

Goal-shy United are saved by a penalty

Cambridge United's inauspicious start to their Midland Floodlit League programme against Wellington at the Abbey Stadium last night was a game best forgotten and no doubt many people are hoping that the performance will not be repeated.

Cambridge United 1, Wellington 1.
(Attendance 1,881).

United fell away and in the second half Wellington took control and it was the home side's turn to struggle.

The first half hour United played at a cracking pace and promised to crush the Shropshire side. Several shots were just wide of the goal and Mick Richards had to perform notable gymnastics to keep the score sheet blank.

The visitors took the lead with a simple but well-executed goal. Afterwards United never looked like scoring and the effort that gave them a point was a penalty kick by Peter Hobbs.

Gradually, when no goals came,

The less said about this final period the better, but it is unlikely that the team will play so badly again for a long time. At least, many people, including the players, are hoping not.

Mercia Youth League Cup table

Team	Home					Away					P	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A
Cambridge City	3	1	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	3	1	11
Ipswich Town	3	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	11	2	11
Cambridge United	3	2	0	0	8	1	1	0	0	3	1	10
Southern United	4	2	0	1	10	3	1	0	0	4	1	10
Colchester United	4	2	0	1	11	7	0	0	1	1	5	6
Stevenage Town	4	2	0	0	5	2	0	0	2	0	4	6
Chelmsford City	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	7	10	4
Romford	4	0	0	2	0	4	1	0	1	5	4	4
Bedford Town	3	0	0	2	3	7	0	0	1	1	5	0
Hitchin Town	5	0	0	2	13	0	0	3	2	13	0	0

THIS WEEK'S MATCHES:
Today: IPSWICH TOWN v COLCHESTER UNITED.
Wednesday: BEDFORD TOWN v SOUTHERN UNITED; CHELMSFORD CITY v ROMFORD; HITCHIN TOWN v CAMBRIDGE CITY; STEVENAGE TOWN v CAMBRIDGE UNITED.
Saturday: SOUTHERN UNITED v CAMBRIDGE UNITED.



Wesley Maughan gets up high to a cross to beat Richards in the Wellington goal but the ball was wide of the post.

Histon Reserves must make use of the ball

Histon Reserves 2, Sutton Bridge 6.
Only one of Histon's goals was scored by Histon in their Peterborough League match against Sutton Bridge. The other one came in the 66th minute when Alexander, Sutton's inside-left, shot into his own goal.

The Histon scorer was their left-half, Coxon, who netted only three minutes from the end of the match.

A corner, taken by Tommy Ellwood, and from this inspiration King went on to score twice more before the interval.

Histon's defence started efficiently, but became more and more disorganised as Sutton's became more aggressive. Until Alexander (35th minute) and J. Stewart (38th minute) scored for Sutton, both sides were too slow to take full advantage of the opportunities that did arise. Nobody on the Histon side seemed capable of doing much with the ball when in possession.

The second half was all one way traffic towards the Sawston goal and only some bad misses by the Trumpington forwards kept the score down.

Sutton dominated the second half and the criticism and advice of one Histon supporter — "Too much fiddling — use the ball!" — contained much truth for Histon.

Trumpington Rovers Res. 2, Hadstock 2.

Alexander scored again for Sutton in the 47th minute, and Church, after 58 minutes. In the 64th minute, Alexander achieved his hat-trick.

Although fielding a side far from full-strength, Trumpington Rovers reserves managed to take a point from a strong Hadstock combination, and, indeed, were unlucky not to collect all the spoils.

This was a most unsatisfactory game for Histon and it is easy to see why they went down to Huntingdon, Ely and Spalding at the start of the season.

Their goals were scored by Dick Harris and Bill Bristow. In defence full-back Derek Coburn was outstanding and the Hadstock forwards were never allowed to settle down into a rhythm.

Histon: Barker; Pawley, Barnard; Ward, Diver, Coxon; Harmer, Wisbey, Civill, Chapman, Dench.

Techne Sports 2, Duxford 5

Splendid recovery

Haverhill Res. 3, Coggeshall 2
A splendid recovery after being two goals down enabled Haverhill Reserves to maintain their unbeaten Essex and Suffolk Border League record against Coggeshall.

Duxford were two goals up within the first quarter of an hour of this County League fixture and although B. Coe put Techne Sports back into the game Duxford added a third goal just before half-time.

The visitors were by far the better side in the first half and they scored through Springett and Vandermark. All hopes that Haverhill had of saving the game disappeared until Pickles scored.

C. Beard again reduced the visitors' lead, but Duxford were convincing winners of a poor game.

Then came a revival and two late goals from Johnny Cutts completely changed the picture and gave the reserves a merited victory.

Cambridge United: Smith; Tedds; Finch; Scurr, Foscolo, Graham; Bennett, Maughan, Barr, Barrett, Hobbs.

Odd goal win

Lode 4, Cherry Hinton 3
A much changed Lode side held on to their lead against visiting Cherry Hinton to win by the odd goal of seven in a County League (Division 1B) match.

Wellington: Richards; Whitehouse, Fuller; Salt, Clark, Goodall; French, Birch, Bentley, Blackburn, Campbell.

Starting with ten men, Lode were a goal up at the interval. The Cherries equalised early in the second period and took the lead shortly afterwards through Dunkley.

The 'B' team's times were most consistent, while it was good to see D. Hulyer running for the 'C' team.

Then Saluvere equalised for Lode from outside the penalty area.

