

On the winning trail at last

Cambridge City 2, Wisbech 1.
(Attendance 2,042).

Cambridge City have won at last. After five defeats on the trot they turned the corner at Milton Road last night when they beat Wisbech by the odd goal of three to move into the third round of the Southern League Cup, to gain revenge for their F.A. Cup defeat by the Fenmen, reports Peter Fearn.

Following their two defeats in Wales last Friday and Saturday this result cannot have put the Fenmen in any too hopeful a mood for their first round F.A. Cup-tie at Brighton a fortnight on Saturday. They did not like losing last night and they produced a brand of obstructive football to prove it.

Wisbech upset City's style and the game was marred by numerous petty, niggling fouls. Consequently, the game was not a spectator's delight, but the City manager, Tony Marchi, and the players must have been satisfied that they have broken through into the winner's enclosure.

Yet at half-time it looked as though once again City would suffer from a goal famine. They should have been at least two goals up, but the ball would not go into the net. Then, after the interval we had three goals in 16 minutes. Wisbech scoring first before Eddie Bailham netted twice.

Good football

Brian Moore, a former favourite at Milton Road, led the visitors' attack and blasted completely wide of the goal when well placed in only the first minute. After this escape, City settled for about 20 minutes, during which time they played some of their best football.

Bailham forced his way in the second minute and only a desperate clearance off the line by a full-back saved the Fenmen. Gregory and Spears both had shots blocked and City looked as threatening as the mist that was hovering round the pitch. However, as the mist never turned into fog so City's promise never materialised.

It was a hard game with no quarter given and towards the end of the first period, the Wisbech centre-half, Clarkson, received a nasty knock and spent the rest of the match hobbling on the left wing.

Wisbech took the lead 30 seconds after the interval when Lawrence, out on the right, tried a speculative shot and it completely beat Caine to find the corner of the net.

City went all out for the equaliser and Howell was flattened by a McNally "special" before Wall got the ball over the line, only to be ruled off-side.

The equaliser arrived in the 52nd minute when a cross from Spears reached Bailham and was cracked home so hard that no one could stop it, although several defenders were near at hand.

Winner

Four minutes later the centre-forward scored the winner, this time sweeping home a centre by Wall with his left foot.

Caine had to punch away a hard shot from Devitt in great style to save a replay, and, at the other end, Gregory netted only for the goal to be disallowed.

From then on play was scrappy and it came as something of a relief when the final whistle was heard and City had earned the right to meet Barnet at Milton Road in the next round.

Cambridge City: Caine; Carroll, Poole; Moyses, McGugan, McNally; Spears, Ward, Bailham. Gregory, Wall.

Wisbech: Meeson; Jacobs, Jackson; Howell, Clarkson, Metcalfe; Woods, Lawrence, Moore, Devitt, Jennings.



David Haywood (left), the Cambridge University centre-forward, leaps high to head home his side's goal.

Varsity fight like tigers

Cambridge University 1, Leyton Orient 1.

It came as a big surprise when, at the end of 90 minutes' play at Grange Road yesterday, one realised that Cambridge University had shared the honours with Second Division Leyton Orient, writes Peter Fearn.

Far from being over-awed by a side that had only one change from that which drew at home with Bury in the Football League on Saturday, the Light Blues started by having more than their fair share of the game, gained confidence and then fought like tigers to keep in the hunt.

It was not until six minutes before the interval that the Orient, strangely subdued on the long grass against these amateurs, took the lead. They should have been two goals up a minute after the interval, but, instead, were on level terms two minutes later.

Good augury

Mike Barnwell, the Varsity's captain, said afterwards: "We were determined not to be beaten by a huge score, but, to tell the truth, we never expected to hold them. As the boys found themselves working well together, especially the defence, they stuck to the job and we made it. I am delighted and I hope that this augurs well for the rest of the Term."

Certainly the University had a lot to thank goalkeeper David Cobb for. He made some magnificent saves and this Cambridge City reserve keeper should get his "Blue" this Term.

The visitors were allowed to score an easy goal with the Varsity defence standing still watching. The ball came over from the left and was met by right-winger Price, who beat three defenders with ease, side-stepped Cobb and slipped the ball into the net.

Shaw hit a post immediately after half-time and inside-left Allen screwed his shot past the same post from a matter of feet. From the clearance the University started an attack, and after two minutes Barnwell gave the perfect cross from the right for centre-forward Haywood to rise beautifully and nod the ball home.

Cambridge University: D. Cobb (St. Catharine's); J. S. Bradbrook

(Trinity), R. Skinner (Pembroke); H. Pratt (Christ's), J. Brown (Sidney Sussex), D. Richardson (St. John's); M. Barnwell (Christ's), R. Cutler (Jesus), D. Haywood (Jesus), D. Akers (Fitzwilliam House), M. Young (Downing).

Leyton Orient: Rouse; Butler, Worrell; Sorrell, Ferry, Smith; Price, Gregory, Shaw, Allen, Metchick.

