

Bright young star appears

Cambridge United 1, Kings Lynn 1.
(Attendance 1,405).

Out of the dark clouds of Cambridge United's recent performances a star twinkled last night when a bright hope emerged from the club's youth policy, comments David Hallett.

Although United could only scrape a draw from their Eastern Professional Floodlight League game against King's Lynn at the Abbey Stadium, the advent of Graham Felton, one of the club's apprentice professionals, on the right wing, warmed many of the faithful supporters with his speed down the line and his accurate crossing of the ball.

In the second half, after he had

been giving Colin Sharp a real chasing, the full back, who is no mean player, had to resort to suspect means to stop the youngster.

Crippled

During one spell of 20 minutes Felton received some cruel punishment and each time the referee awarded a foul and then he was finally crippled when the full back tapped his ankles from behind as the right-winger swept through.

It was typical of the treatment he is likely to get from several Southern League backs when they are beaten and he will have to learn to take it if he is to be a success in the Southern League.

It may be that he will get his first chance as soon as Saturday in the United's game at Rugby.

Little could be said about the game in general terms for it was not until the hour that play really warmed up.

United were awarded a hotly disputed penalty when Barrett was tripped from behind. The referee did not see the offence but his linesman flagged and after consultation the official awarded a spot kick.

Protest

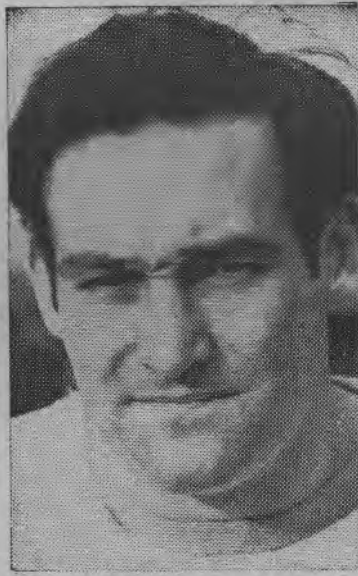
King's Lynn players protested hotly but, after order had been restored, Finch slammed the kick home.

However, within a few minutes the visitors equalised when Partridge cut in from the left to shoot underneath Slack's body from close range.

Barr, who is improving with every game, created a chance when he fastened on to a back pass. The centre forward rolled the ball past the goalkeeper but Maughan missed it and then Bennett's fierce shot hit the post.

Several chances came from Felton's accurate crosses and no doubt Turley would benefit from this sort of service in the air.

Cambridge United: Slack; Tedds, Finch; Scurr, Baker, Payne; Felton, Barr, Barrett, Bennett, King's Lynn: Walls; Haskins, Sharp; Brooks, Wright, Bowstead; Bacon, Havenhand, Banson, Laverick Partridge.



Eddie Bailham had a hand in all four City goals at Romford.

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Just the tonic City needed

Romford 2, Cambridge City 4.

Last night's result at Romford, where Cambridge City scored three times in 16 minutes during the second period, was just the tonic that the Milton Road club needed, writes Peter Fearn.

The two points won hoisted City up two places in the Eastern Professional Floodlight League, but they still have only three points from four matches.

Undoubtedly it was centre-forward Eddie Bailham's night—he played a part in each of his team's four goals. His bursts of speed often left the home defence standing and his shooting was so powerful that the amateur keeper, Geyaux, had an uncomfortable evening.

City went into their shell after Romford equalised their seventh minute goal only six minutes later, and gradually a lot of the early promise faded.

Never in doubt

The game, however, suddenly woke up five minutes after the interval when City scored again, and from then on there was never any doubt about the result, although Romford scored once more from the penalty spot.

Not once this season have we seen such confidence from the City. Even at the beginning, when they won their first three matches by the only goal scored, they did not look so commanding. Romford's forward line was blotted out, while

City's attack was fed a stream of passes.

Right at the start Bailham had a shot cleared off the line by a full-back, and the pressure continued until Gerry Ward's long ball through the middle found the leader. A quick back-heel and Alan Gregory was there to crack the ball home coolly.

