

No punch in United's number two attack

It was clear from this disappointing Midland Floodlit League match at Newmarket Road last night that Cambridge United cannot field two complete forward lines with the same goal punch, writes David Hallett.

On Saturday evening United's number one forward line tore the top Southern League defence to shreds at Wellington, but last night the number two attack never looked like cracking Wisbech's rearward.

In a goalless first half, United held a slight edge, but after the

Cambridge United 1,
Wisbech Town 2.

interval the attack faded right from the picture and Meeson, in the Wisbech goal, was hardly bothered except to collect numerous back passes as his colleagues wasted time.

The only way it seemed United would score was from the penalty spot and, sure enough, their goal came from a Hobbs penalty when Devitt handled two minutes from time.

Brian Boggis, now in Wisbech colours, had a triumphant return to the Abbey Stadium. He completely blotted Graham Felton from the game. Graham Lawrence also had a fair game for Wisbech

and scored the second goal although he was often in trouble with his captain because of his thoughtless play.

All the home forwards were guilty at one stage or another of careless play and the captain, Gerry Baker, tired of shouting at his team mates long before the end.

Jackie Scurr ran tirelessly in an effort to spark some life into his forwards but there was little or no response. The nearest the home side came to scoring in the first half was when a left foot shot on the run by Brian Foscolo was saved by the diving Wisbech goalkeeper.

Misses

There was an escape for United when Graham Lawrence hit a shot from six yards during a goal-mouth melee, but the ball crashed against the underside of the bar and bounced clear.

Brian Moore missed two golden chances when centres from Dennis Woods had beaten the United defence before the former City and United man sent his right winger away in the 55th minute. Woods' centre escaped the defence once again and only a flying save by Slack kept the ball out of the net.

However, the goalkeeper did not hold the ball and Fawell slipped it back into an unguarded net.

Seven minutes later Lawrence added the second and again the cross came from Woods.

It then looked as though Wisbech would win by two clear goals until Hobbs converted the penalty.

Cambridge United: Slack; Tedds, Finch; Scurr, Baker, Payne; Felton, Day Foscolo, Barr, Hobbs.
Wisbech: Meeson; Jacobs, Boggis; Devitt, Clarkson, Metcalf; Woods, Moore, Fawell, Lawrence, Partridge.

LATE GOALS K.O. THE CHERRIES

After an exciting first round Bottisham Cup-tie, Cherry Hinton had to bow out when they lost 5-3 to Fordham, at present in second place in the County League's Premier Division.

Yet by the interval it looked as though the Cherries might win. A penalty scored by Bruce Badcock gave them the lead and after Fordham equalised, two good goals from Bernie Langran gave them a 3-1 lead.

But Fordham hit back strongly with a quick goal after the interval and then equalised with a penalty. After missing another penalty, the home team scored twice more near the end and so earned the right to meet Wilbraham in the next round.

Taylor out in second round

Roger Taylor, of Britain, was beaten 6-4, 6-3 by Allan Stone (Australia) in the second round of the men's singles in the South Australian lawn tennis championships at Adelaide today.

Taylor had a bye in the first round, and the heavy outside court for his second-round match against the Victorian did not suit his style of play. He was unable to make full use of his service, usually so effective on a dry court.



Brian Boggis... a triumphant return to the Abbey Stadium.

Forced to retire with leg injury

In their first Cambridgeshire Badminton League (Division II), match of this season, Whittlesford were beaten 8-1 by St. Columba's in Cambridge last night.

Jeff Horne, of Whittlesford, was forced to retire from the match with a leg injury.

Scores (St. Columba's names first):

D. Cross and K. Wheeler beat T. King and R. Rayner 15-10, 15-4; beat D. Searle and J. Horne 15-7, 15-5; beat F. Winter and M. Kelly 15-7, 15-7.

H. Arnott and W. Marshall beat King and Rayner 15-7, 15-10; beat Searle and Horne 15-10, 15-7; lost to Winter and Kelly 12-15, 11-15. J. Hamilton and L. Male beat King and Rayner 15-2, 15-8; beat Searle and Horne 12-6, w.o.; beat Winter and Kelly 15-10, 15-7.

TERLING v BUMPSTEAD

In the Baintree Badminton League men's doubles, Steeple Bumpstead were defeated 7-2.

Details (Bumpstead names first): T. Suckling and L. Hayes beat J. Thomas and R. Eves 15-6, 15-2; lost to G. Twin and D. Chaplin 14-17, 12-15; beat M. Marshall and T. Rainbird 18-16, 15-5.

F. Hayes and L. Woodley lost 7-15, 15-13, 12-15; lost 12-15, 6-15; lost 11-15, 6-15.

L. Claydon and J. Mayes lost 10-15, 17-16, 12-15; lost 7-15, 11-15; lost 12-15, 15-13, 2-15.

Decided on last game

After a tense struggle Whittlesford Badminton Club beat Shelford by five rubbers to four in a friendly match at Shelford.

