

U's the Victims of Thriller at Chelmsford

DESPITE the depressing scoreline from Cambridge United's point of view, this match at Chelmsford last night was voted one of the best Southern League games of the season.

Everything happened. Both defences kicked off the line with the goalkeepers beaten; United missed a penalty; there was an offside goal; numerous shots hit the post and bar; and there were seven goals.

It was an action-packed game with both teams playing for most of the game at their best. United took an early lead; then Chelmsford equalised. The visitors missed a penalty soon afterwards and just before half-time a mistake by Andy Smith gave the home side the lead.

The U's equalised soon after the interval and then a goal, which United claimed was offside, gave Chelmsford the lead again. But that the home side never looked back.

Wilson the Architect

Main architect of Chelmsford's victory was former City star Tommy Wilson, who scored two goals and made two.

He was supported by his wingers Nicholas and Maughan. In the end United were well beaten but only 20 minutes earlier they had scored their equaliser and seemed to be getting on top. But football changes so suddenly; in one brief moment Chelmsford scored their third goal and the U's were beaten.

United started in a flurry of activity. A through ball found Haasz, whose first shot was blocked, but as it bounced clear the Hungarian, playing on the leftball and beating Smith with a

Chelmsford 5,
Cambridge United 2.
(Attendance 4,025)



TOMMY WILSON
The ex-City centre-forward was United's chief executioner.

wing in place of the injured Platt, performed an overhead kick and his effort hit the bar with Medlock beaten.

This spurred United and in the seventh minute the left winger slipped the ball to Atkinson, who beat off two men to score from a narrow angle.

The game was getting into full swing and the excitement was building up and after only five minutes the home side were level, Butcher running on to a through ball and beating Smith with a

carefully placed shot. In the 12th minute United should have been back in the lead when they were awarded a penalty after Ling handled to prevent Haasz scoring. But Devine rolled the ball to the left and it hit the outside of the post.

Off the Line

The ball was flying from end to end with both sides looking dangerous in attack. Chelmsford hit the post again and then United did the same. Kelly kicked off the line and so did Ling. With the game continuing at a furious pace, the home side snatched the lead right on half time following a disastrous mistake by Smith. The goalkeeper failed to connect properly with a goalkick and the ball rolled slowly to Tommy Wilson who ran round the keeper before stroking it home.

After the interval the same fantastic pattern of play continued. Within two minutes of the restart Haasz had hit the post and Butcher the bar, and in the 51st minute Atkinson beat Medlock with a fierce shot only for Austin to head off the line.

However the visitors had more success with their next attempt in the 53rd minute, when they scored a "soft" goal. Devine lobbed the ball into the goalmouth and Medlock, hurried by McVittie, completely missed it and let it bounce slowly into the net.

Protest

This goal gave United the edge and they started to take control, but they were badly shaken when Chelmsford took the lead in the 73rd minute. Nicholas crossed, Wilson headed on and Maughan fired forward to nod the ball past Smith.

The game was held up for several minutes as United players, led by skipper Bill Kelly, swarmed down the referee demanding an offside decision. But the official turned aside all protests and let the score stand.

Six minutes later Chelmsford settled the issue when Smille sent Wilson away and the centre forward sent a low ground shot past Smith.

In the last minute they scored again when Wilson broke away down the right wing and centred perfectly for Nicholas to leap and head past the hesitant Smith for number five.

United: Smith; Boggis, Jones; Lawrence, Kelly, Scurr; Devine; Atkinson, Gibson, McVittie and Haasz.

Southern League

Premier Division

	P	D	L	F	A	P
Yeovil Town	28	27	7	83	39	
Chelmsford City	41	26	6	95	52	38
Bath	40	23	8	91	47	54
Guildford City	35	9	11	52	51	47
Reading	40	19	9	12	68	54
Hastings Utd.	41	20	7	14	74	40
Weymouth	38	20	8	12	62	46
Wokingham	38	15	8	15	71	67
Cambridge Utd.	41	17	11	16	89	74
Wisecham Town	40	16	7	17	61	66
Cambridge City	38	15	8	11	67	38
Worcester City	41	12	15	15	68	72
Rugby Town	41	15	8	18	67	84
Dartford	40	14	8	18	57	59
Nuneaton Boro.	40	14	8	18	57	59
Bexley Utd.	37	13	8	16	53	64
Wellington Town	39	12	8	19	68	78
Marine	39	10	11	17	58	64
Hereford Utd.	40	12	6	22	63	80
Merthyr Tydfil	40	12	6	22	66	105
Kettering Town	39	10	4	25	49	82
Hinckley Ath.	40	6	6	28	47	68

Knock-Out Trophy Again in Federation Cricket

IT was decided at the Federation Cricket League's annual meeting to return to the old system of a smaller number of clubs in two divisions, each club playing the others twice.

