

Two tries do the trick

Cambridge 6 points, Civil Service 0.

IN a hard-fought battle between two evenly-matched teams at Grantchester Road on Saturday, Cambridge just had the edge to beat the Civil Service by two tries to nil.

But the game served to confirm that no team can be expected to play good Rugby on a concrete-hard ground and with a deceptively light ball—and under the confusion of the new laws.

From the kick-off this match was punctuated by an endless series of scrummages, as both teams continually dropped the ball and ran into trouble because they could not get away fast enough. Instead of speed, the game, the laws seemed to have the effect of deadening it, and it is obviously far too soon to give a measured judgment of their overall effect.

However, even when play was frustrating to watch, both teams played with doggedness and determination, and some of the tackles were crushingly hard. Once in the second half, Lane, the Cambridge stand off, was fiercely tackled while standing in touch, and was forced to leave the field for four minutes.

Early lead

Cambridge took an early lead, the ball coming out of a scrum five yards from the Service posts after 10 minutes. Gordon Smart gathered cleanly and struck a corner to go down for a good try. There was little chance for Wette to convert.

Not until the final minute were Cambridge able to add to their score, when following a good break from a short penalty Payne ran around the Service defence to go over. Eric Lowe failed the kick.

At scrum-half Trevor Phillips got the ball out of the scrum efficiently, and it was among the three-quarters that numerous attacks broke down. With cleaner handling in this department Cambridge must have forced the game into the open, but the lively ball kept the line far too often.

Phillips himself came close to scoring with a surprise sprint towards the corner, but full-back Ballard smothered the move without difficulty.

After 20 minutes of the second half the Service were reduced to 14 men as right-centre Jeffrey left

the field with a foot injury, and it said much for the visitors' dog spirit that his absence was allowed to make little difference to the game.

Cambridge: J. Sennitt, J. Fawcett, J. Hunter, P. Goodman, G. Smart, M. Lang, T. Phillips, G. Timms, P. Wooding, T. Meacham, D. Makepeace, G. Gerrans, D. Payne, B. Lowe (capt.), A. Watts.

Wanderers hit back

CAMBRIDGE WANDERERS 16 pts., CIVIL SERVICE 13.

Cambridge Wanderers were losing 10-4 after only 10 minutes, and fought back courageously for a great win. The hooker, Gibson, played well, and Cambridge were quick on the ball in the loose.

Clark and Allen put the Wanderers back into the game with good tries after the Service took their 10-4 lead. Allen's score was converted to make it 10-8, immediately after half-time John Jarvis dropped a goal on the run after Cambridge had won a heel against the head. Kennedy scored the winning try, which was converted.

Green scores winning try

OLD PERSEANS 18 pts., R.A.F. OAKINGTON 13.

The Old Boys kicked off into the wind and soon opened the scoring through a touch down by David Crawford, but by half time Oakington led by 10 points to five.

With better handling in the second half, the Old Boys soon drew level following a forceful run by Horace White, who went over. John White again converted.

The Old Boys continued to press hard and scored again through Horace White.

The R.A.F. brought the score to 13-all by a penalty but, undaunted, the Old Boys scored the winning try through John Green under the posts, John White converting.



Ely's goalkeeper, George Taylor, makes a flying save during a heated moment late in the game.

Game Ely force Fenmen to fight

Ely City 0, Wisbech Town 2.

(Attendance 1,036).

THE last time Ely and Wisbech met was in the F.A. Cup, and then the Fenmen, in front of their own supporters, just scraped through by the odd goal of five.

Saturday's scoreline suggests that they again had difficulty in winning and in some respect they did, but only through the difficulties they created themselves by their own shortcomings. They were on top almost throughout, yet their finishing was so poor that instead of being perhaps three or four goals ahead at half-time, they were still kept to level terms.

