SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH CUP.

FOURTH QUALIFYING ROUND.

SOUTHPORT CENTRAL v. CARLISLE.

Southport Central journeyed to Carlisle on Saturday to play their match in the 4th Qualifying Round of the English Cup. The Carlisle lad given Southport the choice of ground, but they accepted a guarantee of £100 and had gate over £115 to play at Carlisle. The gate was beautifully fine, and a large number of Central's supporters took advantage of the cheap excursion fares to accompany the team. The interest in the match at Carlisle was very manifest, for it was estimated that 5,000 people paid for admission. The gate money amounted to £122, and Southport's share was £105 10s. Blyth was unable to appear for the home team owing to still suffering from the effects of his injury, and his place was taken by Raisbeck. There were two changes in the visitors' team, Edmonds replacing McWhan at centre half, and Taylor going centre forward instead of Edmonds. The teams lined up under the direction of the Rev. J. W. Jackson, of Bolton, as follows:—

Southport Central: Bullivant, goal; Spink and Dean, backs; Sinclair, Edmonds, and Turner, half-backs; Birch, Gara, Taylor, Gate, and Hinks, forwards.

Carlisle: Scott, goal; Collins and Gunnson, backs; Thompson, Raisbeck, and Carlisle, half-backs; Thomson, Maher, Lyon, Cowie, and Johnson, forwards.

Carlisle won the toss, and Central started uphill. Play opened in a sensational manner, as two minutes from the start Birch dribbled up the field on the right, and after one or two passes between Taylor and Gara, the latter succeeded in finding the net to the great delight of the visitors' spectators. On the resumed Carlisle quickly recovered themselves, and attacked with great determination, and several times the hopes of the spectators were raised almost to fever heat when the ball centered to goal. A melee took place in front of goal, and Lyon without any time to steady himself had a shot with only the goalkeeper to beat. The visitors' custodian stumbled on the ball, and threw it over the line at the expense of a corner, which, however, was fruitless. Play was fast and exciting, and the home team, over eager, were once or twice penalised. Thomson made several runs on the right, but he was keenly watched, and was not able to do anything of moment. The visitors now took a turn at attacking, and there was some good work on the right wing, the home defence being put through a severe ordeal, from which they emerged safely, and Johnson and Lyon ball relieved the pressure with a gallant run, and passed across to Thompson, who was just getting into his stride when Dean dashed out and robbed him. Play, however, continued round the visitors' goal, and Carlisle were awarded a corner which failed, and the ball was kicked dead. From the free kick Hinks got possession, and was looking dangerous when Collins and Scott with a strong kick. Midfield play followed until Lyon made an unsuccessful attempt to get through the half-back line. He passed to Thomson, who also failed. An award for a foul in the twenty-five area put Carlisle in a good position, but the forwards lacked unison in attack, and the home half-back and full-back lines had not much difficulty in smashing up their attempts at combination. Johnson got possession, and he and Cowie made a fine run on the right until the former kicked past. Some tricky play by Johnson on the left resulted in his sending in a nice centre, but Edmonds got the ball and transferred play, which for some minutes had continued to be in the visitors' twenty-five, to the home territory. Thomson, however, got possession, and, dribbling down, forced a corner, which he beautifully centred, and Lyon headed into goal, but Bullivant had an difficulty in fisting the ball out of the danger zone. Birch getting possession, passed to Gate, who missed a splendid opportunity right in front of goal. Half-way down the field Gate got the ball, and initiated a passing movement with Taylor, which was spoiled by Gunnson, who passed the ball to Johnson, and he and Cowie with some nice combination forced a corner. Exciting and fast play followed in front of goal, and Carlisle made an unsuccessful appeal for hands in the penalty area. Raisbeck missing his kick the pressure was relieved, but only for a time, for the Carlisle forwards came away. Their shooting, however, was impotent, and the only success they could attain was a corner, which again came to nothing, and play was transferred, where Carlisle were the recipients of a piece of luck such very rarely is given to a team. Birch brought the ball up on the right, and centred to Taylor, who shot. The ball went over Scott, who just touched it with his hands and fell. Taylor coming up only a yard from the goal mouth shot against the side of the posts, and the ball rebounded into play. After some fast but even play Cowie dashed away on the left, and passed to Johnson, who steadying himself sent in another a weak shot, which Bullivant cleared. Lyon continued the pressure, and the visitors' custodian had to clear again. When the whistle for play was round the visitors' goal. Half-time:

