

Two late goals give City worthy victory

There were plenty of thrills at Milton Road on Saturday when Cambridge City beat Bedford, their "boggy" side, to lift the Huntingdonshire Premier Cup after a final held over from last season, reports Peter Fearn.

Cambridge City 2, Bedford 0.
(Attendance 3,070).

Road it was more thoughtful but slower, and there was not the hard finishing seen previously. Nevertheless, there was enough action to keep alive the local "Derby" atmosphere that always prevails when they meet.

Disallowed

Both clubs could consider themselves unlucky within minutes of each other in the first period for they both had what looked like good goals disallowed. Alan Spears seemed to score for City when he headed home a lobbed centre from Billy Wall. Then, almost immediately, Bedford had the ball in the net through their inside-left, Paton, but another forward was adjudged offside.

City kept probing Bedford's defence, playing the ball along the wings, and the forwards were always interchanging their positions. This confusion upset Bedford's rearguard but, although Brian Hart had a shot deflected on to the bottom of a post, the forwards could not score. Tony Marchi, leader of the line, kept the ball moving, but there was not the thrust from the inside men to turn the threats into promise.

As the game progressed, it was becoming more and more obvious that it was up to the forwards to win the match, for the defence was playing its part admirably. In the end it was left to Gerry Ward to pave the way for the first goal and then to score the second.

It was in the 75th minute that

he started a move that ended with Ian Fusedale, City's right-back, moving right up to the Eagles' goalmouth before squaring the ball to Wall for the left-winger to net from close range.

Safe

Seven minutes later, after a nasty moment in front of the home goal, Ward raced between two players to shoot on the run and make the issue safe.

These had to be good efforts to beat young Bellotti, the Bedford keeper, who had another great game; and with Bill Heath making some good saves at the other end it may be judged that both sets of forwards were near the mark.

The only incident to mar the play was when Bedford's centre-half, Collins, had his name taken for arguing about a free-kick near the end of the first period.

Cambridge City: Heath; Fusedale, Carroll; Ward, McGugan, McNally; Spears, Hart, Marchi, McVittie, Wall.

Bedford: Bellotti; Morgan, Avis; Wright, Collins, Skinn; Sturrock, Paton, Brown, Hall, Miles.



The Cambridge City skipper, Brendan McNally, holds aloft the Huntingdonshire Premier Cup after the presentation by Mr. K. Milner (left), chairman of the Huntingdonshire Football Association.

Ely never smelt the 'Bloaters'

Yarmouth 2, Ely 1.

Ely, a pale shadow of the side which started the season in confident style, were lucky not to suffer defeat by a wider margin at Yarmouth on Saturday.

The home forwards toyed with a hesitant defence without making full use of the many chances they carved out. The deadlock was broken in a two minute burst shortly before half-time.

Wing half Hart lobbed the ball over Ely keeper Benson's head and full-back Yearn could only help the ball into the net. Then inside-left Edwards, himself more accustomed to the wing half position, was on hand to put Yarmouth further ahead.

After taking a pounding, Ely scored a totally unexpected goal. This came in the 72nd minute from a perfectly executed free kick by Smith which completely deceived the home defence. Although a shot from Denzey grazed the foot of the post, an equaliser would have been an injustice.

Wanderers k.o'd from cup

Haverhill Wanderers 1, Brandon 2
Haverhill Wanderers' Suffolk Junior Cup aspirations took a quick nose-dive in this match on the Recreation Ground, where defensive lapses cost them dearly.

Malcolm Ashby, the Wanderers' goalkeeper, was in terrific form and kept the Brandon score down with a sequence of fine saves.

After Knight had twice broken through, only to be flagged offside, he put the Wanderers ahead in the 42nd minute.

Straight from the re-start, Brandon equalised and, spurred on by this success, the visitors scored the winning goal after 55 minutes through a simple lob into the goalmouth. After this the Wanderers were rarely in the game and raised only spasmodic attacks.

Well taken chances

Kings Lynn Reserves 0, Cambridge City Reserves 3

Well taken first half chances, and a resolute display by the defence in the second half earned Cambridge City Reserves an Eastern Counties League victory at Kings Lynn on Saturday by the convincing margin of 3-0.

