

HAT-TRICK BY
THOMSON.

**CHELSEA BEAT ARSENAL
IN LONDON CHALLENGE
CUP.**

Woolwich Arsenal were deservedly beaten by Chelsea in the second round of the London Challenge Cup at Plumstead yesterday, the result in favour of the West London club being 3 goals to 2.

Thomson made his debut for Chelsea, and the old Croghan Common player scored all three goals. The debut and the first into his net yesterday gave a fillip to the forwards making ground at once, opportunity, and when in the vicinity of goal they never attempted to spare themselves.

Against a strong wind in the first half

In addition to Woodward being a Chelsea regular, he was without Beltridgie and Ormrod, who were both out of action. A reliable substitute for the regular goalkeeper was Taylor's work at centre-half was generally good.

Whittingham played inside left to Bridgman. He gave a better show than Beltridgie against Notts Forest at Stamford Bridge. He was a bit out of sync but he convinced that the old Notts County man can play the inside game.

Whittingham has a penchant for long shots. On this day he had a free kick to set to a side, but yesterday he was set to score in the picture.

Peart, Hargrett and a little more pace in position outside. Peart's play will be assured. As it is, he is a great improvement on the diminutive Fairgray.

PEART HURT.

Douglas, on the other wing, is a capital player. He gave Peart and McKinnon plenty to do yesterday, and bettered them on several occasions.

This was perhaps expected in the case of Peart, as the Arsenal left back saw his leg in the second half after coming in contact with Whittingham.

The teams crossed over with the scores level, and the game had been keen to the end. Chelsea were the first to break the ice, when Thomson, neatly taking a pass from Taylor, worked his way through the defence, his shot striking under the bottom of the bar, and making the goal.

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