Southport Central	1
Carlisle United	0

On resuming, with the field in favour of the visitors, they were quickly round the home goal, and Hinks called on Scott to stop a shot in the first minute. Carlisle made progress, and Bullivant had legalised from a corner for goal, and Hinks called on Scott to stop a shot in the first minute. Carlisle made progress, and Bullivant had legalised from a corner for goal, which Birch cleared away. Johnson found Spink something to do, Fred kicking touch after Dean had missed. Away from the field of play Hinks, and placing in an accurate centre, Birch piloted it into goal, and Central were two up. The Carlisle lad came, and Raisbeck the tussle for the ball placed in touch. Then Thompson put across the field, but the left wing could not stop it, and the sphere went out. Thomson was travelling when Dean contested himself by putting in touch to stop him. At this point a painful incident occurred. Hinks got off, and Thompson in attempting to stop him fell, an ominous crack resounding, and he was carried off with his leg broken. This upset the game, and Carlisle attempted to play the one back game, which they found did not pay. Birch got clean through, having only the goalkeeper to beat, but as he rushed blew for an attempted trip upon him, it neutralised his effort. Gate added goal number three, and the Centrals were at lever Carlisle, who were thoroughly disorganised, and by now a well-beaten team. Just on the close Taylor dribbled with a lovely shot, Central had scored into the next round, which will be played on December 8th. Result:—

Southport Central	4
Carlisle United	0

SUMMARY OF THE PLAY.

A brief summary of the play is worth recounting. Bullivant did all that he had to do well. He fisted the ball excellently both high and low, and showed without hesitation. Spink played well, although in the first portion he could not judge the flight of the ball accurately. This could be put down to the awkwardness of that part of the field he was defending, as it sloped very much at one corner of the ground. Dean kicked well, but his placing was not so accurate, and free kicks Sinclair played hard, and it was well both he and Spink were in good form, as Johnson, the outside left, was clever and dangerous, and had to play with the ball. Edmonds, at centre half, did exceedingly well, without any dallying. He beat his opponents and gave his own players opportunities promptly. It was distinctly hard lines for him he did not score, Scott making a marvellous save. Turner did all that was required of him. Birch at first made some poor attempts to centre, but improved, and Gara made him a good partner. Taylor was of opinion that Gara's form was almost equal to that he displayed against Burnley. Taylor worked hard, and Gate and Hinks kept up their excellent wing, Gate dodging well. The way Hinks slipped off with the ball was delightful, and the easy manner in which he got past Collins most invigorating. For Carlisle Scott has not be blamed for the goals scored, as he had no chance. Collins spoiled his play through being dirty with Hinks; Gunnson kicked well. Gardiner was the best of the halves, and Cowie and Johnson the best wing.

SOUTHPORT OVERPLAY CARLISLE.

It was indeed a big disappointment to Carlisle United's supporters that they were so ruthlessly dismissed from the English Cup Competition by Southport Central at Carlisle. After having secured the change of venue. The two Carlisle teams have been showing surprisingly fine form lately, but the committee inadvisedly resorted to experiment with the team, with what disastrous result is now known. Southport Central gained an easy victory in the Earlish Cup match, and Earlistown piled on no less than eight goals to two against the other Carlisle team in the League fixtures. In the Cup tie Carlisle were never seen so bad. Their forwards were altogether disorganised, and they never really got going. Two of their departments of the team were correspondingly weak, and the play of the team was altogether disappointing, and compared very badly with their form in previous matches.

Southport Central were given smashing-up work to do, and they got on the first minute, and they kept playing a winning game all through. On the day's form they were much the better team, and deserved their victory. Carlisle were, however, unlucky to lose Thompson, their half-back, early in the second half, after which their hope for the Carlisliana was abandoned.—"Lancashire Daily Post."

DRAW FOR THE FIFTH ROUND.

CENTRAL TO VISIT NORTHAMPTON.

At London, on Monday, the draw for the fifth round of the English Cup was made as follows:

Swindon v. Burslem Port Vale.
Newhall Swifts v. Glossop.
Northampton v. Southport Central.
New Crusaders v. Hastings St. Leonard's.
West Norwood v. Accrington Stanley.

To be played on December 8th.

LANCASHIRE COMBINATION.

Thursday.

DIVISION I.

