out of spectators and resulted in favour of the home team by three goals to one.

2nd Mossend Swifts v 2nd West Calder. Played at Edinburgh and resulted in a win for the 2nd Mossend Swifts by six goals to three.

Cambuslang Athletic v Elderslie. At Cambuslang. The Elderslie being two men short, a friendly game was played, the Cambuslang winning by three goals to one.

G.U.Y.M.C.A.A.C v Uddingston (scratch). This match resulted in favour of Uddingston by 4 goals to three.

Carrick v Glenboig Shamrock. At Glenboig. No goals were scored during the first half. A one sided game ended in favour of Carrick by one goal to none.

Oswald v Chryston Juniors. Played at Chryston and after a well contested game ended in a draw – no goals.

Albion v Govanhill. On the ground of the former, Victoria Park, Dumbarton, and after a pleasant game of an hour duration, the Albion were victorious by four goals to one.

Uddingston Union v Westbourne. Played at the ground of the former and resulted in their favour by one goal to none.

Carrick v Glenboig Shamrock. At Glenboig. Carrick won by one goal to none.

28 November 1884

There was many match reports on this date including:

Wishaw Swifts v Albion Rovers. At Academy Park, Wishaw, in presence of a goodly show of spectators. At a very excellent stand that the Swifts made against Greenock Morton, it was thought they would have an easy victory over the rising Coatbridge team. In this young team however they found a sturdy opponent who played a plucky clever game, and were only beaten by two goals to one.

Aidrieonians v Wesburn. At Rutherglen. The game throughout was most enjoyable and ultimately resulted in a win for the visitors by eight goals to one.

West Calder v Dunfermline. At Lady's Well, Dunfermline and resulted in a draw. Both teams scored two goals each and a third goal, which the home team claimed, was disallowed.

Other match reports on this date included : Longriggend v Drumpellier: Thornliebank v Cambuslang: Neilston Milburn v Neilston Clydesdale: Shettleston v Whifield: Cambuslang Athletic v Eastfield Thistle: Royal Albert v Cambuslang Hibernian: Pollokshaws Granville v Barrhead Rangers : Barrhead Thistle v Pollokshaws Maxwell; Tollcross v Shawlands; 2nd Neilston Milburn v 2nd Clydesdale; Uddingston Union v Govan Wanderers; Govanhill v St.Mirren Swifts; 2nd Govanhill v Armadale Swifts; 2nd Airdieonians v Violet (Airdrie); Ashfield v Pollokshaws; Auldfield v Pollokshaws.

12 December 1884

Airdieonians v Port Glasgow Athletic. – Unfortunately I was unable to clearly read this report due to dark ink print that had aged.

19 December 1884

Lanarkshire Football Association. The committee met in Coatbridge on Tuesday and ordered that the Glengowan v Dykehead tie, which owing to the non-appearance of the Association referee was not decided on the 6th, be played on the ground of the Drumpellier at Coatbridge on Saturday (20th) today. The question of a sub-committee to deal with these and similar cases which were urgent was left over to the regular meeting on the 30th.

Fourteen matches were reported in this week's edition. Hamilton Academicals v Motherwell Alpha (Accies suffered their first defeat of the season on their

home park); Violet (Kinning Park) v Gartsherrie at Coatbridge: Avondael v Fairfield at Campsie: Camelon v Grasshoppers at Bonnybridge; Arthurlie v Thornliebank: 2nd Clyde v 2nd Cambuslang at Barrowfield: Cambuslang v Clyde. (Cambuslang won four goals to one); Rutherglen Clydesdale v Govan : Boness v Our Boys. Played at west Craigie Park, Dundee. The Boys beat the holders of the Edinburgh Consolation Cup by three goals to one; Pollokshaws v Olympic(Paisley); Cambuslang Hibernians v St.Mungo (Glasgow); 2nd Neilston v 2nd Arthurlie: Tollcross v Whitefield.

26 December 1884

London v Glasgow. This the third Inter Association match between representative teams of Glasgow and London came off at Hampden Park Mount Florida, and was a very disappointing affair. The Glasgow Association carefully selected their team and their choice gave satisfaction. Great was the disappointment therefore when it became known that the London team would be little better than a scratch one. The Glasgow team had the best of a somewhat one sided game winning by six goals to two.

Edinburgh University beat Durhamtown Rangers in the Edinburgh Shield fifth round. (They beat Heart of Midlothian two weeks ago).

Cambuslang v Hibernians. At Westburn Green, Cambuslang. The holders of the Lanarkshire Cup opposed the holders of the Edinburgh Shield and Charity Cup. The home team won by four goals to three.

Govan v Towerhill. At Govan. Towerhill played with nine men.

Other match reports on in this week' edition were:

Whitefield v Shettleston (at Govan): Neilston v 1st R.R.V; Olympic v Pollokshaws; Granton v Wishaw Swifts (at Wishaw); Flemington Thistle v Cambuslang Athletic; 2nd Falkirk v 2nd Travalla; Falkirk v Travalla; Wellpark v Avondale (Campsie); Camelon v Grahamston; Excelsior v Caddes.

09 January 1885

Fatal Accident at Edinburgh. On Saturday afternoon while an apprentice bookbinder named John Hugh Lothie, residing at Kings Stables Edinburgh, was playing a football match at Queens Park he was accidentally kicked in the stomach. He was taken to hospital in

great agony. On Monday afternoon he died. ** The print was very smudged so it was too difficult to read the remainder of this report **.

****There was lots of match reports in this edition, but unable to read them as the print was too smudged ****

23 January 1885

Royal Albert v Alpha. Owing to the Alpha's brilliant defeat of the Hamilton Academicals in the second round of the cup, great interest was shown in this match. Winning the toss the home team made themselves conspicuous in the Alpha's territory, Thomson finishing a nice bit of play of the part of himself, and Douglas with a beautiful screw, and a splendid goal was the result, keeping up the pressure another three were put on before half time, the visitors all the while playing a plucky game, their forwards especially passing well. But they were put to the turn by the home side who played well to a man and kept the visitors completely at bay. The home team won the game by seven goals to nothing.

2nd Hamilton Academicals v Wellpark. At Hamilton it was well on for time when Johnston ran the ball up the park for the visitors and scored the only point of the game, which then ended in favour of Wellpark by one goal to nil.

Cambuslang Athletic v Pollokshaws Granville. At Cambuslang, the Athletic forwards played a good combined game, won by five goals to none.

Cambuslang v Arthurlie. At Westburn Green, Cambuslang, and after a somewhat loose game, ended in favour of the home team by six goals to four.

Woodvale (Thornliebank) v Ladyburn (Paisley). At North Park, the ground of the former, and resulted in their favour by three goals to none.

Shawlands v Helensburgh Athletic. At Norwood Park, the ground of the former, and after a close and exciting game resulted in a draw – three goals each.

Chryston Juniors v Blairhill Juniors. At Millbrae Park (kindly lent by Chryston Football Club). The home team won by six goals to none.

Neilston v Pollokshaws. At Neilston in presence of a good turnout of spectators and resulted in favour of Neilston by seven goals to two.

Carrick v Armadale. One the ground of the former at Kelvinside, and resulted in their favour by one goal to nil. Both goalkeepers played well.

Shettleston Swifts v Parkhead Guiding Star. On the ground of the latter. A draw – one goal each. The Swifts played with ten men.

2nd Thornliebank v Mearns Amateurs. At Deaconsbank. Thornliebank won by three goals to none.

Shettleston v Whitehill. On ground of the former, when the Shettleston won by two goals to none.

Boness v Broxburn Athletic. At Broxburn. Former won by three goals to two.

2nd Whitehill v 2nd Shettleston. At Haghill. A draw one goal each.

The Football Association and Professionalism. A general meeting of the Football Association was held in London on Monday night to consider the question of professionalism. The question of football being legalised under stringent conditions was approved by 138 votes against 106. As however the rules of the association require a majority of two thirds, professionalism is still illegal.

30 January 1885

3rd.L.R.V. V Airdrieonians. Teams representing the above clubs met in the first of a couple of home-and-away matches, at Airdrie on Saturday. There was a fair number of spectators, but the game was not of a brilliant description, the ground being in a very rough and hard state, which rendered good passing almost impossible. The home team put the leather in motion, playing to the pavilion goal, and against a slight wind. For a time the game was of a very even character – each fortress in turn being assaulted – but finally after about 15 minutes of play, a hard shot was sent into the hands of Connor which he failed to hold, and it was finally put through. A claim of offside was lodged, but this was not entertained, and this Number 1 goal was registered against the home team. On restarting play was somewhat faster, and for a time the home players kept the Third's back division busy – Andrew, Sword and Montgomery making laudable attempts to score, but to no avail. Eventually some excellent play on the part of the Third's forwards ended in a second goal being added to their score by a sharp shot from the left, and shortly after this ends were changed –

the score at half time was 3rd L.V.R. 2, Airdrieonians nothing. The latter half was all in favour of the home team who almost throughout pressed the visitors, shot by shot being returned by the goal keeper who was ably supported by the back division, but only once was an opening found, and an hours game ended in favour of the 3rd L.V.R. by two to one. The goal keeper of the winners deserves praise for his able defence and also the backs. McIntyre was perhaps the best of the forward division. For the home team Connor did well in goal. McAra supported him, while Sword, Andrew and Stark played a good game.

Cambuslang Athletic v Hamilton Thistle. At Cambuslang. The game was very pleasant. The Athletic scored twice in the first half, and the visitors failed to score. In the second half the visitors scored one goal, while the Athletic put on another two, to win by four goals to one.

Motherwell Alpha v Wishaw Swifts. At Wishaw on Saturday. Great interest was centred on this match owing to the recent performance of both teams. There was a large turnout of spectators. The game ended in a win for the Swifts by two goals to one.

Central (Campsie) v Avondale. On ground of the latter. The Central played in fine form. For the Avondale, P.O'Donnell at back played well. The Central won by five goals to none.

Falkirk v Campsie. At Brockville Park, the ground of the former, and resulted in favour of Falkirk, after a well contested game, by four goals to three.

Springburn v Shettleston. At Springburn in the presence of a good turnout of spectators and resulted in favour of Shettleston by one goal to none.

Eastern v Westburn (Rutherglen). At Springfield Park, ground of the former, and resulted in favour of the strangers by three goals to one.

Cambuslang Brandon v Dennistoun. On ground of the former. Brandon won by seven goals to none. Dennistoun played with ten men.

Uddingston Union v Wanderers (Cessnock). At Uddingston and resulted in favour of the Cessnock eleven by two goals to one.

Pollokshaws Granville v Rainbow. On the ground of the former at Crossmyloof Park, Granville won by two goals to none.

Johnstone v Arthurlie. At Cartbank Park, Johnstone. At the finish the Johnstone stood five goals, Arthurlie four.

2nd South Eastern v 2nd Armadale. On the Glasgow Green when the 2nd South Eastern won by four goals to one.

Cessnockbank v Avondale. At Whitefield, the ground of the former. A draw – one goal each.

Govanhill Thistle v Viewfield. The former won by two goals to none.

06 February 1885

Lanarkshire v Edinburgh (Trial Match). The trial match at Wishaw on Saturday to choose the Lanarkshire team for the above inter association game, was not, as on former occasion, a complete failure, though from the class of players who took part, it could hardly be called a success. The Cambuslang, West Benhar and Airdrieonians men were not available, and the match accordingly was robbed of a great deal of interest. There was however a fair number of spectators considering the disagreeable afternoon. Each team played with ten men. Mr.Heggie (Wishaw Swifts) captaining the Probables while Mr.McLay (Drumpellier) performed the same duty for the Improbables. The ground was soft as a matter of course but the game was well and equally contested, the Probables on call of time being a goal ahead, the score being four to three in their favour. The teams had tea in the Royal Hotel where the committee also had a meeting, and after agreeing to confine the selection of players to face the Edinburgh to those who had played that day as far as practicable, the following were chosen; Goal, P.Watson (Dykehead); back, G.McPike (Royal Albert) and H.Calder (Drumpellier); half backs G.Cullen (Wishaw Swifts) and J.McLay (Drumpellier), forwards, D.Watson (Dykehead), J.McCluggan (Royal Albert); J.Calderwood (Wishaw Swifts), J.McPherson (Alpha), R.Brand (Wishaw Swifts); and A.Frame (Royal Albert). – Mr.Cullen, captain and Mr.Dyer (President) will accompany the team as umpires.

Many other match reports were included in this edition of the newspaper including:

Cowlairs v Airdrieonians at Gourlay Park Glasgow in front of a good number of spectators. It was a rough game and Cowlairs used their weight. Some refereeing decisions were greeted with disapproval by the crowd. Cowlairs won by five goals to four, but Airdrieonians justly claimed a draw.

Vale of Leven v Cambuslang. This tie which excited immense interest in football circles was played at Alexandria. The game ended without a single point to either side. It was a hotly contested but really fine game. The strangers

played a magnificent game. Their back division is one of the strongest combinations that has visited Alexandria. Their forwards without exception played a rattling game.

