

# Soccer United celebrate with a victory

Bonner S.C. 1, Cambridge United 2

Cambridge United players celebrated their election to the Football League four hours later with a magnificent victory in Bonn against a side containing four international players.

The game in the West German capital was the toughest assignment of a hard tour, but it was one of the touring party wanted to win. They looked unlikely to do so after going behind within minutes of the start, but once United had settled down they scored twice before the interval and controlled the second half with a display which had the shirt-sleeved crowd generously applauding.

The Germans were skippered by Troche, the full back who captained Uruguay against England at Wembley in the 1966 World Cup. They also included a former German international and two amateur "caps".

## MASTERS

Bonner wanted to play the game in short bursts to conserve energy in the fierce heat and, although this type of play was foreign to the Cambridge side, they were willing pupils and as the game wore on they became the masters.

United had kicked off with the side which won the Southern League title earlier in the month, but were a goal down before they had found their feet when Grau scored following an indirect free kick in the penalty area.



## David Hallett reports from Germany

United were trying to play the game at their usual pace and getting nowhere but McKinven managed to slow it down in midfield and it was the former Southend winger who equalised with a low cross shot five minutes after Bill Cassidy had hit a post.

Before the interval United lost George Harris, who turned an ankle, but by then they were in front when Peter Leggett, playing his first game for two months, burst through the middle. The goalkeeper could only parry his shot and Malcolm Lindsey dived to head the ball home.

**Cambridge United:** Slack; Thompson, Meldrum; Walker, Eades, Slack (M); Leggett, McKinven, Lindsay, Cassidy, Harris (Gregson).

Far away from the fever which has gripped Cambridge, the United's players are finding it hard to comprehend the full significance

of their election to the Football League.

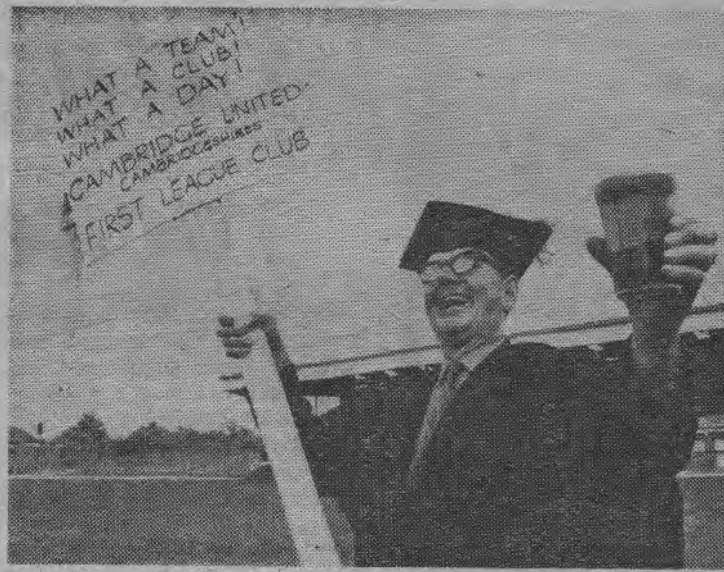
Of course there were celebrations in Cologne on Saturday evening, and then they prepared for this evening's game, the second of the tour, against a Wesseling District XI.

Bill Leivers, the Cambridge United manager, picking his side for tonight's match said: "It seems unlikely that George Harris will be able to play again for several weeks."

Roley Horrey, who did not play in Bonn, is also doubtful with a knee injury received in training before he left Cambridge.

United's manager wants to give as many players as many games as possible on the tour and he has named two substitutes for tonight's game.

The other three players who took no part in Saturday's game—Brian Grant, Keith Barker and Robin Hardy—are all included in the team which will be Barker, Thompson, Grant, Walker, Eades, Hardy, Gregson, Slack (M), Cassidy, Lindsay, McKinven. Substitutes Meldrum and Leggett.



Bill Pink, an ardent Cambridge United supporter, in gown and mortar board, typically catches the mood of the moment when the news of United's election to the Football League reached the Abbey Stadium on Saturday.

## League debut fixture list

Three of Cambridge United's first four Fourth Division matches in their Football League debut next season are at home.