To some extent, the Ely defence, overworked and hard-pressed as it was, takes credit. They played generally to stem a non-stop Wisbech tide, but often it was a resistance born more of desperation than of sheer ability. But the fact

remains they made Wisbech, for all their superiority, wait until a minute after the interval before going ahead.

Anti-climax

Even then, the goal was something of an anti-climax. A simple lob from inside right Devitt rolled slowly into the net after goalkeeper Taylor had been unsuspected by the efforts of centre-half Barry Smith and the Wisbech leader, Colin Fiat, to reach it.

When Woods added a second goal ten minutes later, it should have been the signal for an avalanche of goals, but Wisbech continued to waste chances. It was to the game—though outplayed—Ely's credit that they managed to stage a belatedly brief rally in which they surprised Wisbech with two near misses.

These apart, Ely, who had a good luck telegram from their one-time player-manager, Tommy Savage, were never in with a chance.

St. Neots gamble pays off

ST. NEOTS TOWN 3, DESBOROUGH 0.

A GAMBLE by the St. Neots manager, J. Gregory, in the F.A. Cup game against Desborough on Saturday paid off.

After a poor showing by the side against Dunstable the previous Wednesday, he brought back right-half Bobby Wilks and winger Brian Whiddy. Both had been off first team duty since the start of the season because of injury and had been expected to have more second team games before being thrown back into the fray.

Wilks strengthened the half back line considerably and a lively Whitby kept the Desborough defence on the hop. Price came in at right-back in place of Lovell and had a quiet game.

The ex-Cambridge City centre forward, Francis Brand, was on top form. He was given excellent service and his hat-trick was well deserved.

Desborough, with two former St. Neots players, Ian Addis and John Baxter, in their line-up, were disappointing.

St. Neots now meet neighbours, Eynesbury Rovers, in the divisional final.

Ager sinks Rothwell

EYNESBURY ROVERS 3, ROTHWELL 1.

Goal grabber Ray Ager was the man who sank Rothwell in this F.A. Cup qualifying match. His habit of popping up here there and everywhere had the visitors' defence in a tangle time and again.

He took only two minutes to find the net for his first and much vaunted Rothwell—20 goals in four matches were stunned and knocked right out of their stride.

They tried everything they knew but a hard tackling Eynesbury defence hardly gave them a look-in. Inside right Smith and Ager helped Rovers to a 3-0 interval lead.

Then they took it easy. Rothwell had more of the play but they only managed to crack the Eynesbury defence once mid-way through the second half when inside right Easton scored.

Encouraging form by Shelford

Shelford 17 points, Wellingborough 9.

THE young Shelford side put up a very good performance and their 17-9 victory over the Midland visitors should give them encouragement and confidence for the games to come.

Wellingborough, looking well turned out, were heavier than the home side.

It came as something of a surprise when Smith, the Shelford fly-half, followed a long kick ahead, picked up dangerously but successfully, and scored between the posts. His own attempt at conversion was wide.

The Wellingborough pack, stung into activity, began to assert itself and, with inter-passing, threatened the Shelford line and, as expected, a forward broke free with the ball to score an unconverted try.

Desperate

The visitors now looked well on top and only desperate tackling kept them out. It could not last however, and a centre managed to touch down, although well tackled by Stranks.

An attack by Shelford resulted in the award of a penalty kick for offside, and Smith kicked the goal to level the scores.

Playing forceful Rugby, Wellingborough again scored an unconverted try following a fumble by the home defenders.

Almost from the kick-off, Abbutt secured, dummied brilliantly, and passed to Riley, who ran strongly to touch down in the corner. The conversion was narrowly missed.

Thus, at half-time honours were even 9 points each.

After resumption, Wellingborough were still gaining possession from the tight and line out, but the Shelford defence held out. A long Shelford kick was quickly followed up by the home three-quarters, who caught the full-back in possession behind his goal line.

From the five-yard scrum which followed, Shelford heeled and the ball reached Misen, who cut inwards cleverly to score. Again the kick was missed.