3rd Neilston v 3rd Kilmarnock; Eastern v Tollcross: Thistle v Shettleston before a very large crowd; Hibernians Westburn XI v Westburn Swifts); East Stirlingshire v Avondale (Campsie); Rock v Hamilton Thistle: Eastwood Vale (Thornliebank) v Alexandria (Partick); Moulders v Patternmakers of Velcan Foundry at Cowheath Park, Coatbridge; Armadale v South Eastern on the Green; Pollokshaws Maxwell v Mossvale. Played at Queens Park; G.U.Y.M.C.A (SS) v Govanhill; Durhamtown Rangers v Mossend. This second round game of the Consolation Cup was played at Bathgate on Saturday.

13 February 1885

Vale of Leven v Cambuslang (Semi Final Cup Tie). A week ago Cambuslang journeyed to play the Vale of Leven in the semi-final of the cup. It was a wretched day with wind and rain and the ground quite unfit to play. Nevertheless the game proceeded but it ended in a draw with neither side scoring. In consequence of this result the excitement, which had been keen before, rose now to almost fever height. Supporters of the Cambuslang club were quite jubilant over the result and they made no secret of their expectations that the Cambuslang would win on their own ground, Saturday broke wet and cheerless and promised anything but football weather. The unfavourable weather however had little deterrent effect on the spirits of the enthusiasts, for the special and ordinary trains which left Glasgow to Cambuslang in the afternoon were crowded to excess. Cambuslang also sent its quota to the scene of operations and when the game commenced there would not be fewer than 4000 people round the ropes at Westburn Green. By three o'clock the rain which had been falling all the morning completely cleared off and the sun shone out brightly. The ground though somewhat soft was in fairly playable condition. A start was made at twenty minutes past three o'clock. Cambuslang won the toss and elected to play with a strong gusty wind which blew from goal to goal. The match ended in favour of the Vale by three goals to one. The latter part of the game was extremely rough. Unpleasant encounters between the players was frequent and disputes were raised at every opportunity over throw ins and fouls. The spectators also got over the ropes and by encroaching on the ground did what they could to add to the difficulties of the players.

Edinburgh v Lanarkshire. The inter association fixture was decided at Powderhall, attracted about 2,000 spectators. Edinburgh played a fairly representative team but Lanarkshire was weakened by the non- appearance of Cambuslang, West Benhar and Airdrieonians players. Lanarkshire kicked off with the wind and sun in their favour. The game ended in a win for Edinburgh by six goals to one.

Other games reported on this date included: Thornliebank v Neilston; Airdrieonians v Monkland Thistle; Gartsherrie v 2nd Westburn; Partick Elm v Woodvael (Thornliebank) at Caledonian Park Whiteinch; Grasshoppers v Grahamstown. Played at Bonnybridge; Falkirk v 2nd Queens Park at Brockville; 2nd Granton v “ Herald” office; Springburn v Dykehead; Granton v Shettleston; Barrhead Thistle v Caledonian (Thornliebank); 2nd Grasshoppers v 2nd Grahamstown; Towerhill Swifts v Chryston.

20 February 1885

Royal Albert (Larkhall) v Cambuslang. Lanarkshire Cup Tie. This match was played on the ground of the latter on Westburn Green on Saturday last, and resulted in their favour by five goals to none. The ground was in a very soft and sloppy condition and on this account the players frequently missed their footing and came to grief. To the bad state of the ground may also be attributed to the absence of anything like scientific play. Heavy kicking and going for the man seemed to be the order of the day especially during the first half of the game. A rather unpleasant incident occurred shortly before half time was called. A Cambuslang player kicked at the ball when it was in mid-air and at the same time, one of the Larkhall men rushing in received the kick. He at once squared up to the Cambuslang player and but for the timeous interference of other players a disgraceful scene was sure to have resulted. The members of the Cambuslang who patrol within the ropes and keep order might exert themselves a little more to advantage. They might try to persuade the more enthusiastic partisans to desist from vociferous marks of wholesale disapprobation bestowed on stranger clubs. Surely a piece of smart work done by the visitors merits applause of the onlookers quite as much as if done by the local team.

Airdrieonians v Harp (Dundee). Played at East Dock Street Park Dundee. Ended in a draw.

Ellisbank (Rutherglen) v Primrose Thistle. Cup Tie. This match was played on the ground of the former in the first round of the Thistle Junior Cup and after a very disputable game resulted in favour of the Primrose by 4 goals to 3.

2nd Heart of Midlothian v 2nd Cowlairs. At Tynecastle before a good attendance. The visitors turned up three men short and they had to get assistance from three of the Hearts men. McDougall, Barbour, Gilmour. The game ended in a win for the home team eight goals to nil.

Our Boys v Hamilton Academicals. Played at Dundee on Saturday in presence of between 4,000 and 5,000 spectators. The game ended in favour of the Boys by 6 to 2. The game was an exceedingly pleasant one and was contested from first to last with much spirit on both sides.

Partick Thistle v Partick. This match which had been looked forward to with keen interest, came off at Inchview before a very large concourse of spectators, and resulted in another win for Partick Thistle by four goals to one – this being their eighth win.

Hamilton Academicals (South Haugh Eleven) v Ardoch. At Hamilton. A pleasant game resulted in favour of the South Haugh Eleven by four goals to none.

2nd Pollokshield Athletic v 2nd 3Rd L.V.R. At Pollok Park and the game was not finished, through a dispute over a goal, there being no referee.

Clydesdale Rangers v Garfield. On Rangers ground in Rutherglen. Garfield won by two goals to one. Protest lodged against Garfield.

Boness v Norton Park (Edinburgh). At Boness before 500 spectators. A hard but pleasant game resulted in a win for Boness by five goals to none.

Lenzie Juniors v 2nd G.U.Y.M.C.A. At Lenzie. The young men won by six goals to one. The home backs played a good game.

Airdrie v Albion Rovers. On ground of the latter club and resulted in an easy win for the Rovers by eight goals to none.

Govanhill Thistle v Whitefield Juniors. On ground of the former and resulted in their favour by seven goals to two.

2nd Airdrie v 2nd Albion Rovers. On ground of the former. 2nd Rovers victorious by four goals to three.

Rock v Chryston. At Dumbarton. The game resulted in favour of the Rock by twelve goals to two.

Drumpellier v Cathkin XI (3rd L.V.R.) At Coatbridge. The home players won by eight goals to one.

Barrhead Ferenze v Thornliebank Woodvale. On ground of the former. A draw – three goals each.

Shettleson v 1st.R.R.V (Greenock). One the ground of the former and resulted in a draw – three goals each.

Cartvale v Thornliebank. At Busby and resulted in a win for Cartvale by four goals to two.

Valleyfield v Edinburgh Thistle. At Tynecastle. Latter won by four goals to two.

27 February 1885

This is a summary of the games that were reported on this date:

Pollokshield Athletic v Rangers. This important fixture came off on Saturday on the ground of the former at Pollok Park, Haggs Castle. The result was Rangers one goal, Pollokshields Athletic none. The game could not be in any sense be said to be a brilliant one.

Ellisbank (Rutherglen) v Primrose (Protested Thistle Junior Cup);
Airdrieonians v Albion Rovers; Thistle v Neilston. Only an hour was played;
East Stirlingshire v Campsie; Eastern Swifts v Kirkfield. At Springburn; 2nd
Chryston v Newhall;

Greenhead v Chryston Juniors. On the Green. A draw – one goal each.

2nd Eleven Scottish Cup Semi Final. 2nd Neilston v 2nd Heart of Midlothian. Played at Neilston. A draw, no goals. Neilston played with ten men in the second half.

06 March 1885

Rangers v Cambuslang. Favoured by excellent weather these two popular teams met at Kinning Park on Saturday to play off their fixture. At the termination the result was: Rangers 8 goals Cambuslang 1 goal. Upon the whole this match was one of the most interesting and well played which has been witnessed on this ground for some considerable time, and was of a most brilliant

character – especially from the spectators point of view – and creditable alike to both teams.

This is a summary of the other games that were reported on this date:

Hamilton West End v Cambuslang Brandon; Pollokshields Athletic v Thornliebank; Linlithgowshire Cup Tie – Boness v Shamrock (Broxburn); Arthurlie v 3rd Lanark; Chryston Juniors v Govanhill Thistle; Cambuslang Rangers v Clydesdale Rangers; Shettleston Swifts v 2nd Clydebank; Patternmakers v Moulders. At Coatbridge.; 2nd Govanhill v Hazelbank; Shettleston v Eastern Athletic; Pollokshaws Rosebank v Cartbank. At Crossmyloof; Chryston v Glencairn (at Motherwell); Motherwell Alpha v Coatbridge Rovers.

20 March 1885

This is a summary of the games that were reported on this date:

Albion Rovers v Westburn (Rutherglen); Cambuslang Athletic v Flemington Thistle. At Flemington when the new ground of the Thistle was opened; Shettleston Swifts v Allenbank; Kennyhill v Glencairn (Motherwell); 2nd Airdieonians v 2nd Port Glasgow; West Benhar v Clarkston; west Kilbride Athletic v Ardrossan White Star. At West Kilbride; Armadale v Eastern Athletic. On the ground of Rosebery F.C.; Airdrieonian v Port Glasgow Athletic; Carrick v Glenboig Shamrock. At Kelvinside; Lenzie Juniors v Wanderers (Cessnock); Springburn Hibernians v Airdrie; Yoker v Royal Albert; Eastern Athletic v Armadale. At Nuneaton Park, the ground of Rosebery, before a fair turn out of spectators.

Cambuslang v Partick Thistle. At Muirpark, Partick, before a large turnout of spectators and after a hard game ended in a draw – three goals each.

Rangers (Shields XI) v Chryston. At Chryston. Shield XI won by two goals to nil. One point being scored in each half. They claimed two other goals, which were disputed, there being no referee.

Thornliebank v Pollokshaws. At Broompark, Cowglen before a large turn-out of spectators.

On Saturday under Association Rules two international football matches were played. **Scotland defeating Ireland** at Hampden

Park by eight goals to two, and England and Wales playing a drawn game of one goal each at Blackburn.

The English semi-final cup tie between **Queens Park and Nottingham Forest** ended in a draw, each side scoring one goal.

27 March 1885

Lanarkshire Cup (Semi-final). West Benhar v Airdrieonians.

These teams met at Drumpellier to decide supremacy in the semi-final of the above competition. There was a large number of spectators who encroached very much on the field of play, and owing to this, a protest was lodged before any decisive point had been gained. In the end the Harthill men managed to add a couple of points in the last twenty minutes, and for the second time were declared winners. There was another protest with reference to the boots worn by one of the Benhar men.

Renton v Partick Thistle. These clubs met at Muirpark in presence of several thousand spectators. Every available space where the match could be seen was duly taken advantage of. One of the hardest and well contested games resulted in a win for Partick Thistle by two goals to one.

Arthurlie v Cambuslang at Dunterlie Park, Barrhead before a large turnout of spectators.

Plains v Armadale. The Plains new organisation opened their park on Saturday.

Hutcheson grammar School v Govanhill Thistle at Queens Park.

Roseburn v Armadale at Ruchill Park; 2nd East Stirlingshire v 2nd Falkirk; Blythswood v Longriggend; Victoria (Busby) v Woodvale (Thornliebank); Uddingston v Gartsherrie: 2nd Queens Park v 2nd Falkirk at Hampden Park; Chryston Juniors v Royal Fern.

03 April 1885

Gateside v Barrhead Caledonian. Played on the ground of the former. Gateside won by two goals to one.

Rosevale Swifts v Govan Thistle. Swifts won by three goals to one.

Chryston v Moorpark Thistle. At Chryston and after a very easy game resulted in favour of Chryston by six goals to one.

Arthurlie v Thornliebank. The Arthurlie played off their return fixture with their old opponents, the Thornliebank, at Deacons Bank Park, the ground of the latter. The Arthurlie were declared the winners by three goals to one.

2nd Alpha v Albion Rovers (Coatbridge) on latter's ground. The Alpha won by six goals to two.

Alpha Roman Road XI v 2nd Royal Albert. At Motherwell where the visitors won by one to nothing.

Motherwell Alpha v G.U.Y.M.C.A. At Motherwell. After a splendid game the Alpha won by four to one.

Armadale v Elderslie. At Roslea Park, and after a good game resulted in a win for Armadale by seven goals to none.

Cambuslang v Harp (Dundee). At Dundee and resulted in favour of the home team by six goals to three.

Dumbartonshire Association Final Tie. – Dumbarton v Vale of Leven. The game was played at Renton in presence of about 5,000 spectators. Intense interest seemed to be manifested in the game, although in the Vale of Leven the result was looked upon as a foregone conclusion. The Dumbarton team won by three goals to none.

Cambuslang Junior Cup. (Final Tie). Westburn Swifts v Cambuslang Athletic. At Westburn Green and after a hard game resulted in favour of the Athletic by three goals to two.

The undecided semi-final for the **National Football Association Cup** between the **Queens Park (Glasgow) and Notts Forest club**, was played at Merchiston on Saturday before ten thousand people, and resulted in victory for the Scottish team by three goals to none.

Woodvale (Thornliebank) v Oakbank (Partick). On the ground of the former at North Park and resulted in an easy win for the Woodvale by six goals to none.

Clydesdale Rangers v Rosebery. At South Park, Rutherglen, the Rosebery winning a very good game by three to one.

Westburn (Rutherglen) v Cambuslang Hibernians. On ground of the former. A draw – three goals each.