Following the success of the Knock-Out Cup it was also decided to continue with this competition this season and the draw was made as follows:

First Round: (a) M.A.F.F. v. Great Shelford (May 24); (b) Unicam v. Eastern Electricity Board (May 25).

Second Round: (c) N.C.I. v. Winners of (a) (June 1); (d) Cambridge Instrument Co. v. Quyl (June 1); (e) Eastern Gas Board v. Caldecote (June 2); (f) Abington v. Winners of (b) (June 2).

Semi-Finals: Winners of (c) v. Winners of (d) (June 29); Winners of (e) v. Winners of (f) (June 29).

THE OFFICERS
Officers for the season are: President, Mr. Pettit; secretary and treasurer, Mr. I. Gourelay; Committee, Messrs. R. Webb (Quyl), J. Strachan (N.C.I.) and W. Knights; auditor, Mr. W. C. Fincham.

All the matches this season will be played on Parker's Piece. Any umpires willing to officiate should contact the secretary at 2, Warwick Street, Cambridge.

FIXTURE LIST
May 11: Division 1—Cambridge Instrument Co. v. Eastern Electricity Board.

Aan Ponder Wins the Junior Title

THE South-East Midlands Table Tennis League Championships which were held at the Corn Exchange, Cambridge, have produced some high standard of play and those players who reached the finals gave the crowd some excellent entertainment.

Ivan Twigden, who won the Men's Singles title, and Joan Wooding, who took the Ladies Singles played excellently. Although young Kingston lost to Twigden he was within an ace of winning when leading at 19-16 in the last set, only to falter tragically at the last gasp.

Joan Wooding, the young Junior star, who easily defeated Doreen Underwood (the holder) in the final of the Ladies Singles, displayed good form throughout the Championships. She annexed three titles, also winning the Ladies Doubles with Joan Dalton and the Mixed Doubles with T. Sutton, of Kettering.

TWO LOCAL VICTORIES
Ron Nunn and Albert Jackson had a good win in the Men's Doubles final against Kingston and Goodall of Northampton, while Aan Ponder gained an exciting victory over young Board of Bedford in the final of the Junior Singles in two close sets, many exciting rallies being witnessed.

Apart from these two successes, Margaret Cornwall and Aan Ponder reached the final of the Mixed Doubles before being beaten by Joan Wooding and Sutton. Valerie Gillam, beaten in the Ladies' Singles by Joan Wooding, relied too much on defence to be really effective against this hard-hitting junior.

RESULTS
Men's Singles Final: I. Twigden (St. Neots) beat J. Kingston (Northampton) 21-18, 9-21, 21-19.
Ladies Singles: Miss J. Wooding (Bletchley) beat Miss D. Underwood (Bedford) 21-6, 21-11.
Junior Singles: A. Ponder (Cambridge) beat R. Beard (Bedford) 22-20, 21-16.

Men's Doubles: A. Jackson and R. Nunn (Cambridge) beat J. Kingston and Goodall (Northampton) 11-21, 21-11, 21-12.
Ladies Doubles: Miss J. Wooding and Miss J. Dalton (Bletchley) beat Miss D. Underwood and Mrs. E. Hammond (Bedford) 21-14, 21-19.
Mixed Doubles: Miss J. Wooding (Bletchley) and T. Sutton (Kettering) beat Mrs. M. A. Cornwall and A. Ponder (Cambridge) 2-0.

LOCAL PLAYERS FACE BIG TASK

THE Cambridgeshire Open Table Tennis championships which are due to take place this coming Sunday at the Corn Exchange, Cambridge, are expected to attract a big crowd.

In view of this the organisers have taken the precaution of reserving seats for the finals which commence at 7.45 p.m. and those wishing to book seats should contact the Tournament Secretary, Mrs. M. A. Cornwall, 28 Harding Way, Cambridge (tel. 59168) as soon as possible.

