

# U's show that FA Cup form was all wrong

Whenever the Southern League Cup is at stake, Cambridge United can always produce that little bit extra that is needed for a remarkable away victory. And last night's second round game in this competition at Romford was a perfect example, writes David Hallett.

On Saturday Romford scored a notable F.A. Cup victory over their near neighbours, Chelmsford City, while United were losing at home to Bedford in the same competition. But this all seemed to be forgotten once the two teams started this game and although Romford, playing their full F.A. Cup side with the exception of their goalkeeper, were allowed to do most of the attacking, only on two occasions did they look like getting the ball past Slack and each time the goalkeeper pulled off blinding saves.

**Thoroughly beaten**  
United were a team without stars on this occasion as all the players fought for every ball and never allowed the home side to settle. In the end Romford were reduced to a ragged bunch of individuals who looked thoroughly beaten. Gerry Graham, among the goals yet again, gave United the lead in 20 minutes and then the visitors

Romford 0, Cambridge United 2 (Attendance 2,182).

retracted deep into their web and then, like a spider, craftily enticed Romford into their trap time and again.

**'Killer' goal**  
The real "killer" goal came midway through the second half when Romford, without ever really looking like getting on terms, had been attacking non-stop.

The ball came out of defence and Maughan, 40 yards from goal, ran forward before slashing the ball into the bottom corner of the net from the edge of the penalty area.

This goal stunned both home players and spectators alike and ended any further Romford resistance. After this United were content to play out time and Romford were unable to do anything about it.

Gerry Graham led his team superbly and his confidence slowly spread to his colleagues. The left half is now playing something like his true form for the first time this season and last night alone proved what a valuable player he is to the side.

**Solid performance**  
Hugh Barr, playing his first game for the club at right half, also gave a solid performance and in the first half he almost emulated his captain with a shot which hit the woodwork after dipping past the goalkeeper. Scurr, Finch and Tedds could

not be faulted and up front all the forwards were content to chase and then dive back to help their colleagues in defence.

After the interval Billy Day dropped back permanently to help his defence and he always seemed in a position to pick up the loose ball as it went through.

Amato, Maughan and Bennett were always quick to break away and it was Amato who gave Maughan the chance to score the all important second half goal.

John Turley had a quiet evening against Romford's fine centre half John White but the centre-forward never failed to challenge and harry the man in possession.

United took the lead in the 20th minute following a typical run by Graham who shot from 25 yards and sent the ball swinging along the ground past the desperately diving goalkeeper.

**Brilliant Slack**  
After Barr had hit the woodwork their only chance came right on half-time when Scurr centred and Maughan headed at goal only for full-back Read to clear off the line.

After the restart Romford launched a furious onslaught but Slack turned in brilliant efforts to take a chip from Sanders and then save from Kelly, who shot low from five yards.

United settled down again after this and Mike Gevaux, a 17-year-old local amateur playing his first game for Romford, had to emulate Slack to save another long range effort from Graham before Maughan sent in his deciding goal. Romford: Gevaux; Read, Tapping; Reed, White, Gibbs; Sanders, Obeney, Kelly, Aggio, Barnett. United: Slack, Scurr, Tedds; Barr, Finch, Graham; Day, Maughan, Turley, Amato, Bennett.

**Ten Bos out**  
Frans Ten Bos, the international second row forward, is again absent from the London Scottish side against Bedford at Richmond Athletic ground. He is recovering from influenza.

There are three forward changes, one positional Mike Walsh moves from number eight to the second row to replace Ten Bos and Rory Watherston, recovered from injury, plays in the middle of the back row.

Ian Walker, also off the injured list, returns as hooker.



Wesley Maughan, playing his first full game since recovering from injury, scored United's second goal that made sure of victory.

# Marr wins place in County Youth XI

With a five-star display at Milton Road last night, the Cambridge City Reserves' right-winger, K. Marr, played himself into the Cambridgeshire County Youth XI—at centre-forward.

The team to play the Falcons at the Varsity's reserve side, a Cambridge United's ground next Monday was chosen after the final trial of North v South which the South won 4-0.

**South snap up chances**  
Konik, the United centre-forward, has been omitted from the team. He was to have played last night, but had to drop out through injury. He therefore, had no chance to display the talent which has earned him many goals already this season.

Cambridge City provide four players for the forward line, the odd man out being the United F.C. right winger, J. Fretwell.

But the selectors failed to agree on a goalkeeper, Barker (City) fills the position on Monday, and the unusual decision was taken on naming Haggis (United) for the next game against Huntingdonshire at Wisbech.

The team for next week is Barker (City); Yearn (Ely), Coxon (United); Goodchild (United); Cullum (City), Rogers (United); Fretwell (United), Wisbey (City); Marr (City); Newell (City); Everitt (City).

## Starr Cup chess

Results to date in the Cambridge and District Chess Associations Starr Cup competition are:

NETHERHALL 4, PERSE 1  
Maythan 1, Dawson 0.  
Terry 1, Bird 0.  
Lee 1, Missen 0.  
Smith 0, Pearson 1.  
Vaes 1, Tiplady 0.

CHESTERTON 3, COLERIDGE 2  
Sewell 1, Johnston 0.  
Neal 0, Martin 1.  
Reddaway 0, Taylor 1.  
Summers 1, Prigg 0.  
Dann 1, Linford 0.