Caledonia (Paisley) v Ferenze (Barrhead). At Barrhead. An easy win for the Ferenze by three goals to two.

10 April 1885

This is a summary of the game that were reported in this week's edition;

Chryston v Eastern Athletic; Uddingston Juniors v Gateside (Cambuslang); Clarkston v Armadale; Airdrie v Airdriehill: Shawlands v Pollokshaws; Campsi v Camelon; Albion Rovers v Airdrie: 2nd Abercorn v 2nd Airdrionians.

Partick v Hamilton Academicals. At Whiteinch before a good turnout of spectators. When the whistle blew Partick won by a by no means brilliant game by five goals to none.

Falkirk v East Stirlingshire. At Bainsford, Falkirk, and contrary to expectations, Falkirk were defeated for the first time by eight goals to one.

Granton v Royal Albert. Played at Larkhall in presence of a large gathering of spectators.

Clyde v Shettleston. Played at Shettleston before a fair turn out of spectators. The visitors won by six goals to one.

24 April 1885

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The Final Tie of the Lancashire Cup was played between the **Blackburn Rovers and the Blackburn Olympic.** For the fourth season in succession the Rovers won the cup – the game being two goals to one.

Chryston v Wanderers (Govan); Cambuslang Hibernian v Bothwell; Shettleston v Eastern; Motherwell Alpha v West Calder ; Shettleston Swifts v Parkhead Guiding Star: 2nd Shettleston Swifts v Hawthorn (Shettleston).

Thistle v Cambuslang. At Beechwood Park. Great interest was centred on this game which was witnessed by a large turnout of spectators. The Thistle won by two goals to one.

North Eastern Junior Cup. Armadale v Harp. At Roslea Park and after a good game Armadale won by two goals to none.

Airdrie Charity Cup: Airdrie v Dykehead. At Airdrie in the first round of the Airdrie Charity Cup which this year has been instituted through the generosity of the now defunct Airdrie Cricket Club committee, the competition being confined to the Airdrieonians, Dykehead, West Benhar, and Clarkston. The game was under the patronage of the Provost, Magistrate, and Town Council, and there was a large turnout of spectators, over 1,000 being present. The game throughout was of a most gentlemanly character, and played in the quietest manner possible. In the first half the home team scored on three occasions against Dykehead's one, but in the second half the Airdrieonians completely frustrated the Dykehead and before the game ended they added no less than seven goals, winning in the end by ten goals to one. Each of the home forwards scored and one goal was taken by Welsh at half-back. The forward division of the home team played a splendid combined game and not much was left to choose between them.

LETTER PAGE; Charity Cup Competition. Sirs, About a fortnight ago the Dykehead Football Club were informed by Mr. Eglinton, the secretary of the Charity Cup Committee, that his committee had selected it as one of the four clubs to compete for the trophy. At the same time he impressed upon them the fact that their team must consist of strictly local players and owing to this rule and illness of four of their usual team, they found it almost impossible to place a team on the field last Saturday when they were down to play the Airdrieonians in the first round of the ties. Not to disappoint the Charity Committee, however, they persuaded three of the four sick to play and were defeated to the tune of 10 goals to 1. This was a crushing defeat but it would have been borne with good grace and it not been inflicted by a team from the Airdrieonians. But such was not the case. J. Hill and Hastie (Glengowan), Chalmers (Drumpellier) and Reynolds (Cowlares) been specially imported for these ties. Why the Airdrieonians were allowed such a selection when the Dykehead men

had been told that their players must be strictly local is a mystery which I would very much like hear explained. Had the Dykehead men been at liberty to pick their men in the same manner as the Airdrieonians they could have placed a very good team on the field - several players of good standing had offered their services. Hoping that you will give this a place in your paper. I am, aye. **A Villager, Dykhead, Shotts, 21st April 1885.**

01 May 1885

Lanarkshire Cup. Final Tie. At the South Avenue, Hamilton on Saturday to decide who should be holders of the trophy for the year. Notwithstanding counter attractions, the largest crowd that ever assembled on the football field in the county was present and were rewarded by a game full of exciting incidents from start to finish. Benhar won the toss, and having the assistance of a strong wind, they soon compelled the Cambuslang to act on the defensive. Jackson, Smith and Semple for some time, however, were equal to the call made on them. Reid of Benhar who played a splendid game, at last found an opening and sent a beauty spinning past Dunn. After this Cambuslang played up better and made some smart attacks on the Benhar fortress, and Dalrymple from a good centre by Low, was enabled to equalise the score. From the kick off the Benhar lads were again crowding around the Cambuslang goal, and after some clever passing, Elder notched No 2 for them. On the change of ends matters looked rosy for the Cambuslang. Still the Benhar managed to hold their own, and play for a time was confined to mid-field till Gourlay broke away with a good run on the right, and with a long shot Buchanan again equalised the score. Benhar retaliated and a beautiful centre by Reid enable Goldie to score No 3 for the Benhar. The excitement of the spectators was now intense, and encouraged by the numerous cheers of their supporters, Cambuslang came again and once more equalised the score. A fourth seemed almost at their mercy immediately afterwards, but Devlin saved in the nick of time, after the greater part of the Benhar men had been rushed through the goal. Reid collared the ball as it came out and ran the whole length of the field, but his parting shot was just a shade wide. Time was soon afterwards called, leaving the game drawn, three goals each.

Rosebery Cup Final. Hibernian v Heart of Midlothian. The final tie for the handsome cup presented by Lord Rosbery for the benefit of the Edinburgh charities took place at Powderhall Grounds, Edinburgh on Saturday between the above clubs and after a good game, ended in a win for the Hibernian by three goals to nil.

North Eastern Junior Cup. Semi-Final. Carrington v Armadale. Both teams had a large following – Carrington finally won by five goals to one.

Falkirk District Charity Cup. East Stirlingshire v Grahamston. At Brockville Park, home of Falkirk Football Club, and after a very hard and exceedingly rough game, victory rested with the East Stirlingshire by five goals to one.

Dunblane v Shettleston. At Kippenrose Park, Dunblane. Dunblane won a fast game by four goals to one.

Other games reported in this edition:

2nd Chryston v 2nd Pembroke; Chryston Juniors v Eastern (Springfield XI); Plains v Armadale; Slamanan v 2nd Plains. At Slamanan – opening their new ground. Plains won by two goals to one.

08 May 1885

Chryston Juniors v 2nd Blythswood; 2nd Chryston Juniors v Albion; Motherwell Alpha v 2nd G.U.Y.M.C.A.; Plains v Clydesdale (Mossend).

Shettleston Swifts v Alliebank. On the ground of the latter at Rutherglen. The home team won by two goals to none.

Cambuslang Hibernians v Flemington. On ground of the former. A draw – two goals each.

15 May 1885

Lanarkshire Final Tie. Cambuslang v West Benhar. At South Avenue, Hamilton before 2,500 spectators, and after a hard game ended in favour of Cambuslang by five goals to three.

East Stirlingshire v Camelon (Falkirk Charity Cup Final); Chryston Rangers v Plantation; Arthurlie v Neilston; West Kilbride Athletic v Govanhill.

St.Peters (Partick) v Cambuslang Hibernians. At Eastvale Park, Kelvinhaugh. St.Peter's won by two goals to none.

Clydesdale v Chryston. At Southcroft Park, Rutherglen, ground of the former. The home team won by four goals to one.

Thornliebank Football and Cricket Club. The annual general meeting was held in the village club. A summary of elected members and the annual report is available. (**details were documented in this edition of the newspaper**).

Albion Rovers Football Club. The annual general meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, Coatbridge. The club was in flourishing condition. (**full details were documented in this edition of the newspaper**).

An interesting football match took place on the Phoenix Park, Rutherglen on Friday evening last, the ground being kindly granted by the Westburn Football Club. The match was between Messrs.E.Simpson&Co Flyers v Spindlemakers. The spindlemakers losing the toss kicked off at 7p.m. against the wind. The ball was soon carried back to their own goal, but the spindlemakers passing the ball to the right wing it was carried up the field by Barr and T.Inman, but they were stopped by the gallant play of McGowan who sent the leather back to the old position. It was again brought up the right wing and again McGowan stopped it and with a run scored the first goal for the flymakers. After the ball was again set a-rolling it was kept at mid-field a short time, when Barr with another run passed half-backs and backs, and a goal appeared certain for the spindlemakers, but as Barr was about to give his final kick, he tripped over a ridge, staggered on about ten yards and fell, and this one of the best chances the spindlemakers had was lost. The ball was gain brought back to the spindlemakers territory, where a hand was claimed against them. A scrimmage took place at the goal where McGowan scored the second point for the flymakers. Half-time was then called with the score standing 2-0 in favour of the flymakers. The second half was something the same as the first, but McGowan added two more goals for his team and Joe Hulme with a well directed kick scored a fifth point, while Barclay, J.Inman, Peacock, and Pickson played well for the spindlemakers. When time was called the score placed, Flymakers 0 goals, Spindlemakers 6.

22 May 1885

Matches reported in this week's edition:

Airdrieonians v Dykehead; Plains v Monkland Thistle; North Western v Wishaw Hibs; Chryston Juniors v Dundas Vale; Albert v 2Nd Chryston Juniors; Durhamptown Rangers (Bathgate) v BlueBell (Uphall); Cambuslang Hibernians v Clydsdale Rangers; Clydesdale (Mossend) v Broomfield (Airdrie); Roselea v Carmyle Swifts; Chryston Rangers v 2nd Pembroke; West Benhar v Clarkston.

2nd Clydesdale v 2nd Cambuslang Hibernians. At Rutherglen. The home side won by six goals to none.

Chryston Rangers F.C. AGM to select Office Bearers, (**full details were documented in this edition of the newspaper**).

Clydesdale (Rutherglen) F.C. – At the Annual General Meeting of the above club the following office bearers were appointed. President, Mr. John Orr; vice-president, Mr. Wm. Simpson; Secretary, Mr. Robert Hillcoat; treasurer, Mr. Alexander Ramsay; Match Secretary, Mr. Matthew McIndoe, 7 Union Place, Rutherglen. Committee, Messrs Hamilton, Easton, Shearer, Boyle, Park, McCormack. – Mr. Alexander Ramsay, convener.

29 May 1885

Airdrieonians v Clyde (on Wednesday): Airdrieonians v Cartvale;
Camelon v East Stirlingshire:

Clydesdale Rangers v Chryston juniors. At Rutherglen. The home team won by two goals to one.

Clydesdale (Rutherglen) v Roselea (scratch). At Rutherglen. Roselea won by three goals to one.

Ellisbank (Rutherglen) v Eastfield Thistle. On Tuesday night a match between the above clubs was played on the ground of the former and after a disagreeable game resulted in a draw, two goals each. Fulton and Stark played best for the home team.

2nd Ellisbank v Gordon. Played last Saturday on the ground of the Ellisbank and after a good game resulted in favour of the home team by 5 goals to 1.

Shettleston Club. AGM. (**full details were documented in this edition of the newspaper**).

Newton v Columba (Rutherglen). Saturday last the Columba journeyed to Newton to play off their fixture with that club. The weather was all that could be desired for good play. The Newton had never been beaten in any encounters up to this point and they entered the field with the determination to uphold their unbroken record. The home team winning the toss bid the strangers face the slight breeze. At the outset it appeared the home players expectations was to be realised but as time wore on the game became more close and the first half finished without any points being gained by either side. On crossing over, it was thought that matters would remain unaltered but the ball was long in motion and a beautiful run by Biggins brought the leather up to the Columba's goal, where shot after shot was sent in until the goalkeeper had to give a corner which was well placed and rushed through, meanwhile Martin being grounded. This reserve seemed to rattle the strangers. On the kick off Garrity brought the ball up the right wing and nearing the goal centred for Harry who easily equalised matters. Only twenty minutes now remained and both teams determined to have the winning points. Play now became very fast and just five minutes from time Diamond made the run of the day, finishing up by scoring goal number two for Columba. Thus a most exciting game finished leaving the Newton beaten for the first time by two goals to one. Biggins and Livingston played well for Newton; while Martin in goal, McPhee at half back and McGarrity and Diamond up front did giant's work for Columba.

05 June 1885

Airdrie Charity Cup. Airdrieonians v West Benhar. The final tie of the above competition was played on the Airdrie Cricket Ground on Saturday last. There was an immense crowd of spectators estimated at about 3,000. Airdrie won 6-2. ** There is a very long detailed match report in this edition of the newspaper **.

Glasgow v Airdrieonians. A team principally composed of Queens Park men paid a friendly visit to the Airdrieonian on Wednesday night. The game commenced at 7p.m. and there was a large gate, about 3,000 present. The city team won by three goals to nil. ** There is a very long detailed match report in this edition of the newspaper **.

19 June 1885

Durhamtown Rangers v Dykehead (Shotts). The above clubs met at Dykehead to play a benefit match for Mr. Hamilton who has been unable to work for the last 15 months. After one hour's play, victory fell to the Rangers

by 2 to 1. We are pleased to state that the sum drawn at the gate was the largest that has been taken this season.

Plains v Longriggend. Plains scored four goals but only one was allowed.

Airdrieonians beat Dumbarton Athletic 3 goals to 2.

21 August 1885

Armadale v Flemington Thistle. At Newton at the ground of the latter. Resulted in four goals each.