Results up to Saturday last:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals. F.	A.	P.
Fulton Wanderers R.	13	12	0	1	41	17	25
Everton Reserves	12	10	2	0	41	17	20
Oldham Athletic	11	8	1	2	27	6	18
Liverpool Reserves	13	8	4	1	32	22	17
Atherton	13	7	4	2	22	19	16
Accrington Stanley	13	6	4	3	22	21	15
Darwen	12	6	4	2	27	16	14
Prez Reserves	12	6	4	2	27	23	14
St. Helens Town	12	6	4	2	24	24	14
Blackburn Rovers R	12	6	4	2	24	28	14
Manchester United R	14	5	7	2	23	28	12
Southport Central	13	5	6	2	21	27	12
Preston North End R	14	5	7	2	17	17	12
Crewe	12	5	5	2	28	31	12
Nelson	11	5	7	2	16	28	12
Stockport	12	5	7	2	21	27	12
Manchester City R	11	2	6	3	21	36	7
Stalybridge Rovers	11	2	7	2	15	36	7
Rossendale United	12	2	8	1	16	18	5

Saturday's results:—

Manchester City R., 3; Bolton Wan. R., 1.
Manchester United R., 2; Burv Reserve, 1.
Preston N.E. R., 5; Blackburn Rovers R., 3.
Liverpool Reserve, 2; Stalybridge Rovers, 0.
Everton Reserve, 1; Rossendale United, 1.
Everton Reserve, 2; St. Helens Rec., 1.
Barrow, 5; Colne, 2.

DIVISION II.

Results up to Saturday last:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals. F.	A.	P.
Bootle	15	9	4	1	34	24	19
Tyldesley	10	8	1	1	27	12	17
Hyde	13	8	3	2	28	20	18
Ashton Town	12	7	3	2	24	12	16
Chorley	13	6	4	3	20	21	15
Workington	12	7	4	1	19	17	15
Clitheroe Reserve	14	6	4	4	19	27	16
St. Helens Town	9	6	3	1	21	11	13
Padiham Victoria	11	6	4	1	21	14	13
Nelsworth	11	5	4	2	20	20	12
Stockport County R	12	4	6	2	26	21	10
Netherton	11	4	5	2	21	21	10
Port Sunlight	12	5	6	1	20	19	11
Swadlincote Rov.	11	4	6	1	21	21	9
Hallington	11	4	6	0	21	21	10
Clitheroe Central	12	1	5	6	20	28	8
Burnley Central	12	1	5	6	12	28	8
Ashton Town	11	3	6	2	9	21	7
Newton-le-Willows	12	2	9	1	15	21	5
Fleetwood Rov. United	12	0	9	3	15	36	3

Saturday's results:—

Hyde, 6; Skelmersdale United, 1.
St. Helens Town, 2; Glossop Reserve, 0.
Ashton Town, 1; Stockport County R., 1.
Newton-le-Willows, 3; Bacup, 2.
Clitheroe Central, 2; Clitheroe Rovers, 1.
Haslingden, 3; Brynn Central, 0.
Clitheroe Central, 1; Chorley, 1.
Fleetwood Rov. 2; Port Sunlight, 3.
Burnley Reserve, 4; Workington, 1.
Earlestown, 8; Carlisle, 2.

LANCASHIRE ALLIANCE.

SOUTHPORT CENTRAL RESERVES v. ATHERTON RESERVES.

This Alliance fixture took place at Ash-lane on Saturday before a fair gate. The visitors won the toss, and elected to play with the wind behind them. Andrews kicked off for the homesters, who soon got well down in the Atherton goal, but the back cleared, and sending well down on the right, the home defence was called upon, but easily cleared. The game ruled fast, both teams playing up well. The Whites again took up the running, and Alexander, getting away, he put in a lovely shot, which just topped the crossbar. From the goalkick the visitors made a fierce attack on the left, and Slinger was called upon to repel a good shot. Rainford got hold, and tried a fine shot at goal, but nothing resulted. About now the telegram arrived from Carlisle with the score 1—0 in favour of the Centrals, and there was a cheer in the camp. This was fairly livened up the homesters, who went at it with a will, and were not long in getting their reward, for after a short spell of midfield play Wright, who was conducting, sent in a good high shot, he beat the Atherton goaler all the way, and gain his side the lead. From the kick-off the visitors made a desperate attempt to get level, but the home defence was sound. The visitors had a spell again, this seeming the ball sicely to Alexander, and the visitors' right back had to concede a corner to prevent disaster. Alexander took the kick, and placed the ball beautifully, but nothing resulted. The visitors again got well down, and gained a corner without further success, the ball being kicked behind. From the goal kick the home team got well down again, and Willis tried with a long shot, which just went over the bar. Nothing further of any note occurred before half-time, when the score was 1—0 in favour of the homesters.