- Their League fixture list is:
- Aug. 15—Lincoln City (h)
  - 19—League Cup 1
  - 22—Northampton Town (a)
  - 29—Oldham Athletic (h)
  - 31—Brentford (h)
  - Sept. 5—Scunthorpe United (a)
  - 9—League Cup 2
  - 12—Southport (h)
  - 19—Crewe Alexandra (a)
  - 23—Chester (a)
  - 26—Hartlepool (h)
  - 30—Aldershot (a)
  - Oct. 3—Bournemouth (a)
  - 7—League Cup 3
  - 10—Peterborough United (h)
  - 17—Lincoln City (a)
  - 19—Stockport County (h)
  - 24—Exeter City (a)
  - 28—League Cup 4
  - 31—Southend United (h)
  - Nov. 7—Grimsby Town (a)
  - 9—Workington (h)
  - 14—Newport County (h)
  - 18—League Cup 5
  - 21—F.A. Cup 1
  - 28—Barrow (a)
  - Dec. 5—Colchester United (h)
  - 9—League Cup semi-final
  - 12—F.A. Cup 2
  - 16—League Cup semi-final
  - 19—Northampton Town (h)
  - 26—Notts County (a)
  - Jan. 2—Darlington (h)
  - F.A. Cup 3
  - 9—Aldershot (h)
  - 16—Stockport County (a)
  - 23—York City (a)
  - F.A. Cup 4
  - 30—Barrow (h)
  - Feb. 6—Colchester United (a)
  - 13—York City (h)
  - F.A. Cup 5
  - 20—Workington (a)
  - 27—Southend United (a)
  - League Cup final
  - Mar. 6—Exeter City (a)
  - F.A. Cup 6
  - 8—Chester (h)
  - 13—Newport County (a)
  - 15—Darlington (a)
  - 20—Grimsby Town (h)
  - 27—Scunthorpe United (h)
  - F.C. Cup semi-final
  - Apr. 3—Oldham Athletic (a)
  - 9—Southport (a)
  - 10—Notts County (h)
  - 13—Bournemouth (h)
  - 17—Peterborough United (a)
  - 24—Crewe Alexandra (h)
  - 26—Brentford (a)
  - May 1—Hartlepool (a)
  - 8—F.A. Cup Final
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## Cricket Flitton takes all 10 wickets

John Flitton, Whittlesford all-rounder, captured all 10 wickets for 53 runs when St. Giles Bruerne, a Northamptonshire side, were put out for 15 yesterday. Flitton then hit 29 on his side's top score, as Whittlesford hung on for a draw at 93-5.

One of the best scores of the weekend came from Granta Alan Hobbs, who was undefeated on 89 when stumps were drawn against Sawbridgeworth.

But at 146-7 Granta were still 37 runs behind Sawbridgeworth's impressive 183-5 dec. Top scorer for the Hertfordshire side was A. Punter on 53.

John Gillett won his third man-of-the-match award in the Millar Cup during May when he starred with bat and ball in Papworth four wicket win over St. Ives.

Gillett took 5-29 when St. Ives amassed 139 (M. Kasippillai 63) and then hit an undefeated 44 to help Papworth to victory after four wickets had gone cheaply.

## Another five

The previous day Papworth won by the same margin at Fenstanton after bowling out the home side for 128. Gillett took 5-37.

In a disappointing match at Sawston on an unreliable pitch Pip Vallins took 5-50 and John Gillingwater 4-53 as Camde struggled to 130. Sawston lost seven wickets for 54, but they were saved by Gillingwater and V. Ripplingdale, who held out until the latter lost his wicket just before the end with the score at 100.

There was a close finish at Haverhill where the home side failed by four runs to catch Brain tree's 165-9 declared. Wigle (42), Parker (62) and Seccomb (24) put Haverhill in sight of victory, but the clock was against them with four wickets still standing.

In an all-day match at Burwell there were two fine bowling feats for Sutton, who beat Tillotson by an innings and 13 runs. Tillotson took 6-20 in 22 overs and an innings of 45 and then T. Richardson captured 8-37 when the home side were out for 64 in their second knock. In between Sutton hit 120.

## Tail wags

A ninth wicket partnership of 32 rescued Whittlesford after they slumped in a run chase against Cambridge Y.M.C.A.'s 113 (Dillon 33). At one stage they were 33-0 but the tail wagged to see them home.

Camden gained an easy victory at Stevenage after dismissing the home side for 93 (Warren 4-44). Wardle (44) and David Fairley (41) knocked off the runs for a 10 wickets victory.

Grasshoppers had the worst of a draw against Sandy when they held on at 99-9 in reply to the home club's 141-9 dec. David Ponder had top knock at 37 not out.

Hoppers did much better against Ely yesterday and won by five wickets after dismissing Ely for 106 (T. Shearing 40, K. Baker 4-24 and R. Murray 4-6). Drew and Wisbech put on 43 for the first wicket and Roger Pearl was unbeaten on 37 at the close.

Barrington and Comberton fought out a draw in their Cambridgeshire Cricket Association senior league after the former hit 180 (R. Frost 73). Comberton started well with R. Page 75 and D. Patel 41, but it was a struggle thereafter and at the close they were 146-7.

Other matches: Granta II 86 (B. Houghton 5-16), Isleham 87-3 (M. Collen 52 not out), Isleham won by seven wickets. Travellers II 123 (Pettit 41, Franks 40), Wisbech II 124-2 (Overland 63), Wisbech won by eight wickets.

St. Giles II 52 (South 6-28, King 4-21), Littleport 56-4. Littleport won by six wickets. Downham 215-4 dec. (P. Williams 94, S. Rust 59), St. Giles Sunday XI 122 (I. Unwin 41). Downham won by 93 runs.