Bluebell v Dundas Vale. Vale won by two goals to none.

Cambuslang v Thistle (Glasgow). Cambuslang opened their new ground, Whitefield Park, with the Thistle. After a good game the result was in favour of the home team by four goals to three. In the first ten minutes the Thistle scored three goals, but afterwards was all in favour of the home team, who scored six goals, two of which were disallowed. The home team, who have had no practice, played very poorly at the start, but as the game progressed they improved, and were only prevented by putting on a larger score by bad shooting and splendid goalkeeping of the Thistle. Neither team was fully represented.

28 August 1885

The following new teams admitted into the Association:

Alpha, Dunfermline Athletic, Paisley Hibernians, Forfar Athletic, Union, Monklands, Cowdenbeath, Southern Athletics, Oban, Broxburn, Shamrock, Camelon, Bonhill, 10th L.V.R., Broughty, Aberdeen Rovers, Bon Accord, Westbourne, Avondale, Ayr Rovers, Grahamston, Linthouse, Cambuslang Hibernians, Clydesdale, Woodvale, St. Peter's, Mearns Athletic, Helensburgh, Kirkintilloch Athletics, Glencairn.

Bathgate Volunteers v Dumbarton Rangers. Rangers won 8 goals to one.

Cambuslang Hibernians v Columba. Last Friday night the Hibs journeyed to Rutherglen in a return fixture with the Columba. Great interest was manifested in this game, which accounts for the number of spectators present, there being no less than 500 people. On the kick off, the ball was followed up

by the home forwards who had a shy at goal, but Gilbert was on alert and soon returned the leather down the field, where the cudgel was taken up by the Hibs, who kept peppering the home goal for about 15 minutes. Here was the feature of the game in the grand defence shown by Monaghan, who, we might say, would be worthy of standing betwixt the posts in defence of the premier club of Scotland. The play now became very fast, and each goal was assailed in turn, but half time came without any scoring. On the change of ends, as the Columba now had the advantage of the ground, it was expected that they would hold their own. The ball continued to travel from one goal to the other for about ten minutes, giving the backs of both sides plenty of work. At length, E. Flanagan by a magnificent piece of dodging, managed to elude McMullen, and placed the first goal to his credit. The reverse stung the Columba who, with a dashing run, were only prevented from scoring by the Hibs kicking behind. A corner was the result and it was well placed and Garrity equalised the game. Time was fast approaching, and both sides were working hard for a win, and as luck would have it, the strangers landed their double point and won a very enjoyable, but at the same time hard fought, game by 2 goals to 1.

30 October 1885

Airdrionians 8 v 2 Tollcross. Third Round of the Scottish Cup.

Cartvale v Port Glasgow Athletic. At Busby before a large concourse of spectators, a special train being run from the "Port". The Port were fully represented while Cartvale were without their speedy little forward McFall, and to make matters worse, Adams, the support of the right wing, failed to appear. Paterson, a second eleven, took his place. One of the hardest games seen in Busby for some time ended in a draw. One goal each.

Wishaw Swifts v West Calder. The Swifts won a good game by three goals to none.

Hibernians v Boness. Played at Easter Road, Edinburgh and resulted in a win for the Hibernians by six goals to none.

Renfrewshire Cup. St. Mirren v Renfrew. On Saturday at Westmarch, and was witnessed by a very large concourse of spectators numbering at least 4,000. St. Mirren were the winners by seven goals to two.

Lanarkshire Junior Cup. Hamilton West End Rangers v Motherwell Harp. The match in the second round of the above tie, was played at South Avenue, Hamilton on Saturday. The game was fast and exciting throughout, the Motherwell men being defeated by six goals to none. Rowan in the centre.

McGowan on the left wing, McInerary on the right wing and Johnstone at the back played splendidly for the winning team. While the Motherwell men did their best, but the staying power of the victors proved too much for them.

Cambuslang Hibernians v Hamilton Thistle. The Hibs won by eight goals to none. The splendid play of the Thistle goalkeeper saved his team from a much heavier defeat. The back division is very strong. The Hibs goalkeeper did what little work he had in his usual sure style. Their back divisions completely nonplussed all the effects of the Thistle forwards. The Hibs forwards are daily improving, their passing being much admired by the spectators.

Wishaw Hibernian v Wishaw Thistle. On ground of the former, when the latter won easily by six goals to one.

Cambuslang Junior Cup; Tollcross v Cambuslang Juniors. At Tollcross. The Tollcross won by four goals to none.

Bothwell v Clydesdale Rangers. At Bothwell. The former won by four goals to three.

3rd Lanark v Cambuslang. The match was played at Cathkin Park on Saturday in presence of a large turn-out of spectators. The play was kept up with great vigour till the close when the 3rd were hailed the victors by four goals to one amid a scene of wild excitement.

Govanhill Athletic v Cambuslang Athletic. On the ground of the former and resulted in their favour by four goals to two.

Chryston Athletic v Coatbridge. The former won by thirteen goals to none.

2nd Chryston Athletic v Germiston. A draw – two goals each.

Shettleston v 1st R.R.V. – At Shettleston. The 1st RRV won by four goals to none.

Plains v Armadale. The visitors won three to one after a hard game.

Monkland Thistle v Chapelhall. Played on the ground of the former and resulted in an easy win for Thistle by nine to none.

2nd Eleven Scottish Association. At a committee meeting of the Association held on Thursday, Mr.W.J.McCulloch, presiding. The second round ties were drawn as follows: Rangers v Heart of Midlothian: Drumpellier v

Broxburn Shamrock of Grasshoppers; Northern v St.Peter's; Partick Thistle v Renton; Airdrieonians v Cowlairst; Linthouse v Hibernian or Harp (Dundee); Pollokshields Athletic v Cambuslang. The ties to be played on or before 24th Nov on the ground of the first named club.

Western Athletic v Waverley. On the ground of the latter at Coatbridge. Former won by two goals to nil.

Glencairn (Motherwell) v Drumpellier. At Coatbridge and resulted in a draw one goal each.

Vulcan Rovers v 2nd Drumpellier. At Coatdyke. Drumpellier played with only ten men in the first half. They won four goals to three.

Y.M.C.A. (Central) v Alpha (Motherwell). Y.M.C.A. won by four goals to none.

Rutherglen v Clydesdale. At Phoenix Park, Rutherglen. Rutherglen had it all their own way and won by three goals to one.

Vulcan Rovers v Huntingdon Thistle. On ground of the latter and Rovers won by two goals to nil.

Waverley v Britannia. At Queens Park, Waverley won by one goal to nil. The Waverley played with ten men in the second half.

Argyle (Jun) v Albion (Coatbridge) on ground of the former. Argyle won by ten to one.

Gartsherrie v Blythswood. – On ground of former at Coatbridge. Blythswood won by five goals to two.

06 November 1885

Cambuslang v Longriggend. At Cambuslang and resulted in favour of the home team by eighteen goals to none. Cambuslang played with ten men.

Dykehead v Albion Rovers. At Dykehead on Saturday in front of a fair turn out of spectators. A fast game ended in a draw one goal each.

Hamilton Academicals v Chryston. At Hamilton and resulted in a very exciting game, both sides scoring a goal.

Rutherglen v Airdrie. – Airdrie scratched.

Wishaw Swifts v Drumpellier. At Coatbridge. A considerable number of spectators turned out to watch the game. The Swifts having succeeded in getting into the fourth round of the Scottish Cup. Drumpellier won by seven goals to two.

Glenboig Athletic v Dundas Vale. At Glenboig and resulted in favour of the home team by three goals to nothing after an hour's play, when the strangers left the field for no cause whatsoever.

Lanarkshire Cup Tie. Airdrieonians v Tollcross. These teams met at Mavisbank Park, Airdrie, on Saturday, a crowd of about 800 spectators witnessing the game. The red and whites of Airdrie won by eight goals to two. **** There is a very long detailed report of this game in the newspaper **.

Scottish Football Association – Fourth Round drawings. Dumbarton v Partick Thistle; Queen of the South Wanderers v Hurlford or Kilmarnock; Cambuslang v Wishaw Swifts; Hibernians v Arbroath; Renton v Cowlares; Queens Park v Airdrieonians; 3rd.L.V.R. v Ayr; Abercorn v Strathmore; Vale of Leven v Harp (Dundee) . Glasgow Athletic – bye.

13 November 1885

Lanarkshire Football Association. Last night drawings in the second round.

The committee of the above met last night in Coatbridge, Mr.McIntyre in the chair. The first business was the protest by the Tollcross against the Airdrieonians on the grounds that Messrs. Glen, Sneddon and the Reids, were not local players. After some discussion the protest was sustained and the match ordered to be played at Tollcross on the 21st. – The Chryston protest claiming the match against the Hamilton Academicals was dismissed. – The Larkhall protest against their result with the Carfin Shamrock, on the grounds that the goals were too low, the field a perfect quagmire, the spectators interfered with the play, and that Carfin had played two players who had previously played for the Alpha in the Scottish Cup. The protest was sustained. The protest of the Clydesdale against the result of their game with the Broomfield was dismissed as it had not been lodged on the field.

The following are the drawings of the 2nd round, the games to be played of the first mentioned club on 12th December. – Chapelhall

v Cambuslang Hibernians; Gartsherrie v Airdrieonians or Tollcross; Rutherglen v Glengowan; Albion Rovers v Broomfield; Alpha v Cambuslang; Carfin Shamrock or Royal Albert v Drumpellier; West Benhar v Monkland Thistle; Dykehead v Plains; Chryston or Hamilton Academicals – a bye.

The intercounty match against Edinburgh on 28 November was changed to be played on the Airdrieonians ground and the following team was chose to represent the Shire. Goal. Dunn, Cambuslang; Backs. R.Reid, Airdrieonians and W.Semple, Cambuslang; half backs. J.Welsh, Airdrieonians and A.Jackson, Cambuslang. Right Wing, T.F.Andrew, Airdrieonians and J.Hamilton, Cambuslang. Left wing. W.Hastings, Airdrieonians, J.Plenderleith, Cambuslang; centres, J.Sneddon, Airdrieonians and J.Buchanan, Cambuslang.

NOTES BY ATHLETE: This is a column under the heading “**Sport and Pastime**”. What excitement there was in Airdrie last Tuesday night when the drawings of the Scottish were made known! If talking can make a club win I am sure the Airdrieonians will win this Saturday though their opponents be the famous Queens Park. Cheer up Airdrieonians! You have in my opinion be lucky in being drawn against the Spiders! If you manage a win look at the honour it will be and even suppose you lose, if you die hard, as I am sure you will there will be no disgrace in being defeated by the Premier Club of Scotland. Cambuslang is in luck. They will, I imagine, fairly run through the Wishaw Swifts, and then the Swifts will have had their measure of cup ties filled, and will have to fall back upon their friendly fixtures.

Cambuslang was at it again on Saturday. To defeat the Pilgrims by three to none was good form, and makes one fancy that there is to be some fun in Lanarkshire yet ere; the Scottish final is decided. The Airdrieonians, Drumpellier, and Albion Rovers all played draws and all of them might have made it wins. The Rovers game will put both them and the Dykehead into the hat again. The Drumpellier had as their visitors the Dunblane and had a very enjoyable game with them. The defence of both teams was so good that one goal each was all the scoring effected. The Airdrieonians had another hard nut to crack in the Partick Thistle at Partick but I think they may have knocked them off. The game I am informed was one of the hardest ever played at Partick and was so well and keenly

contested that both players and spectators were highly pleased with the results two goals each.

Why have the Airdrieonians changed their forward division? I think it is a great mistake and one that they will rue. Leave Stark and Andrew together. They can always play a good game, and put Glen in the centre. He will be a most useful man in the centre having alike speed, dash and shooting powers. I would strongly advise the Airdrieonians committee to play their forwards in that order on Saturday first. But what odds about the tie on Saturday first between them and the Q.P.? I fancy that the Airdrieonians should about lower the colours of the spider, and in expectations of such being the case, I have got hold of some old barrels, and will have them tarred and all ready for a grand bonfire in honour of our plucky Lanarkshire men. The Queen's team I have on good authority will be; Gillespie, goal; Arnot and Watson, backs; Campbell and Gow, half backs; Lambie or Anderson and Hamilton, right wing; Christie and Allan, left wing; and Somerville and Harrower, centres. That is a strong team but still the Airdrieonians if they play their usual game should try them hard. The Queen's are not so far above their country brethren now as they used to be.

I believe the Airdrie folks are going to run a special to Glasgow on Saturday. They should reflect what occurred on the occasion of their last special. I wonder if "History will repeat itself".

While the first Airdrieonians were engaged with the Partick Thistle on the ground of the latter the second strings were having a friendly game at Airdrie, and according to the newspapers, the result was in favour of the home team by three to one, but according to the Thistle players similar to that of the first team, two goals each. The referee however said the real score was three to one. What is this that I hear of White being superseded in the 2nd Airdrieonians? Surely that team means something when they consider an inter-county man of last season not good enough for them.

Hip, hip ,hurrah. The Airdrie Charity Cup will soon be on views in a certain jeweller's shop in Airdrie. I am told by those that should know that it is a perfect beauty. It should be. I hear no word yet of the committee publishing a statement of the funds, and am surprised that gentlemen of such good business faculties as several members of the committee should have been so lax in such an important matter. You should have it issued at one Mr.Eglinton. By-the-bye I expect the committee will this season be adding to their representatives from each of the clubs who are to compete. That will be but fair.

