

United bounce back to form

Cambridge United 2, Romford 1.
(Attendance 1,198)

With the resilience of a rubber ball, Cambridge United bounced back last night. After a dismal performance at Nuneaton, the U's switched into gear in the Eastern Professional Floodlight League game against Romford at Newmarket Road.

The margin flattered Romford for twice in the first half and three times after the interval the U's hit the woodwork. The home side kept their feet much better than their opponents on the icy ground and kept the ball moving, forcing Romford to do all the turning. The side played as well as any the U's have fielded this season, with both inside forwards having good games. John Haasz was probably the biggest success. He worked extremely hard and besides scoring both the goals he was often back in defence helping out.

Ready soon

Gerry Greene, the young Irishman on the left wing, showed that he is learning with every game and soon he must be ready for a Southern League appearance.

The old wing-half combination of Scour and Welsh immediately settled down and kept the ball moving in the right direction. Bill Kelly also thoroughly enjoyed himself and an unusual sight for the United supporters was the centre-half joining in attacks and often acting as a sixth forward, but the skipper could not manage goal.

As always, Andy Smith proved what an able deputy for Slack he is. Twice he made grand saves from Romford's most dangerous forward, Barnett. Little was seen of the other visiting forwards and the new boy, Brian Kelly, signed on a change out of Billy Welsh.

Both United full-backs, Brian Joggis and Dai Jones, gave nothing away and the whole side had great confidence in their own ability and

on the night, they certainly had too much skill for their opponents. United took the lead in the 13th minute when the unhappy Dunbar made his first mistake. Haasz collected the ball on the edge of the area and carefully rolled it into the net. The Romford goalkeeper let the ball bounce under his body.

A minute later Greene raced through for a free-kick only to see his kick hit the post and bounce away. The home side kept up the offensive and Welsh hit the bar with a powerful shot in the 33rd minute.

Flying saves

For the first minutes after the interval Romford had more of the play and twice Smith made flying saves from Barnett.

In the 60th minute the visitors' goal survived a furious onslaught. Day put Scour through and the wing-half's shot cannoned off a post. Hobbs managed to get to the rebound but his effort hit the other post. The centre-forward reached the ball again but as before, his shot hit the post and rolled to the goalkeeper.

Five minutes later Haasz made no mistake when he headed a centre from Day through a rack of players into the net.

In the closing minutes Tapping reduced the arrears but United were already home and dry. United: Smith, Boggs, Jones, Scour, Kelly, Welsh, Day, Haasz, Hobbs, McVittie, Greene.

Romford: Dunbar, Read, Pitt, Elias, White, Reed; Sanders, Kelly, Tapping, Macleod, Barnett.



Buckingham police the masters

Buckingham Police 6, Ipswich Borough Police 0.

Under atrocious conditions of a freezing Milton Road pitch, which, if maintained, must jeopardise Cambridge City's home match with Dartford on Saturday, Buckinghamshire Police outplayed Ipswich Borough Police in the No. 5 District cup final yesterday.

They were superior in every department to the side that knocked Cambridge City Police out of the competition in the previous round, and thoroughly deserved to go into the national Police Association's football cup competition proper. The winners receive a bye into round two.

At the interval Buckinghamshire led 2-0 through goals by inside-left Nichols and right-winger Bressington. Afterwards, they added four more, the scorers being centre forward Stacey, left-winger Herbert (a cadet), right-half Lyle and Nichols again.

Ipswich could not adapt themselves to the conditions at all and only goalkeeper Miles, who played a gallant game, could be praised. Buckinghamshire were in possession nearly all the time and it soon became only a matter of academic interest as to by how many goals they would win by. Ipswich on the other hand, were slow and crude by comparison.

Mr. F. D. Porter, the Cambridge City Chief Constable, who earlier made the presentations, welcomed the teams to Cambridge. He warned them that they would have to watch out next year, for by then the amalgamation of the local police forces — Cambridge, Buckinghamshire, Huntingdonshire, Isle of Ely and Peterborough would be complete. "This will give us a

very much stronger team," he said. Detective Chief Insp. R. Catchpole (Ipswich) and Insp. L. Mitchell (Buckinghamshire) replied and both thanked the Cambridge City Police recreation committee for making the arrangements for such a well-run match.

Romsey were neater

Romsey Town 4, Lode 2.

Romsey began the New Year well, with a hard-won County League (Div. IB) victory. Lode hit the post before Moseley put Romsey ahead with a shot on the turn from 80 yards.

Both sides played some neat football as the game saw-sawed from end to end, although Lode were inclined to be rather laborious in building up attacks which gave the Romsey defence ample time to score.

