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## LIVERPOOL v. SHEFFIELD UNITED.

These teams met in their return League fixture at Bramall-lane, before 10,000 spectators. United played the same team that drew with Aston Villa, whilst Liverpool showed no change from the previous week. The sides were as follows:—Liverpool: Perkins, goal; A. Goldie and Dunlop, backs; Howell, Eaisbeck, and W. Goldie, half-backs; Robertson, Wusker, Raybould, Satterthwaite, and Cox, forwards. Sheffield United: Foulke, goal; Clinch and Boyle, backs; Beers, Johnson, and Howard, half-backs; Brawn, Bennett, Hedley, Almond, and Lipsham, forwards. Referee, Mr. Strawson. Liverpool won the toss, and United had to face a brilliant sun. The opening stages went in favour of the visitors, who, however, by wild shooting, missed three clear chances of scoring. After seven minutes' play, however, Cox centred, and Raybould placed the ball into the net. Liverpool continued to show superior form, and after Dunlop had cleverly repelled a centre from Brawn, they again carried play into the home quarters, and Satterthwaite, receiving a pretty pass, easily added a second point, the Sheffield custodian being completely taken by surprise with the rapidity of the movement. Led by Hedley, the United forwards were seen to better advantage, and from a free kick the ball was handed into the net, without, however, a second player touching it. A fine centre from Lipsham was sent over, but against the clever work of the Liverpool halves and backs the home side could make little serious advance. Three minutes from the interval, Howell fouled one of the Sheffield players inside the twelve yards' limit, and from the ensuing penalty, which was granted after consultation with the linesmen, Hedley scored. Resuming, the United worked more in harmony, Hedley

being prominent with several dashing runs. A grand run and centre by Cox almost led to another goal, the ball skimming the bar with great force, and a moment later another strong shot from the outside left missed by inches only. Brawn tested Perkins with a header, which was smartly cleared, and, after a period of defence, Liverpool once more assumed the offensive, and W. Goldie sent just outside the upright. Eaisbeck was repeatedly prominent in repelling the United onslaught, whilst Dunlop grandly checked the home left wing. Another sprint along the wing by Cox caused Foulke to come out to clear, and the custodian was also called upon by Raybould. United tried hard to equalise, but Liverpool held their own. Two minutes from the finish Hedley scored, but was given offside, and Liverpool won a great victory. Final result—

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| Liverpool .....        | 2 |
| Sheffield United ..... | 1 |

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**THE SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM INDEPENDENT.**

**SHEFFIELD UNITED v. LIVERPOOL**

**United Beaten at Home.**

Last season's results:—

At Sheffield, Liverpool won by 2 to 0.

At Liverpool, Liverpool won by 2 to 1.

Previous match this season:—

At Liverpool, drawn, 2 goals each.

The visit of the Liverpool team to Bramall lane on Saturday attracted fully 10,000 people to that ground to witness the return match with Sheffield United, and a very exciting and interesting match resulted in the victory of the visitors by 2 goals to 1. This was the first defeat in a League match suffered by the United team on their own ground this season, and though the Sheffielders were unlucky in not being able to put their full strength into the field, and also in having what appeared to us a legitimate goal, which would have equalised the scores, close on time disallowed, it must be admitted that the Liverpool team played the better and brighter football, and quite deserved their most creditable victory. The Liverpoolians, who are playing desperately to keep away from the two bottom places in the League table, had a powerful and representative team, who gave a capital all round display, being smart in attack and sound in defence, and but for occasional faulty shooting at goal, especially in the first few minutes, would have won by a larger score. Apart from the missing of several chances there was, however, no fault to be found with the play of the winners, of whom every man played well, particularly Raisbeck, who at centre half-back showed very fine form indeed, in spite of having a dashing and skilful centre forward to face in Hedley. As for United, although they had exactly the same team as had made a draw with Aston Villa the previous Saturday, and thereby gained a point at Villa Park, they clearly suffered by the absence of Thickett, Morren, Needham, and Priest, who are still on the injured list, and as a team were much below the form which earlier in the season gained them so high a reputation. However, they deserve praise for the plucky way in which they endeavoured to get on even terms with their opponents after having had two goals scored against them in the first 20 minutes of the match, and with a little good luck might have finished level. The weather on Saturday was beautifully fine, and the ground in splendid condition. The decision of the referee in disallowing Hedley's goal close on time created great dissatisfaction amongst the spectators, and was greeted with loud and continued booing. At the close of the game, too, a number of spectators swarmed round Mr. Strawson as he left the green to enter the dressing room, but so far as could be seen no attempt was made to molest that gentleman, the people contenting themselves with expressing their disagreement with his ruling by deep groans, which Mr. Strawson, confident in the belief that he had

done his duty, coolly ignored. To us it seemed that he made a mistake in giving Hedley off-side, but no doubt he did so in all honesty, and he had evidently no doubt in his own mind, as he promptly gave the free kick before the ball was in the net.