An international cap is certain to be gained by an Airdrionian now. Conner's form in goal last Saturday was such as we have never seen before. I hope he will keep up the same this week.

Secretaries of clubs might send their match cards addressed to the Athlete, Advertiser Office, Airdrie, or Express Office, Coatbridge, so that I might take notice of their matches for each week.

On Tuesday the committee met to draw the second round of the cup ties and select the inter-county team. I will keep my remarks on both sides till next week. **ATHLETE.**

Cambuslang v Pilgrims. At Cambuslang before a fair turnout of spectators. And after one of the fastest games of the season ended in favour of the Cambuslang by three goals to nothing.

Dunblane v Drumpellier. At Coatbridge before a large turnout of spectators and resulted in a draw, each team scoring one goal. The Dunblane team scored another goal but the referee decided no goal. As time had been previously called.

Shields XI v Armadale. At Roslea Park. Shields won by three goals to one.

Glencairn (Motherwell) v Monkland Thistle (Calderbank).

Monklands won four goals to three.

Airdrieonians 2nd Eleven v Partick Thistle 2nd eleven. These teams played their first fixture of the season on Mavisbank Park, Airdrie. The afternoon was fine and about 300 spectators turned out. ** There is a long detailed report of this game available **

Clydesdale v Columba. These two local teams met last Saturday on South Croft to determine for superiority. On account of the visiting team turning up late, the game was only half an hour duration. A few minutes from time a corner was given against the Clydesdale, and so well was it placed that Reardon found little difficulty in heading it through. The Clydesdale disputed the point, but on appeal to the referee, Mr. Millar, Clydesdale, the Columba were awarded the goal and thus ended a hard hard game.

Partick Thistle v Airdrieonians. Played on Saturday at Inchview, Whiteinch. The ground was very soft owing to recent heavy rains. There was a large attendance of spectators. *** There is long detailed match report of this game available ***. It ended in a draw – two goals each.

There was six other match reports on this date. 2nd Cambuslang v 2nd Pilgrims; 2nd Dunblane v 2nd Drumpellier; Bathgate Volunteers v Armadale; Wellshot (Cambuslang v 2nd Dennistoun; Kilsyth Rangers v Lennoxton Thistle; 2nd Linthouse v 2nd Alpha (Motherwell).

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Scottish Cup Tie. Queens Park versus Airdrieonians. On Saturday our crack local team journeyed to Glasgow to play off their cup tie with the famous Queens Park, and a large crowd of supporters followed them, and made themselves heard occasionally during the game. The Airdrieonians lost the toss and kicked off about three o'clock in presence of some 2,500 spectators. During the whole game the play was of such a fast nature that description of it utterly impossible. Queen Park won by one goal to none. Connor the Airdrieonians goalkeeper was the hero of the day. His goalkeeping was a sight to be seen and was of such a nature as to call forth frequent bursts of applause from the spectators. ** There is a very long detailed match report available of this game **

2nd Whifflet Thistle v 2nd Britannia. Played on the ground of the Thistle and resulted in a win for Britannia by four goals to none.

Rutherglen v Albion Rovers. Played at Rutherglen. The Rutherglen team were fully represented but the Rovers were minus three of their usual team and played second team XI men. After a very hard game the Rovers were victorious by 3 goals to 1.

PROTEST – TOLLCROSS V AIRDRIEONIANS. This was published in the letters page.

Sir, the above protest, which was instituted at the hands of the Tollcross, against four members of the Airdrieonians team – Messrs Reid brothers, Glen and Sneddon, came before that most august body, the Lanarkshire Football Association Committee, on Tuesday evening last, Mr. McIntyre (the Airdrieonians *friend*), being in the chair. After the usual preliminaries had been discussed, the meeting decided that they should order the Airdrieonians to play the game over again; and seeing that the Tollcross had been twice at Airdrie lately, they deemed

it advisable to let them have one game during the season at Tollcross and expressed a hope they might be able to reduce the number of goals against them, so that they might have a better chance of gaining their next protest.

Now sir, for an explanation of the case. When Rule 4 was put into the Cup Competition Rules, I may say I was the party who trained it (**the next few lines as black ink smudge and cannot be read**); the proper reading of that rule and what it was meant to convey. But as many of your outside readers may not be conversant with the rules of the L.F.A., I have much pleasure in inserting rule 4, so that each and all may form their own opinion on this matter. The rule runs thus – the competing teams shall number 11 players, and while the players of each team may be changed, no individual shall play for more than one club during the season. Players must be strictly *local players*, otherwise the club will be disqualified. Now, as most of the L.F.A. Committee are aware, and especially their much respected chairman Mr.McIntyre, that *local* was always understood to mean players from Lanarkshire, and if there were any of the committee present who were members of the Association at that time, they will be able to vouch for the proper reading of it; and it is not very long since I was asked by the Association to inform them what was meant by the term *local*, and I explained it to them very clearly – vis. That the word local was inserted into the rule for the purpose of keeping Glasgow players from being imported to play for the Lanarkshire cup. This Mr.McIntyre has, I am sorry to say, forgotten although he has not let slip from his memory the casting vote arrangement. I may here say that the protest was never intimated to me, neither on the field when I handed the referee a list of the team, nor in the pavilion after the game. And, I can assure you when I heard it, I was surprised, and expressed it as my opinion that a protest such as was lodged, would never stand against the intelligence of the L.F.A. committee, but in this I was grievously mistaken. Take for example the Drumpelliers our neighbours, and the club which is represented by that man of all men most wonderful (Mr.McIntyre) and see how their team is formed. I

myself know of two who reside in Airdrie and have no connection with Coatbridge at all. The Cambuslang, again, play MacPherson of Motherwell. Which is certainly not in Cambuslang, and if they are to be allowed to play these men, where are we to draw the line. We were to play this protested tie against Tollcross, which I hope we will never require to do, it would only be just and right for the Tollcross to protest against Hill and Hastie from Glengowan, and no doubt if they did protest and they managed to reduce the goals a bit, I would have no hesitation in saying that the Lanarkshire committee would oblige them with another game. Admire the pluck of Tollcross 16 goals to 2 and not yet content. After showing the form they have done it would be silly to try and oust such a noble race of warriors so early in the Ties. The Lanarkshire Association by their decision of this protest have published their ignorance further than ever they could have expected, and they have now placed themselves in a position of being held up to ridicule by every true lover of fair play. I may mention in conclusion that the voting was 8 to 7 in favour of the protest being not sustained, but Mr. McIntyre this famous (Drumpellier) representative here interfered, and his usual friendly spirit says – Here is my chance to do the Airdrieonians a good turn, and accordingly voted in favour of the protest being sustained. This placed the meeting in a very embarrassing position 8 to 8 now being the result. However the only way to get rid of that difficulty was for the Chairman to give his casting vote, and he perhaps with an eye to a good referee job made himself popular by first giving his own vote and then his casting vote against the Airdrieonians and ordered the game shall be played again at Tollcross. However he seems to have repented his folly as he is found afterwards supporting a rule to the effect that “ LOCAL “ (that famous word) after the Airdrieonians again beat the Tollcross should be understood to mean any player in Lanarkshire, and of course expect this to be a source of consolation to them, as they will then be allowed to play the very men objected to, viz, Messrs Reid brothers, Glen and Sneddon, in the second round.

But if the Airdrieonians take my advice (and I hope they will) they will show the Lanarkshire Association that they have a spirit above trickery, and will treat with contempt the decision of an Association presided over by such an impartial and at the same time well informed personage as that of Mr. McIntyre (Drumpellier) who along with his trained band, try and take the beam out of their eye before they endeavour to take the make out of their brothers, and will play and defeat the Tollcross again.

Apologising to you occupying so much space in your valuable paper, I remains yours truly. **James Connor Jr, Captain, Airdrieonians Football Club, Meadowside, Airdrie, 13 Nov 1885.**

27 November 1885

Inter County Match. Edinburgh v Lanarkshire. This Association match was played at Airdrie on Saturday in presence of a large turn-out of spectators. The afternoon was fine, but the ground, in consequence of Friday night's heavy rain, was very soft. A late start was effected, owing to the non-arrival of two of the Lanarkshire team, but Stark and Sword (Airdrieonians) being on the field, were pressed into service. Immediately after the start, the Lanarkshire forwards, passing in good style, scored the first point of the game, Buchanan doing the needful. From a brilliant kick by Welsh, Buchanan was allowed a second chance, of which he did not fail to take advantage. Some give-and-take play ensued. A foul near the Lanarkshire goal resulted in Edinburgh gaining their first and only point. McGhee putting the ball through No further scoring took place in the first half of the game, although both goalkeepers were called upon frequently to use their hands. On the game being resumed, the Edinburgh forwards assumed the aggressive, but the back play of Sword and Semple, and the splendid goalkeeping of Dunn, denied their most strenuous efforts. Soon the Lanarkshire forwards settled down, and a splendid combined run by the whole of the forwards culminated in Number 3 being notched for the Lanarkshire; Sneddon putting on the finishing touch. Another run, and Buchanan added another point. During this half of the game the play was very even and exciting, but the defence of both teams was so good, that scoring was made. The game thus ended in a win for Lanarkshire by four goals to one. Edinburgh. Goal, Gibson; backs, Lundie and Hutton; half-backs, McLaren, Guld and White; forwards, Laing, McKay, McGhee, Riddoch and Lowe. Lanarkshire. Goal, Dunn; backs, Sword and Semple; half-backs, Welsh and

Jackson; forwards, Andrew, Hamilton, Sneddon, Buchanan, Stark and Plenderleith.

Scottish Football Association. Drawings in Fifth Round.

On Tuesday night the committee met in Glasgow. The Ayr protest was sustained on the ground that the umpire of 3rd Lanark “coached” his team. The game was ordered to be replayed at Ayr. The following are the fifth round drawings. Renton v Vale of Leven; 3rd L.R.V. or Ayr v Port Glasgow; Queen of the South or Arthurlie v Queens Park; Abercorn v Cambuslang; Dumbarton v Hibernian.

Match reports in this week’s edition included:

Monkland Thistle 0 v 4 Shamrock Carfin; Bothwell 1 v 1 Southern Athletics – the southerners played with ten men; 2nd Drumpellier v 2nd Plains,- Drumpellier played with only 8 men and won by seven goals to four; Motherwell Alpha 5 v 1 Partick Rosevale; Cambuslang Hibernians 5 v 0 Cambuslang Athletic; Shettleston 1 v 1 Northern.

Hibernians v Mossend Swifts. These teams played off their shield tie at Easter Road and after a good game the Hibernians won by 13 goals to 4.

2nd Cowlairs v 2nd Airdrieonians. These two teams met at Airdrie to decide who should enter the third round of the 2nd Eleven Cup before a large turn-out of spectators. Both teams played a very good game. The Airdrieonians have the weight, but the Cowlairs play with much more judgement and combination, their passing being very neat, Cowlairs won by three goals to two.

Lanarkshire Cup. Hamilton Academicals v Chryston. There was a fair turn out of spectators. Hamilton won by eleven goals to one.

Airdrieonians v Albion Rovers. At Meadow Park, Whifflet. Rovers won six goals to five.

The Following Inter County Match: At a committee meeting of the E.F.A.held on Wednesday nights, the following team was selected to represent Edinburgh in their match with Lanarkshire at Airdrie on 28th. Gibson (Hearts, goal) ; Lundy (Hibs) and Heathcote (St.Bernards), backs; McLaren and McGinn (Hibs) and White (Hearts), half backs; Mackay (Hearts) and Lang (Norton Park), right wing; McGhee (Hibs), centre; Lowe (St.Bernards) and Knox (University), left wing.

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Match reports in this week's edition include:

Kirkintilloch Athletic 6 v 3 Seafield; Kirkintilloch Central 5 v 0 Seafield Rae; Ravenscraig Thistle 3 v 3 Hamilton West End; Coatbridge Tinsplate Thistle 1 v 0 Elderslie (Glasgow); Eastwood Vale (Thornliebank) 0 v 0 Alexandria Partick; Wishaw Swifts 1 v 2 Rutherglen; 2nd Shettleston 2 v 0 Bothwell; Plains 1 v 1 Chapelhall (**Plains played with four men short**); Norton Park 1 v 1 west Calder; Hallside Athletic 3 v 1 Cambuslang Whitefield; Broomfield (Airdrie) 8 v 1 Gartsherrie; 2nd Cowlares 6 v 0 2nd Cambuslang; Cowlares 2 v 1 Cambuslang; Thistle 1 v 4 Shettleston.

Coatbridge v Western Athletic. The game was played on the ground of the former. The Athletics managed to secure a goal almost immediately the ball was set in motion, but it was at once seen that the scientific play of the Coatbridge was too much for the brutish play of the Athletics. A goal was scored for Coatbridge shortly after, but it was disputed in no measured language by the Athletics, despite both the decision of both umpire and referee. The game was at once stopped.

This edition of the newspaper also included two huge long detailed letters following the Tollcross v Airdrieonians match protest ruling by the Lanarkshire Football Association. It is clear both authors of the letters had no time for each other and shared their thoughts in a public forum.

