

# Point that got away

Cambridge City 1, Tonbridge 1.  
(Attendance 2,648).

ONE more point from this match and Cambridge City would have been lifted another five places in the Southern League's Premier Division table to ninth place. As it is, they have to be satisfied with three places below the halfway mark.

Yet both the points should have been theirs. Centre-forward Eddie Bailham gave them the lead in the 14th minute but the forwards could not score again. Tonbridge were a good side but not really dangerous in front of goal.

In the first period, City were right on top although when the Kent club broke away there were occasions when the home defence looked a little shaky and there were several hurried clearances.

A goal might have come in the first minute for City as Reg Pearce put Alan Gregory away. The inside-forward's cross was hit towards goal by left-winger Billy Wall but the goalkeeper, Crump, saved at the second attempt.

**Bailham's goal**  
After Bailham and Pearce again tested Crump, Bailham netted when he gathered a long ball through the middle and, with Gregory running alongside, he drew the keeper and pushed his shot into the net.

Inside-left Jones then netted for Tonbridge but was ruled offside, but apart from this Tonbridge did not show any initiative in their finishing while City continued to miss chances and so the game went to the interval, although the football was entertaining as both sides kept the game open.

The second half started with City still on top so far as the attacking football went and Gregory was only inches wide with the top and Crump fell on a shot from Bailham.

Tonbridge's goal came as a complete surprise in the 67th minute. After all the home pressure, the visitors broke away down the right flank and Bill Heath had no chance with the deflection that came off centre-forward Kemp's boot as he touched a shot from the right-winger Francis, one of the most dangerous men on the field. Tommy Carroll was also a fraction too late to stop the ball going over the line.

## Pressure

Meanwhile, Tonbridge's defence kept holding out as they covered wall and City's inside men were gradually quietened until just before the end when City exerted tremendous pressure but, while the ball ran across the Tonbridge goalmouth and there were some desperate clearances, another goal was denied.

It was this lack of accuracy and timing in front of goal that cost City the full spoils. Bailham could not be expected to do it all and, although the wingmen worked hard, all too often there was no one in the middle to finish off the crosses. Tonbridge could take credit for a goal point but this was little consolation for the Milton Road fans.

**City:** Heath; Carroll and Poole; Pearce, McGugan and McNally; Spears, Moore, Bailham, Gregory and Wall.

**Tonbridge:** Crump; Carolan and Lovell; Truett, Kilford and Bowman; Francis, Taylor, Kemp, Jones and Wright.



The Tonbridge goalkeeper, Crump, dives at full length but is unable to stop this shot from City's centre-forward, Eddie Bailham, from entering the net.

# An ill wind for Arsenal as Devine takes corner

TO beat Arsenal "A" on their own ground in this Metropolitan League match was a considerable feat by Cambridge City Reserves — and a somewhat lucky one. This was the verdict of Cambridge City's officials after the Reserves had snatched a win in the last few minutes at London Colney on Saturday.

They won because Arsenal, who

## Arsenal "A" 0, Cambridge City Reserves 1

were manifestly a better side, with a great deal of potential, lacked the ability to finish what they had started. But full marks, too, for City's defence which proved tough and resolute when under pressure — and the pressure was on it for much of the game. Arsenal looked good for a goal at any moment during the first half but good work by Brian Cain, Peter Matthews and Jeff Suddards kept them out. As a result, the longer they went without scoring the more dispirited Arsenal became. If the City defence scored 10 out of 10, however, the attack quali-

fed for a collective dunce's cap. Apart from Willie Devine, they looked purposeless and out of touch. Devine redeemed them when, with five minutes to go, his curling corner kick was caught by the wind and whipped smartly from the horrified Arsenal defenders and into the net.

A fortunate wind, yes—but Arsenal must remember that, metaphorically speaking, they dug the grave in which City buried them. Arsenal: Wilson; Peck, Storey; Adams, Ferry, Hills, Leven, Jenkins, Bruce, Clarke, Ryan. Cambridge City Reserves: Cain; Matthews, Suddards; Moyse, Bone, Barker; Warboys, Stevenson, Peck, Birkumshaw, Devine.

# Brooks given stream of passes

Newmarket Town 4, Norwich "A" 0.

A HAT-TRICK from centre-forward Brooks, and cleverly engineered moves by Sharkey, gave Newmarket a well-deserved win against Norwich "A" in their Eastern Counties Cup match at Newmarket on Saturday.

Brooks played his best game for long while and found in Sharkey the player to make the best use of his speed with precise through passes. The centre forward curbed his tendency to wander offside and the result was two goals in the first half followed by another after the interval.

His first came in the third minute when he was sent through by inside-left Stearn. With a very strong wind behind them, the Jockeys pinned the young Norwich side down in their own half and Brooks scored in the 19th minute following a goal-mouth scramble with goalkeeper Barnard.

Newmarket tried desperately to increase their lead before having to face the wind in the second half. But they need not have worried as Stearn added a third goal straight from the re-start.

Outside-right Johnson's cross

swerved in the air and Stearn scored from in front of goal.

Norwich, for the first time, came into the game and goalkeeper Gawthron saved several tricky shots. The visitors had the chances in the second half but their wild shooting let them down.