Tomorrow's teams

Teams for the University's game against the Royal Navy at Grange Road tomorrow (kick-off 2.30) are:

Cambridge University: D. H. Cobb (St. Catharine's); J. S. Bradbrook (Trinity), P. D. Skinner (Pembroke); H. Pratt (Christ's), J. W. Brown (Sidney Sussex), D. F. Akers (Fitzwilliam House); M. Barnwell (Christ's) captain, R. W. Cutler (Jesus), D. C. Haywood (Jesus), D. L. Richardson (St. John's), M. Young (Downing).

Royal Navy: R. Hocking; D. Hunt, G. Atkey; C. Brown, C. Gray, N. Stacey; L. Shelton, J. Coates (captain), P. Greenwood, A. Jaundrill, D. Blandford.

Hiner in 'South' boys' side

The South Cambridgeshire schoolboys make one change for their English Schools Trophy second round replay against the Mid-Hertfordshire boys at Burrell School, Hatfield, tomorrow (k.o. 3 p.m.).

Hiner (Soham Grammar School) is available and returns to centre-half. Mackay switches over to left-half, allowing Brown to move into the forward line.

The South Cambridgeshire boys, who played well enough to win Saturday's drawn tie at Linton are hopeful that things will go right for them this time.

The winners of this tie have an attractive away game against the strong Watford association.

South Cambridgeshire: J. Morley (Soham V.C.); J. Short (Impington); R. Leonard (Soham V.C.); A. Garner (Swavesey); R. Hiner (Soham G.S.); O. Mackey (Sawston); D. Waters (Comberton); C. Denney (Sawston); M. Thornhill (Swavesey); P. Brown (Soham V.C.) capt.; M. Jarman (Melbourn).

Reserves: T. Downey and J. Edwards (Soham V.C.).

Tomorrow's football

CAMBRIDGE AND DISTRICT THURSDAY LEAGUE

SAFFRON WALDEN LILLEYS v. THE GOWNS

At Saffron Walden. Referee: M. Gingell.

BUS COMPANY v. BEEHIVES

On Coleridge Road Recreation ground. Referee: F. Sharman.

CAMBS. WANDERERS v. FIRE BRIGADE

On Parker's Piece. Referee: K. Poulter.

Cambs. Wanderers: D. Pitts; G. Balcombe, J. Butler; P. Baker, D. Warwick, S. Brown; C. Butcher, K. Robinson, R. Mair, D. Stocker, P. Fletcher.

Reserve: D. Peyton.

FITZROY THURSDAY v. G.P.O.

On Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground. Referee: M. J. Doel.

Fitzroy (from): Cowling, King, Morley, Macchiter, Nunn, Clark, Bourbass, Ziff, Payne, Prong, Merry, Wright.



Eddie Bailham, Cambridge City's centre forward, forces the ball past the goalkeeper Meeson in this ninth minute incident at Milton Road last night, but there was another Wisbech defender on hand to kick the ball off the line.

Two defensive mistakes give points to the Dons

Two slips in defence cost Cambridge United two Southern League points in the match against Wimbledon at Plough Lane, last night, writes David Hallett.

During the first 45 minutes United played as well as they have done for many weeks and they were really unlucky to be trailing when Wimbledon scored just before the interval.

The Dons' second goal was scored at the worst possible time for United—within a few minutes of the restart.

The star in a team of workers was undoubtedly Billy Day, who played at inside-right, with Wesley Maughan on the wing. Day had the partisan home crowd on its feet as it thrilled to his scintillating runs down the middle.

Several times it looked as though the inside forward would beat the home side on his own but Kelly, in goal, was always master and he achieved several fine saves.

He was forced into the best save of the match when Scurr sent in a great volley and, although the goalkeeper reached the ball,

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he could only parry it. Had Turley moved a little quicker the rebound would have been nestling in the back of the net. United started with a defensive formation in which Peter Hobbs, down to play at outside left and wearing a number 11 shirt, played behind his full-backs in a sweeping-up role.

With Day scheming from the deep Turley, Maughan and Barrett shared the brunt of the striking. This scheme worked fairly well and even when United were one down at half-time they were having more of the play and often looked more dangerous.

When Wimbledon scored their second goal soon after the restart, however, it seemed that United should have abandoned this defensive tactic and launch all-out attacks. When they eventually did do this they again had the home defence in trouble.

United were first to have a goal chance when, after 18 minutes, Kelly dropped a good cross from Graham but Wesley Maughan was unable to force the ball into the net.

Just as it was looking as though United would turn round on level terms, Kelly sent a long kick down the middle of the field. The ball bounced away from Scurr as he tried to control it and Brown ran through to steer past Slack into the net. Brown made the second home goal in the 50th minute when he crossed for Cook to swivel and send the ball into the corner of the net. Slack should have saved but he misjudged the ball and it again bounced badly for United.

Kelly was kept busy now as United pressed and he made good diving saves from Baker and Finch as the defenders moved upfield in an effort to score.

Then Day beat Law and Davies in great run but Kelly managed to parry and Turley and Hobbs just failed in a race for the rebound.

Wimbledon: Kelly; Cordjohn, McCready; Ardrey, Law, Davies; Brown, Cook, O'Rourke, Cartwright, Hodges.

Cambridge United: Slack; Tedds, Finch; Scurr, Baker, Graham; Maughan, Day, Turley, Barrett, Hobbs.