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# Liverpool Mercury

**LIVERPOOL v. SHEFFIELD UNITED**  
 These teams met at Anfield to fight the special  
 contest. The sides were constituted as follows—  
 Liverpool: Perkins, goal; Robertson and Phil-  
 lip, backs; Wilson, Raisbeck, and Gilhooley, half  
 backs; Robertson, Walker, Johnson, Satter-  
 thwaite, and Cox, forwards. Sheffield United:  
 Foulke, goal; Field, Cox, and Johnson, backs;  
 Bennett, Gilhooley, Field, and Lipsham, half  
 backs; and A. G. W. and W. J. T. Liver-  
 pool's star and two goals were rapidly visited,  
 but they could not reach the wide of the posts.  
 The home side was working well, every, and  
 Robertson, but Satterthwaite was  
 missed in the act of shooting, whilst Cox drove  
 straight at Foulke, who cleared. The inside  
 left was then in fault with another centre a few  
 minutes later, but Foulke saved splendidly from  
 Satterthwaite five minutes afterwards. Sheffield  
 then attacked strongly, and the final result  
 was down to goal, as Bennett sent across to  
 Lipsham, who tipped the ball back to Bennett,  
 and the latter set out with a splendid kick. For  
 some time the home side had the advantage, but  
 the United returned once more to the attack, and  
 Perkins saved twice in wonderful fashion.  
 Through both sides' severe hard work, there was no  
 further scoring up to the interval. Beginning  
 Liverpool with their backs to the goal and  
 Bennett in the forward line, and Satter-  
 thwaite in the goal. The home team now for-  
 posed in a part, but could not seem to penetrate  
 the Sheffield defence, though Foulke had to  
 save repeatedly. After a severe spell of pres-  
 sure, the ball was sent down the field by Lipsham,  
 who put across a good centre, and the side, with  
 a close to face but Perkins saved the winning  
 goal. Liverpool's own strong efforts, but  
 could not make any further, and towards the  
 close the United became more troublesome. The  
 final result was

Sheffield United	0
Liverpool	1

## THE SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM INDEPENDENT.

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#### Good Win for the United.

Last season's results:—  
 At Liverpool, drawn, 2 goals each.  
 At Sheffield, Liverpool won by 2 to 1.

Despite the early start, and the dull and threatening  
 weather, the visit of Sheffield United to the Anfield  
 road ground attracted some 15,000 spectators. The  
 United had the same team in the field as did duty  
 the previous week, and Liverpool had their best eleven.  
 There had been a lot of rain in Liverpool during the  
 week, but the ground was not so bad as might have  
 been expected—in fact, it played very well indeed.  
 Needham won the toss, but there appeared little  
 advantage gained thereby. Raybould started, and a  
 very pretty movement by the home forwards placed  
 the United goal in great peril, but Boyle dashed in  
 and spoiled the opening. Smart work on the visitors'  
 left resulted in Robertson giving a corner kick, but  
 after a struggle in the goal mouth Bennett sent wide.  
 A mistake by Thickett let in the Liverpool left, from  
 which Raybould had a fine opening, but Boyle again  
 dashed across and made a very fine clearance. The  
 game was very fast, and after splendid work by Field  
 and Lipskam, the former shot wide, whilst directly  
 afterwards Foulke at the other end fisted away a good  
 shot from Cox. A free kick against Goldie resulted  
 in Almond heading just wide, and pretty passing by  
 Needham and Field set Lipsham going, the ball drop-  
 ping on the top of the net from the latter's shot. The  
 Liverpool defenders were kept hard at work, and twice  
 Raisbeck resorted to tripping to stop Gilhooley, and  
 from the free kicks the Liverpool goal escaped luckily.  
 A fine burst by the home forwards once more found  
 Boyle in the way, and then a long and sustained  
 attack was made on the Liverpool goal, Perkins fist-  
 ing away a good header from Almond. Boyle, after  
 Satterthwaite had once missed a good opening, cleared  
 from an ugly rush. The United halves transferred  
 play to mid-field, and a brilliant passing run, in  
 which all the visiting forwards took a turn, resulted in  
 Bennett swinging the ball across, and as it appeared  
 to be going out just past the far post, Field, with a  
 big effort, hooked it back to Needham, who beat  
 Perkins with a magnificent shot, the smart perform-  
 ance being roundly cheered. This was after the game  
 had been in progress 22 minutes. From the centre-  
 kick the United again got down, and a long centre  
 from Lipsham was met by Perkins, who caught the  
 ball and cleared. Then Liverpool attacked hotly,  
 Boyle conceding a corner, which was not improved  
 upon. Despite good work by Johnson, Morren, and  
 Needham, the Liverpool forwards were very persistent.

