EXCELLENT SPORT AT NOTTINGHAM.

Fine Performance by Ballyhist in the Welbeck Hurdle Handicap.

DALNASPIDAL WINS AGAIN.

Nottingham opened the week's steeplechasing with a programme which worked out even better than anticipated. Luckily the weather was propitious, and the popularity of the game just now in the Midlands was proved by the exceptionally large

attendance. It was fitting that the opening race the Castle Hurdis, should be won by Sherwood Rise, as his owner is among the staunchest supporters of racing and one of the most respected men in the front rank of the professionals. Sherwood Rise won very easily from Foxearth and company, and was bought in for 120gs.

Time was when the winner was immessurably inferior to a stable companion, Sinonson, who is well remembered as the victor on one occasion of the Duke of York Stakes at Kampton Park. But the old horse, Simonson, segms altogether decadent, and now (though starting first fatourité) cut up very, bedly.

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Irish Mail had his peth cleared in the Mapper'ey Handfcap Steeplechase when Featherstone fell at the first fence, and the subsequent success of Irish Mail was effected much more readily than the official verdict indicates. Iver Authony, however, is a leading lockey who likes to show his skill in a manner not to be attempted by less capable horsesmen.

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R.I.O. fared no better in the Trent Steeplechase than recently at Leicester. He looked like justifying his brekers right up to the last fence, but here Repp challenged and showed a decided superiority in the run-in. She was subsequently bought in for 1852s.

The class of the competitors and the puzziling handicap in the Welbeck Hurtle nerounted for the open character of the betting, some eight horses being backed within a limit of 5 to 55. In the course of the rare Glaun's Frile was completed an and shronzewing also had an inning. But the course of the read of the open of the purporters when Boll Time dever raised the tops of the importers when Boll Time dever raised the open of the importance when the first the contract of the property of the contract of the property of the property of the property of the contract of the property of the first provided by from Cannock Leep, the other finishing a head in found of Plume, with Bronzewing ast.

Dainspidal gave another proof of merit by taking the Clifton Three-Year-Old Hurdle. It was assumed to be a one-horse affair, although there were a dozen running. So it proved, but Desbrough did well enough to suggest he may win a similar race soon.

Killwilliam has not fulfilled, the promise of the serily formwhich induced his sale at a pretty long price. He carredown in the Flynston Cashe Steeplechase after going about a mile, and Secret Joy soon afterwards copied his had example, with the upshot that Vlody's Star, an outsider got home an every winner, the well-backed Fredith and others giving a very moderate display.

SELECTIONS FOR NOTTINGHAM.

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Special Selection.

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1.0.—CASTLE S. HURDLE. 2m.—SHERWOOD RISE (W. Hives). 1: FOXEARTH (J. Anthony) 2: GOLDEN GOAT (Duinty) 3. Also ran: Hereafter Propeller. Mac. Nacimal Simonson and Proud Song. Berting.—2 Simonson 3. Sherwood Rise and Golden Goat. 7 Hereafter, 10 others. Six; four. (W. Nightingall.)

1.30.—MAPPERLEV H'CAP SCHASE. 3m.—IRISH MAIL II. Anthony). 1: MAIDEN LAW (Phelan). 2: EAR-MAIL II. Anthony). 1: MAIDEN LAW (Phelan). 2: EAR-MET (G. Lyall). 3. Also ran: Gale II. (10 thers. Head; bad. (Drake.). 20.—TRENT S. SCHASE. 2m.—REPP (Marphy). 1: Eatherstone. 5 Gale II., 10 others. Head; bad. (Drake.). 20.—TRENT S. SCHASE. 2m.—REPP (Marphy). 1: Fant. M. T. and Ridge and Furrow. Betting.—11 to 10 ran: M. T. and Ridge and Furrow. Betting.—11 to 10 ran: M. T. and Ridge and Furrow. Betting.—11 to 10 ran: M. T. and Ridge and Furrow. Betting.—15 to 10 ran: M. T. and Ridge and Furrow. Betting.—15 to 10 ran: M. T. and Ridge and Furrow. Betting.—15 to 10 ran: M. T. and Ridge and Furrow. Betting.—16 to 10 ran: M. T. and Ridge and Furrow. Betting.—16 to 10 ran: M. T. and Ridge and Furrow. Betting.—16 to 10 ran: M. T. and Ridge and Furrow. Betting.—16 to 10 ran: M. T. and Ridge and Furrow. Betting.—16 to 10 ran: M. T. and Ridge and Furrow. Betting.—16 to 10 ran: M. T. and Ridge and Furrow. Betting.—16 to 10 ran: M. T. and Ridge and Furrow. Betting.—16 betting.—5 Ballyhist and Bronzewing III. Strangery. Betting.—16 Rotanis Pride, 100 to 5 others. Two chort head (Tabor.)

