

United's will to win breaks Yeovil record

CAMBRIDGE UNITED became the first side to beat Yeovil in a Southern League match this season when they proved too strong and skilful for the Somerset club at Newmarket Road on Saturday.

Yeovil were mainly responsible for their own downfall. They were strangely devoid of skill and their attacking set piece seemed to be to hit long balls from defence for the forwards to chase.

This plan did not help the visitors much, and they played right into the hands of home skipper and centre-half, Bill Kelly, who playing at his best, was master both in the air and on the ground.

Yeovil, of course, are experiencing a disastrous spell of injuries which has kept some of the side's best players on the sidelines. This has meant that the Somerset club has been able to field its strongest side only on one occasion—for the first game of the season.

Of the forwards, only Brookes, on the left wing, looked capable of causing any concern to the home defence and he was unlucky when

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(Attendance 3,151)

first Kelly kicked his header off the line and when a fine shot rebounded from the post with Slack beaten.

Panic
The Yeovil defence looked solid and this gave some indication why nine of the 13 league games this season have been drawn. However, even they were forced to panic when the U's put the pressure on at the start of the second half.

From the time Day put United into the lead in the 20th minute there was little doubt that Yeovil were going to be faced with their first league defeat of the season. In previous games, United's strength was on the wings where McVittie and Day were in control. After Day's first goal, McVittie made the second for Atkinson. The right-winger turned in some of his best play at the start of the second half and in the five minutes before Welsh scored United's third goal the home side had at least three goal chances.

With Welsh in the scorers' list again, the U's are building a reputation for having wing-halves who find the back of the net. Welsh, in the last few weeks has been scoring regularly, and his partner, Gibson, has netted some important goals this season.

For long periods Saturday's

game was drab, with a succession of passes going astray. In the opening 30 minutes it was hard to remember more than three consecutive accurate passes.

If the home side were never at their best, their spirit and determination to win, however, could not have been strong. With this tremendous club spirit, the side was half-way towards winning both points before they kicked off.

This determination was apparent throughout the game and this helped to make up for a lot of lackadaisical passing.

Problem
Although United moved up to fourth place with this win there was still one problem for Roy Kirk. That was the inside-right position where Jack Scurr was never at home. Scurr is too fine a wing-half to be wasted at inside-forward and, although he put his heart and soul into attacking, it was painfully obvious he was not happy in his role.

He was never sure whether he should be attacking or defending and too often he was caught half-way.

Day, Atkinson and Welsh scored for United before Hirst replied for the visitors.

United: Slack; Boggis, Finch Gibson, Kelly, Welsh, Day, Scurr, Hobbs, Atkinson, McVittie.

Yeovil: Jones; Herrity, Read; Albany, Harris, Muir; Pounder, Hirst, Withey, Davies, Brookes.



Daily Welsh slams home United's third goal.

Goal margin was not a true reflection of City's defeat

ON the face of it it looks as though Cambridge City were disgraced down in Kent on Saturday when they lost this Southern League match with Margate by a three goal margin, but that was far from the truth.

In fact they will probably play a lot worse than this in the rest of the season, and win. Certainly they could not fight much harder than this for the ball, especially in the second half; but two silly goals against them made all the difference.

The start was scrappy and then, as the sides settled down, both goalkeepers came into action as the forwards began to pepper the goals. But it was a long time before a goal arrived—the 40th minute—although City's shots had caused the most trouble.

Billy Wall, City's left winger, and centre forward Eddie Bailham, went close several times, and only some good keeping by Hughes in the Margate goal saved the seafishers from being behind earlier.

Great saves

Not that Bill Heath, in the visitors' goal, was idle. He made some great saves although was lucky once when a shot from the left winger hit the bar a tremendous crack, and then had to punch away a shot from Scott on the other flank.

However, he had no chance with the goal that eventually arrived. Scott's going went into Hills who left a first-time shot. This seemed to be going wide until at the last second centre forward Blackburn struck out a foot and the ball was deflected past the helpless keeper.

City did not wait long to equalise. One minute after the restart Brian Moore made a run down the right of the field and his cross beat the defence to find Bailham, who netted with a cracking shot.

Excitement mounted as both teams strove for what then looked like being a winner, although City had the edge. Alan Gregory went through in the 58th minute and instead of shooting he tried to dribble round Hughes. It looked

Margate 5, City 2.
(Attendance 1,681)

as though he were tripped, but the referee waved on play even when the inside forward was held down in the home penalty area.

Then Margate went into the lead for the second time when in the 62nd minute Harrop, the centre half, up with his forwards, found a space and the ball flashed into the net.

This was the start of a goal spree, for four minutes later Margate added a third goal when Hill scored with a shot which went in off a post. Then Bailham finished off another Moore's free, this time scoring as the inside right's shot hit a post and rebounded to him.

