

# United's cup success was a team triumph

Two second half goals were enough to give Cambridge United a fighting victory and the Southern League Cup with an aggregate win of 3-1 over Weymouth in the second leg of the final at Newmarket Road on Saturday.

**Cambridge U. 3, Weymouth 0**  
United won on aggregate 3-1. (Attendance 4,200).

with the wind at their backs, pressed furiously and it was fortunate that Barry Hutchinson, the League's leading scorer, was in wretched form.

### The hero

The inside forward missed several chances and Slack made several magnificent saves when he should have been given no chance. Indeed, Rodney Slack was United's hero of the 90 minutes. Several times he defied the visiting forwards alone and one of his saves when Weymouth were fighting to equalise was almost unbelievable. Hutchinson broke through and, as the goalkeeper left his line, the inside forward flicked the ball to the right of the goal.

Somehow, in a flurry of arms and legs, Slack contorted himself and managed to conjure the ball past the post to safety. Only minutes later the goalkeeper was the man responsible for United's second goal which settled the issue. He hit a long kick down the middle of the field and Forrest missed the ball. Randall sprinted on and, as the Weymouth goalkeeper dropped at his feet, the centre forward lifted the ball into the net.

For long periods it was the visitors who supplied the football skill but United countered with a rare brand of courage and determination. After the interval they forced themselves on to the attack and three times in the first 15 minutes after half time shots were cleared off the line with Donnelly beaten.

### Shrewd

Matt McVittie took control in midfield after the interval and his shrewd promptings set things rolling in United's way. Every United player gave of his best, however, and all had a hand in the victory.

The goal that started the home side on the victory trail was made by Randall, with all four other forwards taking part.

Hobbs centred and Forrest hastily cleared but McVittie headed the ball back in the middle to Randall. The centre forward beat Forrest and slipped the ball wide of Donnelly. It stopped before crossing the line and Billy Day appeared from nowhere to put it into the net.

This score really stung Weymouth, who had had two "goals" disallowed — one for an obvious foul on Slack and the other for offside — and they stormed for the equaliser but the home side were now full of confidence and gradually the fans began to realise that the trophy would be staying at Newmarket Road for the second time.

The supporters were in tremendous voice as they cheered their

favourites on. The whole ground was electric with tension and for the first time for several seasons there was a tremendous cup-tie atmosphere.

Such of the credit must go to the match referee, Mr. G. Martin, of Whitechurch who, although hardly ever noticed, had made it perfectly clear in the early stages who was in charge — and both teams respected his authority.

**Cambridge United:** Slack, Boggis, Jones, Scurr, Graham, Finch, Day, Barr, Randall, McVittie, Hobbs.

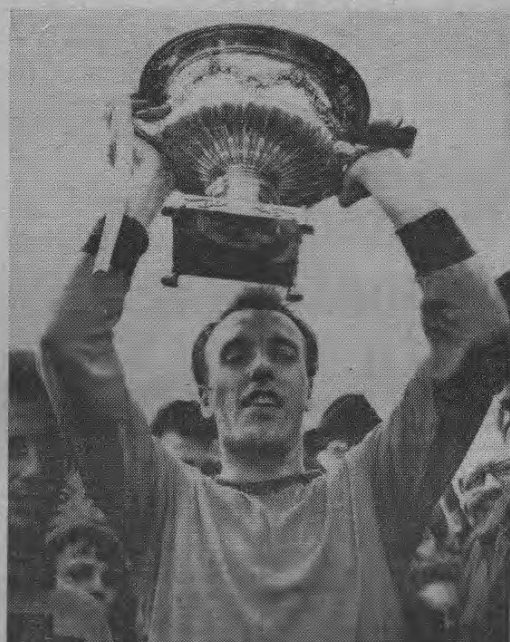
**Weymouth:** Donnelly, Sheppard, Stocker, Cribb, Forrest, Hitchcliffe, Hannigan, Spratt, Jackson, Hutchinson, Camp.

## Southern League

Team	PREMIER DIVISION										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	
Weymouth	38	22	6	8	86	40	48	39	20	9	11
Chelmsford	38	20	9	13	92	59	48	38	20	9	13
Worcester	38	20	9	13	92	59	48	38	20	9	13
Guilford	35	16	12	7	69	41	44	35	16	12	7
Yeovil	35	14	13	9	59	48	41	35	14	13	9
Dartford	35	15	10	10	69	41	40	35	15	10	10
Nuneaton B.	37	17	6	14	51	53	40	37	17	6	14
Bedford Town	38	16	8	14	64	64	40	38	16	8	14
Cambridge Utd.	38	15	8	15	63	57	48	38	15	8	15
Margate	35	15	8	12	69	69	38	35	15	8	12
Folkestone Tn.	37	15	7	15	63	70	37	37	15	7	15
Cambridge City	37	15	10	14	69	62	38	37	15	10	14
Cheltenham	36	13	9	16	62	57	35	36	13	9	16
Romford	38	14	7	17	54	66	35	38	14	7	17
King's Lynn	37	11	13	13	53	70	38	37	11	13	13
Tonbridge	36	10	13	18	61	61	33	36	10	13	18
Wellington	38	11	10	17	58	68	32	38	11	10	17
Rusby	37	13	5	19	62	84	31	37	13	5	19
Hastings	35	9	11	15	49	67	29	35	9	11	15
Bensley Utd.	33	12	4	15	56	57	28	33	12	4	15
Wisbech	38	10	5	21	61	82	25	38	10	5	21
Bath	37	10	3	24	48	77	23	37	10	3	24

