

Limping Foscolo nets three goals in vain

Brian Foscolo, the giant Cambridge United full-back, although limping heavily at centre-forward after an early injury, made one and scored three of his sides' second half goals in the Midland Floodlit Cup match at Worcester last night, reports David Hallett.

United were hit by injuries, with Turley and Foscolo limping and Slack the victim of concussion. However, although three goals down at half-time, they rallied strongly and for a time it seemed that they would collect at least a point.

Worcester City 5, Cambridge United 4
(Attendance 2,962)

only be described as magnificent. He first started to limp after a tackle in the first few minutes and after half an hour he was off the field with what appeared to be a serious knee injury. However, he gamely came back and moved to centre-forward.

Until the interval he was not even of nuisance value but at the restart he promptly latched on to a back pass and ran round the goalkeeper before unselfishly backheeling for Bennett to score from close range.

The full back then hit a powerful cross shot past the goalkeeper

and the ball was helped into the net by Mullen.

Foscolo saved his best two efforts to the end and just before time within 45 seconds he hit the back of the net with two efforts that would have made Jimmy Greaves proud.

The first came when Burton sent Maughan through and the inside forward pulled the ball back to the edge of the area for Foscolo to slam first time into the net with an unstoppable shot. Then he snapped up a loose ball, beat two defenders and curved the ball past the diving goalkeeper from the edge of the penalty area.

'Gifts'

Unfortunately this magnificent fight back inspired by the full-back was marred by unusual slackness in defence that gave Worcester gift goals.

The home side stole two early goals in the first 20 minutes when United were playing with their usual early skill and both came out of the blue against the run of play.

The second was most unfortunate in that Slack made a fine flying save only to be knocked out as the centre-forward followed up. Finch cleared from the line but Bassett scored from the rebound from the narrowest of angles, with Slack lying unconscious in the goalmouth.

The shot was certainly a fluke and one the goalkeeper would normally have saved. As it was, it was five minutes before he was revived.

The score was 3-0 at half-time to Worcester and when United netted in the first minute of the second half it looked as though they might take command. However two more bad mistakes by the defence gave Worcester two more goals and Foscolo's effort was to no avail.

Ward (3), Bassett and Crawley scored for Worcester.

Cambridge United: Slack; Burton, Foscolo; Scurr, Finch, Graham; Felton, Maughan, Turley, Barrett, Bennett.



Brian Foscolo.

Swavesey in top form

Swavesey were in their best form to defeat Burwell 4-1 in their Challenge Cup-tie at Burwell.

The fast-moving Burwell forwards were well contained by a resolute Swavesey defence. The visitors gained a 2-0 interval lead against the wind through Brian Scott and Robert Mitham and in the second half Mick Walker and Charlie Smith added further goals. Derek Oliver scored for Burwell.

Despite losing by 7-2 at home to Parson Drove in the same competition, Foxton put up a spirited fight.

Foxton played well in midfield but could not match the Drove's shooting power. Four of the visitors' goals were unstoppable shots.

P. Cambridge and L. Cambridge scored for Foxton.

Blackley was outstanding in defence when Fulbourn Hospital lasted the pace better to beat Elsworth 3-1 in a sporting County League (Division 2A) tussle.

Jennings, Furness and E. Spong netted for the winners and Misseldine scored for Elsworth.

City schoolboys slam St. Albans

Cambridge City Schoolboys 5, St. Albans 0

St. Albans were outplayed by Cambridge at the Abbey Stadium last night as the City boys went "nap" to win this third round tie in the English Schools' F.A. Trophy, writes Peter Fearns.

Now they are at home to Peterborough in the next round and so have the chance to avenge an earlier defeat inflicted upon them by "The Young Posh." On last night's performance they must stand a good chance and the Peterborough observers were impressed.

Supplied with a stream of passes from their powerful half-back line, the home forwards had nearly all the play in this 70 minutes match and they scored twice in the first half, but, what really k.o.d St. Albans, who had little answer in defence, was a spell of three goals in five minutes in the last period. The Cambridge left flank, with winger Galenski in particular, was extremely dangerous and unfortunately for the visitors, keeper Quick belied his name.

Untroubled

On the rare occasions that St. Albans did break away, their inside left, Titmus, who is under the watchful eye of Tottenham Hotspur, showed a lot of promise but neither he nor his colleagues gave Speak, in the home goal, much trouble.

After ten minutes probing, City went ahead when left back Roper was forced into an error under pressure and put the ball through his own goal.

Several chances to increase this lead were missed by City's forwards and it was left half Plumb who put them further ahead when he completely beat Quick with a long range lob before the interval.

The second period was eight minutes old when the same player scored City's third goal in identical fashion, and within the next four minutes Cambridge scored twice more. Centre forward Newman outstripped the defence, drew the keeper and netted easily and then Galenski finished off a good evening's work as he slammed home a shot after the ball re-

bounded off the keeper's knees. Cambridge: Speak (Grammar); Anderson (Chesterton); Bevis (Manor); Bell (Netherhall); Stads (Manor); Plumb (Netherhall); Cracknell, Austin, Newman (Netherhall); Murray, Galenski (St. Bede's).

Young Isleham shake leaders

Lode looked far from league leaders against a young Isleham side in a County League (Division 1B) match.

Lode were 4-0 down at half time and, although they improved slightly in the second half, they could only score once, through Norden, while the home team added three more to win 7-1. Lode missed K. Golding at full-back but the defence needs tightening considerably.

In keenly contested Foster Cup first round tie, Barrington beat Bassingbourn 4-2.

