

# The Dons teach United a painful lesson

AFTER the best came the worst. Cambridge United, who reached great heights at Hastings on Saturday, were given a sound beating by an enterprising Wimbledon side in the Eastern Professional Floodlight League game at Plough Lane last night.

When a team is riding as high as the U's were at the week-end there must be a fall—and how heavily it came. It was probably a good thing, however, to get all the bad play out of the system ready for the important game

Wimbledon 5, Cambridge U. 1. At first it looked as though United would carry on where they left off on Saturday. Within eight minutes they had taken the lead through Hobbs, but following a mistake, Wimbledon equalised and within eight minutes were 3-1 in the lead.

**Field day**  
Gerry O'Rourke, the Dons' leading scorer, had a field day and finished the evening with four goals to his credit. There was no doubt that the home side were one of the best United have met this season. As the home side went from strength to strength, the visitors deteriorated and there seemed to be twice as many blue shirts as white.

Hobbs, who scored the U's goal, was given a rough evening by Roy Law. The centre-forward came out of almost every tackle limping and after the match was badly bruised. To his credit, however Hobbs never stopped chasing and was one of the hardest working players on the field. United took the lead in the

eight minute when Day centred for Hobbs to crash home. But the U's were unable to retain the initiative and in the 26th minute the home side were level.

O'Rourke centred and for some reason Kelly ducked and left Reynolds the easiest of chances.

Two minutes later O'Rourke scored his first goal to put his side into the lead. He beat two men on the right and hammered the ball across goal. It hit the post and bounced into the net.

## Demoralised

In the 34th minute the inside-forward netted again with another "in off" shot. Another mistake by the visitors defence and a lucky break for Wimbledon brought the fourth goal in the 53rd minute for O'Rourke's hat trick.

O'Rourke made it five in the 64th minute against a thoroughly demoralised United team, but then the visitors pulled themselves together even though Boggs had to head two efforts from Reynolds off the line.

**Wimbledon:** Kelly; Coote, Willis; Dobson, Law, Davies; Keats, O'Rourke, Reynolds, Cartwright, Hodges.

**United:** Slack; Boggs, Jones; Finch, Kelly, Welsh; Day, Haasz, Hobbs, Gibson, Greene.



Tony Grubb.

**TONY GRUBB** and Malcolm Gregson, two of Britain's most promising professional tournament golfers, are being sponsored by a whisky firm on the United States winter golf circuit which starts in early January.

The 21-year-old Gregson who turned professional only three years ago, leaves on December 22 and will be followed by Grubb on January 1.

# Surprise for county golfers

IN the first of a series of close season matches played by Cambridgeshire Area Golf Union's representative sides against the clubs, the county were surprised by Girton, who fully deserved their 5½ points to 2½ points win.

The home club took the two top singles when their new professional, John Cameron beat Andrew Blows (Gog Magog) 2 and 1.

beat Barry Wheeler (Gog Magog) on the last green. Ernest Edwards, the club's president, beat the county's captain, Iain Milne (Royston).

Although there were some concessions on handicaps, the Girton players produced results that made them worthy winners. Results (Girton names first): J. Cameron beat R. A. C. Blows 2 and 1. E. Parish beat B. J. Wheeler one

up. S. Derbyshire lost to S. A. M. Goddard (Saffron Walden) 5 and 4.

J. Chapman halved with J. McCulloch (Royston).

A. Bunkell beat B. C. Freeman (Gog Magog) 4 and 3.

E. Edwards beat J. W. Milne. R. Monteith lost to S. Woolston (Gog Magog) 4 and 2. A. Andrews beat J. Gray (Gog Magog) 5 and 3.

# Bucke turns on the power

DAVID BUCKE won the Cambridge and Coleridge Athletic Club's seven miles cross-country championship in wet and windy conditions over the Gogs course.