Stapleford 159-6 dec. (Sandhurst 41 not out), Littleport 81 (Ellis 6-23), Stapleford won by 78 runs. Eltisley 66 (Hanson 4-17, Smith 4-31), C.A.I. 70-4. C.A.I. won by six wickets.

Great Gransden 206 (P. Medlock 70, F. Berry 7-52), Fen Drayton 68. Great Gransden won by 138 runs.

C.C.A. Senior League Division One—Horseheath 123 (Felton 5-38), Stapleford 124-4 (Bridgeman 47 not out). Stapleford won by six wickets.

Junior Cup: Preliminary round—Cambridge West Indians 224 (G. Lewis 53, W. Doyle 51 not out) beat Harton 86 (T. Close 35) by 138 runs. Burrough Green 54 lost to Milton 55-5 by five wickets.

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## Now for the hard work

Messages of congratulations and applications for membership have been pouring into the Abbey Stadium during the weekend since the news broke that Cambridge United were elected to the Football League, writes Peter Fearn.

The club's chairman, Mr. John Woolley, told me today, now that the directors have had time to think: "We realise that now the celebrations are over we have to get down to the hard work."

### Money available

"In effect, it now means that we are starting all over again at a different level. It has taken us something like 20 years to get this far and now we want to follow in Oxford's footsteps and do well in the Fourth Division. Our manager feels that, with his present staff, we could finish halfway up the Fourth Division table.

"With the buying of two more players, for which the money is available, then it is possible we can go even higher."

Mr. Woolley pointed out that in the past the club had not gone out of its way to approach people in the district for a lot of support. He now appealed to local authorities to do as much as possible to help continue the club's success. He also hoped that members of local organisations would also give the club a shot in the arm with their goodwill now that the club had achieved so much success, which in turn would benefit Cambridge as a whole.

He explained that success in the Southern League had been "very expensive." The club would continue to run a first team squad only.

There will be no reserve side in the coming season and United will continue to operate in the Eastern Floodlight League, where an application from another League club is expected within the next few days.

Next season the United will be charging Football League prices and the minimum admittance price will be 6s, which is a 50 per cent increase. It is expected that other charges inside the ground will be increased by a similar proportion.

## Alliance will open door

If it had been Newport County who had been unsuccessful in their bid for re-election to the Football League on Saturday instead of Bradford Park Avenue the Welsh club would have been invited to join the Southern League's Premier Division in place of the newcomers to the national competition, Cambridge United, writes Peter Fearn.

Mr. John Nash, the Southern League's chairman, announced this at the league's annual meeting, held only hours later in the same Cafe Royal in London.

He added that if such an occasion should arise again the league would again make such an invitation thus replacing a Premier Division club from outside.

As it was, the situation this time was resolved when three clubs were elected to fill the vacancies left by Cambridge United, Brentwood (merged with Chelmsford) and Wisbech (financial crisis). They were Tonbridge (37 votes) and Burton Albion (34) (both re-elected) and Stevenage (27) make a comeback after a two seasons absence in the Metropolitan League.

The unsuccessful applicants were Metropolitan Police (10) and Bletchley (5). The Stevenage re-

presentative told the meeting that in the two years away the average crowds in the Metropolitan League were 900 and the figure rose to 1,400 for Eastern Floodlight League matches. More than £11,000 had been spent on the pitch at Broadway. By electing only three clubs, the league decided to cut its First Division from 22 clubs to 20. In the change round Newport just escaped relegation with Crawley and Burton, while Bedford, Cambridge City, Dartford and Ashford were promoted.

The league has not lost sight of the fact that a Football Alliance might operate, starting in the 1971-72 season and that it might comprise at the start two-thirds of the Southern League clubs and one-third from the Northern League.

At a series of meetings with the Football League it had been decided that the three bodies should form a sub-committee to find out how the scheme could be worked. Mr. Nash said: "The chairman of the Football League has said that he was pleased this had been accepted in principle and could operate under the Football League's umbrella, while I, personally, am pleased if we can get the door open into the league. Once this happens

you will make Southern League football more acceptable."

He did not consider that standards would drop if the door to the Football League were opened even more. "Once anyone knows the door is open then there will not be any lack of standard of clubs wanting to join this league," continued Mr. Nash. "I think it will also make Southern League football more competitive. We are making some progress along the road to benefit all clubs."

At the start of the meeting the chairman described Cambridge United's elevation to the Football League as "giving us all great hope for the future." In reply, United chairman, Mr. John Woolley, said he stood before the members with very mixed feelings of pleasure tinged with regret. "We do hope we can carry the Southern League banner with the same distinction as our predecessors, Oxford United, who made the promotion ten years ago with such success," he added. "We thank the many friends we have made over the years and wish all Southern League clubs well." Cambridge City have been drawn away to Telford in the first leg of the first round of the Southern League Cup.