Thrilling run

Abbutt, who was in top form throughout, made a thrilling run, only for the final pass to go astray.

The visitors were now showing signs of early season tiredness, and a strong attack by Shelford resulted in front row forward Cooke charging down the full-back's clearing kick.

The ball stuck in his hands like a well taken slip catch and he quickly turned this piece of good fortune into a try which was well converted by Stranks.

By the odd goal

LINTON RES. 2, SHELFORD RES. 3.

In their opening fixture of the season, Shelford Res. narrowly defeated the home side the odd goal of five.

With the wind at their backs, Shelford led 2-0 at the interval. Another goal was quickly added, before Linton hit back to score twice.

For Shelford, Scott and Hale were prominent. The Shelford goals were netted by Peck (2) and Hamilton.

Tonight's soccer

Division Four
Hartlepool U. v. Tooting U. 8.35.
Southport v. Aldershot 7.30.

County XV at Colchester

THE county's Rugby season begins on Wednesday when at 5.15 p.m. Cambridgeshire kick off against Norfolk at Colchester. The match is an important one. From this game and one played earlier in the afternoon between Suffolk and Essex, Eastern Counties selectors will nominate 30 players to play in a final trial at Woodford on September 30.

The best 15 will then represent the Eastern Counties against Middlesex on October 14. Cambridgeshire's own trial match does not take place until October 4 so the selectors have had a busy three weeks covering as many early season games within the county as possible.

From their observations and knowledge gained during last season they have selected a representative team, combining experience with youth.

Three of last season's stars, A. Bevan, A. Ha rock and R. E. G. Jeeps, all well-known to the Eastern Counties' selectors, are not taking part.

Cambridgeshire's XV, who leave from the Catholic Church at 2

p.m. is: G. Guest (Old Cantabrigians); T. Flynn (Cambridge City); P. Goodman (Cambridge City); A. Riley (Shelford); J. Hunter (Cambridge City); G. Weston (capt.) (Old Cantabrigians); G. Phillips (Cambridge City); M. Cooke (Shelford); P. Wooding (Cambridge City); R. Stevens (Cambridge City); J. Martin (Wisbech); M. Neale (Old Persens); J. Green (Old Persens); M. Drake (Old Cantabrigians); J. Sills (Old Persens).
Reserves: A. Watts (Cambridge City), H. White (Old Persens).

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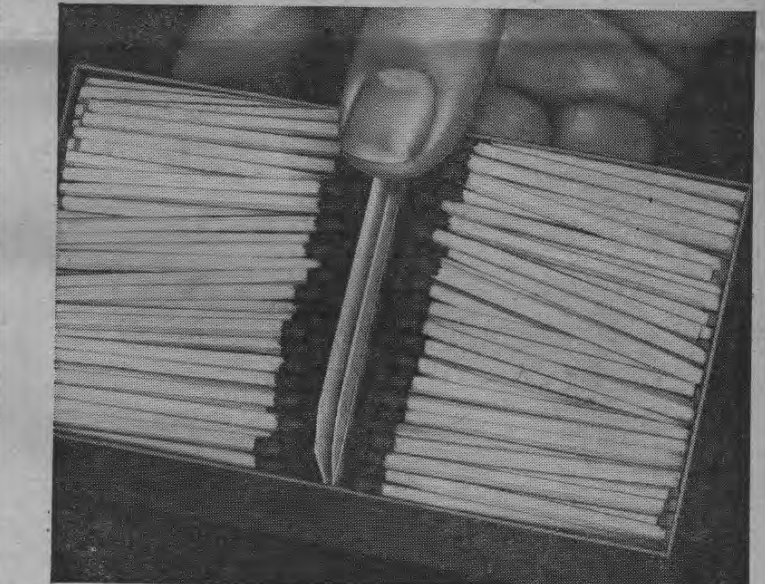
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