

City again have only themselves to blame

Cambridge City 1, Wisbech 2.
(Attendance 4,045).

ONCE again Cambridge City's run in the F.A. Cup has come to an abrupt halt. This time the lack of fight and missed chances in the first period allowed Wisbech to score twice after being down to a 13th minute penalty.

City could only blame themselves for their defeat in this third qualifying round played at Milton Road, Wisbech, too, did very little to prevent a message into the next round. Newcastle, Jesse Pease, Town's manager, had reason to be pleased with the success of the team that he proudly claimed to be the "I have money" players, he said afterwards, "let us hope that we can go a bit further in this competition."



"And how should I know anyone who wants to buy a rattle, a black and white tie and a banner marked 'City for Wembley'?"

Penalty

No doubt poor Alf Craig, City's centre-half, will be blamed by most for the 87th minute penalty. It should have been down left-winger when he brought down left-winger in the penalty area. But in fact there is no option for the winger was through the middle in a good position to

This opinion was shared by keeper Bill Heath, who agreed with Craig that there was always a second chance with a penalty. Gordon Turner, the ex-Luton star inside-forward, did not agree, however, for he scored from the spot.

City should have made sure of this much in the first period. They also scored through a penalty, taken in the 13th minute by Reg Pearce after the centre-forward, Alec Moyse, was brought down by a foul. This should have been the signal for more goals, but once again the side was let down by the forwards, although Brian Moore was always on the target without having any luck.

Little was seen of Wisbech for

become more robust than usual, and were allowed to get away with it. It was up to City to fight back, but they always looked as though these incidents did not matter, a goal would come later. It did not arrive and this misplaced confidence backfired. Moyse was again brought down in the penalty area, but play was waved on the referee claiming that he used the advantage rule!

Colin Flatt, who used to be with both City and Cambridge United, was the wing all the second period, limping after a first half tackle, and strangely enough, Wisbech looked more dangerous. Heath, too, was in the wars, and had treatment after a blow on the back of the neck.

The end

Then came the final indignity when Wisbech averted a replay by scoring three minutes from the end from the penalty spot, and City once again return to the shadows so far as the F.A. Cup is concerned.

City: Heath; Carroll, McNally; McGugan, Craig, Pearce; Wall, Moore, Moyse, Stevenson, Bircumshaw.

Wisbech: Chandler; Jacobs, Jackson; Jennings, Clarkson, Porter, Woods, Turner, Flatt, Devitt.

the rest of the period as City dominated the majority of the play. City failed to take advantage. Ron Stevenson, making his debut in the first side, tried a difficult lob over the keeper's head in the 37th minute and Chandler just managed to get a palm to the ball and a full-back cleared from near the line.

'Soft'

The side became really disheartened in the dying seconds of the period when Wisbech equalised in soft fashion. Withers, moved over to the right and crossed the ball past a defender and Turner was waiting calmly to sweep it home first time to give Heath no chance.

This had the effect of taking away a lot of City's sting in the second half, and Wisbech started to

Jockeys' late equaliser

THETFORD 2, NEWMARKET 2. NEWMARKET, 2-1 down for most of the score, half, equalised suddenly through Stearn in the last five minutes to salvage a useful Eastern Counties League point from the game at Thetford on Saturday.

Thetford dominated the attack from the start and it came as a surprise when Newmarket took the lead in the 26th minute through Grigg, who headed in a cross from South.

For a short spell Newmarket looked dangerous and both Grigg and Gavin gave Thetford some anxious moments. But six minutes from time Elbridge put the home side on terms.

Ten minutes after the interval they went ahead when they were awarded a free kick just outside the penalty area. Savage charged the ball over the line of defenders and Brooks converted while the Newmarket defence appealed for an offside decision.

In the closing minutes Stearn was left unmarked by the Thetford defence and he slipped through to equalise easily.

City Reserves pipped

CHERTSEY TOWN 4, CAMBRIDGE CITY RESERVES 3. After Cambridge City Reserves were one goal down following a long high shot from Chertsey Town's captain, Alan Woan, in the 10th minute of this Metropolitan League match at Alwyns Lane, on Saturday, Willie Devine quickly equalised.

Although the home side seemed a little on edge during the whole game, the Cambridge forwards, Devine, Warboys and Peck were always dangerous.

Alan Gregory netted from a goalmouth scramble in the second half, but Chertsey's centre-forward, Alan Brown, equalised and added a third goal, Fitzgerald made it four for Chertsey.

A perfect free kick gave Gregory his second goal with a text book header from close range.

Early promise not maintained

Stapleford 7, Techne Sports 2. Despite setting up a two-goal lead in the County League game with Stapleford on Saturday Techne Sports were unable to maintain their early promise and were finally overrun to the tune of 7-2.

Slack defensive marking resulted in several Stapleford goals, their marksmen being Chapman (2), Collen (2), Beavis, Spicer and Drayson. Techne's scorers were Bedford (penalty) and Beard.