3.0.—CLIFTON 3-Y-O HURDI.E. 14m.—DALNASPIDAL (Chadwick). 1. DESBOROUGH (I. Anthony). 2: HEATH-TOWN SWEDNER, M. S. S. S. C. Cockwood Beck, Kijabe, Nancy, J. C. Chadwick). A. Sao San: Closewood Beck, Kijabe, Nancy, J. C. Chadwick, M. Desborough, 100 to 5 others. Three; short head. (Coulthwaite.) Chadwick. 2m.—VLODY'S STAR (F. Lyall). 1. EMED SUNSET (Rollason). 3.30.—CLIVASTON CHASE. 2m.—VLODY'S STAR (F. Lyall). 1. EMED SUNSET (Rollason). 3.32. SKYLARR VII.

head. (Coulthwaite.)

3.30.—ELVASTON CHASE. 2m.—VLODY'S 8TAR (F. Lyalli, 1. RED SUNSET (Rollason). 2; SKYLARK VII. (I. Morgan). 3. Also ran: Fredith, Kilwilliam, Honoluka, Seoret Joy, Knocktoe, Valmarla, Bill Brendan and Hannibal. Betting.—7 to 4 Kilwilliam, 2 Fredith, 11 to 2 Bill Brendan, 160 to 8 Vlody's Star and others. Eight; six. (Mackley.)

NOTTINGHAM PROGRAMME.

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SUMMERS STILL CHAMPION

Sid Burns Beaten on Points in a Fierce Contest at the National Sporting Club.

STRENGTH BEATS SCIENCE.

Johnny Summers, the holder of the Lonsdale welter-weight belt, just beat Sid Burns at the National Sporting Club last night, and retained his hold on the championship and the belt.

It was a splendid context, matred, perhaps, by too much holding, in which Burns was the chief offender, but Summers was the oleverer holder, and how he punished Burns in the close work!

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Had the men been able to keep at arms' length and box in the old-time style Burns would have won by virtue of a good left. He got it there time and again, but was countered and punched two or three times on the body when they got into locks.

Then Burns would get the best of it as thoy broke, and when they came into the next clinch would hold on, the idea Summers arms what time the Conning Town man tried to hit Burns on the ribs. And what a number of lovely openings did Summers miss in these clinches?

Summers never really, weakouted during the contest, but towards the close Burns got grogey, and, although he kept tap tapping away at his rival, his blows lacked sting, and Summers drove it left and right to head or body with great vigour.

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As a matter of fact, Summers won on his body punching, Less by 34lb, in weight and inches less in stature, he was the sturdler boxer, and he just punched that much the hardor and landed just that much the more frequently that his backers were after the tenth round alw. 35 on good terms with themselves.

But there was a time in the an elecenth round were summers, trying to hring the knock-out into work, book such a flush left in the face that, although he had the best of the sexinances, he was, like Burns, quite weak at the gong.

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Then in the twentieth both went at it hammer and tongs, but Summers was the stronger, and he landed his thumps with greater vim. It was a case of a first-class two-handed boxer beating a first-class man with the left. It was a very near thing, but the consensus of opinion was clearly in favour of Summers, on whom slight odds—5 to 4—wore laid.