They found the home side full of enthusiasm but lacking in punch near goal. Lynn's forwards played into the hands of the City defence by relying on high centres from the wings and at other times trying to walk the ball in.

Neither style got past the former Lynn pivot, John Bone, and goalkeeper Cobb.

City went ahead after five minutes when Bailham crashed in a shot from 20 yards, and nine minutes later Barker met a free kick to shoot well out of the goalkeeper's reach. Their third came from a penalty by Bailham in the 40th minute, after a rebound had struck a Lynn player on the hand.

The local Saturday summary

- SOUTHERN LEAGUE**
Margate 1, Cambridge United 4. Attendance 2,006.
- METROPOLITAN LEAGUE**
St. Neots Town 4, Hatfield 3.
- EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE**
Kings Lynn Reserves 0, Cambridge City Reserves 3.
Histon 0, Soham Town Rangers 4.
Newmarket Town 6, March Town United 2.
Yarmouth Town 2, Ely City 1.
- PETERBOROUGH LEAGUE**
Sutton Bridge 4, Soham United 2.
Ely City Reserves 0, Pinchbeck 3.
Perkins 1, Haddenham Rovers 1.
Downham Town 6, Somersham 0.
Ramsey 2, Parson Drove 6.

- HUNTINGDONSHIRE F.A. PREMIER CUP FINAL**
Cambridge City 2, Bedford Town 0.
- SUFFOLK JUNIOR CUP**
Haverhill Wanderers 1, Brandon 2.
Northbury Sports 2, Exning United 4.
- BORDER LEAGUE**
Haverhill Rovers Reserves 3, Stowmarket Reserves 0.
- HERTS. COUNTY LEAGUE**
Bristol Siddeley Engines 2, Saffron Walden Town 0.
- F.A. YOUTH CUP**
Cambridge United 6, Histon 1.
- RUGBY**
Aldershot Services 3 pts., Cambridge 6.
Cambridge Wanderers 20 pts., Harlow 3.
Cambridge 'A' 23 pts., Harlow II 5.

- Harlow III 10 pts., Cambridge Vanguard 11.
Harlow IV 9 pts., Cambridge Junior XV 26.
Shelford Nomads 54 pts., Hitchin 'A' 3.
Newmarket 'A' 8 pts., Shelford 'A' 43.
Shelford Extra 'A' 11 pts., Biggleswade 'A' 5.
Old Cantabrigians 0, Old Persians 17.
St. Neots 13 pts., Luton 'A' 3.
Ely 9 pts., Newmarket 11.
Saffron Walden 24 pts., Old Cantabrigians II 0.
- HOCKEY**
St. Albans 1, Cambridge City 3.
Cambridgeshire Nomads 5, Wisbech 3.
R.A.F. Waterbeach 3, Cambridgeshire Nomads III 4.
Saffron Walden 3, Bishops Stortford 3.

Quicksilver United attack demoralise Margate men

Hours after Cambridge United scored their first away Southern League victory of the season and Margate had suffered their first defeat in front of their own fans the men of Kent were wondering what had hit them, comments David Hallett.

Before the match at Hartsdown Park on Saturday Margate were the second highest scorers in the league and were confidently expecting to give United's "suspect" defence a pasting.

But from the start the visitor's rearguard shackled the free-scoring home forwards and exerted a tight grip on the game. Thus the quicksilver United forwards were able to launch their attacks from a firm footing.

The success of the attack was the right wing pair. Although Billy Day lined up at outside right, wearing the number seven shirt, with Phil Amato inside, this gave no indication of their true roles.