On resuming, the visitors kicked off, and were soon down in the home goal, but Dix and Howard were in fine form, and repeatedly checked some ugly rushes. Atherton succeeded in some very shaky tackles, and free kicks were frequent. Southport tried a turn, Berry putting in a fine shot, and Rainford only just missed. The homesters were now playing well, and fairly penned in the visitors, but could not increase their lead. Some even play followed, and then the visitors broke away on the left, and their inside man put in a stinging shot, which just went wide. This was a stroke of luck for the homesters, as Slinger would have had a very poor chance at the shot. Central broke away on the left, and Alexander centred beautifully, but nothing resulted. Atherton again got along on the right, and Slinger was forced to give a corner to clearing. The ball was well placed, but Whelan cleared. Andrews got hold, and sent well out to the right. Rainford nearly headed the visitors' goaler through when he was dallying with the ball. The homesters kept up the attack, and were eventually rewarded, Willis scoring with a regular beauty, which gave the visitors goaler no chance whatever. This fairly took the wind out of the Atherton brigade, but still they tried to reduce the lead, but the home defenders were too good for them, and easily kept them in check. The Central again scored, Willis almost scoring as the ball just stopped dead on the goal-line, which was lucky for the visitors. Still attacking, Rainford, when only a few yards out, gave the Atherton goaler a regular stinger, which he cleared at the expense of a corner. Alexander placed the ball finely, but it was got away. Thereupon-time now arrived from Carlisle with the score 3—0 in favour of the Central Seniors, and the crowd went wild with delight. This was shortly before time, and still the homesters were attacking, and the end arrived with Southport winners of a good game by two goals to none, which they thoroughly deserved as the whole game played.

Other Alliance results are as follows:—Adlington, 7; Wigan Town, 1; Ashton, 3; Hindley Green, 1; Hindley Central, 3; Walkden Central, 1; Tyldesley Albion, 2; Little Hulton, 0; Oldham Athletic Reserve, 4; Newton St. Mark's, 0.

LANCASHIRE AMATEUR LEAGUE.

TRINITY OLD BOYS v. Y.M.C.A.

Played at Roe-lane on Saturday last, before a good number of spectators. Y.M. were always dangerous, Hodson and Jones forwards showing pretty footwork, but the finishing touches were weak. Play was chiefly confined to midfield, both defences being sound. A combined attack by the Trinity forwards almost led to the downfall of the Y.M. goal. Gill, Coleman helping the outside with a rush, did attempt. From now until the interval the homesters had most of the game, but were unable to break through the Y.M. defence. Half-time: No score. On the resumption Y.M. were the aggressors, and Hodson headed lines will a good shot. The visitors had some corner, but Ball cleared in fine style. Y.M. had the misfortune to lose Bond, who in falling sprained his wrist, and had to retire. Tate made a great run on the Trinity goal, and in a terrific shot, which Bugden just managed to stop, but could not hold, and Adams rushed up and had no difficulty in opening the scoring for the homesters. Encouraged by their success, Trinity O.B. heavily bombarded the Y.M. goal, and Jump had a glorious chance, but to the surprise of everyone struck the crossbar. He, however, made amends shortly after, for he went right through and made it two goals this time. Y.M. struggled bravely, and once Moorhouse had a chance and succeeded in obtaining a corner. This was badly placed, Trinity again stormed the Y.M. goal, but Bugden saved splendidly. Darkness was fast approaching, and Y.M. had a good chance, but shot behind. Result: Trinity O.B. 2 goals; Y.M.C.A., 0.

BIRKDALE AMATEURS v. THORNHILL (WIGAN).

This match was played in nice weather last Saturday at Victoria Park, and resulted in a win for the latter by three goals to one. Wigan lost the toss and had to face the sun in the first half. They soon began to force the game, and after about ten minutes' play they scored their first goal, which was followed by another soon after. This seemed to rouse the home sisters. The forwards went away with a dash. It was pleasing to see the way they kept up the attack, notwithstanding the fact that for a good time before they scored, Edwards, who had just put in a good shot, doing the trick. Shortly after this half-time arrived, with the score: Thornhill, 2; Birkdale, 1. The Amateurs went away with a rush, but the visitors' backs were safe. It was amusing to watch the visitors "keeping their eye" on H. L. Williams, whom some kind "friends" not far from the Town Hall had told them to see to. Twice several occasions he was too good for them. Wigan were now trying to increase their lead, but the home sisters, with Williams, who had been playing a good game at centre-half, was hurt, but soon resumed. Just on time the visitors scored again with a surprise shot. Result: Thornhill, 3; Birkdale Amateurs, 1.

