



Above: A jubilant Brian Moore (No. 8) has just headed City in front and while he is congratulated by Alec Moyle, Yeovil defenders vainly appeal to the referee for offside. Below: The airborne Yeovil 'keeper is well beaten as Moore's header finds the net.

City's hopes get boost

Cambridge City 2, Yeovil 2.
(Attendance 3,743).

ALTHOUGH gaining only one point at Milton Road on Saturday, City showed so much improved form in this match with the Southern League champions, Yeovil, that hopes rise for a good season.

Maybe the visitors did not play championship type football but the home side chased everything and for once were willing to shoot whenever there was even a half chance. Generally speaking, City were stronger in most departments and they gave the Yeovil defence little rest.

Led by Alec Moyle, the forwards moved well and the wingers, Peter Bircumbshaw and Billy Wall, had their best game to date.

The game really burst into life in the last 20 minutes as both sides strove to get the winner. City doing most of the pressing as excitement mounted.

Head

City were the first side to score when Brian Moore headed them into the lead in the 13th minute after he jumped higher than anyone else to put the ball inside a post.

The champions' defence looked the more suspect and gradually City got on top and were allowed to produce some lovely moves.

Against the run of play, however, Yeovil were allowed to equalise when Reg Pearce gave away a penalty in the 26th minute. Right back Herrity, who later had his name taken, floated a long ball into the City penalty area with all the other defenders caught napping. Pearce handled to stop the ball.

Many people thought there would not have been a goal if the ball had gone on, but, no doubt, the player could not be sure of the exact angle.

As it was Herrity cracked the ball into the net from the penalty spot.

In the second period's opening minutes City went close several times but were in danger of trying too hard as the net proved to be elusive.

Moyle had the miss of the match when he shot over the bar from two yards, but he continued to lead the line well.

Nevertheless, it made it all the more telling when Yeovil from a rare breakaway, found themselves in the lead when the centre forward, Hall, was able to find enough space in which to juggle with the ball from left foot to right and then to Bill Heath, who was having a good match.

Right winger Founder started the move, giving a pin-point centre that spreadaged the City defence.

Equaliser

City then had 30 minutes left in which to get the equaliser and a winner. Reward came after seven minutes, Moyle netting the equaliser from a Wall cross that the centre forward flicked home with his head.

Yeovil's inside right Taylor had already received an ankle injury and went off for five minutes, and then he went off again for the rest of the match.

Having now scored three points from a possible six it remains to be seen if City can beat the Bedford bogey this evening when they travel to the Eyrie for the first "leg" of their Southern League Cup-tie (kick-off 7.15 p.m.).

Two players sent off

WIMBLEDON RESERVES 1, CAMBRIDGE CITY RESERVES 0.
A forward line made up of five experienced first team men, including the ex-England player Geoff Hamm, perplexed City Reserves in this Metropolitan League match at Plough Lane, Wimbledon, on Saturday.

As it became increasingly apparent that the Cambridge defence could not match the craft of the home attack, they found themselves resorting to more desperate methods.

An under-current of ill-feeling that carried the second half came to a head in the 65th minute when

Wimbledon's right back Reynolds, was involved in an incident with left half Barker, who had upended the Dons' diminutive right winger, Norman Williams. Both spent the remaining minutes in the dressing room.

Wimbledon took the lead in the 30th minute, when goal-keeping Caine, after covering a half-hearted shot from left winger Keats, dropped the ball over the line.

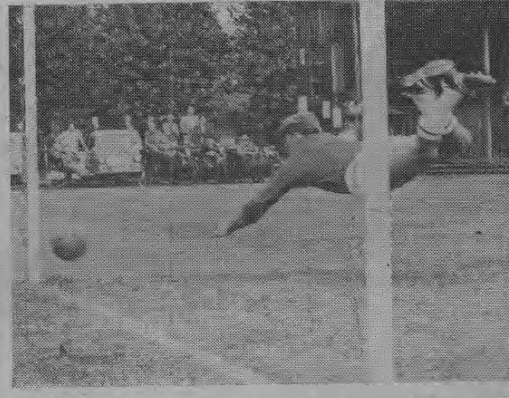
Right winger Warboys was City's most effective player.

United still have to find the winning touch

Weymouth 2, Cambridge U. 1.
(Attendance 2,300).
CAMBRIDGE UNITED continued the dismal opening to their Southern League programme when they lost by the odd goal of three at Weymouth on Saturday.

The mysterious ailment that has struck the side remains undetected. Although all the players and officials can see that something is wrong, nobody is quite sure what it is.

The team spirit in the club must be the best of any side in the Southern League and yet when the players get on to the football field they seem like eleven individuals with no co-ordination. Any rhythm that did appear on



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Saturday was confined to two separate units, in defence and in attack.

Brief flash

For a brief flash, in the second half, United clicked and could well have won the game, but the spell broke and the chance was gone. During those 15 minutes, United gained control. It was the only time either side gained complete command—and United could then well have won the game.

Weymouth, with several new players who have had Football League experience, were a highly competent unit. They often played enterprising football and showed, in scoring their first goal, they could work pre-arranged moves.

Their first score came from a free kick awarded against Welsh on the edge of the Cambridge penalty area. The visiting defenders lined up in the traditional wall, but instead of trying to force the ball through, the kicker carefully rolled it through a gap for Hannigan to run behind the wall and score from a narrow angle.