Foulke, who captained the United team, lost the ball, and the Liverpool captain selecting the goal at the Bramall lane end of the ground, the visitors had the advantage of a brilliant sun shining behind them. The opening exchanges were fairly even. United at once advanced, and Hedley fired a long shot wide. The Liverpool forwards played a smart game, but several times finished by bad shooting. The Sheffielders were once very dangerous, but Almond was given offside. Cox made a brilliant run on the visitors' left and centred finely, Robertson, however, shooting widely over the bar. However, Cox soon again was prominent with another smart run, getting past Beers and Clinch. The Liverpool left-winger centred from near the goal line very squarely, and Raybould, with an easy chance, scored for the visitors by sending the ball low and straight wide of Foulke into the net. Thus the visitors got the first goal seven minutes from the start. United made several desperate efforts to equalise, and once Brawn got in a good centre, but A. Goldie cleared. The visitors' defence, however, was safe, and indeed they played excellent football all round with the result that after 20 minutes' play they succeeded in getting a second goal, Satterthwaite beating Foulke with a high shot, whilst United were appealing vainly for a foul. This was, indeed, a splendid start for the Liverpoolians, and they stuck so well to their lead that the Sheffielders, try as they would, could not make much headway against the visitors' half-backs, and had very few shots at goal. Indeed, the Liverpool men continued to have rather the better of some fast play. There was a brief stoppage owing to Satterthwaite being injured by Johnson, but he was able to resume. A dashing attack by the Sheffield left gave them a free kick for a trip, but this was not improved upon. From a second similar occurrence the ball was sent through without touching a second player. At length the Sheffielders played up with dash and pluck, and once the Liverpool goal had a narrow escape. Perkins just keeping out a header from Brawn, whilst just afterwards the visitors' custodian had to save from Johnson after a corner. Raisbeck, the Liverpool centre half, was injured in a scrimmage, but was able to resume after a brief rest. The Sheffielders were now doing the most pressing, but they found the opposing defence sound.

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They, however, continued to attack vigorously, and a few minutes before half-time succeeded in scoring. This came from a penalty allowed for the technical offence of Howell slightly pushing Lipsham in the back when the latter was about 15 yards from the corner flag. This was allowed by the referee after consulting both linesmen, and Hedley, who took it, made no mistake, crashing the ball into the net amidst applause. From a free kick in midfield Liverpool made a spirited dash for the home goal, which Walker just missed with a fair shot. At half-time the score was:—Liverpool 2, Sheffield United 1. When ends were changed Beers played centre half for United, Johnson going right half. The Sheffielders were the first to attack, and Brawn sent a long shot just wide. After fierce play in midfield Raisbeck passed forward to Cox, who raced ahead, and sent in a fine shot at a terrific rate, which sent the ball only a few inches over the United bar. Then the home team took up the attack again, and Brawn twice called upon Perkins with good shots, the Liverpool custodian catching the ball to save the first and kicking the second away. A corner to Liverpool saw Raisbeck useful in the scrimmage, and the attack ended by Hedley shooting wide. Then came a dash for the home goal, and Cox, taking a pass finely, shot only just wide. From end to end changed the play at a great rate. Perkins had to save another shot from Brawn. Bowle was deservedly applauded for clever back play, which frustrated a promising attack by the Liverpool right. Later Foulke had to beat out a long shot from Robertson. United's left wing forced a corner, but Beers shot wide. After several futile dashes into United territory, the Sheffielders responded and got a corner, but a free kick against them relieved the pressure. After some energetic forward work by the home front rank, Lipsham lifted the ball over the bar. With 20 minutes left for play, the Sheffielders were trying desperately to equalise, but encountered a sturdy defence. After mid-field play Brawn got in a beautiful centre from the United right, but Raisbeck just as cleverly headed away. An advance by the Liverpool left saw the United backs at fault, but Foulke saved a slow shot from Cox. From a throw-in Cox again called upon Foulke with a fast high shot just under the bar. Back again dashed the United, Almond and Lipsham threatening danger on the left. From a throw-in the ball was sent over to Brawn, who seemed to have an opening, but Dunlop cleverly dashed in and cleared. Liverpool made several determined rushes with only five minutes left for play. The teams still seemed evenly matched, and the visitors were fully holding their own. Foulke saved a sharp shot from Raybould, and then Hedley, getting the ball from a long pass forward, ran ahead and sent in a long, low, fast shot. Perkins let the ball go through his legs into the net, and the spectators cheered enthusiastically. But their cheers soon changed to groans, for Mr. Strawson had given Hedley off-side, and was pointing to the place for a free-kick just as the ball was going through. Thus United failed to equalise, and the whistle sounding for time directly afterwards, they left the field defeated by two goals to one, thus suffering their second defeat in

a League match and the first on their own ground this season. Result:—  
**LIVERPOOL** ... .. 2 goals.  
**SHEFFIELD UNITED** ... .. 1 goal.  
**SHEFFIELD UNITED**.—Foulke, goal; Clinch and Bowle, backs; Beers, Johnson, and Howard, half-backs; Brawn, Bennett, Hedley, Almond, and Lipsham, forwards.  
**LIVERPOOL**.—Perkins, goal; Dunlop and A. Goldie, backs; W. Goldie, Raisbeck, and Howell, half-backs; Cox, Satterthwaite, Raybould, Walker, and Robertson, forwards.  
 Referee, Mr. J. H. Strawson (Lincoln).