### FIRST DIVISION (Leading positions)

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	
Hereford	37	29	4	4	110	33	62	37	29	4	4
Wimbleton	38	20	5	9	93	47	33	38	20	5	9
Poole	38	20	5	9	93	47	33	38	20	5	9
Stevenage	37	18	11	8	81	55	32	37	18	11	8
Corby	38	20	7	9	68	43	47	38	20	7	9
Burton	38	20	6	12	82	65	46	38	20	6	12
Hillingdon	36	19	7	10	91	51	45	36	19	7	10
Merthyr Tydfil	36	16	9	11	63	51	41	36	16	9	11



Gerry Graham jubilantly holds the cup aloft.

# Haverhill have firm grip on the E.C. League Cup

Haverhill have yet to go through another 90 minutes with Stowmarket before they can hope to get their hands on the Eastern Counties League cup, but in this first leg of the final at Hamlet Croft they laid a pretty firm foundation for their eventual success.

Two goals in the closing minutes against a very tired and ragged Stowmarket defence were responsible for putting the Rovers in such a strong position. Haverhill in the second half, had pounded the Stowmarket defence with frequent attacks only to be thrust back by

stubborn defensive play. The Stowmarket policy of closing the game up and preventing Haverhill from getting goals looked to be paying off, although they had been lucky to escape several dangerous situations.

In a very even first half Stowmarket had swept into the lead through a neatly headed goal by Byford in the ninth minute. The pass had come from left-winger Paddy Stones who frequently penetrated the Haverhill defence with his corker run. He almost put them further ahead with a grand shot which Colin Wright did well to hold just under the bar.

But Haverhill's pressure on the

Stowmarket goal was rewarded after 32 minutes as Abbott put over an inswinging corner which did not look to need the extra flick that Fayemi gave it to put it past Gillingham.

The second half was all Haverhill right from the start. After clearing off the line twice, Stowmarket found themselves in arrears when Abbott, sent through by Garrett, skillfully placed the ball wide of the advancing Gillingham. Haverhill flung everything into attack but Stowmarket fought grimly in an attempt to keep Haverhill at bay. At the other end, Ray Smith and his defenders were rarely troubled. Then, six minutes from the end full-back Hart took a hand in things by supplying the pass from which Abbott nodded the Rovers further ahead. Haverhill were still not satisfied, and rightly so, for Hender hammered in yet another two minutes from the final whistle.

# St. Neots fortunate to save a point

**St. Neots Town 2, Bedford Res. 2.**  
St. Neots looked good in the early stages of this Metropolitan League game. They played fast, passed neatly and tackled hard, but it did not last and as the game progressed, Bedford were the more dangerous and the Saints were fortunate to take a point.

It was only an unexpected lucky goal in the dying seconds that saved them from defeat.

The spectators witnessed 90 minutes of fast football with St. Neots' skilful play giving them the edge in the early stages, but later their passing became scrappy and their tackling weak.

Bedford, on the other hand, started quietly but firmly and played that way for the rest of the game—tactics which almost gave them victory.

The first half, although goalless, was nevertheless exciting.

It was after 20 minutes of the second period that Bedford took the lead with two quick goals, the first from inside-left Newman and the second from inside-right Coney.

Their lead was soon cut, however, when St. Neots' outside-left Burgess netted three minutes later.

At this stage it was still anyone's game, although Bedford occasionally seemed to have the edge. As the game neared the end a Bedford victory seemed certain. Then, with 30 seconds left, St. Neots' centre-forward Jones, fell

with the Bedford goalkeeper when both went for the ball and Jones, recovering first, stuck out a foot while still on the ground to poke the ball into the net.

## Eastern Counties League

Team	Eastern Counties League										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	
Lowestoft T.	21	17	2	2	95	39	36	21	17	2	2
Clacton Town	19	14	1	4	58	23	29	19	14	1	4
Haverhill T. Wvs.	17	11	0	6	51	27	22	17	11	0	6
Yarmouth Town	17	9	4	4	35	29	22	17	9	4	4
King's Lynn Res.	22	10	6	6	60	52	22	22	10	6	6
Sudbury Town	19	8	7	3	36	29	20	19	8	7	3
Thetford Town	21	8	3	10	60	60	22	21	8	3	10
March Town Utd.	20	7	5	8	37	43	19	20	7	5	8
Stowmarket	15	5	3	9	31	26	16	15	5	3	9
Soham T. Rangers	20	9	0	12	35	41	16	20	9	0	12
Gothic	19	6	2	11	32	40	14	19	6	2	11
Newmarket Town	20	5	4	11	37	54	14	20	5	4	11
at City	20	3	10	7	27	65	11	20	3	10	7
Norwich City (A)	20	2	4	14	29	63	8	20	2	4	14

# The local Saturday summary

**SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP**  
Final—Second leg  
Cambridge United 2 (Day, Randall), Weymouth 0. Attendance 4,200. Cambridge United won 3-1 on aggregate.