Rubbers were four all until the final game in which the Whittlesford pair of Mike Kelly and Jim Houghton beat Shelford representatives, George Buckle and Peter Abbott.

Scores (Shelford names first): C. Holmes and L. Pearl beat T. King and F. Winter 7-15, 18-4, 15-3; lost to R. Rayner and R. Maynard 11-15, 18-17, 3-15; lost to J. Houghton and M. Kelly 15-11, 5-15, 12-15.

G. Buckle and P. Abbott lost to King and Winter 14-15, 12-15; lost to Rayner and Maynard 12-15, 18-14, 13-15; lost to Houghton and Kelly 3-15, 8-15.

D. Merry and E. Arber beat King and Winter 15-11, 15-11; beat Rayner and Maynard 15-9, 15-12; beat Houghton and Kelly 15-11, 15-12.

Sawston bow out after thriller

One of the best games that is likely to be seen at Spicers Sports Ground, Sawston, this season, was witnessed by more than 100 spectators—one of the largest crowds Sawston United have attracted for some time.

The enthusiastic supporters saw Chatteris Town score twice in the early part of the second half and go on to win their Cambridgeshire Challenge Cup first round replay by 2-1, writes Nomad.

Chatteris are now firm favourites to go on to retain the trophy they have won for the past three years. In last season's final they defeated Sawston United, and when the two teams clashed in the first round at Chatteris they shared six goals.

Saturday's game was played at a cracking pace throughout, but Chatteris just about had the edge and deserved a narrow victory.

When the game seemed virtually settled with eight minutes left, and Chatteris commanding play with a 2-0 lead, Sawston suddenly struck to reduce their arrears and bring even more tension and drama into the proceedings.

Stocker, on the right wing, who had not been in the same good form he showed to win County honours on Wednesday, sent over a high cross which dipped over goalkeeper Munns' head and rebounded from the bar for inside right Ron Downes to hook home.

This was the signal for Sawston to apply all their reserves of strength and energy and they almost paid off. They forced four corners in the last five minutes and Ron Downes managed to get his head to two, only to see his efforts miss by inches.

Miss

It was Sawston who should have taken the lead in the third minute but, after he had been put through by Ron Downes, centre forward Shelford, who was also unable to regain the form and goal scoring touch which won

England team not yet picked

The England football team left London by air today for Madrid to play Spain tomorrow.

At London Airport Alf Ramsey, the manager, said the team had not yet been selected. On the prospects of the match, Ramsey said: "One has every confidence that we will do well."

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Athletic coast into semi-final

Chesterton Athletic coasted to an easy 7-2 win over Haddenham Reserves in the quarter-final of the county Junior Cup and raced to a 4-0 lead by the interval. Their first half goals were scored by Shadrack (2), Fordham and Ingrey.

The home side fought back and Albert Cowell, the former Cambridge City amateur, scored from a direct free kick, but Shadrack and Ingrey hit back for Chesterton to give the club a 6-1 lead. Don Sykes took advantage of an Athletic slip in defence to score one more for

Haddenham only for Shadrack to bring his personal tally to four with five minutes left to play.

Chesterton now meet Milton in the semi-final. Fulbourn Hospital Reserves won their first game for four weeks when they beat Cherry Hinton "A" 6-2 at the Hospital.

The first half was very poor with both sides unable to find their own men. The Cherries were holding Fulbourn 2-2 at the interval when Fulbourn's goals were scored by D. Morris and B. Poulter.

In the second half, Fulbourn had their own way in the slippery conditions. Their scoring was completed by T. Lancaster (2) and D. Harvey (2).

While Abington's attack was going most of the pressing at Great Chishill, their defence let in four goals by the interval and the visitors found themselves trailing 4-1 in this Division 1 (A) match.

The forwards scored twice in the second period to reduce the deficit to one goal, but try as they did they could not score an equaliser.

Abington's scorers were Clive Prentice, Roy Fletcher and Peter Day. Abington's second string were never in the hunt against a

strong Coleridge "A" side and lost their Division 4 (C) game by five goals to one.

Coleridge took an early lead but this soon nullified by Joe Borley for the sides to change over on level terms. In the second half, however, the visitors had things their own way and Abington had to thank goalkeeper Salmon that Coleridge did not reach double figures.

By virtue of their 4-2 win on Saturday, Fye Telecom doubled Techne Sports in Division 4 (C). They led 2-0 at half-time through goals by Konradt and then Beaumont made it 3-0 soon after the interval.

As Telecom relaxed, Techne took advantage and scored twice in 20 minutes before P. Jarvis made the game safe for Telecom. Although they eventually won 6-3, Coleridge Argyle were held to a shared six goals by C.I.B.A. at the end of 90 minutes in the second round tie of the Sunday League Cup.

Argyle were a goal behind at the interval and were soon trailing 3-1, but goals from L. Mann and J. Swann kept them in the game. In the extra time, Argyle kept hammering away at the C.I.B.A. goal and were rewarded as B. Carse (2) and G. Kinsman swept them into the next round.

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