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To describe the rounds would be futile. They were generally the same, with a clinch and. Burns loading for the face. Summers countering, and then punishing his man with the right on the body. Up to the end of the tenth round perhaps Burns had a slight lead—perfugs not; but the bettering attack of the champion weakened him, and in the closing stages there was no doubt who had won.

Had a Baxter, or a George, or Fred Johnson been in the ring in these later rounds; had Burns known enough not to hold, but to use his fine footwork and showe out his left to better effect, the result might have been different. But Summers was always the agreesor: he thumped twice prettier bower, he was a good winner, and in the load of the control of the control

SPECTACULAR SCHOOL MATCHES.

The English Schools Association is a comparatively new organisation, and it is at the present time on the flood tide of success. With a membership of over a hundred local associations, the executive has every reason to be satisfied with the result of its endeavours.

At the same time, there is undoubtedly a decided tendency towards the limitation of these representative games, it is, in many of its aspects, a healthy reaction. In many quarters there was an inclination towards overdoing the inter-district reach. Such a game is much more of a spectacular event than an at their same is much more of a spectacular event than an attains a standard some interest and there are numerous miscretacular, and there are numerous engentacular, as assoon will serve a control purpose. They provide a species of reward for the buye who excel at their games, and there is much to be said for an occasional pat on the back for exceptional merit. Incent pride is stimulated, and the less clever players have a chance of seeing how the game should be played. But as a representative match means that all the schoolboys in a district stop playing in order to watch eleven of their riends, the multiplication of such fixtures can become a real evil.

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It can breed the desire to watch rather than to play, and this is a tendency that should be most strenuously combated. Some of the clder associations have recognised this, and it is the reterans who have thrown overboard the liabilities that have interfered with the carrying out of the real business, and that is the fostering of the game in the schools. Evidently Woolwich and Hackney are well matched this season. They have met twice in the English Schools Shield competition, and have also played extra time, and now they have to meet a third time to settle the vexed question of supremacy.

CRICKET UMPIRES APPOINTED.

The captains of the various oricket elevens met in the pavilion at Lovid's yesterday alternoon to appoint unniversity of first-class matches next season. The bollowing were appointed: A. J. Atfield, H. Bagshaw, R. G. Bartow, T. Blake, J. Carlin, G. P. Herrison, J. Moss, F. Parris, W. Richards, F. G. Roberts, A. E. Street, A. E. Trost, G. Webb, W. A. J. West, A. A. White, H. Butt, C. Richardson, W. Phillips, T. Brown and W. Vining.

3.0.—BENTINCK H'CAP HURDLE, 80 sovs; 2m.

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PUDDING FUND MATCH.

Basil Foster and George Robey Rival Captains-What Offers for Bat?

Mr. Basil S. Foster, the famous old Corinthian Mr. Basil S. Foster, the famous old Corunthian and Old Malvernian forward, has definitely accepted the captaincy of the Stage team which is to play an all-star Music Hall eleven in aid of The Daily Mirror Christmas Pudding Fund, at the Fulham ground, on Friday, December 20.

Mr. Eoster is throwing his whole heart and soul into the great same, and he is tetermined that if possible, his men shall beat Mr. George Robey's combination. Mr. Robey, on the other hand, is just as determined that his side shall win.

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The teams are rapidly being made up, and it is now certain that not only will a number of "players" play in the match, but also that the quality of the football will be of the very highest class.

Mr. Ratiand Barrington and Mr. Norman Trevot are the latest recursts to the Stage eleven.

Mr. Ratington, who was a noted amateur footballer in the eighties, and a member of soveral leading clubs, will keep goal. "In getting on, you know, but the thought of another game appeals to me immensely," he eithusiastically asid to The Daily Mirror.

