

United Repay Roy Kirk for His Faith in Them

CAMBRIDGE UNITED continued their yo-yo performances when, following their miserable performance at Newmarket Road on Saturday against Hereford, they rose to great heights in a fine Southern League victory at Dartford last night.

Every player rose splendidly to the occasion and by the end of 90 minutes the home side were whipped, United carved chance after chance and their livewire attack slashed through the Dartford defence. The little Cambridge forwards seemed to tower above their tall opponents.

Supreme
In defence as well, the visitors were supreme. They never looked like cracking and both wing-halfs were able to take a firm grip on the game and set their forwards on the move with a stream of passes.

If there was one star in the U's ranks, he was Graham Atkinson.



Swim Stars to Visit Cambridge

STELLA MITCHELL, 16-year-old national Senior and Junior Breaststroke champion, will be among the many international stars taking part in an aqua show at the Parkside Indoor Pool on Saturday, May 9.

Stella Mitchell gained an international place when she lived in Northampton, where she went to school with friend and rival Jackie Enfield. A year ago when her parents moved to London, Stella became a member of the famous Hampstead Ladies Swimming Club, whose most successful member was Judy Grimham. In the televised international match from Blackpool last week-end, Stella lost her world 220 yards record to a 15-year-old Russian girl, but both Miss Mitchell and her coach are confident that this record will come back to Britain in the very near future.

SNOOKER
First Round results in the Histon B.L. Snooker Handicap Tournament are:
Newton 702, Y.M.C.A. 734.
Beeches 722, Deaf Club 636.
Whittleford 484, Romsey Labour 425.
Fulbourn Men's Club 788, Cherry Hinton Cons. 580.
C.M.C. 660, W.M.C. 532.
Railway 691, Pest Control 479.
N.C.I. 670, Police 461.
Cottenham Cons. 567, Cambridge Cons. 691.
Highest break: P. Hughes (N.C.I.) 36.

Boycott Will Partner Bolus

Brian Bolus, the Nottinghamshire opening batsman named yesterday for M.C.C. against Yorkshire, is also in the M.C.C. side for the following match, against Surrey at Lord's on May 2, 4, 5. He has as his partner Geoffrey Boycott, of Yorkshire, who was voted the best young cricketer of 1963. Also in the side, which is led by Colin Cowdrey, is the leg-break bowler Robin Hobbs, of whom much is expected this summer.
Parfitt, Knight, Binks and Price, in addition to Cowdrey and Bolus, are Test men in the team.

Tonight's Rugby
R.A.F. OAKINGTON v. OLD PERSEANS
At R.A.F. Oakington at 6.15 p.m.
Old Perseans: Leave R.C. Church 5.45 p.m.; G. Rogers, H. White, B. Thorburn, K. Pledger (capt.), N. Blyth, R. Wardle, S. Clark; J. White, P. Harvey, C. Papworth; M. Neale, N. Martin, J. Green, R. Perkins, J. Sills.

Dartford 0, Cambridge Utd. 2.

(Attendance 950.)

who now seems to have fully recovered from his spate of accidents and is coming up to his best. In a non-stop performance he was always probing and looking for the gap through which to strike.

He was rewarded when he scored a superb second goal and this was the score that finally sealed Dartford's doom. Before, although they were outplayed, they were still within striking distance, but as soon as Atkinson's shot entered the net they were finished.

The first goal was also a smart effort. Scurr started running from inside his own half, and, as he went through, he received the ball from Kelly to race on and flick it home.

After the game, manager Roy Kirk said that the result and performance showed that he was right to have faith in his players and correct in his decision to retain nine of the players who were in the team last night (wingers Platt and Devine are not retained).

"I know these boys can play football and tonight they have proved me right," he said.
It certainly was a victory for football over the "Big Boot". The ball was played from man to man from one goal line to the other.

Determination
This cultured approach had Dartford running in circles and in the end they had to resort to robust tactics in an effort to stop the feet-footed opposition.
From the kick-off, United attacked with great determination and after only two minutes



GRAHAM ATKINSON
A non-stop performance.

Prodger had to save splendidly to prevent Atkinson from scoring. Again, only two minutes later, the same player had the home defence at full stretch when he shot to end a superb move between Kelly, Platt and McVittie.

United took the lead in the 22nd minute when Kelly again hit a

great through ball, sending Scurr racing through. With the Dartford defence standing still, Scurr flicked the ball into the net.

After their goal the U's still kept up the pressure and Haasz (twice), McVittie and Platt all went close with first rate efforts from chances created by clever football.

It was a similar story after the interval and two efforts were missed from chances created by Devine before United scored their second goal in the 65th minute. Haasz pulled out one of his tricks to beat Burns, before sliding the ball through to Atkinson, who held off challenges by two defenders to put United further ahead.

Exciting Football

The visitors were still playing fast, exciting football and Prodger had to be at his best to save a great shot on the run from Haasz and then leap to turn away a delicate lob from McVittie.

Nothing was seen of the home attack and the old campaigner, player-manager Alf Ackerman, was played out of the game.

With this firm grip on the Dartford attack, Lawrence and Scurr were able to dictate the course of the game, and even full-backs Boggis and Jones were seen out on the wings trying to create chances.
Dartford: Prodger; Sifford, Mather, Howells, Burns, Graves; Grievson, Ackerman, Taylor, Pyke and Dennis.
United: Smith; Boggis, Jones, Lawrence, Kelly, Scurr, Devine, Atkinson, Haasz, McVittie and Platt.