A fast pace was set from the start by Brian Jeffs, who was hotly pursued by Bucke, Peter Fuller and Paul Consterdine. David Griggs was then 30 yards behind this bunch.

At the two-mile mark, Fuller made his effort and went into the lead, but he was soon overtaken by Bucke. Meanwhile, Griggs was slowly closing the gap and he eventually passed Consterdine, Jeffs and Fuller.

## 70 yards ahead

With 1½ miles to go, Bucke had a lead of 30 yards over Griggs, and he slowly increased it to win by more than 70 yards in 41 min. 14 sec.

Griggs, who is getting fitter with every race, was a worthy second in 41 min. 30 sec. Paul Consterdine, running 1 min. 55 sec, faster than ever before, was third in 41 min. 43 sec. Brian Jeffs, showing a great fighting spirit, passed a tiring Peter Fuller to finish fourth in 41 min. 57 sec.

Other placings and times were: 5. P. Fuller 42 min. 54 sec., 6. P. Chaplin 43-26, 7. R. Jones 44-28, 8. J. West 44-37, 9. H. Spain 44-47, 10. G. Phipps 44-52, 11. D. Greenwood 45-01, 12. W. Spratt 46-45, 13. B. Wallman 47-25, 14. A. Hine 49-54, 15. T. Fox 50-47, 16. E. Mortlock 50-47, 17. J. Cleary 53-14, 18. M. Blackwell 53-26.

## Sealed handicap

For the first time a sealed handicap was arranged, in which every runner was given a time allowance suitable to his standard of running. Nobody knew what handicap allowance he had until after the race.

John West was a worthy winner, for he had his best ever race in the club. With an allowance of 6 min. 30 sec., he achieved 38 min. 7 sec. John Cleary also ran better

than ever before and, with an allowance of 13 min., was second in 40 min. 14 sec. Barry Wallman ran very strongly over the plough and won only one second behind, with an allowance of 7 min. 10 sec. 40 min. 15 sec.

## Other placings

The remaining places and times were: 4. P. Consterdine (41 min. 25s.), 40 min. 18 sec., 5. I. Greenwood (rec. 4m. 30s.) 40-33, 6. D. Bucke (rec. 40s.) 40-34, 7. I. Jeffs (rec. 1m. 20s.) 40-37, 8. I. Mortlock (rec. 10m.) 40-47, 9. V. Spratt (rec. 5m.) 41-45, 10. I. Griggs (rec. 35s.) 40-55, 11. I. Chaplin (rec. 1m. 35s.) 41-51, 12. G. Phipps (rec. 3m.) 41-52, 13. I. Spain (rec. 2m. 30s.) 42-17, 14. I. Fuller (rec. 30s.) 42-24, 15. R. Jones (rec. 2m.) 42-28, 16. T. Fox (rec. 7m. 30s.) 43-17, 17. M. Blackwell (rec. 6m.) 45-26, 18. A. Hine (rec. 3m. 55s.) 45-29.

## Knight gets two

**Thurlow 2, Haverhill Wanderers** Although Thurlow are not the force they used to be Haverhill's victory in the Halstead League gave them a much-needed boost. A goal after only five minutes by Eric Payne gave them a good start, and after 15 minutes Terry Brown connected with a diving header to put them two up.

In a spell of Thurlow pressure Sizer made two fine saves and Bert Thomas kicked off the line, but right on half-time Stokes reduced Thurlow's arrears with a good shot from a free-kick.

Early in the second half Wanderers added a third goal when Knight ran through to net, but Thurlow pulled back when their centre-half scored with a long-range shot which had Sizer unsuspected. Peter Knight made the game safe for Wanderers with a fourth goal.