Bill Heath, in the visitors' goal, made diving saves from Obeney and Barnett before advancing to the left-winger and being beaten by a great shot as Barnett picked his spot for the equaliser.

Apart from the odd shots from Bailham, City's pressure began to subside and Romford snatched the initiative without really having a chance to score. Towards the end of the period there was an incident between centre-forward Kelly and Jack McGugan which ended with the centre-half being severely censured by the referee.

It took five minutes' play after the interval for City to take the lead again. Alan Dennis, the full-back, made the running and from his pass Bailham cracked the ball home as Geyaux was unsighted.

Quick goals

Then came two goals within a minute. Bailham let fly one of his "specials." The keeper could not hold it and Alan Spears was there to bundle the ball into the net. Straight from the kick-off Bailham completed a great evening's work when he beat full-back Gitsam to a loose ball and, although Geyaux got to the shot, he could only help it on to the inside of a post and into the net.

A silly infringement in the penalty area gave Romford an 80th minute penalty and Gitsam gave Heath no chance as he made the score 4-2.

Cambridge City: Heath; Fuse-dale, Dennis; Moysse, McGugan, McNally; Spears, Ward, Bailham, Gregory, Wall.

Hopes blown away

For 45 minutes Ely Reserves looked capable of springing a surprise against a strong Spalding side which, by the end of the season is likely to be figuring in the Peterborough League championship race.

Although not always making the best use of a strong wind, Ely twice went ahead through Dick Elsey and Neville Baker but each time were pegged back through defensive errors and finally went down 5-2.

In the second half, with the wind even more intense, Spalding took almost complete control and three goals in a ten-minute spell gave them a comfortable win.

A good show

Haddenham did well to return from Parson Drove with both Peterborough League points from a 2-1 victory. They lost wing-half Roy Woodbridge in the 60th minute. He was taken to Wisbech hospital and detained with concussion after heading the ball.

Haddenham, kicking with a near gale force wind, had most of the first half play but were restricted to one goal. This came in the 25th minute when Jimmy Ainger scored from a penalty.

Parson Drove equalised after 52 minutes from a well-taken free-kick by left-winger Grummitt, but Haddenham netted the decider in the 70th minute through inside-right Tony Morton, who beat three defenders before scoring.

Sawston Rovers fade in extra time

Anyone hearing the result of the Cambridgeshire Challenge Cup first round replay between Sawston Rovers and Swavesey, without having seen it, would have found it difficult to believe that Swavesey won 6-2 but had been forced to go into extra time, writes Nomad.

At the interval the Rovers held a 2-1 advantage and although Swavesey equalised midway through the second half the score after 90 minutes was 2-2.

It was then that the fun began. In the very first minute of extra time, right winger David Hodson gave Swavesey the lead for the first time and ten minutes later they were 4-2 up, centre forward Scott having scored his second of the match. Hodson netted a third before the change, after which Mitchell added the sixth.

It proved almost farcical because, with a heavy covering of cloud, it was almost dark with five minutes of extra time still to play.

Effective

When the game opened, there was no sign of the things to come. Sawston, with the wind at their backs, went straight on to the attack. After five minutes their efforts paid dividends with a move out of defence that was as simple as it was effective. Four men combined in the move which ended with Hunt having an easy chance to net.

Sawston's pressure weakened and Swavesey eventually equalised through Scott but Sawston rallied to regain the lead through Martin.

The standard of play in the first part of the second half was not as good as that of the first but the turning point came when right back Cundell came up for a free kick and put Swavesey level. From then on Swavesey had things all their own way and played the best football of the match.

Although Sawston United's "nap" hand against Mercury was a too one-sided result to provide an entertaining game, the encounter did have the advantage of encouraging the United for next Saturday's

County Challenge Cup-tie with Chatteris.

They had a neatly balanced team on view and when Lionel Shelford completed his "hat-trick" in the 40th minute Sawston had their County League game buttoned up.