In the draw for the first round of the Men's Singles, local boy Albert Jackson has been drawn against England No. 2 Ian Harrison and in the first round of the Junior Singles another Cambridge star, Aan Ponder, has been drawn against England No. 1 Chester Barnes.

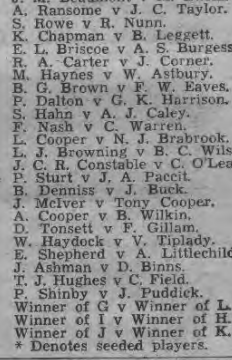
These two matches should be of great interest to local fans and although the task facing Jackson and Ponder is an immense one these encounters should create a certain amount of tenseness.

Programmes, which will be on sale during the day, will contain valuable information about the Championships.



ALAN PONDER
He is drawn against England No. 1 Chester Barnes in the Junior Singles.

- A. Robinson v D. P. Johnson.
- A. Norris v D. Mann.
- D. Jones v D. Tacker.
- P. Leckie v A. Clarke.
- M. Bolding v I. Twigden.
- V. Deist v R. Bradstreet.
- G. Cookin v B. Hill.
- D. R. Armstrong v D. Basden.
- R. Napper v M. Stennett.
- K. Shaw v C. Foley.
- B. Cobbold v R. Burnstead.
- M. Buckley v L. Wooding.
- D. Gilbert v D. S. Heaps.
- M. Cook v I. J. Terry.
- C. Hughes v R. Lemmon.
- A. Hydes v L. Haslam.
- Winner of A v Winner of B.
- Winner of C v Winner of D.
- Winner of E v Winner of F.
- *R. Guirmon v M. Hart.
- J. Landay v H. Rochford.
- J. H. Hall v B. Copperwheat.
- E. R. Peitch v S. Jacobson.
- M. Johns v P. Chisnall.
- J. M. Beaumont v M. Ewles.
- A. Ransome v J. C. Taylor.
- S. Rowe v R. Nunn.
- K. Chapman v B. Legett.
- E. L. Briscoe v A. S. Burgess.
- R. A. Carter v J. Corner.
- M. Haynes v W. Asbury.
- B. J. Brown v F. W. Eaves.
- P. Dalton v G. K. Harrison.
- S. Hahn v A. J. Caley.
- F. Nash v C. Warren.
- L. Cooper v N. J. Brabrook.
- E. J. Browning v C. Field.
- P. Sturt v J. A. Paccit.
- B. Dennis v J. Buck.
- J. McIver v Tony Cooper.
- A. Cooper v B. Wilkin.
- D. Tonsett v F. Gillam.
- W. Haycock v V. Tiplady.
- E. Shepherd v A. Littlechild.
- J. Ashman v D. Binns.
- F. J. Hughes v C. Field.
- P. Shimby v J. Puddick.
- Winner of G v Winner of H.
- Winner of I v Winner of L.
- Winner of J v Winner of K.



ALBERT JACKSON
He meets No. 2 ranked Ian Harrison in the Men's Singles.

Baseball Results

Results of major league Baseball games in the United States yesterday were—
American League: Boston Red Sox 4, New York Yankees 0 (second game postponed, cold weather); Baltimore Orioles v Chicago White Sox postponed, rain.
National League: San Francisco Giants 5, Cincinnati Reds 2; Houston Colts 7, St. Louis Cardinals 1; New York Mets v Philadelphia Phillies postponed, rain; Milwaukee Braves 7, Los Angeles Dodgers 1.

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TOMORROW'S FOOTBALL

PETERBOROUGH LEAGUE
Sutton Bridge v Cambridge United Res.
SOHAM CHARITY CUP
Newmarket Town v Ely City. At Qua Fen Common, Soham, at 6.30 p.m.
EXETER UTD. v SOHAM UTD.
At Lacey's Lane, Exning, at 6.30 p.m.
LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP
Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Boys v Bedfordshire Boys.
At Abbey Stadium at 7.15 p.m.
HUGBOY
CAMBRIDGE v BURY ST. EDMUNDS
At Grantchester Road at 6.30 p.m.
Cambridge: From J. Sennitt, R. Fison, V. McKenzie, T. Flynn, G. Smart, M. Lang, R. Jeeps, C. P. Phillips, D. Shelbourn capt., P. Wooding, T. Meacham, M. Vaughan or A. Wedderburn, G. Spaul, A. Waits, B. Lowe or G. Timms, A. Bevan.