## Eastern Counties League Cup

SECTION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
	Haverhill Rovers	10	7	1	2	28	19
Lowestoft Town	9	6	2	1	43	14	14
Clacton Town	10	6	2	2	32	25	14
Thetford Town	11	4	0	7	23	43	8
Gothic	10	3	1	6	18	29	7
King's Lynn Res.	11	3	1	7	23	34	7
Sudbury Town	9	2	1	6	16	21	5
SECTION 2							
Yarmouth Town	11	6	3	2	27	18	15
Stowmarket	9	6	1	2	27	15	13
Newmarket Town	11	4	4	3	24	12	12
Ely City	9	4	1	4	24	26	9
March Town Utd	10	4	1	5	20	21	9
Soham Tn Rgs	10	2	3	5	19	26	7
Norwich City "A"	10	2	1	7	14	23	5

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Lowestoft Town	8	6	1	1	32	20	13
Sudbury Town	6	4	0	2	19	9	8
Soham Tn Rgs	6	3	0	3	20	10	8
Haverhill Rovers	6	3	0	3	17	5	5
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# Rum Club's slight deformity Russell Hobson has realised his ambition

## no handicap

From our racing correspondent.

**C**HARACTER with a name to match the approaching festive season is the Horsham-trained gelding, Rum Club, who goes for the "Galleano" Handicap Chase Challenge Cup at Plumpton tomorrow. Unhappily, the "rum 'un", whom John Hicks bought on his mother's behalf for 150 guineas two years ago out of a dealer's yard, is so named because of a club foot deformity.

However, Rum Club makes light of his handicap, as demonstrated at Windsor last week when giving a sound beating to the Master's Toy and a strong field. A fortnight previously, at Lingfield Park, he had made an impressive seasonal debut when third behind Berto and odds-on favourite, Palsy.

I suggest that the Sussex-based eight-year-old will justify support here. Tom Masson's Miscalculation, who made a winning debut over course and distance last month when easily accounting for Pwllhell Camp and the strongly supported More Honey, followed up with another smart success from the double winner, Ianto, at

Fontwell Park three weeks ago. The completion of a hat-trick is indicated for the Lewes filly in the second division of the Christmas Carol Three-Year-Old Hurdle.

The first leg of the "Christmas Carol" can furnish the Basingstoke-trained Eudaewin with a winning outlet after being three times placed in four previous attempts, including a commendable third behind Miscalculation and Ianto at Fontwell. Chief danger this time could be the forthcoming from Jack Yeomans's Cortachy Sand, a winner at Perth and Kelso prior to a disappointment at Birmingham last week.

John Sutcliffe's Lion of England, a winner over course and



Mrs. A. T. Hodgson's seven-year-old gelding Ruell (W. Rees) has won two steeplechases over the two-mile course at Plumpton, and he attempts to win his first race over three miles there tomorrow. With only 10-12 to carry in the Holly and the Ivy Chase, he must have a great chance.

**F**ROM his boyhood days, Russell Hobson always wanted to run a jumping stable, and now, at the age of 27, Russell is the North's youngest trainer. With a string of 12 at his quarter at Wiseton, near Doncaster, he is rapidly making his presence felt in National Hunt circles.

In this, his first full season at the winter game—he has been training on the flat for three years—Russell has saddled five winners, and, in 10-year-old Barberyn, he has a live prospect for the Grand National.

Although his family had no association with racing, Russell was brought up with horses, graduating from ponies and show-jumpers to the point-to-point field, a sphere in which he rode several winners.

It was while he was doing his national service in the Army, stationed at S.H.A.P.E., that Russell had his first opportunity of entering a racing stable.

"Most mornings I would go over to Maisons LaFite to ride out work," he recalls, "and it was

there I met an Englishman who worked for Monsieur Bouscass.

### Valuable

Young Hobson was introduced to the French owner, and, as a result, spent two valuable years with the Bouscass stable. In 1961, Russell had his first success in the English turf before he was training. He bred a colt, Hi P, whom Charlie Hall saddled to win for him.