He shades Marie Tempeat in "Art and Opportunity" was goed alround athlete a few pers lack, and he not only his day football for All India, but also ran for England in his day football for All India, but also ran for England in his day of the the Church two generals are and

t day, layed against the Church two seasons ago, and shough he has but lately got over a bad hanting seeddent in injured collar-bone—he is very keen to turn out and, possible, got a goal against the Music Hall peopler with deserts. Statemers have presented The Daily abable. The theorem is the house half and the balls. The tech wird such and the the high stabile. The played with it, and the ball be signed by a player and sold to the highest badder for the benefit the fund. Last year Mr. George French gave £20 for a trophy.

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Meanwhile the famous cricket bat, with the autographs of aperly a hundred and fifty cricketers whose names are household words in the game, is up for disposal to the them to the contractors, of Thomas place. West Norwood have offered ten guines for the trophy, which is practically priceless in value.

Hopkins, V. Trumpis, R. Hartigan, H. Carter, Frank Laver, Warwick, A. M. Cotte, W. Bansford, W. J. Whitty, W. Carkeek, A. A. Cotte, W. Bansford, W. J. Whitty, W. Carkeek, A. A. Cotte, W. Basiley, P. A. McAlister, all members of the 1999 Australian team.

In addition will be found the autographs of last season's Australian elevent—Syd. Gragory, T. J. Matthews, W. Carkeek, E. R. Mayne, G. Hasilitt, R. B. Minnett, C. B. Jennings, J. W. McLaren, C. Kellewsy, Warren Bardsley and C. Macartney.

Then the South Africans used the pen with some effect. The autographs include those of Frank Mitchell, L. J. Tancred, A. D. Nourse, F. A. Ward, L. A. Stricker, S. J. Pegier, R. Beaumont, H. W. Taylor, J. Cox, G. A. Faulkner and Gordon White.

England's Test match players of many seasons include from Richardson, A. E. Knight, J. H. King, E. G. Hayes, G. Thompson, C. P. Buykenham, Alhert Rell, Jack Hobbs, Pellam Warner, J. R. Mason, D. W. Cart, James Seymour, F. E. Woolley, C. Blythe, A. Fielder, George Hillst, Lord Hawke, Wilfred Rhodes, C. B. Fry, P. Mead, B. J. T. Bosanquet, S. G. Smith, W. D. G. Leveson-Gower, G. L. Jessop, J. W. Hitch, R. H. Spooner and J. W. H. T. Dougha, to mention only a few.

The bat itself is a magnificent two guines model Summers Brown, and originally belonged to that good cricketer and sportsman, G. W. Ayres, and has already benefited several funds. As a souvenit it is, of course, priceless, and the purchaser would be doing the nation a good turn by presenting it to the British Museum.

During the next few days it is probable that other Lamous English captains—with Jappend, their signatures, Other for the bat must be made to the Sporting Editor, The Daily M

PALACE AND WEST HAM DRAW.

On the ground of the Millwall club at New Cross yesorday Crystal Palace and West Ham United met in the
nal tie for the London Challenge Cup, but the destination
of the trophy has yet to be decided. For ninety minutes
we ame elevens worked with untiring energy to obtain the
inning goal, but without success.

Despite the heavy state of the turn, both sets of forards maintained a stirring pace, and it needed all the
sill and resolution of the defences to hold the front lines
obed, and Collyer and Bulcock, the backs, played well,
ut they were frequently nonplussed by the West Ham
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nange of ends the Palace did the bulk and then the West Ham defence shore g, and then the West Ham defence shome Palace had done before. Askew, among the halves and Irvine and backs, were successful in breaking up move-ght have become

LANCASHIRE CUP FINAL.

Manchester United beat Blackburn Rovers in the final of the Lancashire Cup competition at Blackpool yesterday by 5 goals to 2.

The weather was miserably wet, but there was a capital attendance, fully 7,000 people being present, the gate realising £253. The United fully deserved their victory over the League champions.

The game was very fast and interesting, considering the condition of the ground. Anderson scored for the United from Turnbull's pass after three minutes, and directly afterwards McChie equalised Bealt only pirtially stopping the shot. West gave the United the lean after the interval, and Anderson added a third goal. Simpson scored the Rovers' second point.