Wigan Amateurs and Etrurians shared the honours of a drawn game, each side scoring once. A re-arranged fixture between Wigan Old Boys and those of Liscard ended in favour of the former by 5—1.

Inclusive of these results the table up to date is:—

LIVERPOOL SECTION.—

1st DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Wigan G.S.O.B.	7	6	0	1	16	5	13
Blackburn Cronshill	8	5	2	1	25	10	11
Old Xaverians	6	4	1	1	25	10	9
Preston Grasshopper	7	4	3	0	13	12	8
Wigan Amateurs	8	2	3	3	15	17	7
Liverpool Leek	6	2	3	1	11	16	5
Southport Y.M.C.A.	6	2	3	1	6	12	5
Thinity Old Boys	5	1	2	2	6	7	4
Blackburn Etrurians	5	0	3	2	5	30	2
Liscard Old Boys	8	0	6	2	5	30	2

(DIVISION II.)

ST. PHILIP'S v. AUGHTON WANDERERS.

The above game met for the first time in a league match on Saturday last, at Ash-lane, in ideal football weather. There was but a mere handful of spectators when Draper commenced on behalf of the visitors. The play was confined mostly to midfield, and it was some little time are the outsiders succeeded, Holland having to kick with a strong. The home team now had a share of attacking, and a corner from Pugh went a-begging. The game after this was even, each side being visited in turn, but the home team forwards were woefully weak, and never shaped like scoring. However, after 15 minutes had elapsed, a smart piece of work by Pugh and Lloyd, and the visitors' back failed to clear properly, the ball striking the upright, and from the rebound Lloyd put the ball into the home goal to the good, the home team livened up somewhat, and strove hard for further success, but failed with a shaky goalkeeper, the next play by Cropper resulted in the visitors obtaining a corner. This was nicely placed, Dreger just heading over. From now to the interval, nothing interesting occurred. At half-time the score read: St. Philip's (goal); Aughton, 0. Carr re-started on behalf of Philip's, who on coming made good for goal, but their efforts were repulsed, and at the other end, Whitehead, who throughout was a stonewalling goaler, had to clear a fine shot. The ball was continually being sent in touch; it was early apparent that St. Philip's were doing all in their power to win the game, and equalisers, Holland saving a dropping shot in masterly fashion. Philip's forwards somehow or another failed to shoot straight, and should learn to press the backs more, instead of watching them clear. The inside men were very shaky, and never gave a big shot when much opportunity. Lloyd at last did get away, and centred superbly; but, of course, no one was up, and the golden opportunity was lost. Play was fast and even, but nothing what should have been a certain goal. The home team were now pressing, and Lloyd put a wonderful shot in, which just went wide. It been turned to account. With only five minutes left for play, it looked as if Philip's would have to be satisfied with a drawn game, as the ball was sent to goal, and Holland, running out to kick away, had the misfortune to miss the ball, and it was slowly rolling in the net. It was a bitter disappointment, but with the teams once more equal, Philip's tried hard to regain the lead and Pugh, coming down the wing, centred right across the goal mouth, Carr, Lloyd, and Ellison missing when a simple touch would have given the home team victory. The game ending in a draw of one goal each. Philip's were unlucky to be robbed out of a victory, but everyone, including the visitors, can most consider themselves very lucky in returning home with the spoils divided.

SOUTHPORT CHARITY CUP.

2nd SENIOR.

WORKING LADS 1st v. BURSCOUGH ORDNANCE CORPS.

These teams met at Ash-lane on Saturday. At the outset the soldiers had considerably the better of the game, their size and weight proving a great advantage to them. They soon had dashing tactics the centre forward broke through the Lads' defence, and scored easily. This reversed the form, and the Lads played very smartly and forced several corners which proved of no avail. Even play followed for a short period, but the Lads' goalkeeper was subjected to a severe fusillade, but the backs saved the situation. Shortly before the interval Jordan got away a splendid pass, and this player centred accurately. The back headed the ball to J. Harrison, who equalised the scoring. Nothing of any moment followed this until the interval, which arrived with the scores: Working Lads, one; Bursco, 1.