Both interchanged positions freely and it was in the inside right position that Day was really outstanding. On several occasions

United Counties League

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Boston Utd.	9	6	3	0	24	7	15
Peterboro U. A.	10	7	1	2	26	14	15
Wellingboro T.	6	6	0	0	27	2	12
Wisbech Res.	10	5	2	3	18	24	12
Bourne Town	6	5	1	0	17	9	11
Potton Utd.	9	3	3	3	21	22	9
Biggleswade T.	6	4	0	2	17	8	8
Holbeach Utd.	8	3	2	3	17	11	8
Bletchley F.C.	6	3	1	2	14	11	7
Northampton (A)	7	3	1	3	18	15	7
Desborne Town	4	2	1	1	14	9	5
Keettering Res.	10	2	1	7	10	38	5
Corby Res.	9	1	2	6	13	22	4
Wolverton Town	6	1	2	3	7	12	4
Rushden Town	6	1	1	4	16	16	3
Eynesbury Rvs	5	1	1	3	8	14	4
S. & L. Corby	6	1	1	4	7	19	3
Timken Ath.	9	1	0	8	13	35	2

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Wotton B.C.	9	7	1	1	42	11	15
Bletchley Res.	9	7	0	2	37	12	14
Wellingboro Res.	8	5	2	1	30	9	12
St. Neots Res.	9	5	2	2	30	16	12
Holbeach Utd. R.	7	5	1	1	18	14	11
Irthingboro Dia	6	5	0	1	19	5	10
Rushden Res.	6	4	2	0	21	8	10
Kempston Rvs	7	3	3	1	20	11	9
Higham Town	8	3	2	3	15	16	8
Rothwell Res.	9	3	1	5	15	25	7
Raunds Town	6	2	0	4	8	15	4
Wolverton Res.	8	2	0	6	8	26	4
Biggleswade Res.	9	1	2	6	10	38	4
Hamphill Town	8	1	1	6	11	27	3
Timken Ath. R.	6	1	1	4	8	30	3
Bedford Avenue	6	1	0	5	9	28	2
Timken Duston	7	0	0	7	6	24	0

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he weaved his magic and on two occasions it led to goals.

The forward line proved an ideal combination of skill and strength, with Barrett and Turley taking the knocks from a tough Margate rearguard and Day, Amato and Bennett fitting through the gaps.

The simple reason for the victory was that United's forwards were much too quick for the home defence, often gaining two yards on their opponents in five yard sprints.

Two goals, the third and the fourth, seemed to come from pre-arranged plans and these showed the benefit that full time professionals are able to gain from tactical practices.

The first goal was an opportunistic effort by Hobbs after a cross from Amato had been half cleared and the wing half crashed the ball home first time from 25 yards.

Unnoticed

The second goal a minute later, in the 41st minute, came when Day was pulled down on the edge of the penalty area. Barrett took the kick and Amato stood in front of the wall of defenders as the inside forward ran up to take the kick.

But then the former Dartford player slipped unnoticed inside the wall and Barrett rolled the ball to his feet. Amato gleefully crashed the ball into the net while the Margate defenders wondered how the trick was worked.

At the restart, the home side launched a furious attack but United's defence held firm and never looked like cracking. The captain, Gerry Graham, set a fine example by shackling Laurie Thomson, Margate's danger man, and United weathered the storm.

Then United struck for the third time from a free kick deep in their own half. Tedds took the kick and hit an accurate pass to Hobbs, who transferred the ball out for Day to drive home a wonderful shot from 30 yards.

The visitors were still not fin-

On the crest of a wave

Haverhill Res. 3, Stowmarket Res. 0
Although it took Haverhill more than 50 minutes before they could get the ball into the Stowmarket net, there was never any real doubt about their superiority in this Border League match at Hamlet Croft on Saturday.

Stowmarket, who arrived a man short and had to play Dean, their linesman, at centre-forward, were a strong defensive side, but in attack they were patchy and erratic.

Haverhill, who have now only dropped one point in seven league games this season, played with the confidence of a team which is on the crest of the wave. Powered by dynamic wing-half play of Richie Griffiths, who covered twice as much ground as anybody else, the forwards had as much of the ball as they wanted, and if the score had been a truer reflection the goal tally would have been at least six. Another success of the side was Andy Rawlings at outside-left.

Haverhill, who should have been well ahead at half-time, finally opened their account five minutes after the re-start through Johnny Cutis. The same player made it 2-0 after 65 minutes and later made the third for Rawlings.

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