

Barrett again scores Guildford equaliser

Cambridge City let a Southern League point slip from their grasp when Guildford equalised five minutes from the end at Milton Road on Saturday. Yet it was not the sort of equaliser for which anyone could be blamed.

Right-winger Bennett unleashed a terrific shot from close range and the home 'keeper, Bill Heath, could only knock the ball down. It fell at the foot of Barrett, the most dangerous of the visiting forwards, and he made no mistake, Heath said afterwards: "I had no chance of holding the ball, it was too quick and too near."

So, for the second time this season, City had to be content with a point from the Surrey club. By coincidence, it was Barrett who scored the equaliser last September.

This time the Irishman's goal came in the 68th minute, and was the result of one of the best moves of the match. Left-back Roy Poole put his winger, Billy Wall, away and the cross was allowed to go to the far side, where Alec Moyses

Cambridge City 1, Guildford 1 (Attendance 2,847)

ducked and missed the Guildford defence. Alan Spears rolled the ball inside and Bailham was there to shoot low into the net.

Even the City players were divided about the result afterwards. Some thought Guildford a good side who earned their point, but another Irishman, the skipper and left-half, Brendan McNally, would have none of it. "We should have beaten them easily," he snapped.

The whole 90 minutes was a battle between the half-backs; consequently much of the approach work came from the wings as the inside trios of both forward lines were virtually blotted out.

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To some extent this unsettled City as Reg Pearce seemed to be detailed to look after David Cliss exclusively. The balance was uneven, but McNally worked tremendously hard to cover and try to get his forwards moving.

The goalless first period was not without its excitement. Indeed, if the ball had been running kindly for them, City could have been a goal up in the second minute when

a Spears centre completely beat the Guildford defence. This was just before Bailham went up for a Wall cross and made Gill fumble only for the 'keeper to recover and dive desperately for Brian Hart's shot.

Guildford netted in the 17th minute, but there was no goal, as Poole had been obstructed and the next effort was from Spears, who curled a shot inches over the bar.

Wall, who hit an upright just before the interval, was unlucky ten minutes later when his shot hit Gill's knees as the 'keeper was diving the other way. But these near misses were now commonplace and it was obvious that City were not going to be given a goal; it would have to be fought for.

Rally

When it arrived the points looked safe, for little had been seen of the Guildford attack, but even then the luck did not change. Bailham flicked the ball onto the bar when another two inches lower would have put the result beyond doubt, and Guildford, relieved, put on a rallying pressure towards the end and scored the equaliser with five minutes left.

Bailham netted again, but was off-side; then shot just yards wide and that was the end.

Cambridge City: Heath, Carroll, Poole, Pearce, McGugan, McNally, Spears, Moyses, Bailham, Hart, Wall.

Guildford: Gill, Hunt, Sillett, Massey, French, Porter, Bennett, Cliss, Stevens, Barrett, Vañadás.



Eddie Bailham finds a gap in the Guildford defence to net City's goal. Alec Moyses (No. 8) watches as the ball is about to reach the mark.

A late goal also foils Reserves

Guildford City Reserves 3, Cambridge City Reserves 3

Cambridge City Reserves were unlucky not to have picked up full Metropolitan League points from their visit to Guildford on Saturday when, with ten minutes to go, the visitors were leading a rather dishevelled Guildford side 3-2.

A Guildford equaliser in the 80th minute from Burton, however, shattered any hopes of a win.

Guildford Reserves went ahead after nine minutes and were well on top of an unsettled Cambridge team for the first 20 minutes. Then inside right Devine had a shot

blocked but slammed in the rebound for Cambridge to draw level.

A minute before the interval, with the home defence forced into their own half, inside-left Gregory put Cambridge ahead with a great shot. Play went from end to end after the re-start before Burton lobbed home the equaliser for Guildford.

Cambridge played hard and Bradford put their ahead after 79 minutes, but Guildford were not finished and Burton put in the equaliser a minute later.

Soham fade to defeat at March

March Town 5, Soham Town 2

Tall John Morley, a late substitute in the Soham goal for the injured "Toby" Jones, was directly responsible for two of the March goals.

However, he was not the only Soham player to come out of the game with a tarnished reputation, the defence as a whole was guilty of slack marking and covering, and the forwards, particularly Jimmy Butler, missed several gilt-edged chances.

The final scoreline flattered March but they were still worth their victory — their third win over Soham this season.

March Town's teenage centre-forward, Jimmy Stewart, was their trump card, and he opened his account for the club with a smart hat-trick. Inside-right David Clarke notched the other two goals.

March snapped into a two-goal lead in the first 12 minutes, but towards the end of the first half Soham found their touch and Butler and Hannah — their best forward — put them on terms at the interval with two opportunistic efforts.

Final nail

The opening stages of the second half were fairly even, but the 62nd minute Stewart struck again, and within seconds he completed his hat-trick. Then, in the 72nd minute, Clarke drove the final nail in Soham's coffin.

Although they faced an impossible task from that point, Soham, to their credit, never gave up, and in one sharp attack Jaggard did hit the bar.