The second half was contested in a typical cup-tie fashion. The Bursco men forced the game by long kicks and the centre half and his left wing going, and DeBell got them their first corner. This was well placed, and Gibson rushed out of his goal and missed the ball. The inside right, of course, scored No. 2 for the visitors. Nothing daunted the Lads they rushed up the field, and the Lads played very smartly and forced several corners which proved of no avail. Even play followed for a short period, but the Lads' goalkeeper was subjected to a severe fusillade, but the backs saved the situation. Shortly before the interval J. Jordan got away a splendid pass, and this player centred accurately. The back headed the ball to J. Harrison, who equalised the scoring. Nothing of any moment followed this until the interval, which arrived with the scores: Working Lads, one; Bursco, 1.

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SENIOR SEMI-FINALS.

The Central Reserves v. Birkdale match is to be played on Saturday at Birkdale, the homesters having won the toss for choice of ground. The matches will be next Saturday in the semi-final round of the Senior Charity Cup:—Park Villa v. Banks, at Ash-lane; Southport Central Reserves v. Birkdale. Kick-off at 2.30.

ALL SAINTS' v. ALL SAINTS' BRIGADE.

Played on Norwood-avenue. The Brigade were the toss, but the Saints kicked off against a strong sun. The Brigade's left was prominent with some dashes, but Lewis cleared. A general rush followed, the Brigade, Beckett took the kick and placed well in the goal mouth. The ball rebounded off Rimmer, the Saint's keeper, and Bowen put the Saints goal, thus putting the Brigade one ahead. This reverse livened up the Saints, and a determined attack was made on the Brigade goal, but the final efforts were weak. The Saints now forced a corner, and a scrimmage in the goal mouth followed, Bowen in Douglas equalising. Half-time: All Saints' Brigade, 1; All Saints, 1. The second half opened in fine style, the home team began to assert their superiority. A dash down the field resulted in Rimmer putting the Saints ahead. The Saints now had most of their own way, but chance after chance was missed. Barton increased the Saints' lead with a good shot. The Brigade rose to some extent, Aspinall being the best of the forwards. Robinson saved a good shot from Dobbins. A corner was now given to the Brigade, but the ball was put behind. Play was transferred to the other end, the Saints' left wing being prominent with some splendid combination. Rimmer received close in and registered the Saints' fourth goal. The Saints had all the play, shot after shot being put in the Brigade custodian. No further scoring took place, and thus the Saints ran out winners by four goals to one.

RUGBY.

SOUTHPORT OLYMPIC v. HAMILTON.

The Southport Club entertained a strong contingent of the Hamilton Club at Birkdale Recreation Ground on Saturday, in beautiful weather. The visitors won the toss and elected to play with the sun and wind behind them, with the assistance of any little wind there was. Dickson set the ball in motion for Southport, and several changes of kicks between the backs left play in the Hamilton half, where some heavy scrummaging took place. Hamilton, who, from the fact that they used tactics, were penalised early on, and touch was found near their line. From the throw-in Hamilton got well away, the forwards showing some clever footwork in the loose, but were well stopped by Johnson and Anderton, the latter of whom, from a very neat swerving, run punted far into touch beyond the half-way. The ensuing scrum was carried by the visitors and Dickson was penalised for being in the home quarters, where the absence of such men as DeCourcy and Manning from the scrum and half-back, was very, if not merely felt by the home side. However, timely relief eventually came, and the home forwards, dribbling away in brilliant fashion, were overrun around the visitors' goal line. No score, however, resulted, and Southport was once more repulsed beyond the half-way line. The ball was in a greasy condition, and so open passing work was very difficult, and hard scrummaging and the rushes were the order of the day. From a scrum about midfield Nuttall got possession, and, evading his man nicely, transferred the leather to King, who was "pinned" by Brewer when endeavouring to avoid a tackle, and so make an opening, a well-initiated movement being then spoiled by Hamilton's strong scrum, however, the visitors' halfbacks were again penalised for offside tactics, but an easy chance of goal was missed, the ball going just outside. From the kick-off Southport again rallied to the attack, and King made a mark, a neat goal resulting, and shortly afterwards the whistle sounded for half-time, and the teams crossed over, Southport leading by four points to nil.