11 December 1885

Games reported in this week's edition include:

Rutherglen v Renwick. At Kennyhill. A draw one goal each.

Overton v Summerlee. A draw one goal each.

2nd Pembroke v Bothwell. On ground of the latter. Pembroke won by four goals to one. Downes of the Glasgow Rangers played a splendid game for Bothwell.

Plains v Broomfield. At Plains, the home team winning by three goals to one.

Cambuslang Hibernians v Flemington Thistle. On the Hibernians ground. Each scored one goal in the first half. The Hibernians succeeded in scoring another before the call of time, winning by four goals to one.

Kirkintilloch Athletic v Kilsyth Rovers. At Kilsyth. Athletic won by four goals to one.

Kirkintilloch Athletic v Kirkintilloch Central. A draw one goal each.

Arbroath v Drumpellier. At Arbroath. Former won by nine goals to one.

Albion Rovers v Alpha (Motherwell). On ground of former at Meadowpark, Whifflet, before a fair turnout of spectators. Both teams were fully represented in view of their cup tie next Saturday. A hard tussle ended in a win for the Rovers by four goals to two.

2nd Falkirk v 2nd Barnsmuir. At Barnsmuir and resulted in a win for Falkirk by three goals to one.

Grahamston v Lenzie. At Grahamston and resulted in a win for the home team by four goals to one.

Bathgate Volunteers v Linlithgow. At Bathgate and resulted in a win for the home team by four goals to one.

2nd Tollcross v Carmyle. At Cambuslang. Carmyle four goals, Tollcross two goals.

Ayr Rovers v Britannia. On the ground of the latter at Parkhead, Kilmarnock and after a very exciting game resulted in favour of the Britannoie by three goals to one. The Ayr Rovers who are a sturdy team scored first and held the advantage until half time. In the second half the home team had much the best of the play and on call of time the game stood – Britannia three goals, Ayr Rovers one goal. Mitchell and Morton excelled for the Britannia while the front rank of the visitors was the best.

Shettleston v Carrick. The Shettleston being disappointed by the Sir John Maxwell not being able to get up a team, the Carrick kindly consented to play at Shettleston. This young team made a very good fight against their more experienced opponents and in their favour stood two to one at half time. The second half was no so well contested. The Carrick in this half were compelled to act strictly on the defensive. The home team putting on three goals, won a pleasant game by four goals to two.

St.Mirren v Airdrie. At Airdrie. St.Mirren won three goals to two. ** There is a long detailed match report of this game but it is difficult to clearly read it.

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Barnsmuir v Falkirk. On ground of the latter and a very pleasant game ended in a win for the home team by eight goals to three. Bishop, Ballock, Craig and Hamilton did some good work for Falkirk, while the brothers Robertson did yeoman service for the losers.

Coatbridge Liberals v Tories. After a much agreeable match this ended in a draw – 4 goals each. For the Reds, Delaney, Morris and Marshall especially distinguished themselves. The Coatbridge team was strengthened by the additions of D.McLellan and Baird of Blairhall Junior celebrity, who are now playing for them.

Scottish Cup – Fifth Round. Vale of Leven v Renton. This important tie was played at Renton in presence of over three thousand spectators. The excitement was most intense and a party feeling ran high. The game which was an exceedingly hard and fast one, ended in a draw – two goals each.

Abercorn v Cambuslang. In presence of almost 3000 spectators and in beautiful weather these teams met at Paisley in the Scottish Cup tie. The match was the most agreeable seen in Paisley this season. Considering it was a cup tie in the fifth round and that the teams were so equally matched the members are to be congratulated in their gentlemanly conduct. Although the Abercorn were beaten, they were not disgraced. They had quite as much of the game as their renowned opponents.

Glasgow Junior Cup Ties. Armadale v Seafield. At Kelvinside in presence of about 500 spectators. The Armadale team were victors by ten goals to two. The Armadale team were in splendid form.

Dumbartonshire Cup. Undecided Tie. Vale of Leven Wanderers v Union. At Alexandria. The home team scored the first goal. Two minutes later the Union equalised the game. Victory finally rested with the Wanderers by five goals to one.

“Sport and Pastime. Notes by the Athlete “. - There is a very long and detailed football column by The Athlete. It is very hard hitting and full of observations about football in Lanarkshire **

18 December 1885

Cambuslang Junior Cup. Rutherglen Strollers v

Flemington Thistle. On the ground of the former and after a good game victory rested with the strangers by four goals to three. The Rutherglen team have protested owing to the referee arriving half-an-hour after the advertised time, and the last half of the game being played in darkness.

Cambuslang and District Junior Cup. Cambuslang Athletic v

Bothwell. At Cambuslang. The home team had matters pretty much their own way scoring four goals to one in the first half against the wind, and finally won by eleven goals to one.

Lanarkshire Cup. Royal Albert v Drumpellier. At Larkhall. The Royalists lost the toss and had to face a perfect gale of wind. Drumpellier put on the pressure but were unable to break through the home defence, which was very good. At half time matters were still level. Immediately after crossing over, the home team made matters hot for the visitors, and the goals came in rapid succession. The Royalists winning by six goals to none.

Albions Rover v Broomfield. On the ground of the former and after a very one-sided game resulted in a win for the Rovers by 17 goals to nil.

Cambuslang v Motherwell Alpha. At Motherwell. The cup holders had it all their own way and won by eight goals to one.

Western Athletics v Tinline Thistle. Played on the ground of the former and after a hard and evenly contested game resulted in a draw – one goal each.

Coatbridge Tinline Thistle v Caledonian Swifts. At Whifflet. Thistle won by six goals to two. The Swifts had the help of Beveridge of Gartsherrie and Routledge of 2nd Drumpellier.

Lanarkshire Association. – A special meeting of this association was held in Coatbridge on Thursday night last for the purpose of reconsidering the Tollcross v Airdrieonians protest. After the matter had been gone into and fully discussed, the decision arrived by the meeting on 10th November was reversed. The Airdrieonians will thus have to meet Gartsherrie in the second round.

The following team was selected to represent Lanarkshire against Northumberlandshire on 29th December. Goal, P.Watson (Dykehead), backs, H.Calder (Albion Rovers), W.Sword (Airdrieonians), half-backs, J.McLay captain, (Drumpellier), J.Hill (Airdrieonians), forward right wing, G.Glen (Airdrieonians), S.Scott (Albion Rovers), left wing, J.Murray (Dykehead), J.Reid (Airdrieonians), J.Breslin (Carfin Shamrock). Mr.Dyer was instructed to represent the Lanarkshire Association on the proposed Counties Charity Committee.

The Tollcross v Airdrieonians Protest. In the Express of Nov 25th there appeared a letter signed “ JUSTICE “ in reference to the now famous Tollcross v Airdrieonians protest, in which it was stated that certain of the Airdrie players were paid for their services, thus making them professionals, and as such, debarring the club employing them from all cup matches. The statement was a strong one, but as the name and address given to us were those of a responsible gentleman, we inserted the letter. It has since then been ascertained that “ JUSTICE “ has been trading under false pretences and has most unwarrantably forging the name of a gentleman without his consent, and that for the purpose of deceiving us. The matter has now been put into the hands of the proper parties, and I few discover the writer of the letter, he will get more than his nom de plume than he bargains for. The handwriting of “ JUSTICE “ is open for inspection of any football player at our office in Airdrie.

25 December 1885

There is a long letter signed by “ **A Football Player** “ giving his opinion of the Tollcross v Airdrieonians protest decision by the Lanarkshire Football Association, but the print is blurred and it is very difficult to read.

Cambuslang Wellshot Football Club. The members of the club gave their first Annual concert on Monday evening when a large number of ladies and gentlemen were present, and listened with rapt attention to the excellent rendering of the programme which has been provided for them, Robert Cairns Esq., Cathkin View, provided. Mr.J.Lang a gentleman who came along with his friend Mr.Orrock, had kindly come from Glasgow to assist the members , opened the proceedings with an overture entitled “ The Caliph of Bagdad “ , after which the members rendered with great spirit a well-known song, “ Ye Mariners of England “, they also sang during the evening, “ Hail, Smiling Morn “ and “ Who killed Cock-Robin ? “ – Miss M.Kirkand, Cambuslang, and Miss Menzies, Glasgow (two ladies to whom the club are also much indebted) sang beautifully indeed. Miss Kirkland gave “ When the Heart is Young “ and “ O’

Fair Dove “ with great taste, getting very deservedly an encore for the latter. Miss Menzies sang “ Jessie’s Dream “ and “ The Emigrant’s Farewell “, and is entitled to great praise for the manner in which she rendered them, especially “ Jessie’s Dream “. The club was fortunate in getting Mr.Lang and Mr.Orrock to give two duets on the violin and piano - the first being selections from Scottish composers, and the second Gavotte Doria (A) AND Cuckoo solo. (B) the Brothers Baird sang with their usual good style - Mr.Williams giving “ Rage, thou angry Storm “, and Mr.John, “ Father O’Flynn “ and together the duet “ On to the Field of Glory “, while in conjunction with Mr.E.Craig they gave the amusing trio “ Willie brewed a peck o’ maut “, which fairly brought down the house. Miss Kirkland and Mr.W.Baird also gave the duet, “ the sea hath its pearls “, and Mr.Andrew Davidson, “ the powder monkey “. Mr.W.Davidson presided at the piano and gave some selections during the evening. Perhaps the most interesting part of the programme was an original composition by Mr.R.Cairns jnr, entitled “ One Club “, in which the various members of the club were subjected to a piece of good humoured critique – the composition reflects great credit on the author. Altogether the club are to be commended on the amount of talent they have shown, and we think the concert given on Monday night is a sign of better things to follow next year.

Accident on the Football Field. On Saturday during the progress of the Lanarkshire Cup Tie between Dykehead and Plains, one of the former team named Williamson, ironmoulder, in attempting to frustrate the efforts of one of the opponents, collided with him and fell with his right leg bent underneath him breaking it in two places. Medical aid was procured and the poor fellow was conveyed off the field in great pain.

Royal Albert v Cambuslang. At Cambuslang. The Royalists were short-handed, Stewart their best forward, being awanting, and J.Banks their centre half-back was also an absentee. The Cambuslang lent them Smith, a 2nd XI man, and J.G.Tait filled Banks place. The Cambuslang started with nine men, Semple and Hamilton being absent. Cambuslang winning five goals to four.

Albion Rovers v Queens Park (Hampden XI). At Meadow Park, Whifflet. The game ended in a win for the Rovers 13 goals to nil.

Coatbridge Tinsplate Thistle v 2nd Albion Rovers. Thistle won by three goals to two.

Motherwell Alpha v Rutherglen. At Motherwell. Rutherglen won by one goal to nil. For the winners Rae and Laird played a good game.

Linthouse v Hamilton Academicals. At Hamilton. Linthouse won five goals to three.

Wishaw Thistle v Newmains (Lanarkshire Junior Association semi-final). At Wishaw. The Thistle won by six goals to two.

Towerhill v Cambuslang Athletic. (North Eastern Junior Cup). At Towerhill ground. The game was stubbornly contested. The Athletic won by one goal to none.

Cambuslang Swifts v Wellshot. At Brandon Park. Wellshot won by two goals to none.

Carron v Westbank. At Overnewton. A draw one goal each.

Blythswood v Parkhead, on ground of the latter. Blythswood won three goals to none. The goalkeeper of the losers saved his team from a heavy defeat.

Black Watch v Carron. At Carron. The Black Watch won by seven goals to two.

Burnbank Swifts v West End Rangers. Lanarkshire Junior Semi-final. At Hamilton. A draw two goals each.

Shettleston Swifts v Rosebery. A draw. No goals.

01 January 1886

Cowlairs v Cambuslang. At Gourlay Park. An exceedingly fast game ended in a two goal each draw.

2nd Cambuslang v 2nd Cowlairs. At Whitefield Park. No score at half-time. After 20 minutes of the second half Cambuslang scored from the foot of MacFarlane. Cowlairs appealed on the grounds of offside and the referee. Mr.Eadie, Partick Thistle, awarded a goal. Cowlairs would not accept the decision and left the field.

North Eastern Junior Cup. Kennyhill v Montgomery. At Hanover Park and resulted in an easy win for Kennyhill by eight goals to one.

Shettleston Swifts v Rosebery. A stubbornly contested game ended in a draw one goal each.

Glasgow Junior Association v Lanarkshire Association. Played at Wishaw on Saturday before a good turn-out of spectators. The game which was for the benefit of the Lanarkshire Association, resulted after a very fast and pleasant game in a win for Glasgow by three goals to two.

Brittania 2nd v Hawthorn. At Parkhead. Britannia won seven goals to three.

Falkirk Harp v 2nd East Stirlingshire. At Falkirk. A draw – one goal each.

St. Bernard's v Boness. Played at Boness. Win for Boness two goals to one.

Kirkintilloch Central v Kirkintilloch Y.M.C.A. Central won by one goal to nil.

Eastwood Vale (Thornliebank) v Titwood (Pollokshaws). Eastwood won by five goals to one.

Crown Athletics v Coatbridge Tinplate Thistle. Thistle won six goals to nil.

Mayflower beat Rutherglen Ardenlea by six goals to nil.