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and though Field joined in the defence, and once cleared with a big kick, the United defenders were hard put to it. Thickett had to concede a corner, and then Foulke effected a grand save from Satterthwaite close in. A minute later Robertson, who was playing a clever game, got right through, and with a terrific shot hit the post, a very near thing. Once more was Gilhooly badly tripped when making straight for goal, and from the free-kick the Liverpool goal twice escaped miraculously, Perkins next saving at the expense of an unproductive corner kick. From a fine shot by Gilhooly, Perkins did well to save, though giving a corner, from which Bennett headed outside. Twice more was Perkins called upon, but he cleared all right, and after a free kick to Liverpool had been disposed of half-time was called with the Sheffields deservedly leading by one goal to none. On restarting, Dunlop twice cleverly pulled up Bennett and Gilhooly; and then Boyle had to give a corner to stop the opposing right wing. From a fast shot by Goldie, Foulke applied his foot to some purpose, and both Thickett and Boyle stopped ugly rushes. Another corner to Liverpool caused trouble, and though the ball was headed up the field it was again dropped in front, and Satterthwaite, from close in, easily beat Foulke after the second half had been in progress ten minutes. The equalising goal was received with great cheering, and the home team were urged to play up. Then Almond was badly tripped when well placed, Perkins clearing from the free kick, whilst at the other end Foulke dealt with an awkward customer from the right wing. A corner to United was placed outside by Bennett, and then Foulke had to concede a similar point from a shot by Cox, Boyle conceding still another. Good work by Johnson and Morren set the United right wing going, and a swinging pass by Bennett to Lipsham saw the latter trick Robertson and plant the ball right in front. Three United forwards were well placed, but it was Gilhooly who put the ball in the net, scoring a very pretty goal, and giving the visitors the lead again with 25 minutes to go. During the next few minutes the Sheffields had a warm time of it, and after disposing of two corner kicks Foulke was wrongly penalised for carrying the ball, and the danger was only cleared after a severe struggle. Two more corner kicks to Liverpool did not bring the much hoped for goal, and then play was stopped for a minute owing to Thickett being hurt. On resuming Boyle twice rushed out and stopped the left wing. Needham covering the full back in good style. The Sheffields made several dangerous incursions into Liverpool territory, but the bulk of the play was in favour of the home team. The worrying tactics of the Sheffield halves, however, completely upset them, whilst Thickett's brilliant rushes drove them back time after time. Once Lipsham looked like making a good opening, but Robertson came out and tripped

him up, the free kick not being improved upon. A corner kick to United was well cleared by Liverpool, and time was shortly afterwards called, with the score:—

**SHEFFIELD UNITED** ... .. 2 goals.

**LIVERPOOL** ... .. 1 goal.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Perkins, goal; Robertson and Dunlop, backs; Wilson, Raisbeck, and Goldie, half-backs; Robertson, Walker, Raybould, Satterthwaite, and Cox, forwards.

**SHEFFIELD UNITED.**—Foulke, goal; Thickett and Boyle, backs; Johnson, Morren, and Needham, half-backs; Bennett, Gilhooly, Almond, Field, and Lipsham, forwards.

Referee, Mr. A. Green.

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AND LOCAL, GENERAL AND SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

The failure of Liverpool to account for Sheffield United came as an unwelcome surprise, especially as it followed the excellent display given at Newcastle the previous week. There was, however, a vast difference in the style of play witnessed in these two contests, and the clever footwork which was so noticeable a feature of the earlier game was strangely absent at Anfield. There was nothing in the constitution of the side to cause such a difference in form, for the same players had given a splendid exhibition at Owlerton and Newcastle in successive matches, so that it is necessary to look further afield for the cause of the unsatisfactory performance against the Blades. The front rank, in the first place, did not move with that freedom and cohesion that are usually associated with their play. There was considerable cleverness shown at times, but when the crucial moment arrived it seemed a matter of extreme difficulty to do precisely what was required. The forwards never got thoroughly going for any lengthened period, with the exception of the time immediately succeeding the scoring of the equalising goal. Their temporary triumph seemed then to have furnished them with that vim and dash—which had previously been wanting—necessary to bring to a successful conclusion several well-meant efforts, and Sheffield appeared more like a beaten team during this time than at any other period of the game. This was the turning-point of the struggle, for after the Sheffield defence, sorely pressed and beset though it was, had resisted stubbornly and effectively all the onslaughts of the home side, the visitors suddenly broke away, and Gilheoly was practically presented with a goal from Lipsham's centre. Thus was at one fell blow swept away all Liverpool's advantage. They never pulled together with thoroughness after this, and never looked like pulling the match out of the fire. Robertson, on the right wing, repeatedly gave chances to the inside men, but the shooting was not a strong point, and glorious openings were allowed to slip by unheeded. In the front rank there were one or two loose screws, which prevented the machinery from working in an effective manner, and, with the exception of the creditable work done by Walker and Robertson, the display was distinctly disappointing. That they played far below their form was patent to everyone, and their failure to utilise the numerous chances that occurred cost them the game. But the half-backs were equally culpable, and rarely have they been of so little use to the men in front of them. Their passing was more advantageous to the Sheffield players than to their own side, and their best work was done in defence. Further behind, there were not the same weaknesses noticeable, and Perkins kept a sound goal, though many better shots than the one that beat him a second time were cleared by him. The United were decidedly fortunate in

finding the home side in such a feeble humour, and on the general play deserved no more than a share of the points. They made more of their chances than the home team, and their superiority was most prominent at half-back. The forwards, though not brilliant, were persistent, and their readiness to utilise any opportunity gained them the victory. The halves were keen on the ball, and they often obtained possession of a pass meant for a home player. The backs were fairly sound, but that they were not more hardly tested was due to the hesitating methods of their opponents, and they gave the impression that under a severer pressure they would not have been particularly prominent. Foulkes made some fine saves, and for his bulk is a remarkably active custodian. The United, who had been recuperating at Matlock, thus gained a welcome couple of points: but the result has materially checked Liverpool's idea of the championship.