Gillson gave Barrington the lead but Parsloe equalised just before half time and about the same time Bassingbourn lost their centre-half.

Lee and Roy Smith made 3-1 to Barrington but Green pulled one back before Challis made the game safe for Barrington.

Laurie McConnell, despite being 1-0 down at the interval, finished their Sunday League game against Cambridge Continentals with an eight-goal flourish, their markers being Warwick (4), Pincey, Cousens, Smart and Wynn.

Sawston earn home Challenge replay against Chatteris

Sawston United kept the County League's banner flying high this weekend when they visited Chatteris and drew their Challenge Cup-tie with the Peterborough League club as six goals were shared.

Sawston shook the home side as they raced into a two-goal lead in the first eight minutes and, although the scores were level ten minutes from the end, the United would have won if they had been a little more steady in front of goal in the dying minutes.

Harry Downes, Sawston's coach, was soon in action on the left and from his centre Ken Stocker put the U's one goal up and this success was followed up by Lionel Shelford beating two defenders before slamming in an unstoppable shot for goal No. 2.

Chatteris were shaken, but not frightened. They settled down and their inside-right reduced the arrears from close range and it was not until the interval was only five minutes away that the home team equalised after a United defender deflected the ball through his own goal.

The second period was a cracker in pace and effort and Pearl's free-kick completely beat Sawston's keeper to give Chatteris the lead for the first time. But the last 20 minutes belonged to Sawston and Stocker equalised ten minutes from the end when he converted a pass from Denny.

Sawston's Reserves, too, had a good day when they continued their fine run with a 2-0 home win over Stapleford. The scorers were Skej and Clay.

Mercury crash

With four reserves in their side, including K. Plumb, the goalkeeper, Mercury were at a disadvantage against Wisbech Res. on Coldham's Common and were knocked out of the Challenge Cup when beaten 8-0.

Woodward, Grimmer and Rockcliffe gave the Fenmen a 3-0 lead at the interval.

Taylor sent Wisbech further ahead two minutes after the restart, then Grimmer underlined Mercury's weakness as he saw a "soft" shot bounce off a kneeling Plumb into the net.

Trevor Lee then added a "hat-trick" which brought the visitors' total to eight. Williamson and Rockcliffe were sent off for arguing with the referee, and Wisbech ended with nine men.

Exning recover

Following a lay-off, Exning United took some time to settle down in their County League game against Romsey Town but were eventually the winners over the Cambridge club by 4-1.

Good covering by the United defence allowed Romsey few chances to test Wood, but with a minute to go before the interval, Bradley slipped through to put the visitors ahead.

The second half was a completely different story. Exning were on arms within two minutes after the interval when Nash scored from

Colts had the edge

At Dunstable, Cambridge Colts beat Old Dunstablians by 10 points to five. Both teams were equally matched, but as the game progressed Cambridge gained the upper hand in lines-out and scrums.

After failing to score from a penalty, given in the opening minutes of the game, Cambridge played vigorously and took the lead when F. Milne converted the try scored by A. Banks. The Old Dunstablians XV equalised with a converted try just before half-time.

During the first 15 minutes of the second half, T. Moore scored for Cambridge from a line-out near the Old Boys' line. Milne again converted.

Saints' second half supremacy

Four second half goals by St. Andrew's 'A' were too much for West Wrattling, who, although scoring the only goal of the first period, went down 4-1 to the Saints in their County League (Division 4C) fixture.

Bottom of the table West Wrattling forced John Pledger to put the ball through the St. Andrew's goal before the interval, but after the break Melvyn Jackson headed home the equaliser. In the 58th minute the Saints took the lead when Michael Bullivant netted during a goal-mouth melee.

Jackson had to go off for treatment but he scored the Saints' third goal on his return, and the same player completed his hat-trick and the scoring just before the final whistle.

Exning Reserves completed a Division 4B 'double' in their return fixture at Quy when they ran out 6-2 winners.

Despite having advantage of wind and slope in their favour the Juniors were not able to turn

this to their advantage, and Quy soon established an early two goals lead before Mayes reduced the leeway.

Exning went on to outplay their opponents throughout the second half, and goals followed at regular intervals through Woods (3), Houghton and Appleyard.

Telecom held out for 30 minutes against Trumpington Reserves, but then they conceded two goals to the home side and eventually went down by the odd goal of five in their Division 4C game.

It was Trumpington who were kept on the defensive after half-time and Mackie reduced the deficit from close range only for Trumpington to regain their two goals' lead soon afterwards.

Telecom kept going and Lloyd scored for them but although they did their best to equalise they could not score again. In fact, they missed a perfect chance when a penalty shot went astray.

Goals from Davey and Witt were good enough to give a very young Cherry Hinton 'A' XI the Division 3A points at Great

Gransden, who only scored once. Pye Radio won their first Sunday League point of the season when they held a weakened Cherry Hinton side to a 1-1 draw.

Melon scored for the Cherries after the Pye keeper failed to hold Dunkley's free kick; but a quick goal at the beginning of the second half gave the radio men a point.

Under blustery conditions the constantly improving Coleridge Argyle side won by four clear goals to take the Sunday League (Northern Division) points in easy fashion from Cambridge Rangers.

After a rather fortunate opening goal Argyle scored again through left-winger Mann.

In the second half the powerful Argyle half-back line dominated the play, and it was no surprise when they added two more goals.

Hinton Rangers, fielding several reserves, struggled against the Post Office engineers in the friendly match at Teversham on Sunday and went down by three clear goals.

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