Obviously, Hobson's training methods have a French influence, but, as he points out, his routine over there differs little from that in English yards. "Probably I feed my horses later at nights than most English trainers," he says. "I think beneficial to spread feeds evenly—6.15 a.m., 2.15 p.m., 8.30 p.m."

This diet certainly seems to have worked for Barberyn, who, on his last appearance at Haydock Park, set a record for the course in winning the County Handicap Chase. Barberyn runs at the Caterick Bridge meeting and was bought last summer for guineas at Doncaster sales by A. Snape, whose main interest is show-jumpers, of whom he has 20.

### No fears

Besides winning three over hurdles, Barberyn has won six races over fences. He has his first crack at the Aintree in March, but the Aintree fences hold no fears for him.

Further more, Barberyn won the Topham at Aintree in March, 1963. March would be to be his lucky month, for in March, 1961, that he won the Cheltenham Grand Annual. Barberyn runs at the Caterick Bridge meeting and will be entered for the Topham T as well as the Grand National. Says Russell Hobson: "The Topham shall have a strong chance for him at Liverpool, although the "National" is obviously more attractive proposition."

## Turf news in brief

The art of nomenclature dead, as some experts have feared, in last Thursday's Calendar the following appear in the "names registered" — a brown filly by Blesed Blood of Greta; from Russia Love. \* \* \*

There are plenty of opportunities to pick up some Christmas Merry 20 races. E. expanded in Chepstow at 11.45 races), then comes Utoxa (midday, also with eight Lingfield with seven and Cambridge with only six events.

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## Well beaten

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**SELECTIONS**  
**PLUMPTON**  
12.30—LION OF ENGLAND  
1.00—EUDAEWIN  
1.30—RUM CLUB (nap)  
2.00—ANOTHER RONDO  
2.30—WHIPPER-IN  
3.00—BORDER FURY  
3.30—MISCALCULATION  
Double: RUM CLUB and MISCALCULATION

**THREE NICE WINNERS**  
OUR racing correspondent gave three nice winners at Southwell yesterday. They were: — Follower (100/8), Forest Prince (3/1) and Flaming Steel (13/8).

## Tomorrow's card at Plumpton

Tote Double, 1.30 and 2.30 races.  
Total Treble, 1.0, 2.0 and 3.0 races.  
Television—1.1 A.—1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races.

**12.30—ROAST GLOUSE SELLING HURDLE RACE** of 2 miles.  
2 0-23400 Kathiwar, D. Browning, 10 11-10  
0 Pitusa L. Dale, 3 11-10  
5 190100 Corlland (C/D) Kindsley, 8 11-10  
11 00-0440 Zeite (C/D) S. Moore, 6 11-3  
11 12221 Top Risk, Kerr, 5 11-0  
11 4934-28 Leopardstown, D. Dale, 5 11-0  
11 114-3 Whimmer-in (C) Bolton, 3 10-13  
11 000-30 Urtilla (BF) H. Price, 7 10-12  
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11 223-43-2 Fulmar, D. Howler, 8 10-5  
25 421/0-11 Ruky's Bay, Gandolfo, 7 10-4  
25 100/1 Fulmar and June Moneta, 10 10-0  
25 2302-1 L'Elle, Bolt, 7 10-1  
30 1p-D G.A.D., P. Dawson, 4 10-0  
30 30-0040 Tudor Star, J. Yeomans, 10 10-0

**2.30—CHARRINGTON HURDLE RACE** with £700 added. Two miles and a half.  
3 462210 Brantle Bas (D) Kennard, 9 11-10  
3 1001-10 Tom Bowling, L. Dale, 7 11-9  
3 11-09210 Shurdani, P. Allingham, 5 11-9  
3 101-040 Rowhill, W. Fisher, 8 11-4  
3 004210 June Moneta (9th ex) G. Brown, 11 11-4  
9 041-331 Mayfair Bill (9th ex) R. Turnell, 5 11-4  
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**1.0—CHRISTMAS CAROL THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLE RACE** (Division One) of £400. Two miles.  
1 1010 Cortachy Sand (D) J. Yeomans, 11-5  
5 000 Abbot's Position, G. Brown, 11-0  
5 Pen Field, Block, 11-0  
5 P Saucy Phil, Wibberley, 11-0  
5 Persinglass, (-) 11-0 T. M. Jones  
9 Mesh, J. Dodd, 11-0 Mr. D. Cressley Cooke (7)