The ball was kicked from the kick-down near half-way, neither side claiming any advantage for a brief period, until a combined run of the home forwards, Nuttall finally passing the ball to Anderton, who was urged into touch on the goal line. Here some give and take play took place, and a free kick against Hamilton came away from a throw-in, and Johnson came to the rescue in grand style with a fine touch-line run, which ended in a fine kick. From this point onwards Southport were rarely seen to any advantage, and were penned in for a long time, the greater portion of the time. The visitors' scrums, not to say training, showed a decided superiority. From a scrum in the home twenty-five the Southport forwards got in touch, but were penalised by a very foul tackle by one of the opposition. The referee, however, did not see this serious infringement of the rules, and the Hamilton men were allowed to carry the ball over the line, much to the spectators' disgust. The kick at goal failed, and the home team still led by four points to three. From the re-start play was again carried to the home quarters, and from a scrum within the twenty-five line the visitors' half-backs cleverly eluded one or two of the Southport quartette and a score resulted, the ball having travelled across the whole line. The Southport defence was at this point lamentably weak, as the movement should have been nipped in the bud early on. As it was, however, the visitors deserved their success, and the final whistle sounded a few minutes later, leaving the Hamilton winners of a fast game by six points to four.

Southport were not seen at their best. Their forwards several times wheeled the scrum, approaching very nearly to disorganisation, but the two back lines did not seem to know what to do with the ball, and they might be easily broken away from the scrummage, they invariably stood still and calmly allowed themselves to be tackled with the ball. This is a fault many players have, and the sooner they take the heart the better for the side. There does not seem any reason why Southport should lose so many matches, with their available talent. It is very varied, but still that is not a sufficient reason. With the exception of the game—there were 600 or 700 very enthusiastic spectators in the Park on Saturday—the Southport men should make still a little more endeavour to win, for a Rugby game, as it should be played, demands great vitality, keenness, and vigour. A gentleman, and a fine one, Rugby is a game, unfortunately, a little too might be conducive to a closer fellowship with the ball. The halves were quite painfully slow on Saturday. The ball will be kicked again next Saturday, and with their best team out, a turn in the tide of events should take place. Spectators who like to see Rugby should not keep them close to the touch-line, as there is great danger both to machine and players. There is plenty of room around the field for such articles. Bolton, in permabulators, unguarded, are also in danger on the touchline. The field is extensive, and a distance of twenty-five yards behind both sets of goal posts, and bicycles should not be left about there.

LACROSSE.

SOUTHPORT v. SOUTH MANCHESTER "A."

On Saturday Southport entertained South Manchester "A," whose prime organisation are leaders of the First Division of the League. The Southport team were without such capable men as Bradley, Taylor, and Rotherley, but Wood, Clyma, and Johnson took their places, so that both teams faced each other with the full complement of players. The Southport captain won the toss, and decided to take what little advantage the ground offered, and kicked off down the field, and when the centres faced at 3.30 there was every prospect of a most enjoyable encounter. The visitors soon had the ball on the home defence, but could not break through the opposition. The Southport attack now had a turn, but without success, though Simpson struggled hard to open their account. The Manchester men again came down upon the home goal, and Mr. Mason at point and Oliver in goal were playing a sterling game, and no rover occurred. The homesters strove hard to relieve the pressure, the visiting team being particularly fast and very capable cross-handlers, but eventually Oliver had to defend, and Southport were determined to make a fight for it, and the visiting goaler was kept very busy, but nothing did and he had to be caught napping, and repeatedly got the ball away on to his attack. Again the visitors were round the home goal, and this time, and he was just in half-time, when the score read:—South Manchester, 1; Southport, 0. The second half opened with the Southport attackers, but Oliver was always to be relied upon, while Mason and Barber broke up the attack repeatedly. However, they were about ten minutes the visitors made their total three. Southport played up determinedly, and Simpson, the home centre, footmed on to the ball, and, by a splendid individual effort, rounding quite half a dozen of his opponents, he opened the homesters' account. The play in the fast Southport, again attached, and Hudson and Wood carried the ball into the visitors' goalmouth, where the latter succeeded in finding the net, and, until the finish the game was evenly contested, though Cornelius, by a little more accurate shooting, would have undoubtedly increased Southport's total. The end was fast approaching when Manchester scored their fourth and, what proved to be the last, goal of the match, a most enjoyable and evenly-contested game ending:—South Manchester, 4 goals; Southport, 2.