CHESTERTON 4, GRAMMAR 1  
Sewell 1, Default 0.  
Neal 1, Anderson 0.  
Reddaway 1, Copeman 0.  
Summers 0, Amey 1.  
Dann 1, Naunton 0.

NETHERHALL 1, CHESTERTON 4  
Maythan 0, Sewell 1.  
Lee 0, Neal 1.  
Iwanko 0, Reddaway 1.  
Robinson 0, Summers 1.  
Smith 1, Dann 0.

Marr put the South further ahead in the 26th minute when, after Lambert's shot had been parried, he cracked home the loose ball.

Marr's second goal followed a defensive mistake. The North defence, in fact, not only looked shaky but had difficulty in clearing their lines cleanly.

**Shaky**  
Haggis, and later Barker, played confidently in goal for the South. Wilks, who took over as centre forward for the South, also had a good game and scored with a fine shot two minutes from time.

Afterwards Mr. F. C. Barrett, the manager, commented: "We have the nucleus of a very good team indeed."

Teams, with second half changes in parentheses:

South: Haggis (Barker); Elsome (Maile), Taylor (Coxon); Ford, Cullum, Goodchild; Pawley (Wisbey), Wisbey (Cook), Marr (Wilks), Newell, Lambert.

North: Maules (Minnott); Yearn, Garner (Peacock); Fox, Negus (R.), Rogers (Randall); Howe, Bedford, Rolfe, Negus (D.), Hinnels.

# Cambridgeshire fight hard for their point

In their first National County Championship match of the season the Cambridgeshire table tennis team gained a point with a 5-5 draw against Norfolk at Norwich, where John Thurston gave the visitors a good start when he defeated N. Graver in straight sets.

The 17-year-old Graver revealed considerable potential but his attacking style was not consistent enough to overcome Thurston's soundness in defence.

Norfolk levelled the scores when Alan Coby, their star performer, beat Alan Ponder decisively. Ponder was not at his best against Coby who gave a dynamic display of powerful hitting.

Keith Chapman gave Cambridgeshire the lead when he defeated C. Fields after a dour struggle. Both players relied on defence and were evenly matched but it was Chapman's greater calmness in the crisis of the third set which enabled him to edge home.

**Women triumph**  
Valerie Gillam and Carol Chapman widened the margin when they won the women's doubles. The pair won well but almost lost the second set through over-confidence.

The most disappointing result was the defeat of Thurston and Chapman in the men's doubles. They were expected to beat Fields and Skedge rather easily in straight sets. There was, however, a general looseness about their play in the third set and the chance of the county gaining a decisive lead was lost.

Valerie Gillam defeated Mrs. Allen in an unexpectedly close affair. Mrs. Allen half-volleyed cleverly and hit well on the backhand which did not allow Mrs. Gillam to use to full effect her favourite forehand drive.

**Exciting match**  
The Thurston-Coby singles match was an exciting one which Coby won after two close games.

Thurston countered his opponent's "loop" and powerful smashing by slowing down the pace and chopping efficiently. Coby twice lost large leads but recovered to win narrowly after some excellent rallies.

Coby's brilliance was again in evidence in the mixed doubles when, partnered by Mrs. Allen, he was the major factor behind Norfolk's defeat of Ponder and Carol Chapman.



John Thurston.

Ponder displayed better form against Fields and his continuous attacking play was too powerful for his opponent's defence.

Chapman lost the decisive game against Graver. He defended well and held a large lead at one stage but his young opponent gave a mature display of attacking table tennis.

A 5-5 draw was perhaps a fair reflection of the play.

**Results**  
Scores, Cambridgeshire names first.

Singles: J. Thurston beat N. Graver 21-15, 21-4; lost to A. Coby 17-21, 19-21.  
A. Ponder beat C. Fields 21-15, 21-15; lost to Coby 6-21, 10-21.  
K. Chapman beat Fields 12-21, 21-19, 22-20; lost to Graver 15-21, 20-22.

Men's doubles: Thurston and Chapman lost to Fields and Skedge 25-27, 21-9, 12-21.  
Ladies doubles: V. Gillam and C. Chapman beat M. Turner and P. Fox 21-13, 22-20.

Mixed doubles: Ponder and C. Chapman lost to Coby and Allen 13-21, 14-21.  
Ladies singles: Gillam beat E. Allen 16-21, 21-11, 21-18.

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**Local squash**

The Cambridgeshire Squash Rackets Club were narrowly beaten by the Squash Rackets Association at Cambridge.

Scores (Cambridgeshire names first):

J. K. M. Moody beat D. Hockridge, 6-9, 9-5, 9-4, 9-4.  
D. Marshall lost to B. Mason, 1-9, 0-9, 0-9.  
A. R. Wheeler lost to B. M. D. Cardew, 10-9, 7-9, 9-5, 6-9, 6-9.  
H. B. Cooper lost to C. Stahl, 5-9, 5-9, 1-9.  
P. Chamberlain beat B. L. Ellis, 2-9, 4-9, 9-6, 9-4, 10-8.

**Tonight's football**

Division Three: Bristol Rovers v. Oldham, 7.30; Swindon Town v. York City, 7.30.  
Friendly: Mansfield Town v. F.C. St. Gallen, 7.15.  
Rugby Union: Coventry v. Rosslyn Park, 7.15.

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