Techne were handicapped when their right-back received a back injury.

Burwell Y.C. 6, Milton Y.C. 4. Michael French, Burwell Youth Club's inside-left scored a hat-trick on Saturday in his team's 6-4 victory over Milton Youth Club.

But in the first half French had goals from Parr and French. They held the initiative for the remainder of the first half, but after the interval Milton came more into the picture and pulled back the deficit.

But Burwell fought off this onslaught and held on to win with further goals from French and Bridgeman (2). One of Bridgeman's goals was a well-taken penalty.



Reg Pearce scores City's only goal from the penalty spot.

U's should have had it sewn up by half-time

GOALS mean points

while Cambridge, United keep missing scoring opportunities they are going to forfeit valuable points. At Folkestone on Saturday the U's should have won comfortably but they missed chances and in the end they were hard pushed to share the spoils.

After the visitors had taken the lead they wasted so many chances that they did not deserve to win. Folkestone were allowed to gain the initiative and launch a tremendous offensive in the second half before they equalised seven minutes from time.

During the period the home side were striving to score, nevertheless the U's still created enough chances to have made sure of victory but somehow the forwards managed to miss them all.

Randall was the chief culprit in the miss parade. Twice he failed to get his shot in when clear and these errors could have cost United the game. It seems that the hard grounds are not to his liking and he will probably be much more at home when the heavy pitches are encountered.

No 'atmosphere'

But no matter what the conditions, his task is to score goals and all the while he is missing he is not doing his job.

The game itself was one of the poorest in which United have taken part this season. There was no atmosphere and with neither side able to exert full control, play was scrappy and often without method.

Some of the visitors' midfield work was delightful, with McVittie playing a major part, especially in the second half, but no sooner had it started than it ended with a faulty pass or a missed chance.

Folkestone were not a pretty side and their attack lacked imagination. Often their burly full-back, Lewis, showed his forwards how they should play. The home side built up several promising moves but they ruined them with dreadful final passing.

When they did shoot they found Slack in magnificent form. He is now beginning to recover, the touch that made him such a fine goalkeeper before his leg injury in December. He made four superb saves and he had no chance

Folkestone 1, Cambridge U. 1

(Attendance 1,915).

Despite their fallings the U's stretched their unbeaten league run to six games and gained their ninth point from the period. One point away from home is always

Southern League

PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	F
Chelmsford	10	6	1	3	24	14	13
Weymouth	10	6	1	3	15	12	13
Margate	10	6	1	3	12	8	9
Bedford	10	6	1	3	17	13	15
Yeovil	10	3	3	4	15	7	11
Cambridge Utd.	11	3	4	4	14	16	10
Hornford	10	4	2	4	14	16	10
Halesowen Utd.	8	2	5	1	12	8	9
Bexley United	6	4	0	2	17	6	8
Dartford	7	3	2	2	14	9	8
Guildford City	7	3	2	2	18	14	8
Cheltenham Town	7	3	2	2	12	10	5
Bath City	9	4	0	5	15	15	8
Folkestone Town	8	2	4	2	12	15	8
King's Lynn	10	1	6	3	14	22	8
Wisbech Town	8	3	2	3	14	18	8
Worcester City	7	2	4	1	12	15	8
Tonbridge	8	3	2	3	18	19	6
Numerton Bor.	7	2	2	3	10	15	6
Cambridge City	7	1	3	3	11	16	4
Wellington Town	10	3	0	7	11	21	4
Rugby Town	7	1	0	6	12	26	2

a good thing but, oh dear, it could and should so easily have been two.

No argument

Haasz scored in the 22nd minute when he headed past Cochran and the ball struck the bar before being cleared. But the linesman said the ball had bounced down over the line. There were no arguments from Folkestone players about the decision.

After the game the home goalkeeper admitted that the ball had crossed the line "by about two feet."

"For a minute I thought we had got away with it," he added.

The home side equalised after furious pressure when there were only seven minutes left to play. A corner was cleared by Finch but the ball struck Lewis and rebounded to Tredwell who netted.

Folkestone: Cochran, Anderson, Lewis, Campbell, Patrick, Russell, Ireland, Churms, Tyrre, Tredwell, Legate.

Cambridge United: Slack; Scary, Finch, Gibson, Kelly, Welsh, Day, Haasz, Randall, Atkinson, McVittie.

A fine display by the Young U's

Cambridge United Youths 1, Ipswich 0.

CAMBRIDGE United Youths provided their biggest surprise so far this season when they gave a sparkling performance to run out 1-0 winners in their Mercia League game against Ipswich Youths at Newmarket Road on Saturday.

United were generally expected to have a tough time against formidable Ipswich, but it was obvious from the start that United were going all out for a win and that Ipswich, who had previously decisively beaten Chelmsford, Romford and Bedford, would not have things their way.

The United defence, with newcomer Richardson in goal, and Richard Ison brought in at his favourite position of left-back, proved more than strong enough to weather the initial Ipswich onslaught.