2nd Broxburn v Carron. At Ruchill Park. Carron won by three goals to one.

Rutherglen v Govanhill. Played at Rutherglen and resulted in a rather easy win for the home team by five goals to one.

Cleland v Hallside Athletics. A draw, two goals each.

08 January 1886

Shettleston Swifts v Beresford XI (Ayr). At Shettleston and after a pretty tough contest victory rested with the Beresford by seven goals against three. Morton scored four of the points for the visiting side.

Broomfield v St.Marnock Athletics. Played at Glasgow. Broomfield won by four to none.

Gartsherrie v Broomfield. Played at Airdrie on Monday. A draw one goal each.

Oakbank Thistle (Mid Calder) v Vulcan Rovers (Coatbridge).

At Mid Calder and resulted after a fast and pleasant game in favour of the Rovers by 8 goals to 3.

2nd Cambuslang v Morton Strollers. Played at Cambuslang on Friday. Strollers won after a good game by three goals to one.

Bonnybridge v Camelton. Played at Bonnybridge. Camelton won by eleven goals to none.

2nd Annbank v 2nd Drumpellier. At Annbank. A very one sided game ended in a win for Annbank by eleven goals to one.

2nd Airdrieonians v 2nd Heart of Midlothian. At Airdrie and resulted in a draw four goals each.

Woodvale (Thornliebank) v 1st.L.R.V. Played at Academy Park, Greenock last Saturday before a fair number of spectators. When time was called Woodvale had won by three goals to two.

Heart of Midlothian v Airdrieonians. The Hearts opened the year with a friendly match with this leading Lanarkshire team at Tynecastle on Saturday. Notwithstanding strong attractions, there was a large turnout of spectators. This can hardly be wondered as, seeing the Airdrie team is the only one bale to lower the Hibernian colours on two successive matches. *** There is a very long detailed match report of this game **. Hearts won by four goals to none.

Football Fights. It is certainly high time for the authorities who reign in the football world to make an example of those who disgrace the pastime by brutal conduct. The game is rough enough, in all conscience without being supplemented by fisticuffs among the players. At Neton-Le-Willows the other day. A rough and tumble fight quite on the American model, took place while the game was going on. Two players who had come into collision, rolled about on the ground punching and kicking one another like a couple of Yankee rowdies, and even after they were separated and time had been allowed for their tempers to cool down, they renewed the battle and fought it out to the bitter end. This is only one instance among many of the ferocity with which the game is now played especially in the northern counties. Every season witnesses an increased tendency among players to resort to physical force arguments, and unless some checks be at once placed on the practice, we may expect to see the ball and other appliances dispended with, and two sides proceed to settle the question of supremacy by hammering one and other all around. That would not

be football of course, but quite as much so as some of the contests which now pass by that once honoured name. The game itself is a fine manly old English sport, most healthful and invigorating to those who take part in it. But no one should be allowed to play who cannot keep his temper, and whenever this infirmity makes itself apparent the offender should be debarred from future participation. Globe.

The Scottish Football Association have decided that they could not interfere with the decision of the General Committee on Dr. Smith's case.

There is a wonderful article in the "**Notes by the Athlete**" newspaper column about Vagrant football players, available, but it is a very long and detailed report.

22 January 1886

Our Boys v Boness. Played at Dundee. The boys won by four to two.

2nd Camelon v Clackmanan. Former won by three goals to none.

Laurieston v Grahamston. At Falkirk. Former won by three goals to two.

Wishaw Thistle v Kirkfield Athletic. Former won by seven goals to two.

2nd Motherwell Alpha v 2nd Rutherglen. At Motherwell and resulted in a win for the Rutherglen by two goals to one.

Nethervale Swifts (Lesmahagow) v Grasshoppers (Kirkmuirhill). On the ground of the former who won by three goals to one.

Bathgate Volunteers v Armadale. Consolation Cup Tie. On the ground of the former and resulted as follows; Armadale 6, Volunteers none.

Hibernian v Cambuslang. This postponed tie of the sixth round of the Scottish Cup came off at Easter Road, Edinburgh on Saturday and after an exciting game ended in a win for the Hibernians by three goals to two.

Rutherglen v Alpha. On ground of the former. A draw, two goals each. Rae of the Rutherglen and Anderson of the Alpha were absent.

Eastern v Tollcross. At Carmyle, the Eastern turned up with eight men. The Tollcross also played eight men. The game ended in a draw, two goals each, after a very fast game. Both teams played well considering the state of the ground and weather.

Clyde v Shettleston. After five minutes of the second half Clyde managed by some nice head work to score their first and only goal. The Shettleston being dissatisfied with the referee's decision put an end to the contest by deserting the field.

Glasgow Junior Cup. Eastern Carrick v Avonbank. Played on the Green, ground of the former. When the game stood at Avonbank two goals, Eastern Carrick nil, the latter left the field without any cause with still thirty minutes of the game to play.

North Eastern Junior Cup. Cambuslang Athletic v Hyde Park Thistle. At Cambuslang and the home side won by seven goals to none.

Royal Albert v Drumpellier. The tie which the Drumpellier protested, was played at Coatbridge. The Royalists won by three goals to two.

Cambuslang Hibernians v Dykehead. On the Hibs ground. The Hibs commenced the game with only ten men. Dykehead scored two goals in the first half. On crossing over, Hibs had their full team. Hibs scored four goals at this point, Dykehead scratched and left the field giving the game to the Hibs.

2nd Eleven Scottish Cup Third Round. 2nd Cambuslang v Ayr Strollers. Cambuslang won five goals to three.

Airdrieonians v Partick Thistle. At Airdrie. Snow was falling heavily throughout the game. Airdrie won by one goal to nil. ** There is a full long detailed match report available in this week's edition **.

29 January 1886

There is a great long examination of football in Lanarkshire in this week's edition of the newspaper written by **The Athlete**.

Match reports included in this week's edition include:

Wishaw Thistle 6 v 1 Glencairn (Motherwell)

Parkhead 14 v 0 Milngavie

Cowlairs 4 v 0 Drumpellier

Coatbridge Tinsplate Thistle 11 v 2 Waverley

Armada 2 v 1 Rosebery

Johnstone 1 v 3 Neilston

Boness 11 v 0 Oakbank Thistle.

Tollcross v Clydesdale (Rutherglen). At Carmyle. The strangers turned up with nine men. The home team played well to a man won a pleasant game of an hour duration by eleven goals to one.

Roseburn v Gartsherrie. On the ground of the latter and resulted in their favour by 5 goals to 0. The home team all played well, except Brown, who is too selfish when he gets on the ball. The strangers left back and goalkeeper played well.

Edinburgh University v Airdrieonians. At Corstorphine. The ground was covered in snow. Airdrieonians won by three goals to one.

Lanarkshire Cup Tie. Rutherglen v Albion Rovers. This tie was played last Saturday at Rutherglen. The ground was covered by snow. There was a good turn-out of spectators and great excitement prevailed. The Rutherglen won the toss and the Rovers kicked off against the wind, but the ball was soon transferred to the strangers goal and put through, but it was disqualified. Not to be denied Duncan scored again and ten minutes later McCall made a first class shot which took effect. The home team were having the best of and scored another two goals before half-time. The Rovers crossed over four goals to the bad and having the wind behind them, scored twice; but the splendid play of J.Rae at the back and David Chalmers at Half back frustrated all their efforts at scoring again. Ten minutes from time Campbell took the ball up the right wing and centred in front of goal, McCall lying handy, put it through for the fifth time. This was all the scoring, the Rutherglen winning by 5 goals to 2.

05 February 1886

Harp v Airdrieonians. The well-known Airdrie team journeyed to Dundee last Saturday last for the purpose of playing a return visit to the Harp. The meeting took place at East Dock Street in presence of about 2000 spectators. Final score Airdrieonians 3 v 2 Harp. ** There is a long detailed match report in this week's edition **

Lanarkshire Cup. Cambuslang v West Benhar. This tie was to have been played at Cambuslang, but the latter did not appear.

Royal Albert v Hamilton Academicals. At Larkhall. At half time the Academicals with the wind, were in a minority by two goals to none. Owing to

the severe weather the Academicals would not continue the game, and the Royalists claim the game.

Cambuslang & District Cup. Cambuslang Athletic v Carmyle Thistle. On the ground of the former. The Thistle started with great dash having the better of the play with the wind at their back. About twenty minutes after the start Lindsay scored for the Thistle. On the change of ends the Athletic assumed the aggressive. Morton made the game equal. After this the Athletic playing in their old style had the game in hand and won by four goals to one.

Coatbridge Tinsplate Thistle v Crown Athletics. On ground of the former the Thistle won by two goals to one. The Thistle pressed the whole game.

Southern Athletics v Wellshot. On the ground of the Athletics. The Wellshot playing with ten men won by 2 goals to one.

Dennistoun Athletic v Rutherglen. At Kennyhill Park ground of the former. Rutherglen won by two goals to nothing.

Another Football Accident. Nathan Pilling, aged nineteen, the son of Adam Pilling, Vine Street, Widnes, has died from the result of an accident on the football field.

12 February 1886

Lanarkshire Association Football Meeting. The only protest discussed was from the Albion Rovers and it was on various grounds, the main point of it, however, being the non-registration of one of the Rutherglen players in the recent game. The secretary of the Rutherglen declared that he had registered the player by post card, and Mr. Hainey saying that he never received such a post card, the Association found themselves in a difficult situation. They ordered the game to be replayed in Rutherglen. - What a bad precedent !

Airdrieonians v Rangers. The Airdrieonians were at Kinning Park on Saturday last playing a friendly with the Rangers. The Rangers had their full team and the Airdrieonians had as strong as they have turned out this season, Hill being the only absentee, and McAra taking his place. A good deal of snow was on the ground but the game nevertheless was the best ever played by Airdrieonians, and the result great credit to them. They gave the Rangers the

most severe thrashing they have ever experienced when they duffed them ten goals to two. This was a most unexpected result as the Rangers have been playing up for sometimes back, only last week defeating the 3rd L.R.V. by six goals to none. The only way of accounting for this extraordinary result was the magnificent play of the Airdrieonians forwards. Nor were the backs much behind them for every man, I believe, excelled themselves. Wire-in red and whites, and if you keep up Saturday's form, you need be afraid of defeat from no team in Scotland. *** There is the full detailed match report available in this week's edition of the newspaper **

Other games reported on this date included: Armadale v Boness (Consolation Cup Tie); Blythwood v Gartsherrie; Parkhead Guiding Star v Crown; Albion Rovers v Carfin Shamrock; Western Athletic v Caldervale.

19 February 1886

Abercorn v Airdrieonians. This important friendly was played at Blackston Park, Paisley on Saturday. *** There is the full detailed match report available in this week's edition of the newspaper **. Abercorn beat Airdrieonians four goals to two.

Lanarkshire Cup Tie. Rutherglen v Albion Rovers. The protested tie was played over again on Saturday at Rutherglen and resulted in a win for the home team by three goals to one.

Durhamtown Rangers v Bellstane Birds (Queensferry). At Queensferry on Saturday in the third round of the Linlithgowshire Cup tie, the ground was favourable and there was a large number of spectators who at times broke through the lines. The first half finished: Birds 1; Rangers 2. In the second half the Rangers were pressing but unfortunate in scoring. The game ended in favour of Rangers two goals to one.

Other games reported on this date included: Caldervale v Violet; 2nd Armadale v 2nd Carrick; Battlefield (Mossfield xi) ; Shettleston v Royal Albert; Elderslie v Coatbridge Tinline thistle; Western Athletic v Britannia (Whifflet); Coatbridge v Motherwell Harp; Cambuslang Hibernian v St.Peters; 2nd Abercorn v 2nd Airdrieonians; Cambuslang v Pilgrims.

Accident on the Football Field; on Saturday, as two teams of the Kilbirnie Football Club were playing a friendly match on Milton Park, one of the players named William Taylor, slipped and in falling was struck by the heel

of another member of the team, his left collarbone being broken. He was attended by Dr.Kyle.

26 February 1886

Match report by “ Rover “. – Rutherglen v Thistle. A friendly game between the above clubs was played at Beechwood Park, Dalmarnock Road, last Saturday before a large turnout of spectators. The most of whom were from the adjacent burgh. Thistle won by three goals to two. *** There is the full detailed match report by the Rover available in this week’s edition of the newspaper **.

Other games reported this week were: 2nd Gartsherrie v Britania; Armadale v Rosebery; Gartsherrie v Glencairn; Tollcross v Drumpellier; Royal Albert v Cambuslang Hibernians; Queens Park Stroller v Shettleston; Eastern Glengyle v Parkhead Eastburn; Cambuslang Athletic v Mountaineers; Hamilton West End Rangers v Flemington Thistle; Cathkin XI 3rd L.R.V. v Grahamston ; 2nd Cowlairs v 2nd 3rd L.V.R; 2nd Partick Thistle v Westburn; Newmains Thistle v Vulcan Rovers.

An intercounty game between Linlithgow and Lanarkshire has been arranged for 20th March.