**3.0—CHRISTMAS TREE NOVICES' CHASE** of £400. Two miles and about 150 yds.  
1 00-3016 Border Fury, J. Dodd, 5 12-4  
4 00-0001 Chesterhill, Beadell, 0 11-10  
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5 44/0-0 First Changer, Gates, 6 11-10  
5 0234-44 Faeolopic, J. Hooton, 7 11-10  
11 000/0-20 Shandy Kins, W. J. Price, 7 11-10  
11 50/00-0 Kangaroo, J. Sutcliffe, 7 11-10  
12 0/000-03 Light Arc, C. Bean, 5 11-8  
14 400-294 Enfant De L'Amour, Doveswelly, 5 11-8  
15 0000-30 All Money, J. Dodd, 5 11-8  
16 010-000 Merry Shol, J. Yeomans, 4 10-13  
16 000/0-20 Shandy Kins, W. J. Price, 7 11-10  
16 7/2 Kangaroo, 4/1 Blackheath 6/1 Rotterdam, 8/1 Faeolopic, 10/1 Enfant De L'Amour, 100/7 Light Arc, 20/1 others.

**1.30—GALLEANO HURDLE CHASE CHALLENGE CUP** with £255 added. Two miles.  
3 114900 Sweeney Todd (C/D) E. Trafford, 5 11-7  
4 022132 Le Reliquaire, H. Price, 7 11-5  
7 111224 Edgar II (D), E. Long, 8 11-5  
8 11-4223 Timothy J. W. Fisher, 9 11-4  
12 2/030-31 Rum Club (D) (9th ex) J. Hicks, 8 10-12  
12 312230 Ocean Boy (D) Wibberley, 4 10-10  
14 241-200 Devon Squire (C/D) J. Dodd, 9 10-3

**3.30—CHRISTMAS CAROL THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLE RACE** (Division Two) of £400.  
1 11 Miscalculation (C/D) Masson, 11-9  
4 00 Money Matter, G. Brown, 11-0  
5 0/00 Prudent Changer, Gallup, 11-0  
6 0/00 Missing Link, W. Marshall, 11-0  
7 0 Avopetos, L. Dale, 11-0  
10 0204 Oldbury Lad (BF) C. Benstead, 11-0  
11 2 East Indies, R. Smyth, 11-0  
12 003303 Sunset Lodge, E. Long, 11-0  
13 Moladeti, Ingham 11-0  
14 020 Ball Of Fire, M. Pope, 11-0  
15 00 Marine Counsel, Neaves, 11-0  
15 54 Persian Puss, R. Forster, 11-0  
15 03 Datis, H. Price, 11-0  
20 p Roke, J. Benstead, 11-0

**2.0—HOLLY AND THE IVY CHASE** of £400. Three miles.  
5 1300-41 Ruell (C) Cazale, 7 10-12  
7 300-303 Isotope, E. N. Stephenson, 9 10-5  
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them some time ago that attendance in the cheap enclosure immediately began to increase. "Believe it or not, the figures for ordinary Saturday meetings have gone up from under 2,000 to over 4,000. I believe that the new cafeteria will result in a further rise in the number of patrons." Perhaps credit for the doubled attendance should not be given entirely to the provision of Britain's national dish, though there has been a crying need for something hot to eat on the less privileged parts of the country's courses for many years. A large share in the success of Market Rasen's cheap ring must also go to Mr. Lucas's children's nursery schemes, with a mind-

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