United's only goal, scored right on the stroke of half-time, came from one of the few team moves played by them. Welsh stung a superb long cross-head ball to Day, on the right wing. Day beat his full-back before crossing and when the ball was partially cleared there was Haasz to score from the edge of the penalty area.

This goal opened the game wide again after United had been trailing by two goals.

Cool Kelly

The visitors' best player was their skipper and centre-half, Bill Kelly, who, although not in the limelight, did a very good job in checking home centre-forward Jackson. In the first half the Weymouth leader wandered all over the field, but whenever he threatened, Kelly was always there to snuff out the danger.

In the dying seconds, United produced one really fine move that could have saved the game when McVittie lobbed the ball over the Weymouth defence. Scurr, racing through, only just failed to reach it before the goalkeeper gathered.

Young U's hit back

CAMBRIDGE UNITED YOUTHS 3, CHELMSFORD 3

CAMBRIDGE United Youths certainly provided plenty of excitement in their home match against Chelmsford City Youths on Saturday. It was their first game in the new Mercia Youth League.

From being 3-0 down early in the second half, United staged a fighting comeback with three goals in as many minutes. United's recovery was as startling as Chelmsford's sudden collapse.

In the first half, the home side had been outplayed and presented a ragged front to their hard-tackling and determined opponents. The United forwards lacked co-ordination and seemed content to make vain solo efforts. Moreover, Chelmsford were faster on

the ball and quicker to take scoring chances.

Positional changes at half-time, however, which brought centre-half Richard Ison into the forward line, put new life into United's tactics to score two magnificent goals and, in a burst of brilliance, United came right back into the game.

Had United displayed this new found confidence from the beginning they would undoubtedly have run out worthy winners.

United showed what they can do when working with the right tactical combination. But they will have to muster this match winning form from the first whistle and not just in a second half rally. If they can do this then United fans can expect some good soccer from the Youths this season.

Defences on top at Norwich

NORWICH CITY 1, NEWMARKET 1

ALMOST everything went wrong for Newmarket on Saturday. First they were caught in heavy traffic on the way to Norwich for their Eastern Counties League Cup game and this caused the start to game to be delayed. Then, just 21 minutes after the start, centre half Smith had the misfortune to turn the ball into his own goal and give City the lead.

Newmarket's defence was sound with Pitts handling the ball confidently in goal but early on their forwards lacked both method and power and the crowd in rearguard held them comfortably.

After the interval Newmarket's forwards came more into the game and with Gavin showing up well at inside right they had a fair share of the play. Norwich defended well but three minutes from time they conceded the equaliser when Darcy shot after a crowded goalmouth, after being put through by Gavin. A draw however was a fair result to a game dominated by two sound defences.

HAVERHILL 2, CLACTON 2

Considering Clacton last season were in the Southern League and Haverhill in the Border League, this Eastern Counties League Cup result reflected a creditable performance for the Rovers.

Haverhill were well worth their point and were, in fact, rather unlucky not to have had both because the seagiders pulled the game out of the fire with an equaliser in the closing minutes.

Clacton's class often stood out but generally their good play, after being put through by some solid Haverhill defensive play, much of this being due to the coolness of centre half Ray Smith.

A satisfactory result, however does not necessarily signal an end to Haverhill's problems and obviously a few changes, mainly positional, will have to be made.

Clacton were again in the 34th minute through Meagher but most of the excitement was in the second half when Haverhill had Clacton on the run for long spells. Coleman equalised in the 81st minute. Cuts put them ahead in the 70th minute but Clacton leader Meagher hit a beauty eight minutes from time to make it all square.

STOWMARKET 3, ELY CITY 1

Ely City looked set to run rings round Stowmarket in the early stages of their E.C.L. Cup match. Cuts put them ahead in the 7th minute. R. Jeffries put the visitors ahead with a neatly placed shot.

Stowmarket, adopting fast, open football, pressed for the equaliser, which came in the 29th minute when Ely keeper G. Taylor failed to hold a shot and M. Calver nipped in to score.

Three minutes later, Stowmarket went ahead through centre forward Byford when he nodded a bouncing ball past the advancing Taylor. Ely looked promising as they were spoilt by rather wild shooting.

Stowmarket scored again when from a corner, left winger Stones foxed the City defence with a curling shot which Taylor was unable to reach.

YARMOUTH TOWN 2, SOHAM TOWN 3

Three goals in two minutes just after the interval swung this E.C.L. Cup game Soham's way after victory had seemed beyond doubt.

Soham had dominated the first 20 minutes without taking advantage of several scoring chances, and Roberts and Johnson had time lead.

Then, in the 52nd minute, Mutual deflected a cross from Savard into the net. In the 54th minute, Soham defence had time to recover, Fretwell had scored two good goals when he was left completely unmarked to give Soham a 3-2 lead.

Yarmouth, who had dictated play for a few minutes before half time, tried desperately to get back into the game, but Soham's defence was doubled after those three quick goals.

WINGATE 6, HISTON 0

Histon found themselves really in trouble during their Athenian League match against Wingate at Hendon on Saturday. Lacking punch in attack and solidity in defence, they went down 6-0.

The first half was hard fought and at times Histon looked dangerous but they missed their chances and were two down at half-time.

Both wingers, Dench and Stocker, and centre forward Wilson had scoring chances and the defence of the visitors was to set in during the second half.

One of the main tormentors of the Histon defence was the ex-ammateur international, Miles Spectator, in the right half.

Histon Reserves at home to Wingate Reserves, were two goals down in 20 minutes, but fought back and won 3-2 with a great hat-trick from centre forward Peter Smith.

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