Cambridge results:
'A' team: J. Smith 12 min, 22 sec., C. Brookes 13-16, B. Jeffs 13-16, V. Barltrop 14-30, C. Smith 13-31, A. Hine 13-36; 18th in 80 min. 31 sec.
'B' team: H. Wiles 14-30, W. Spratt 14-40, H. Spaan 14-26, E. Freitag 14-33, B. Wallman 14-24, B. Jeffs 14-12; 37th in 86 min. 45 sec.
'C' team: D. Greenwood 13-21, R. Summerfield 14-49, D. Hulyer 16-43, G. Mould 18-08, D. Greenwood 13-52, W. Spratt 15-03; 45th in 91 min. 56 sec.

Lode eventually went into the lead with goals from Coxall, who scored his team's first goal, and from a lob by the inside left.

The match was played as a normal county match, consisting of three

Cherry Hinton scored again, but were unable to get the equaliser.

Romsey Town Res. 3, Burwell Res. 1.

The wind affected this match and, in the first period when Romsey elected to play against it, the home side were hard pressed to keep the visitors' score down to one goal. However, after one rare attack, Moseley forced home the equaliser just before the interval.

Cambridgeshire Invitation Side 5, Essex 10

After the change of ends, and with the wind at their backs, Romsey dominated the play and went ahead through Day, who scored from a corner taken by Andrews. They made sure of the points when Moseley netted from a solo effort.

With the return of darker evenings, Cambridgeshire Badminton really began with the first county trial. It was rather disappointing for the selectors that only five of the 30 clubs in the county bothered to nominate any players, and even more so that only one player present was under 21.

Hat-trick

Sawston Rovers Res. 0, Trumpington Rovers 3.
A first-half hat-trick by Brian King was enough to give Trumpington Rovers their second County League win of the season. King scored his first goal from

The lack of younger players in the county was underlined at Portugal Place on Sunday when a Cambridgeshire Invitation team played a side chosen to represent Essex.

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Close

United started off with a bang and after three minutes Hobbs went close from a corner by Bennett. Minutes later, Richards made a flying save from a Barr thunderbolt and then rushed from his line to parry a low shot from Barrett with his legs.

As their chances went begging, so United's game became ragged.

After the interval Wellington took control to score in the 52nd minute. Salt made ground before passing to the unmarked Bentley, who gave Smith no chance.

In a lone raid soon afterwards United were unlucky not to equalise following a free kick on their own goal line. Smith took the kick quickly and the ball went down the left wing to Bennett who transferred for Maughan to hit a fine drive just wide of the upright with the goalkeeper groping.

Equaliser

United equalised after 68 minutes when Richards could only parry a shot from Graham and Barrett was on to the rebound in a flash only to be pulled down by Whitehouse. Hobbs made no mistake from the spot.

Still Wellington held the upper hand and Foscolo was in position to kick a screw shot from Salt off the line with Smith out of position after parrying an earlier shot.

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Wellington: Richards; Whitehouse, Fuller; Salt, Clark, Goodall; French, Birch, Bentley, Blackburn, Campbell.

Nomads hockey men have the edge but not the luck

Harlow 1, Cambridgeshire Nomads 1

All three Cambridgeshire Nomads hockey teams were a shade unlucky in their games with Harlow, the senior side finishing all square and the second and third teams losing by the odd goal of three.

Thanks to great displays by Morris and Harvey the Nomads atoned for the 7-1 hammering they received from Harlow last season.

A very strange looking Nomads team, bolstered by second and third team replacements, were slow to settle down, but once under way more than held their own.

The fast moving Harlow attack kept the ball moving too close which played into the hands of the visitor's defence, in which Harvey and Rice stood out.

After a goalless first half the home side swung rapidly into attack and deservedly went ahead from a penalty flick.

Harlow were well on top, but the Nomads fought back and Wisbech levelled the account.

Thereafter both sides fought hard for the elusive decider with Nomads having the edge, but not the luck.

The ten men fail

Nomads II 1, Harlow II 2
Thanks to C.I.B.A. this game was played under fine conditions at Duxford.

Playing throughout with ten men, the Nomads gave a good account of themselves, but found this disadvantage too much in the closing stages when the visitor's obtained the decider.

In an even first half in which defences were very much on top, Webster and Carr were prominent.

The visitors opened their account in the early stages, but the home side reduced the arrears through Harbottle.

In the second half play deteriorated and the Nomads were always fighting a rearguard action. When it appeared that a draw would result, a defensive error gave the visitors a lucky, but nevertheless deserved winner.

Gallant fight

Harlow III 2, Nomads III 1
This was a game in which the

Nomads junior eleven were more than a shade unlucky after a gallant fight throughout with a numerical disadvantage.

The Nomads were well served by Goulter, Cremin and veteran John Boland.

The new revised 'sticks' rule was used in all three games and proved to be quite a restriction since all umpires applied it according to the letter of the law.

Walden in six-a-side tournament

The Saffron Walden Hockey Club team did not have a very happy time so far as results were concerned in the Loughton six-a-side tournament, in which 16 clubs took part.

In their first match, against Romford, Saffron Walden went

down 2-0. Their next two matches played in torrential rain, resulted in a 3-0 defeat by the Old Loughtonians and a 6-1 defeat by Crostyx. It was Crostyx who eventually won their way through to the final, in which they were beaten 1-0 by Broxbourne.

A good test

Haverhill 0, Stevenage B.A.C. 0.
Although a goalless draw Haverhill's home match against British Aircraft Corporation Stevenage, was one of their best of the season and they showed some of the form which brought them successes last season.

In a fast and exciting match Haverhill often got to the B.A.C. circle but failed to round off their attacks. At the other end, the visiting attack was a good test for the Haverhill defenders. A draw was a fair result.

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