05 March 1886

Matches reported on this date included:

Armadale v Larkhall; Maryhill v Armadale; Parkvale v 2nd Armadale; Broxburn Thistle v Leith Thistle; Northern v Cambuslang at Springburn; Airdrieonians v Rutherglen; Tollcross v Thistle; Cambuslang Athletic v Wishaw Thistle; 2nd Coatbridge Tinsplate Thistle v Melbourne; Falkirk v Battlefield; Britannia v Crown Athletics; 2nd Thistle v 2nd Tollcross.

Cambuslang Dye Works v Bakers (Cambuslang). Former won by three goals to two. It was played at Fyfes Paddock, Morrision Farm. *** There is the full detailed match report available in this week’s edition of the newspaper **.

12 March 1886

Drumpellier Football Club: grand concert on Tuesday night. The annual concert of the Drumpellier Football Club was held in the Temperance Hall and being under the patronage of the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of Coatbridge. Together with the leading gentlemen of the district, the

hall was crowded by a highly respectable and discriminating audience. ** There is a full detailed report of the concert activities in this week's edition of the newspaper **.

“ Notes by The Athlete “. A very full and detailed column of The Athlete's view of football across Lanarkshire is in this week's edition of the newspaper. He does not pull any punches.

Match reports in this week's paper included; Shettleston v Northern; Glenmavis Swifts v Broxburn Juvenile Rangers; Gartsherrie v Armadale; Vulcan Rovers v Royal Fern (Glasgow); Airdrie Hibernians v Britannia.

Airdrieonians v Albion Rovers. Played at Mavisbank Park, Airdrie before about 900 spectators. Airdrieonians won by 9 goals to 2.

Football Accident: a football player at Kirkcaldy on Saturday had his left leg broken at the knee.

END.



Scottish Cup.

The first ever Scottish Cup tournament was played in 1873-74. The first record of a game involving a team from Rutherglen that I can find was in October 1876. Stonelaw beat Shotts 3-0 in the first round. But in Round Two they lost 4-0 at home to Arthurlie. (The source is the “**Scottish Cup 1873-1986**“ by Dr. John Byrne). The following year they were given a bye in Round One but lost 3-1 to Glengowan in Round Two. The following season in the First Round Stonelaw beat East Kilbride 4-0. In Round Two they beat Hamilton Academicals 2-0. In the Third round they beat Clarkston 1-0. In Round Four Stonelaw had a w.o. (walk over) due to Thistle’s disqualification. In Round Five Stonelaw lost 9-1 to Dumbarton. The following season 1879/80 Stonelaw lost 2-1 to Clarkston in Round One.

In October 1884 Westburn (Rutherglen) beat Tollcross 6-2 in the first round. In Round Two they lost 4-1 away to Glengowan.

In October 1885 Wishaw Swifts beat Rutherglen 2-0. In September 1886 Rutherglen beat Drumpellier 2-0 in Round One. In Round Two they drew 1-1 with Cambuslang. The replay ended in a 6-1 win for Cambuslang. In the next round Cambuslang beat Rangers 2-0. In Round Four they beat Albion Rovers 6-1. In Round Five Cambuslang drew 1-1 with Queens Park. They lost the replay to Queens Park losing 5 – 4.

End

Teams referenced in the Reformer match reports.

There are approx 332 teams referenced during this period. There are 684 match reports/results.

Clydebank (Rutherglen)
Stonelaw
Drumpellier
Thornhill (Blantyre)
Albert (South Side)
Loyal Thistle (South Side)
Albert (Queens Park)
Shotts
2nd Mount Vernon (14 Oct 1876)
Linwood

Crosshill Rangers
St.John's Hamilton
Cathcart
2nd Townhill
2nd East End
2nd Lennox (Dumbarton)
1st Lennox (Dumbarton)
Ingram (17 Feb 1877).
Wanderers
Warwick (Glasgow)

2nd Hamilton
Eastern.
Woodlands (21 April 1877)
Westburn
Greenbank Football Club Rutherglen
Port Glasgow
Cambuslang Juniors (06 October 1877)
Airdrie Football Club
Partick
2nd Milngavie

Rising Star
Greenbank Juniors
Burgh Thistle
Glengowan Worthies
Cambuslang Villagers

Smokers v Non-Smokers (Stonelaw)

2nd Thistle

Clyde (10 Nov 1877)

2nd Queens Park

The Blue Bells (Rutherglen)

Caledonian

Western

Union

Crookston Rangers

Victoria

Clydesdale A.R.Club. (24 Nov 1877)

Ramblers

Cumberland.

1st Craigton Thistle

2nd Stonelaw

Muirbank

Roseknowe.

2nd Whiteinch

2nd Victoria

2nd South Western

2nd Port Glasgow

Uddingston (05 January 1878)

Woodburn

Mount Vernon

Lancefield (Glasgow). (02 Feb 1878)

Clydevale (Glasgow)

McDonalds school

Burgh School. Football match.

Wellington (Glasgow).

Argyle

South Western Club

Kelburne.

Thornliebank

v 2nd.3d L.R.V

Arthurlie

Muirkirk

Ardayar

Berkeley

Marnley (Thornliebank)
Rosslyn
Ailsa (Glasgow).
2^d Cambuslang
2nd Greenbank
2nd Rosslyn
Mayflower (Glasgow)

Strathclyde
Burnside Juniors (Rutherglen)
Caledonian Rangers – (23 March 1878)
Harriet Street Juniors
Bouverie Street Juniors (Rutherglen).
Rosehill
Greenhill Rangers
Westmuir
Hanover (Edinburgh).
Rainbow

Marchtown
2nd Kelvingrove
Windsor
Hawthorn
Osborne Football Club
Helensburgh Club – (17 August 1878)
Royal Oak
Heart of Midlothian
Barrhead
Craigpark

2nd Excelsior (Airdrie)
Vale of Clyde
Hamilton Academicals
Blantyre Thistle. (02 Nov 1878)
Albert Rangers
Clydesdale.
Dennistoun
Eastern Rovers
2nd Bredalbane
Clarkston. (09 Nov 1878)

Govanhill Hawthorn
2nd Renton

Renton
Bellafield
Lizzieville
Gayfield
Cambuslang Brandon
Kensington. (14 Dec 1878).
Albatross
Johnstone Athletic

Rosebank (08 March 1879)
Hamilton Thistle
Rugby Rangers
Eastern Clydebank
Farme Rangers
Shettleston Greenbank
Fence Rover (Tillietudlem)
Vale of Leven
Fingal (Bridgeton)
Cessnockbank (Glasgow)

Ardenlea
Lanark
Silverbanks
Glengowan
Howard
Rosevale. (24 April 1880)
Tollcross Violet
Southfield Football Club
Glenburn
Burnbrae

Meadowbank (Glasgow).
Crownpoint
Eastern Carrick
Cowlairs
Vale of Teith
Greenburn. (12 Nov 1881)
Plains Blue Bell
Queens Park
Newhall Juniors
Star Rutherglen

Eastfield Rutherglen

Partick Thistle
Rangers
Third Lanark (3rd L.R.V.)
Granton
Pilgrims
Petershill
Glenpatrick.
Wishaw
West Benhar

Royal Albert
Edna (Edinburgh)
2nd Bellshill
2nd Hibernian
2nd Falkirk
2nd Royal Albert
2nd Thornliebank
2nd Cartvale
West Calder
Greenock Morton

Kilmarnock Athletic
Dundee Harp. (29 December 1882)
Renfrew
Alexandra Athletic
2nd Rosemount
Clifton
Lenzie
Saint Mirren
Whitehill
Thornton

Chryston
Pollok
Ayr Academical. (25 May 1883).
Dumbarton
North British (Airdrie)
Wishaw Swifts
Orchard
2nd Vale of Avon
Airdrie Caledonian
Albion Rovers

Carradale (Coatbridge)
Cambuslang Thistle
Regent Park, Glasgow
Dykehead (Shotts)
Abercorn
Airdrieonians
Violet (Airdrie)
Pollokshields
Glenboig Union
Alpha (Motherwell) – (22 Feb 1884)

Sir John Maxwell
Rangers Swifts
Paisley Olympic
East Stirlingshire
Blackburn
Gloucester
Campsie
Rutherglen Clydesdale
Govan

Gartcosh
Parkgrove
Chryston Swifts
Blochairn
Bo'ness Football Club
Addiewell Football Club
Mossend Swifts
Neilston
Pollokshaws Granville
Cathcart Halbane

Huntington
Hibernians
St.Mungo
Gartrose
Mossend Rangers
Durhampton Rangers
Armadale
Blackburn Shamrock
Glencairn (Motherwell)
Southern (Greenock)

Bathgate Rangers – (03 October 1884)

Livingston

Thornliebank (Woodvale)

Falkirk

Grasshoppers Bonnybridge

Cambuslang Hibernian

Glasgow Hibernian

Royal Scots Gents

Parkhead Guides Star

Rossneath Thistle

Springburn Hibernians

Tullinvale

Port Glasgow Athletic

Houston Amateurs

Elderslie

Glenboig Shamrock

Oswald

Albion

Westbourne

Edinburgh University

Wellpark

Ladyburn (Paisley)

Blairhill Juniors

Mearns Amateurs

Viewfield

Our Boys (Dundee)

Clydesdale Rangers

Garfield

Norton Park (Edinburgh) (20 Feb 1885)

Govanhill Thistle

Whitefield Juniors

Rock, Dumbarton

Barrhead Ferenze

Valleyfield

Edinburgh Thistle

Hutcheson Grammar School

Gateside

Barrhead Caledonian

Moorpark Thistle

Oakbank (Partick)

Caledonia (Paisley)
Grahamston
Dunblane
Shettleston Swifts
Alliebank (Rutherglen)
Flemington
St.Peters (Partick)
Camelon
Columba (Rutherglen)
Longriggend

Dumbarton Athletic
Dundas Vale
Hamilton West End Rangers
Motherwell Harp
Bothwell
Germiston
Chapelhall
Vulcan Rovers
Gartsherrie
Blythswood

Renwick
Overton
Summerlee
2nd Pembroke
Kirkintilloch Athletic
Kilsyth Rovers
2nd Barnsmuir
Bathgate Volunteers
Linlithgow
Carmyle

Ayr Rovers
Seafield
Vale of Leven Wanderers
Rutherglen Strollers
Broomfield
Coatbridge Tinplate Thistle
Cambuslang Wellshot Football Club
Newmains

Carron
Westbank

Parkhead
Black Watch
Burnbank Swifts
Rosebery
Kennyhill
Montgomery
St.Bernard's
Titwood (Pollokshaws)
Cleland
Hallside Athletics

Beresford XI (Ayr).
St.Marnock Athletics
Morton Strollers
Bonnybridge
2nd Annbank
Clackmannan
Kirkfield Athletic
Nethervale Swifts (Lesmahagow)
Grasshoppers (Kirkmuirhill).
Hydepark Thistle
Bellstane Birds (Queensferry)
Arbroath

Pitches.

These are just some of the playing pitches mentioned in the Reformer during this period,

Gallowflat
Dalmarnock Bridge
High Crosshill (07th October 1876)
In the Queens Park (04 Nov 1876)
Cathcart
Mr.Love's field at Burnside (17 march 1877)
Drumpellier
Partick
Milngavie
Eastfield
Rutherglen Green
Copeland Park
Glasgow Green
Culzean Park, Pollokshields
Merkland Park, Partick
Barrowfield
East Meadows Edinburgh
Turnlaw
Haghill Park, Dennistoun
Phoenix Park, Rutherglen
Blackfaulds, Rutherglen
Govanhill
Kennyhill
Overnewton Park (09 Nov 1878)
Racecourse Lanark
Farne, Rutherglen
Tulloch Knowe, Doune
Hampden Park (Number 1).
Brandon Park, Cambuslang
Springhill, Shotts
Mayfield Edinburgh
Wellshot Park, Tollcross
Onslow Park
Dunterlie Park, Barrhead.
Westburn Green, Cambuslang
Dykehead (Harthill)
Cathkin Park

Blair Lodge Park, Drumpellier
Broom Park, Cowglen
Victoria Park, Dumbarton
North Park, Thornliebank
Norwood Park, Shawlands
Millbrae Park, Chryston
Deaconsbank, Thornliebank
Crossmyloof Park, Pollokshaws
Cartbank Park, Johnstone
Inchview, Partick
South Haugh, Hamilton
Tynecastle, Edinburgh
Pollok Park, Haggs Castle
Kippenrose Park, Dunblane
Hanover Park

Who was the first Scottish International footballer from Rutherglen?

The first player born in Rutherglen that I can find who played for Scotland is John Rae. He played for Rutherglen, and later with Third Lanark and Sunderland Albion. There is wonderful information about his career in the book titled “**The Men who Made Scotland** “ by Andy Mitchell. This is the definitive record of Scottish Football Internationalists between 1872 and 1939.

John was a full back. He was capped against Wales in April 1889 in a game played at the Racecourse in Wrexham. A year later he played against Ireland in Belfast. He won the Scottish Cup with Third Lanark in 1889. He was captain. Thirds won the first game 3-0. This was known as the “**Snow Final** “. Players threw snow balls at each other. It was declared a Friendly. Thirds then won the replay 2-1.

John Rae is in the back row far right. This is Third Lanark’s Scottish Cup winning team 1889.



This Sketch is from the Scottish Referee: February 4, 1889. It is John and his Third Lanark team mates.



If you are aware if there is anything that has to be corrected, or added, in this booklet, please just let me know.

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