City were back in the game with a chance, but as tempers became frayed the game was marred by a series of deliberate fouls from both sides and it was not long before

City's hopes were dashed. In the 75th minute Margate restored their two goals lead when left back Clifton was allowed to run diagonally the length of the field.

City's defence back-peddled as they expected him to pass, but instead the Margate man took a shot and Heath was caught by surprise as the ball ended in the back of the net.

Soon afterwards McGugan had his name taken when he obviously said something while the referee was disciplining two other players, and the scene began to look ugly as players were grounded and the whistle kept blowing.

With almost the last kick of the match Margate made it 5-2 when inside right Ballagher scored from a cross and City's run of eight successive wins came to an end. City: Heath, Carroll, Pugh, Pearce, McGugan, McNally, Spears, Moore, Bailham, Gregory, Wall.

It's that man Cutts again

Thetford 2, Haverhill 7.
HAVERHILL had this Eastern Counties League match sewn up in the first 23 minutes when, although having only an even share of the play, they built up a three-goal lead with two opportunist efforts and a 30-yard free-kick by right-back Hart.

In attempting to save the third, goalkeeper James, was injured and taken to hospital, and after this the Rovers always had the edge, playing accurate and direct soccer.

Goal-grabber-in-chief was again rover centre-forward Cutts, who led in a hat-trick earlier in the season at Thetford in the League Cup. He went one better this time to net four well-taken goals—the first two from crosses by lively right-winger Hender, and the other two from fierce shots late in the game as Haverhill pressed home their advantage.

Libbott also hit two goals, while the Haverhill goalkeeper, Wright, had one of his easiest afternoons of the season, watching most of the shots which did come his way sail high or wide.

Thetford's goals came from a 60th minute penalty from Bailey and centre-forward Eatheridge.

The win takes Haverhill to fourth place in the league table with six points from five games.

Hannah even better as centre-forward

SOHAM TOWN 4, ELY CITY 0.

JIMMY HANNAH has already shown his tremendous capabilities as a centre-half, the position for which Soham Town first signed him. But he is now proving even greater value as a centre-forward.

He followed up a hat-trick against Lowestoft by getting all four goals against Ely. As he got one earlier against Norwich City 'A' he has now netted eight of the 12 goals Soham have scored in a welcome return to form these last three weeks.

But this convincing victory which ended a run of Ely wins at Soham, was no one man band performance. It stems from fine all round team work, which culminated in such a second half struggle-hold of Ely that Soham's goalkeepers adequately summed up virtually an outlook.

Yet there was no indication up to half time that Ely would buckle under. Their approach work in the first 45 minutes was just a little more constructive, though the final thrust was missing Soham, more direct, should have had three goals but the blank goal sheet at the interval was a fair reflection.

Over

From the moment that Hannah got the first of a seven minute hat-trick the match was all over. Ramping Soham's pressure was relieved now and again by Ely breaks away that never threatened danger. In the end Ely were well beaten and afterwards one of their players adequately summed up the second half by saying "they were much the better team; we were poor." Certainly Ely never looked like a side that a week earlier had slammed in five goals.

Yarmouth 3, Newmarket 3.
After 75 minutes of mistake, mischiefs and misunderstanding Newmarket's Eastern Counties League Cup game with Yarmouth ended in a flurry of excitement. Yarmouth were out to maintain

Reserves' late rally was all in vain

CAMBRIDGE CITY RESERVES 3, CHERTSEY TOWN 4.

CAMBRIDGE CITY RESERVES were surprised by the superiority of Chertsey Town on their first visit to Milton Road on Saturday. But it would have been wise to remember the Reserves visit to Chertsey earlier this season when they were beaten by the same number of goals.

This Metropolitan League match was full of surprises. The biggest and most decisive was the determination of the visitors to clinch the game during the first half. The advantage gained by the visitors during this period was due in the main to their outside-left Foster, who completed a well deserved hat-trick a few minutes before the interval.

It was in the 13th minute that Foster showed his power when slamming in Chertsey's first goal from a free-kick. City tried hard for the equaliser but Chertsey increased their lead when Foster popped up again with a magnificent shot which surprised Brian Caine. Six minutes later the visitors' winger got his third with a

snap shot following a goal-mouth tussle.

The Reserves, much to their credit, came out for the second half realising and looking as if they would pull back their three-goal deficit.

And they almost did. Within three minutes, right-half Alec Moyse had netted with a fine header, the centre-forward Martin Peck missed scoring by a fraction of an inch.

