

An uncertain first step

Cambridge United 2, Corby 1.
(Attendance 3,119).

Cambridge United took an uncertain first step on the road to the Southern League Cup final when they won an odd-goal advantage over Corby in the first round first leg game at Newmarket Road last night.

Now the problem is whether this slender lead will see them through to the second round when they visit Northamptonshire next week for the second leg.

However, United should have finished with a bigger advantage and, with even a fair share of luck, they could have had at least three more goals.

Maughan, who scored both the home goals, hit the bar and the goalkeeper in addition to having an effort disallowed. The Corby goal, scored, of course, by John Haasz, had an element of luck about it. The Hungarian sliced an intended cross and the ball swerved two yards to beat the diving Smith.

Patchy

Despite being more assured in their play the United performance was still patchy. At times the defence was at sixes and sevens and the forwards did not combine effectively.

After the interval the forwards really started to move together and produced some of their best play at Newmarket Road since the Barnsley friendly game.

Wesley Maughan, on the right wing for the injured Day, was the home side's most dangerous forward, and his display, coupled with his performance at Weymouth, must have earned him a Southern League place at Dartford on Saturday.

This will present Roy Kirk, the club manager, with a problem of rearranging his forward line.

Phil Amato did not have a very happy debut in amber and black, although he showed one or two delightful touches, including a wonder drive on the run in the second half that flew just wide of the upright.

It was his first full game of the season and so as yet it would be unfair to judge a player who obviously has plenty of skill.

Talented

For the first time this season Turley did not get in a shot at goal during the 90 minutes but he still showed enough skill and footwork to have the home fans enthusing. There is little doubt that in Turley United have one of their best centre-forwards for several years and if he maintains his present form goals will flow from this talented player.

Although Boggis and Tedds had control in defence for most of the time, there were moments when things looked dangerous, but if one of the full-backs slipped his partner was there to lend a hand.

Finch, who seems to improve with every game, was as steady as a rock, but Graham is still having a lean spell. Scurr must have been the most active man on the field and on at least four occasions he ran 40 yards through the Corby defence for the chipped pass—but it never came.

United started with a bang and within two minutes had taken the lead when Scurr slipped the ball to Maughan who, cutting inside, lashed it home as he was tackled.

Five minutes later a clever ball from Brian Boggis sent the winger racing through again but this time his intelligent lob over the advancing goalkeeper was just too powerful and, with Maughan already leaping for a goal, the ball bounced against the cross-bar and back into play.

Offside

The United man was still not finished and, after 13 minutes, he dribbled through to net only for a colleague to be given offside. After their initial burst, United eased up and Haasz equalised from the right wing on the half-hour.

United set off in the second half as in the first and only two minutes had gone when a precision pass from Amato put Maughan through. The winger ran round Alexander before hitting the ball home.

Cambridge United: Smith; Boggis, Tedds; Scurr, Finch, Graham; Maughan, Barr, Turley, Amato, Hobbs.
Corby: Alexander; McBain, Pollard; Riley, Needham, Goodall; Stenhouse, Garden, Haasz, McNamee, Jagger.



Wesley Maughan (above) bursts through the Corby defence and holds off a challenge from Pollard to lash home Cambridge United's first goal in the Southern League Cup game at Newmarket Road last night to the obvious delight (below) of Phil Amato and Hugh Barr.

The 'Saints' will probably never have it so good

An easy win for St. Neots, who have now collected seven points from their first four Metropolitan League games.

They will be lucky if they have an easier win than this, for Dunstable were poor opposition and spent 90 per cent of the game in their own half.

The Dunstable defence, with Ken Hawkes, the St. Neots' skipper last season, at left-back, were over-worked and never able to keep tabs on a nippy St. Neots attack.

The big fault with St. Neots was that they should have had many more goals, and their 2-1 lead at the interval should have been much bigger.

Danny Nobrega opened the scoring in nine minutes with a clever side-footed shot, but four minutes later Dunstable were level. A through pass baffled Norman,

St. Neots 4, Dunstable 1.

and inside-left Iles beat the advancing Reedman.

That was one of the few mentionable breakaways Dunstable had. After Hawkes had missed an open goal, Stevenson made it 2-1 with a flying header from a corner.

In the 65th minute a shot by centre-forward Chamberlain bounced off the woodwork and Nobrega was on the spot to return the rebound for number three.