That was one of the few occasions that Soham created a clear-cut opening against a mobile March defence in which amateur left-back Keith Bridgmont further enhanced his claim for a place in the county side with a solid display.

Two Town goals within a minute

A shrewd team switch brought goals and two desperately needed Eastern Counties League points to Newmarket Town at the Town Ground on Saturday.

Outside-right Johnson swapped positions with inside-right Sharkey, and the result was a stream of first-half crosses from the right and a winning goal from Johnson in the second half. But, although Newmarket ran rings around the Sudbury defence — which has the best defensive record in the league — they

Haddenham force replay

Perkins Sports 2, Haddenham Rovers 2

A great fight back by Haddenham in the second half of this Peterborough Senior Cup semi-final enabled them to force a replay next Saturday.

It was against the run of play that centre forward Gray gave the Peterborough side the lead after 21 minutes and 18 minutes later he added a second.

Two minutes later he failed with a penalty kick. Haddenham deservedly reduced the arrears in the 37th minute through Johnny Bell. Then a fine move, between Norman Fattersan, Gordon Duffield and Peter Lant resulted in Lant hammering in the equaliser.

Haddenham found the net again through Roy Woodbridge but Lant, still lying in the goalmouth from a previous attack, was ruled off side.

Ely awash at seaside

Lowestoft 13, Ely 1

For the second week in succession, Lowestoft went goal crazy. First it was Haverhill losing 10-2 at Crown Meadow. Now poor old bottom of the league Ely had to endure a hammering of even greater proportions.

Strangely enough, there were times when the Robins showed up well and they started the second half in storming fashion with attack after attack for about ten minutes, even though they were already 7-0 down. They did reduce the leeway a fraction through Yates in this period, but soon they were on the receiving end again and the seasideers went on to notch a haker's dozen.

Errors by goalkeeper Taylor and hesitation — almost panic at times — in the Ely defence let Lowestoft in for some simple goals but the margin of defeat took no account of the spirit in this reshuffled Robins' team. They never gave up and kept home 'keeper Applegate busy for long spells. But it was not their day.

John Butcher scored six of the Lowestoft goals. Mills, Tooley, and Foan claimed two each and Smith scored once.

Newmarket Tn. 3, Sudbury Tn. 1

could not find the net and Sudbury led at the interval through a goal by Lundstrum.

It was left to Cruickshank, the Town centre-half and captain, to level the score and put heart into his side.

He charged down field, collected a back flick from Johnson, and crashed the ball into the net.

Then Newmarket collected two goals within a minute. Sharkey hammered over a low cross that

Johnson jabbed into the net, and from the kick-off a defensive deflection gave Newmarket their third.

It was far from being a one-team game, although Newmarket had nearly 70 per cent of the game and gained a well deserved victory.

When on the attack Sudbury were always dangerous, and Cobb, with his shoulder completely recovered from a bad knock, flew through the air in an impressive display of handling.



"Well, you really had them worried in the end. Thirteen's their unlucky number!"

Haverhill made leaders fight

Haverhill were unable to check Eastern Counties League leaders Clacton in their bid for the championship title although they gave the seasideers a close game and with luck might have returned with a point.

Haverhill were seeking their first win over Clacton with whom they had drawn and lost in two previous E.C.L. cup encounters. Now they will have to wait until a fortnight's time for revenge when Clacton visit Hamlet Croft. Generally the league leaders had much of the play. There was still more of the Southern League stamp about their soccer, particularly in their robust tactics which led to Brian Siddall, the Rovers coach, complaining to the referee at half-time. Siddall himself was rarely in the game, and because of this, Haverhill never functioned with their usual snap.

Haverhill's defence had a testing game, but came through with credit, goalkeeper Colin Wright playing one of his best games of the season.

Clacton were soon on the attack but Wright confidently saved from Constant. Minutes later Meagher got in a much better drive which the Rovers' keeper did well to stop. Clacton were again dangerous when Dellar put Smith in possession and from the left-winger's fine cross Winney headed away smartly with Coleman moving in fast from the opposite wing.

Haverhill were not moving so well as Clacton but once Hender, beating Phelan, shot straight at the Clacton 'keeper who deflected it out with his knee and just after

Clacton 2, Haverhill 1

this Kearney had a shot from close range saved. Hart started a move which ended in Abbott putting over the bar.

Clacton's prominence was not so marked after the interval when Haverhill, quick to turn defence into attack, began to look dangerous. Thake on the right wing, was having a good match and he sent a good shot just wide. Both Haverhill wingers were prominent but Kearney was laying too far back to be effective. Hender tried a shot himself to send the ball flashing inches over the bar, but soon after, he put Haverhill in front when he cracked the ball home following a smart chipped free kick from Siddall.

Within a minute Clacton were terms, Constant side-footing home a cross by Smith. Haverhill came back to force two corners as soon after Kearney had the ball the Clacton net but was given off he sent a good just wide. But for the seasideers in the 63rd minute when he chased a long clearance and shot just inside the post.

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