The home forwards also looked far more confident than in previous games and showed what they can do when playing as one unit. Play swung from end to end in the first

period with both sides trying to find an opening but neither was sufficiently able to master the opposing defence.

After the interval it was Ipswich who became more flustered as they failed to break through. United kept their heads and steadily asserted their superiority.

Eventually the Ipswich defence cracked just long enough for outside-left Denzey to make an opening. Hunt slipped in to score for United what proved to be the only goal of the match.

This well deserved win by United should encourage them to even greater things—if only because they have proved to themselves what they can do if they really try.

Haverhill Rovers too good for depleted Lynn Reserves

Haverhill 4, Kings Lynn Reserves 0.

Haverhill strode to their third successive victory when they beat depleted Kings Lynn Reserves in the Eastern Counties League cup at Hamlet Croft.

Lynn had two early casualties when both their goalkeeper, Cooling, and defender, Kingsley, were injured in the first half.

Lynn were handicapped when their right-back received a back injury.

Early exchanges had promised a very keen and fast encounter, Lynn moving with confidence and poise. But when they were reduced in playing strength, Haverhill quickly grasped the initiative and Cutts cracked in a goal which was a more experienced goalkeeper than Hawes, the left back who donned the jersey, might have saved.

Six minutes later Mick Granger volleyed in Haverhill's second goal and before the interval Cutts forced Hawes into another error and added a third. Lynn were by no means overrun, however, and

managed to stage several spirited attacks in which left winger Bannister, in the 38th minute with a goal which nevertheless was worth waiting to see. He worked round three men and beat Hawes with a powerful shot into the roof of the net.

The second half did not produce the glut of Haverhill goals which were expected. Intelligent dispersal of men and positional play by Lynn blotted out the Haverhill forwards in the Lynn penalty area.

Haverhill surprised by failed to use their extra men to draw the opposition out and were content to attack without any real method.

Siddall finally added to the score in the 83rd minute with a goal which nevertheless was worth waiting to see. He worked round three men and beat Hawes with a powerful shot into the roof of the net.

Peterborough 4, Exning United 1. With their goalkeeper, Gawthrop, failing to arrive in time for the kick-off, despite a desperate attempt to do so by cur, Duffy took over the role of custodian for Exning United and Tony Pettitt, a would be spectator filled the right back position.

In view of this re-organised line-

up, Exning did well to hold their opponents for half an hour. Then, within ten minutes, Perkins (2) and Copcote put the "Posh" well in command.

Exning stuck to their task well throughout the second half. Parks increased the home side's lead in the 51st minute, but the Exning defence failed to yield again and their attack was rewarded in the 85th minute, when Thompson netted with a good effort.

All the "Posh" goals were the result of well executed movements.

COLCHESTER 1, HAVERHILL RES. 2.

After a goalless first half Haverhill Reserves got on top in their Border League game at Colchester and ran out worthy winners. Colchester took the lead early in the second half when their centre forward headed past Atkinson but Stewney quickly equalised and went on to put Haverhill ahead, heading in Johnstone's flag kick.

Colchester attacked strongly but Haverhill's defence, with Pettitt and Winney in command held firm. Five minutes from time Thake set the issue beyond doubt with a neat individual goal.

Burgess, Hawkes smash Eynesbury

St. Neots 7, Eynesbury Rovers 0.

WHEN the referee blew his whistle for the end of the F.A. Cup-tie between St. Neots and Eynesbury it brought a merciful release from any further torture in the sun for the Rovers, writes Nomad.

During 90-minutes of one-way football St. Neots ran riot and slammed in seven goals without reply from their visitors to Shortlands.

Chief architects of the "Saints" convincing win were diminutive Willie Burgess, the Scottish inside-right who was on Cambridge City's books last season, and Barry Hawkes, the inside-left.

Burgess scored four good goals, while Hawkes—one of two footballing brothers in the St. Neots side—grabbed the other three. Eynesbury, one time Eastern Counties League side, now playing in the United Counties League, were no match for the faster moving, quicker-thinking St. Neots, although it is fair to point out that they were drastically weakened by injury and other difficulties which kept several of their best men out of the side.

Eynesbury never looked in the game with a chance from the outset, their efforts to score seeming

crude and uncultured beside the penetrating, quicksilver raids of St. Neots.

Willie Burgess was indefatigable. He darted all over the field in his search for goals.

Two of his successes came in the last five minutes, one a coolly taken penalty. His best goal was St. Neots fourth. The ball was chipped into the middle and Burgess calmly bent his head to lift a smoothly judged effort into the net.

Barry Hawkes, whose brother played a real captain's game at left-back, displayed some devastating shooting and one of his three goals was a fine piece of marksmanship.

St. Neots are a polished looking set of players with more than average ability. Their attack is goal-hungry, with Francis Brand, also an ex-Cambridge City player, extremely dangerous in the air, leading the line with bags of dash and spirit.

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