**METROPOLITAN LEAGUE**  
St. Neots Town 2, Bedford Town Res. 2.

**EASTERN COUNTIES LGE. CUP**  
Final—First leg  
Haverhill Rovers 4, Stowmarket Town 1.

**EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE**  
King's Lynn Res. 1, Ely City 3.  
Soham Town Rangers 3, Norwich City 'A' 2.

Lowestoft Town 3, March Town United 1.

**PETERBOROUGH LEAGUE**  
Ely City Res. 1, Spalding Res. 6.  
March Tn. Utd. Res. 0, Haddenham Rovers 1.  
Exning United 0, Parson Drove 2.

**UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE**  
Desborough 3, Eynesbury Rov. 4.  
Biggleswade Town 2, Northampton 3.

Corby Res. 2, Pottion 1.

**SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE**  
Division 1  
Royston Town 1, Kodak 4.  
Reserve Section—Division II  
Luton Sketto Athletic 1, Royston Town Res. 0.

**ATHENIAN LEAGUE**  
Eastbourne 9, Histon 0.  
**LINTON HOSPITAL CUP**  
Luton Sketto 2, 1.

Ashdon 6, Steeple Bumpstead 7 (after extra time).

**RUGBY**  
St. Thomas' Hospital 6 points, Cambridge 17.  
Bedford Easthamians 6 points, Shelton 14.  
Shelton Nomads 19 points, Old Easthamians 'A' 11.

Billy Day (extreme left) has just netted United's first goal and from then onwards Weymouth were out of the hunt.

# Penalties aid Soham

**Soham Town 3, Norwich City 'A' 2.**

Soham looked as if they were in for a hammering, when Norwich, whose oldest player was only 18, took a two goal lead after 20 minutes.

Bottom of the table Norwich playing faster and attractive, swept almost nonchalantly through the hesitant Soham defence to net through leading scorer Fred Bastedo (five minutes) and 15-year-old schoolboy Max Briggs (20 minutes), making only a second Eastern Counties League appearance.

Territorially, Soham were in the picture in this opening period but with a strong wind behind them constantly over-kicked and offered little danger. But by half-time they were on terms. A 23rd minute handling led to Dick Jaggard netting from the penalty spot and from this moment they gradually improved.

### Norwich fade

Seven minutes from the interval Norwich, already fading as their early pace had taken too much out of them, conceded another penalty and Jaggard again scored.

The second half was often uninspiring and with little incident but Soham were generally on top. Had they not kept the ball too close or held on too long, they might have netted more than the one goal they scored in the 52nd minute. Norwich did nothing about a Peter Rapley centre and corner, forward Peter Young netted with a drive that goalkeeper Palmer got a hand to but could not hold.

Soham, with Taffy Jones on the injured list, introduced a new goalkeeper, Brian Fairclough. He had no chance with the two goals past him but handled very confidently. Reserve centre-half Brian Summers stood in, capably, for the injured Sid Carter.

# Royston all out of focus

**Royston 1, Kodak 3**  
Royston were beaten for the second week running by Kodak on Saturday in their South Midlands League Division 1 match after a poor and disappointing game.

The Town must do better than this if they are to move up the table and attract a few more supporters.

Kodak, two men short for the first 10 minutes, were 3-1 up by the interval and rarely extended themselves.

Smith, Kodak's left-winger, gave his side a 22nd-minute lead, and minutes later the same player scored again.

Doug Turner, Royston's centre-forward, who reduced the deficit with a spectacular header, was the only member of the Royston attack to show any fight.

The visitors' third goal was scored by their centre-forward, Collins.

Shelford 'A' 6 points, Old Easthamians Extra 'A' 12.  
Biggleswade 5 points, Letchworth 17.

Bury St. Edmunds 16 points, Wisbech 3.

Old Cantabrigians 5 points, Barking Park Mod. O.B. 3.

Royston 3 points, Saffron Walden 3.

Cambridgehire Colts 6 points, Suffolk Colts 14.

Cambridge Wanderers 8 pts., Huntingdon 17.

Cambridge Extra "A" 3 pts., Letchworth Extra "A" 23.

**HOCKEY**  
Cambridgehire Nomads 1, Norwich Grasshoppers 0.  
Wisbech 2, Cambridge City III 0.  
Royston II 2, Cambridge City IV 0.

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