Brooks completed his hat-trick after two misses from moves created by inside-right Sharkey. The Newmarket leader made no mistake when he ran away from a group of players in the penalty area to hit home a right wing cross.

Although he did not score, Sharkey made his mark by his settling influence on the forwards and midfield play. Time and again he split the defence with long ball passes down the middle and if the chances had been taken, Newmarket could have added at least three more goals.

## Atkinson scores

GRAHAM ATKINSON, recalled by the Oxford United manager, Arthur Turner, after 18 months with Cambridge United, made his presence felt in Football League soccer on Saturday when his club drew with Crewe.

He scored one of his side's goals and 'made' the other to have a game that must give him more than an even chance of keeping his place in the League side.

## Southern League

PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelmsford	19	12	3	4	47	31	27
Weymouth	17	11	3	3	39	18	25
Cambridge	16	9	8	5	40	28	24
Worcester	15	10	3	2	43	21	33
Dartford	16	9	3	4	32	19	21
Yeovil Town	17	5	10	3	20	21	20
Margate	19	8	4	7	34	33	26
Guilford City	17	6	7	4	32	22	19
Bexley United	17	8	1	8	35	27	17
Tonbridge	15	7	7	3	30	40	17
Cheltenham T.	17	6	5	6	27	23	17
Folkestone T.	16	5	7	6	30	38	17
Bedford Town	19	6	5	7	27	40	17
Cambridge City	17	6	4	7	28	30	16
Nuneaton Bor.	15	6	4	5	20	22	16
Hastings Utd.	14	8	5	25	33	16	
King's Lynn	18	3	10	5	30	33	16
Romford	18	5	4	9	29	33	14
Wisebech Town	19	4	5	10	26	36	13
Bath City	17	5	1	11	23	31	11
Rugby	18	4	3	11	26	51	11

# Burgess pierces the gloom at St. Neots

St. Neots 2, Woodford Town 1.

TWO more Metropolitan League points for St. Neots, but they made heavy weather of it. It was left-winger Willie Burgess, who pierced the gloom with a cracking equaliser minutes after the interval.

Burgess had been the busiest St. Neots forward in the first half but there was no sharpshooter to make use of the chances he made. So Burgess himself strode into the middle to lead the way—and ten minutes later Barry Hawkes followed suit with another right-footer which keeper Clear could only watch soar into the net.

Only then did St. Neots look a capable side, but better finishing could have given them another goal to keep Woodford at bay. There was still some "bite" in the Woodford attack, as keeper Reedman found out, and a late saviour. Branton was out of the top drawer.

So, too, was his save from Ling's spot-kick ten minutes from

time, and it made up for his slip which had put Woodford in front just before the interval. All credit to St. Neots for this win. They were without skipper Ken Hawkes, Mike Lang, Colin Morris and goalscorer Francis Brand against a side above them in the Metropolitan League table.

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| <p><b>SOUTHERN LEAGUE Premier Division</b><br/>Cambridge City 1 (Bailham), Tonbridge 1.<br/>Attendance 2,648<br/>Hastings United 1, Cambridge 0 (Hobbs 3, Scurr).<br/>Attendance 806.<br/>Nuneaton Borough 2, Bedford 1.<br/><b>METROPOLITAN LEAGUE</b><br/>Arsenal 'A' 0, Cambridge City 1 (Devine).<br/>St. Neots Town 2, Woodford Town 1.<br/>Bedford Town Reserves 1, Hingham Reserves 4.<br/><b>EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE</b><br/>Gothic 4, Ely City 4.<br/><b>EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP</b><br/>Newmarket Town 4, Norwich City 'A' 0.<br/>Soham Town Rangers 3, Yarborough Town 3.<br/>March Town United 2, Stowmarket Town 4.</p> | <p><b>AUBREY CUP Second Round</b><br/>Stansted 5, St. Margaretsbury 2.<br/><b>HERTS COUNTY LEAGUE Division 1</b><br/>Saffron Walden Town 2, Marconi Instruments Res. 2.<br/><b>BISHOP'S STORTFORD, STANSTED AND DISTRICT LEAGUE</b><br/>Hilfield Broad Oak 2, Saffron Walden Town Res. 7.<br/>Rhodes Avenue 1, Debden 4.<br/><b>RUGBY</b><br/>Dublin University 0, Cambridge University 3.<br/>Chelmsford 0, Cambridge Wanderers 17.<br/>Cambridge Wanderers 17, Chelmsford 'A' 3.<br/>Cambridge 'A' 27, Chelmsford Extra 'A' 3.<br/>Chelmsford 'B' 36, Cambridge Extra 'A' 0.<br/>Cambridge Vanguards 25, Royston 'A' 0.<br/>Old Hertfordians 21, Old Cantabs 3.<br/>Old Cantabs 2nd XV 3, Old Hertfordians 2nd XV 23.<br/>Shelford v African Exiles (cancelled).<br/>Shelford Nomads 12, Bedford Swifts 0.<br/>Newmarket 12, Shelford 'A' 6.<br/>Shelford Extra 'A' 37, Newmarket 'A' 6.<br/>Old Persian Wanderers 3, Shelford Extra 'B' 15.<br/>Cambridgeshire Technical College 3, Ely 0.</p> |
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