A minute later Chamberlain got the fourth — his first goal for the club — and at least three other good chances were missed.

The centre-half, Alan Norman, was the star of the side, but all eleven came out with flying colours against mediocre opposition.

Tough proposition

Melford 0, Haverhill Res. 0
Haverhill Reserves failed to keep up their two-points-a-game record in this four Border League match yesterday at Melford, where they found Melford a tough proposition and did well to emerge with a draw.

The game never reached any great footballing heights but the hot pace was never allowed to flag and, with Melford displaying their usual fighting qualities, Haverhill were unable to settle into their best style.

Ivor Atkinson excelled himself in the Haverhill goal, taking shots from all angles with confidence although it must be said that Melford, lacking polish near goal, let several good scoring chances go astray, especially in the first period of the second half when they penned Haverhill into their own half for long periods.

The first half honours just about went to Haverhill, who had the advantage of wind and slope, which should have been worth a goal to them. Johnny Cutts was rarely able to get past big Roy Burgin but he went close with one header near the post and Parker was not far adrift with a 25 yards drive.

Maw and Thake were going well on the Haverhill right wing but the best shot of the half came from Melford's Cacace, which Atkinson saved brilliantly.

Homing results

CAMBRIDGE CITY H.S.
Result of race from Sleaford.
D. Blackwell (vol) 978.9; R. Vigar 972; Mr. and Mrs. B. Wallman 957.5; J. Ding 883 and 840; T. Clark 809; G. O'Dell 714.

CAMBRIDGE AND DISTRICT INVITATION CLUB
Result of race from Morpeth.
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F. O'Hare wins Thurso O.B. Morpeth Y.B.A. Cup.

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Result of race from Sleaford.
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Schoolboys prepare

The departure of the Cambridge City schoolboy Soccer stars, Willie Carr and Don Peachey, to Coventry City F.C. has meant one important change in the new season routine for the new Cambridge schoolboys' side.

They will play a friendly game on the Coventry City ground against a Coventry schoolboys' side at the invitation of the Coventry City chief, Jimmy Hill. This match was arranged for September 18 but Cambridge boys play at Peterborough that day so it will probably be the following Saturday.

While the schoolboys' season draws nearer, one familiar aspect will be missing: the pre-term training course, due to take place on the Chesterton School ground next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday has had to be cancelled.

This season's side has already won the junior cup competition last Easter and has had another splendid draw in the E.S.F.A. trophy competition. Their first game is against North Hertfordshire in mid-October.

If they win this home game, they will then play either St. Albans or Bishops Stortford, and if again successful, they meet either Peterborough or Bedford in the divisional final.

Their first friendly game is against Peterborough on September 18 and when schools restart on September 7, Mr. Michael Knights will be calling Under-15 and Under-14 sides together.

A peal of bells for winners

The Hemingfords regatta retains the old rural charm of country regattas of the last century.

In yesterday's event, everyone, including competitors, seemed to be out for a pleasant day. The events were open to all and the regatta was very much a village affair with most of the competitors coming from Hemingford Abbots and Hemingford Grey.

Consequently there was a much larger crowd than at most of this year's premier club regattas. One piece of history which has been kept to the present day was the final of the Vicar's sculls held in its traditional last

place on the programme, and rowed over a thousand-yard course finishing at the church. The finish was heralded by a peal of bells as it has been since the Rev. Byron Holland gave the silver challenge trophy for the event in 1904.

- Results:
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Herbert Cup (ladies' singles)—Miss N. Pratt.
Mayflower Challenge Trophy (men's open doubles)—V. Desborough and D. Ashmore.
Ouse Challenge Trophy (inter-village sculls)—D. Peake (Hemingford Grey).

- Butler Cup (scratch pair)—C. Combes and A. Spencer.
Freeman Bowl (men's singles)—A. Cowley.
Sadler Goblets (ladies' pairs)—Miss J. Giddins and Miss T. Giddins.
Linton Trophy (youths sculling, under 18)—A. Spencer.
Gregory Cup (mixed doubles)—Miss J. Nickson and Mr. A. Cowley.
Harris Cup (single sculls, boys under 14)—W. Everitt.
Girls under 18 challenge cup)—Miss T. Giddins; girls under 14—Miss P. Coombs.
Vicar's sculls (men's double sculls, Hemingford Grey)—D. Ashmore and G. Ashmore.

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