Chertsey keeper, Howells, had some anxious moments as City forwards kept up the attack and he was beaten a second time when Matthews free-kick from the wing was headed home by Bircumshaw. Despite Chertsey getting their fourth goal through outside-right Fitzgerald, City were still confident. Peck gave them their third, leaving Howells without a chance.

At the end one was left wondering if the Reserves could have equalised in the closing minutes, had they not had the misfortune to lose Peck who had to leave the field with an injured arm.

Determined St. Neots

CHARLTON 'A' 1, ST. NEOTS 4.

CHARLTON could not count on at St. Neots victory. Except for ten minutes before half time, St. Neots kept a mastery gained by their extra determination and skill in the opening exchanges.

It is difficult selecting the star from the forward line which fully extended Charlton's defence and at times nearly tore it asunder with speedy switching of positions.

Whitby, showing pace and artistry, beat full back Hawkins repeatedly. Barry Hawkes, who linked well with Whitby, laid on the first goal and then put the issue beyond question with his own two goals.

Brand put St. Neots ahead from Hawkes' centre after 38 minutes but Smith equalised two minutes from the interval. Whitby's long dribble and strong shot brought St. Neots' second goal.

Soon afterwards Hawkes' penalty made it three and in the last minute Hawkes brilliantly converted yet another Whitby centre.

their run of nine games without defeat and Newmarket were keen to avenge an earlier reverse—but the sectional leaders were in for a shock. Soon after the second half the home team were trailing 3-1, and it was only two goals in a many minutes that put them back in the game with 15 minutes to go.

Adams was a constant source of danger to the Bloaters' defence and hammered in two of Newmarket's goals. The third was appropriately scored by centre-forward Brooks, whose speed often led the yellow shirts of the home defence way behind him.

Shooting on both sides was not good and it was surprising that six goals were scored. But the draw was a just reflection of the general balance of play.

Johnson, who came in for Darcey at outside right, Cummings and Wainmer (replacing right-back South), were among Newmarket's best players.

Southern League

PREMIER DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Weymouth	16	10	3	3	37	18	23
Worcester City	16	9	3	4	30	19	21
Chelmsford C.	16	9	3	4	29	23	21
Dartford	15	6	3	6	26	16	15
Cambridge Utd.	17	6	9	2	29	25	17
Gulford City	15	6	5	4	28	20	18
Yeovil Town	14	4	5	5	26	17	17
Margate	9	7	7	5	20	17	14
Bedford Town	17	6	5	6	25	35	17
Hastings Utd.	16	4	8	4	25	24	16
Cheltenham T.	15	4	6	6	26	20	16
Folkestone T.	16	5	6	5	22	34	16
King's Lynn	18	3	9	6	24	30	15
Exeter City	15	4	6	6	25	16	15
Tonbridge	17	4	6	7	34	29	14
Romford	16	5	4	7	21	27	14
Bexley Utd.	14	1	7	6	20	22	14
Cambridge City	15	5	3	7	25	23	13
Bath City	15	5	1	9	24	25	11
Wisbech Town	14	4	2	8	25	19	13
Rugby Town	14	2	10	25	47	10	10
Wellington T.	17	2	5	10	21	33	9

The local Saturday summary

SOUTHERN LEAGUE	
Cambridge United 3 (Atkinson, Day, Welsh), Yeovil 1 (Attendance 3,151)	
Margate 5, Cambridge City 2 (Bailham 2). (Attendance 1,681).	
METROPOLITAN LEAGUE	
Cambridge City Reserves 3, Chertsey 4.	
Charlton "A" 1, St. Neots 3.	
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP	
Yarmouth 3, Newmarket 3.	
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE	
March 2, Lowestoft 3.	
Soham 4, Ely 0.	
Thetford 2, Haverhill 7.	

ATHENIAN LEAGUE	
Division II	
Histon 0, Wingate 1.	
PETERBOROUGH LEAGUE	
Ely City Reserves 2, Parson Drove 9.	
St. Neots Reserves 7, Timken 2.	
Exning 4, Haddenham 1.	
Somerston 2, Huntingdon 2.	
Sutton Bridge 4, March Reserves 1.	
UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE	
Exning Rovers 4, Northampton 3.	
HERTFORDSHIRE INTER-MEDIATE CUP	
Royston 3, Potters Bar Crusaders 4.	

HERTS COUNTY LEAGUE	
Welwyn Garden City 0, Saffron Walden 2.	
RUGBY	
Hatfield 13, Cambridge University 19.	
Cambridge 20, Southend 11.	
Shelford 11, Old Cantabrigians 16.	
Perse School 6, Old Perseans 27.	
Ely 0, Sudbury 11.	
St. Neots 3, Thetford 11.	
HOCKEY	
London University 1, Cambridge 1.	
Cambridgeshire Ladies 2, Huntingdonshire 4.	

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