SOUTHERN CHARITY CUP.

The Southern Chafity Cup-tie between Southampton and Brighton and Hove Albion at Southampton setterday ended in a draw of one goal all. Both sides placed weak elevens in the field, and as a result the game was a very poor one. Many chances of scoring fell to both ests of forwards, who, however, were unable to shoot with any degree of accuracy. In consequence two weak defences prevailed until after change of ends, when Small got through, after Woodhouse had missed an open goal. Before the end Goodwin put the Albion on terms, and this proved to be the last goal scored. Not more than 1,000 spectators were present.

EASY WIN FOR CAMBRIDGE.

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6 At Chiswick Park yesterday Cambridge University played
finely both in attack, and defence against the United
Hospitals, and wen easily by 4 goals to 1. In the first half
goals were scored for the Varsity by Sology and Foster.
Coxen scored for the Hospitals early in the second half,
but Callender scored a fine goal for Cambridge, and Winterbottom obtain a fourth.
The Cambridge forwards gave one of their best displays
of the season, and M. Woosnam was as good as ever at
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backs, were sound enough, he had a very big share in
beating back the attacks by the Hospitals,

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'VARSITY RUGBY MATCH AT QUEEN'S.

Changes in the Sides Not Likely to Weaken Either Oxford or Cambridge.

WIDESPREAD SUPERSTITION.

Big though the interest is in every inter. Varsity contest, to which hangs a full-blue, the Rugger match is the keenest of the lot. The Boat Race, from the public's point of view, is a far bigger thing, and is taken as a London holiday: but at the 'Varsities themselves the Rugger match is IT.

Cambridge desperately want a win to-day at Queen's Club. They have not won since 1905, though they got a draw in 1908: they should have won that match. But, without wanting to grouse, the luck seems to run steadily against Cambridge at Queen's. The match is always started a bit late for the time of year, and that poisonous fog is always threatening in the last twenty minutes or so. Then it is that Oxford have-a bit of advantage in their darker get-up; the Cambridge men are easier to locate than the dark blue of Oxford have-a bit of advantage in their darker get-up; the Cambridge men are easier to locate than the dark blue of Oxford have-a bit of advantage in their darker get-up; the Cemparing the two would back Cambridge confidently. Comparing the records of the two, Cambridge seem at first sight the better side: but Cambridge have had a lot of easy matches which have done them no good, and Oxford have had the better lot of fixtures ior working up a side.

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Oxford are giving away a bit of weight in the scrum, but are supposed to be faster and cleveter in the loose than Cambridge. That remains to be seen. The great contest will be at half, Knott and Broster being pretty well matched against Thomas and Cumberlege.

Of the two pairs I prefer Knott and Broster. Knott is capable of very big things indeed, and I remember with regret—on the Cambridge, part—the fine game he played last year. Cumberlege has yet to do a big thing in the Varsity match; it has been waited for very patiently; it might happen to-day. But if he is off colour—he is liable to get accited in big matches, they say—Cambridge are likely to here a poor time.

FAST CAMBRIDGE THREE-QUARTERS.

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In the three-quarter line Cambridge have the pace, but that wen't do them much good unless the ball goes to them quick. Oxford are extremely sound at centre three-quarter, but their wings are open to criticism, Geen being a player of moods, and Steyn, though fast and heavy, not too well up in clever parts of the game.

Bryn Lawis will be mable to play for Cambridge, owing to water on the knee. Good though he is, however, the necessary rearrangement of the Cambridge line has not weakened the side. C. N. Lowe will now go on the wing, his right place; he is brilliant there, but a little light for a centre. He has been picked for England in the next talk match.