The goals came from Shelford and inside-left Denny.

See-saw cup-tie

A second minute goal by Paul Cambridge, who completed his "hat-trick" before the end of their Waterbeach Cup-tie, put Foxton on the road to victory at the expense of Waterbeach.

The Beach, who were beaten 6-3, fought back and equalised through M. Jefferson but Leitch regained the lead for Foxton.

It was in the second period that Foxton really cut loose, adding four goals after Waterbeach had equalised and then taken the lead with goals from Jefferson and Levitt.

This game of fluctuating fortunes continued as right half Gill put Foxton back in the game. The coup de grace came when Cambridge added two more Foxton goals and Lawrence put the final nail in the Waterbeach coffin.

After a wind-assisted 3-1 interval lead, Barrington were beaten 7-3 by Fulbourn Hospital in their County League (Division 2) match.

Hopwood, Smith and Want scored for Barrington, and Furness (2), Bailey, Spong, Drage, Jennings and Clayden were the winners' marksmen.

Longstanton, who drew 2-2, only forced a replay in their Junior Cup match at Wilburton with a late equaliser—a fine header by Rees. King scored their other goal.

Linton just home in mini Derby

It is always a local 'Derby' when the Linton and Abington teams meet and this time Granta, the home side, took the honours when they scored the only goal of their Junior Cup-tie.

The goal arrived just before the interval when Abington's defence paid the penalty of standing still while appealing for an off-side decision and Brazier netted in "soft" fashion.

Cherry Hinton Reserves were hit for six in a County League (Division 2A) match by St. Andrew's second string, who scored four times in the first half through Cousins, Jackson, Jay and Stokes.

The Saints scored twice more in the second period when Jackson and Terry Cousins netted.

Toft, taking their chances, took both the Division 3A points on Saturday when they beat Bassingbourn by three clear goals.

Despite the difference in the score-line this was an even match, but the visitors were not so accurate in front of goal.

Toft's goals came from G. Balcombe (2) and B. Parnwell.

Blustery conditions made it difficult for the forwards to control the ball when Harston Reserves entertained Fulbourn Hospital Reserves in a Division 3A game and, with the defence tackling

quickly, it was no surprise when the game ended goalless.

Despite winning 8-2 on Saturday, Exning Reserves were only leading Quy by the odd goal of five after 75 minutes' play. Then came an avalanche of five home goals made certain of two Division 4B points.

Quy took the lead through Cornby, but goals from Collins (2) and Parr gave Exning a useful 3-1 interval lead.

Quy reduced the deficit but then Exning added five more goals in the last 15 minutes through Leggett (2), Mayes, Appleyard (penalty) and a newcomer, Woods.

The goal that Duxford scored in their 4C match at Abington on Saturday was the first conceded by the home club's reserve team in four matches, and it proved to be the equaliser as the game ended in a 1-1 draw.

Abington took the lead in the fifth minute through Borley, and Duxford's goal came just before half-time.

Den Saddington made his first appearance for Cambridge Argyle in fine style when he scored three times in his side's 5-1 win over the Scouts' Reserves in a 4D encounter.

After conceding two early goals, St. Andrew's youth team gained a 5-4 Chiltern League Cup victory over Vauxhall Motors at Luton.

Their marksmen were, Saunders (3) Small and Coghill.

Lauries were well on top of Linton in a top of the table clash in the Sunday League's Central Division, but in the 25 minutes their superiority lasted, they only scored once. Linton settled down after the onslaught and ran out as winners by the odd goal of three.

A. Chapman scored the equaliser ten minutes after the interval, and then netted the winner.

The 'Cambridge News' continued their rise in the Cambridge and District Sunday League's Central Division with a fine 5-2 win over St. Ives Saints on Colham's Common.

The Newsmen were four goals up at the interval after playing the first half with rain and strong wind at their backs. In the second half the Saints, playing much better than their bottom of the table position indicated, scored twice as the home side netted once.

Their goals were scored by Farrington (2), Foster, Finnis and Childerley.

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