Guildford Need One More Goal for a New Record

GUILDFORD CITY, who entertain Cambridge City on Saturday, have nothing to win or lose in the Southern League this season. The most they can hope for in the final league reckoning is fourth or fifth place.

But they still have one aim in their final matches—to reach a record number of goals since pre-war days.
Taking all games into consideration—Guildford have already topped the record but they best total in the league alone was 79 in the 1961-62 season when they finished third in the table.

ONE MORE NEEDED
The two goals scored against Nuneaton last Saturday enabled the club to equal that number and only one more goal is needed to set up a new "high".

Win or lose against Cambridge City, that goal looks bound to come, for not since Guildford met the City in the Southern League Cup way back in December have they failed to score.
It was then a goalless draw.
Saturday will be the fifth meeting between the two clubs this season. Of the other games, Guildford have won two, City one, and the other has been drawn, so Saturday is the day for Cambridge to level matters.
And Cambridge could do it.

After going 14 games without defeat, Guildford crumbled surprisingly to lowly Hinckley Athletic and since then, though they have lost only four points from the following six matches, they have not been moving so well.

Some fans blame this tailing off process on the introduction of new signing John Burton, who has played regularly since joining the club, and in four of the five forward positions.
Regular forwards, who had already proved themselves, have

Southern League

	P	V	D	L	F	A	P
Yeovil Town	38	26	9	7	86	34	57
Chelmsford City	39	23	6	9	89	50	54
Bath City	37	22	8	7	77	43	52
Wotton	38	20	9	10	62	49	47
Weymouth	38	20	6	12	62	46	46
Guildford City	38	18	9	11	79	50	45
Hastings Utd.	40	19	7	14	72	50	45
Bedford Town	39	18	8	12	64	41	44
Cambridge Utd.	39	17	7	15	85	47	41
Cambridge City	37	15	6	14	76	64	38
Worcester City	39	12	14	12	63	38	38
Wisbech Town	39	16	6	17	60	65	38
Nuneaton Bor.	39	14	8	17	57	58	36
Dartford	37	14	7	16	56	62	35
Rugby Town	39	14	7	18	64	83	35
Bexley Utd.	36	13	7	16	51	62	33
Wellington Town	38	12	6	18	67	55	32
Margate	36	9	11	16	56	70	29
Merthyr Tydfil	38	11	5	22	61	101	27
Hereford Utd.	38	6	22	4	79	26	26
Kettering Town	38	10	4	24	48	75	24
Hinckley Ath.	38	5	6	27	43	95	16

Bexley May Not Risk Goalkeeper Howe

BEXLEY UNITED will have all their professionals available for selection for the first time this season when Cambridge United pay them a Southern League visit on Saturday. They are unlikely, however, to risk first choice goalkeeper Stan Howe, who has just recovered from a broken nose sustained at Merthyr on March 23.

Howe began his comeback in a benefit game last Monday and was withdrawn in the second half. He is likely to be given a couple of reserve games to regain full confidence.

Pony Smith, the amateur goalkeeper signed from Woodford Town before Christmas, will continue to deputise for Howe. Smith has made a big impression since Howe was hurt.
A late choice will be made for right-back between Charlie Forwell, former Arsenal youth, and Alan McDonald, who has played there for most of the season.
Bexley will meet home game with Merthyr last night and the choice of right back depends upon the form in that game.

Brian Taylor, whose benefit it was on Monday, makes his 209th senior appearance on Saturday at left-back. He is the Essex wicket-keeper.

NO OTHER CLUB
Rodney Sharp, who has had no other club but Bexley, will be right-half. Alan Lillis has played three senior games since his cartilage operation and continues at centre-half, keeping his uncle, Tommy McKrews, out of the team.
Gerry Morgan will skipper from

left-half. He was formerly with Fulham.
Bexley's patchy attack will be unchanged. David Peters, back after a period in the reserves, has his 208th game on the right wing and former Queen's Park Rangers youth Brian Kelly will be at inside-right for his 249th game for the club. Peters has scored 12 goals this season and Kelly 14.

Terry Gill top scorer with 25 goals leads the attack and makes his 375th senior appearance. He too has had no other club since joining when he was 15 in 1954.
Former Arsenal and Cardiff star Gordon Nutt is at inside-left, Nutt, who joined Bexley from Rugby two months ago, is emigrating to Australia with his family in the summer.

CLUB RECORD
On the left wing is Harry Hughes, former Weylesley winger, who has scored nine goals this season for United. Out of the side will be tiny Roy Johnson, who has scored 18 goals and has recently made his 408th senior appearance—a club record.

Team: A. Smith; Forwell (or McDonald); Taylor; Sharp, Lillis, Morgan; Peters, Kelly, Gill, Nutt, Hughes.

had to be switched or dropped to give Burton a game, and this, some claim, has had an unsettling influence.

Burton, a red-haired forward from Chelsea and so a favourite with the fans, deserved a place, but no more than the rest of the forwards.

PROBLEM
It is quite a problem for the manager and continually he has delayed the choice of forwards until about 30 minutes before each match.

So for Saturday's game, Mr. Tennant is expected again to name 13 players and, subject to any injuries sustained in last night's challenge match with Fourth Division neighbours Aldershot that line-up will read: Gill; Sillit, Watts, Massey, French, More; forwards from Barrett, Cliss, Hasty, Porter, Burton, Bennett.

Ernie Taylor Out of Hospital

Ernie Taylor, the former Blackpool and England inside-forward, has been discharged from hospital in Melbourne and has flown to New Zealand.
Taylor was on his way to take up a post in New Zealand as player-coach to the New Brighton club when he was taken ill with a perforated ulcer.

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Division 4 "A"
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