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At full back Oxford have the best of it, that W. M. Dickson being in great form this year. If a line on the two sides is taken through the South Africans, Oxford should be easy winners. Oxford were only beaten by two sides is taken through the South Africans, Oxford should be easy winners. Oxford were only beaten by two class to hit, and with any lnck should have made a draw of the two sides in the state of the sate hall-hour within the two the state of the sate hall-hour within Baxter. Also, the South Africans are no use is 'trial-baxter.' They seldom play two games alike, and, though they seem against staggish against existent the first two classes and the state of the sate of the sat

believe Cambridge will get through this time. But I own to being rightened of that Knott and the hall-back work generally. Kitching is unable to play for Cambridge, and his place will be taken by A. H. Wilson, who obtained his Blue last year. The teams are:

Orford.—W. M. Dickson; W. P. Geen, K. C. M. Hande, A. J. Dingle and S. S. L. Steyn; F. H. Knott and L. R. Broster; L. G. Brown, D. M. Bain, W. E. Thomson and E. F. Boyd.

Cambridge.—W. M. Wallace; C. N. Lowe, P. Middlemas, W. H. B. Baxter and J. G. Will; H. W. Thomas and B. S. Cumberlege; J. E. Greenwood, G. C. B. Blair, W. C. Nield, T. G. Fowlet, A. W. Symington, A. F. Maynard, E. C. Benthall and A. H. Wilson.

ENGLAND XV. FOR RUGBY TRIAL

The following team has been selected to represent Eng-and in the Rugby trial match against the North on De-mber 21:—

cember 21:—
W. R. Jöhnstone (Bristol); C. N. Lowe (Cambridge), F. M. Stoop (Harlequins), R. W. Poulton (Harlequins) and J. G. G. Birkett (Harlequins); W. I. Cheeseman (Old Merchant Taylors) and W. J. A. Davies (Royal Naval Colloge), N. A. Wodehouse (United Services), J. A. King (Headingley), G. H. Pillman (Blackheath), A. Kewney (Leicester), R. Greenwood (Cambridge), G. Ward (Leicester), S. Smart (Gloucester) and another.

LAWN TENNIS IN AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY (N.S.W.), Dec. 9.—In the concluding day's play in the lawn tennis match between the British team visiting Australia and a team representing Now 2014 Wales the visitors won the rubber by 6 matches to 2, 11 the doubles, played to-day, Rice and E. L. Jones (N.S.W.) best Parks and Lowe (Great Britain) [6-8, 6-3, 6-4, Pixon and Beamsis Great Britain) best Rice and E. L. Jones (9-7, 6-4).—Retter.

YESTERDAY'S HOCKEY TRIAL,

The Southern Counties' hookey trial match between London and the Rest was decided at Richmond yesterday, London winning by 6 goals to 4.

The Rest scored three goals to their opponents' two in the opening half of the match, but London were more conspicuous after the resumption.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

The English amateur wrestling championships will be held at the German Gymnasium, Pancras-road, N.W., on January 4.

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Showing excellent form, Jim Prendy (Islington) easily defeated from Press, the ex-light-weight amateur champion, on points in a twenty-round contest at the Blackfriars Ring Last night's billiards acores were:—At Leicestor-square (18,000 up): Reece (receives 1,250), 2,664; Inman, 1,193. At Soho-square (9,000 up): Sinith (receives 2,250), 3,576; Diggle (receives 1,000), 1,594.

A sealed sprint billiards handicap will take place on December 25 at Messrs, Burroughs and Watts, Soho-square, The following players are announced: W. J. Peall, T. Reece, T. Aitken, C. Harvetson, T. Newman, A. F. Peall, P. Elphick and W. H. Sparrow.

Elphick and W. H. Sparrow.

London Calcdonlans expect to take a fairly good side to Shrewsbury to meet the Town club in the fifth round of the F.A. Cup on Saturday, but the Scots will not be at full strength owing to the fact that one or two players are mable to leave their business to make the journey.

The draw for the first round of the F.A. Amateur Cup (to be played on January 4) is a good one, and several matches will produce very keen competition. The isthmidan League clubs are well drawn, the three East End clubs—Hondon clubs—Numbead, Dulwich Hamilet and West Norwood—all being favoured by choice of ground.

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