GOLF.

SOUTHPORT CLUB.

A mixed foursome competition against bogey was played on Saturday last, and there were a fair number of entries. The winners were once more Mr. Sugg and Miss Sugg, who finished 3 down on bogey, prizes being divided between Mr. Brighouse and Miss Young, Mr. Murphy and Miss Blanch, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Pearson, who were all 6 down on bogey. The gentlemen's monthly medal will be played for on Saturday next.

BILLIARDS

GLADSTONE LIBERAL CLUB II. v. HIGH PARK LIBERAL CLUB II.

This match was played on Friday evening last at the Gladstone Club, the home team winning by 143 points. Scores:—

GLADSTONE.		HIGH PARK.	
T. Rigby	100	J. Brookfield	92
W. Morris	100	R. Cadwell	94
Ashcroft	100	J. Barton	100
C. White	100	J. Warning	67
G. Sumner	67	N. Parkinson	100
W. Rigby	95	J. Cadwell	100
H. Ormerod	100	J. Law	95
J. Christopher	100	S. Garside	96
J. Duckett	100	T. Rimmer	100
E. Ormerod	92	J. Wright	100
Total	955	Total	812

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

SOUTHPORT.

MONDAY.—Before Messrs. H. Brooks (in the chair), G. Hacking, Councillor Austin, and W. J. Bootkroyd.

HOUSE LICENCE EXTENSION.

Mr. Horace Hatch applied on behalf of his father, Mr. John Hatch, for an extension of the license of the Prince of Wales Hotel from 11 p.m. on Friday until 2 a.m. on Saturday, on the occasion of an assembly ball.

The application was granted.

RESISTING THE POLICE.

Wm. Hoban, Bradley-place, was summoned for having assaulted Police-constable Hatch.

P.C. McLeod said he arrested a man named Howard in King-street on the 17th inst., and on the way to the Police-station Hoban, who was standing with other men outside the Prince of Wales Hotel, attempted to Howard to "put the police through it."

Defendant said he told Howard to "see what sort of a man the police had got in them, so if they could tumble." He meant no harm.

A fine of 5s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

THE WRONG DATE.

William Ward and John Conlon, boundary-street, were summoned for trespassing on the L. and Y. Railway on November 17th.

Mr. Marquis, on behalf of the L. and Y. Railway Company, asked leave to amend the date to the 18th, but as the defendants still did not present the necessary permission was not granted, the case being adjourned till next Monday.

BIRKDALE.

MONDAY.—Before Messrs. J. H. Ainley (in the chair) and W. Jones.

HIS 56th APPEARANCE.

Vincent Johnson was charged with being drunk and disorderly in Liverpool-road, Birkdale, on Saturday, to which he pleaded not guilty.

A police-constable said at about 11.30 on Saturday night he heard a disturbance near the end of Bolton-road. Prisoner was very drunk, and was using foul language, whereupon he took him to the Police-station.

Inspector Foster said he saw the last witness bring prisoner into the Police-station. Prisoner was very drunk.

Superintendent Jervis said the prisoner was a well-known character, and he had had 56 convictions against him—thirty-eight of which were for drunkenness. The last was in February this year for a similar offence.

Prisoner was sent to gaol for one month.

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CONSERVATIVE SOIREE.

ANNUAL FUNCTION AT SOUTHPORT.

The annual Conservative soiree took place on Monday evening in the Municipal Buildings, and proved an enjoyable function. The Cambridge Hall, which was of course, used for the occasion, was very tastefully decorated, and, in new garb and feather adorned under the skilful direction of Mr. C. F. Chinnery, of Lord-street, was very pleasing to look upon. Owing, at once, Mr. Marshall Hall, K.C., was unable to attend, but Mrs. Marshall Hall was present with her friends, and, in the absence of her husband, Mr. Dixon, who also intend to be present at the Liberal soiree, were among the prominent guests. They received a number of invited guests in the Mayor's Parlour at the Town Hall. Advantage was taken of this preliminary gathering to present Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Marshall Hall with choice bouquets of carnations and lilies of the valley. They to the Mayoress was accompanied by Mrs. T. W. Paton, wife of Councillor J. W. Paton (chairman of the Conservative Club), and the one to Mrs. Marshall Hall by Miss Willmot, sister of Mr. J. R. Willmot, J.P., who has been the indefatigable chairman of the soiree committee.

Mrs. Marshall Hall, who was accompanied by Mrs. S.