Romsey, on the other hand, relied on quick, long ball attacks and late in the second half Potter split the Lode defence with a glorious through ball for Adams to run on to and net the second.

Lode pressed hard at the start of the second half, but in Romsey's first attack in this period Adams outstepped the visitors' defence to put them three up and soon afterwards Moseley virtually made the game safe with a shot from close in.

Lode atoned for some poor shooting earlier on with two goals in the last 15 minutes.

Eastern Counties League Cup

SECTION 1						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Lowestoft Town	11	7	2	2	48	21
Haverhill Rovers	11	7	1	3	29	24
Clacton Town	12	6	2	4	25	25
Thefton Town	12	5	0	7	27	45
Sudbury Town	11	4	1	6	26	24
Ely City	11	4	1	6	27	32
Gothic	11	3	1	7	20	37

SECTION 2						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Yarmouth	12	7	3	2	32	21
Stowmarket	10	7	2	1	29	17
Newmarket Town	12	5	4	3	25	26
March Town Utd.	11	5	1	5	22	11
Ely City	11	4	1	6	27	32
Soham Town R.	11	2	4	5	21	28
Norwich City (A)	11	2	1	8	15	25

Cottenham fight hard

Cottenham 1, Sawston United 1. Enthusiasm lasting 90 minutes by Cottenham surprised Sawston United on Saturday and this County League Premier Cup-tie was drawn when two goals were shared.

Normally a well drilled side, the visitors got themselves in a defensive tangle early in the match and Cottenham's inside left hand, if only their forwards had been more accurate.

Gradually Sawston settled down and Colin Denny equalised from a good centre by Stocker and that ended the scoring. Sawston did the majority of the attacking in the second half but the home defence played with spirit and held out until the final whistle.

Beaten but not disgraced

Colchester Youths 2, Cambridge City Youths 0.
(Attendance 1,200)

Cambridge City F.C.'s youths were beaten but far from disgraced by Colchester in the second round of the F.A. Youth Cup Layer Road last night. The match was played under almost impossible conditions with a layer of ice covering the whole playing area.

One of the most pleasing aspects for the City was the fact that the three untried inside-forwards the club had to include because of injuries and holidays all played their hearts out and by no means let the side down. Everitt should have scored for the visitors in the opening minutes but he headed a cross from Marr straight at Buckle. The City right winger gave a non-stop performance as he tried to get his colleagues going.

Another City star was goalkeeper Philip Barber. Colchester did not score until two minutes before the interval when Vandermark netted as the ball skidded past Barber on the ice.

A few minutes before this, the visitors had a great chance to score when Laitt back passed wide of his goalkeeper but the ball hit a post and was scrambled away before an attacker could reach it. Centre-forward Mansfield added the second goal in the 60th minute.

City: Barber; Maile, Attwood; Johnson, Moore, Barker; Marr, Wisbey, Pauley, Ruffells, Everitt.



The Chief Constable of Cambridge, Mr. F. D. Porter, presents the trophy to the Buckinghamshire police side's captain, Wilfred Barber.

Shelford and Purbeck easy Lower Cup victories

Shelford Res. 4, Sawston United Res. 1

Shelford assured themselves of a place in the next round of the Lower Junior Cup when they scored twice in each half and the visitors were kept down to one goal.

A solid defence completely subdued Sawston's attack while the home side scored twice. In the second period Sawston reduced the arrears but Shelford added two more to coast home. Shelford's scorers were Higgins (2) and Peck (2). Purbeck Rovers 8, Coleridge "A" 1. This Lower Junior Cup match, Purbeck jumped into a two goal lead through Tidman and Dave Ponder. The same two players then repeated the dose and later Tidman completed his hat-trick just before half-time to make the score 8-0.

Three minutes after the interval Hubbard put the Swifts ahead, and then Flude made it 3-1 in their favour.

Christie, the fastest and most dangerous forward on the field, crowned a splendid afternoon's work by notching two further goals, to complete his hat-trick. Burwell maintained their 100 per cent. County League record.

Dunstable 2, St. Andrew's Res. 5. The Saints had a comfortable win to take the points from this Chiltern League match at Dunstable.

They were soon a goal up through M. Jobson and then G. Saunders added to this lead before Dunstable scored through their inside-left. Just before the interval J. Brown restored the visitors' two goal lead. Brown scored the Saints' fourth from the spot early in the second half, but Dunstable hit back once more before Saunders scored Saints fifth and final goal.

Cambridge Argyle 4, Techne Sports 2

The first half of this friendly was dominated by the visitors for long periods and their centre-forward, K. Bedford, put them two goals into the lead. But any ideas that Techne had that this was to be a walk-over were soon dispelled as the Cam-

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