

United still without Floodlit league win

Another typical Midland Floodlit League performance against Lockheed at Leamington last night, means that Cambridge United are now the only team in the competition without a win to their credit this season, writes David Hallett.

Lockheed Leamington 2, Cambridge United 1.

tinct sections. The first with the home team in complete command scoring two goals and seeing several other goalworthy efforts saved by Rodney Slack. In the second section United held the edge without being able to score goals.

The performance of the United attack was very disappointing with both wingers, Bennett and Felton, having poor games. Turley tried hard but suffered from a complete lack of support. Billy Day started well but found the heavy going against him and Hugh Barr fitted in and out of the picture.

Only at wing half did United show their Southern League class with both Graham and Finch getting through a tremendous amount of work.

Finch played especially well. Some of his long range pin-point passes were a delight to see and the reward for his play was United's only goal.

Slack shines

From the kick-off the home side took control and only three world class saves from Slack prevented them taking the lead until the ninth minute. For the first time the goalkeeper was beaten and Graham kicked off the line for a corner. From the kick Hancock headed sideways for Bernard Jones, the former Rugby Town player, to volley into the net from close range.

More fine saves from Slack kept the Brakes to a one goal lead until the 35th minute when a long cross from Jones first hit Shorthouse and was then deflected from Gerry Graham's head over the leaping figure of Slack.

After the interval the home side started to tire rapidly and a header from John Turley in the opening minutes of the half beat Simpson but was kicked off the line by Knox.

The centre forward had the ball in the net soon afterwards but the

effort was disallowed for some infringement.

With play continuing in a similar fashion, it was not until ten minutes from the end that United got their only goal. Felton took a corner on the right and Simpson dropped the ball which rolled out to Finch who scored with a powerful low drive through a forest of defenders and United forwards.

Lockheed hung on to their lead to give them their first victory in this competition.

Lockheed: Simpson; Lockton, Hinde; Davis, Connolly, Jones; Holmes, Knox, Hancock, Short-house, Hall.

Cambridge United: Slack; Tedds, Foscolo; Graham, Baker, Finch; Felton, Day, Turley, Barr, Bennett.



Derek Finch gave a top-class performance for United and scored their only goal.

Nomads run into a bad patch

The Blueharts Hockey Club scored a notable double over Cambridgeshire Nomads at Hitchin, the senior and junior teams winning by seven and two clear goals respectively. The second eleven game between these two clubs was cancelled due to the waterlogged state of Jesus Green.

The Nomads seniors were woefully out of touch and were never in the hunt against probably one of the most powerful sides the Blueharts have fielded for quite some time.

Peter Morris's team are currently going through an extremely bad patch, which is all the more difficult to overcome since there is a distinct lack of adequate reserves.

The Nomads full senior side is indeed powerful, but against the Blueharts five replacements were fielded. Try as they did, the Nomads defence could not contain a fast and slick moving Blueharts attack, who, although only scoring twice in the first half, ran riot after the interval.

It is understood that, with the turn of the year, the Nomads will be able to field a full side right through until the end of the season—welcome news indeed.

Deserved

The story of the Nomads third eleven game was entirely different, for the juniors were perhaps a little unlucky to be on the receiving end. Justice was served, however, for on balance of play the home side deserved the spoils.

Both defences found the heavy ground to their disadvantage, and in the early stages, the Nomads were hard pressed to hold a clever, if somewhat boisterous forward line; fortunately Boland, in goal, was right on top of his form and made a number of timely clearances.

The home side took the lead from a penalty flick early in the second half and thereafter an all-out tattle ensued. After both Robinson and White were unlucky not to have obtained the equaliser, Blueharts put the issue beyond doubt in the closing stages as darkness almost descended on the scene.

Advantage lost

Cambridge City 2nd XI, after gaining a 2-0 half-time lead against Stevenage, lost the advantage in the second half and had to be content with a 2-2 draw.

City easily contained the opposition when defending the dry half of the pitch, their goals coming from Peak and Patel.

In the second half, the City defence, apart from Leat, had great difficulty in clearing, and conceded two goals. All the goals were thus scored at the muddy end.

Cambridgeshire women won an exciting inter-county hockey game at Spalding where they gained victory by the odd goal of five against Lincolnshire.

Jeffs gives Smith a hard race

Although there were only a small field in the Cambridge and Coleridge A.C.'s senior cross-country championship, a most interesting race developed over the 6.9 miles course.

Brian Jeffs went straight into the lead and at the 2½ mile point was five yards up on Jim Smith. At four miles he was 20 yards in front, looking as though he was determined to win. However, Jim Smith had other ideas, and by six miles he was running just behind Jeffs. One hundred yards from the finish, Smith made his effort and won yet another club championship in the good time of 40 min. 25 sec. Jeffs was a worthy second in 40 min. 28 sec.

David Griggs, making a gradual comeback after injury, showed continued improvement by finishing third in 42 min. 41 sec.

Other times and positions were: 4 D. Pickup 43-36, 5 J. West 46-04, 6 J. Moroney 47-26, 7 B. Wallman 48-48, 8 T. Fox 50-21, 9 E. Mortlock 50-22.

Sealed handicap

Incorporated in this race was a sealed handicap, in which all runners were given a time allowance relative to their form, but they did not know what their allowance was until after the race. John West put the handicappers' nightmare into reality, by winning for the second successive year. With an allowance of 6 min. 25 sec., his handicap time was 39 min. 39 sec. Such was the lead that Jeffs and Smith had over the rest of the field that, despite severe handicaps, they, too, were among the prizewinners.

Other placings: 2 B. Jeffs (rec. 0.45 sec.) 39 min. 43 sec.; 3 J. Smith (0.05 sec.) 40-20; equal 4 D. Griggs (2-20) 40-21 and D. Pickup (3-15) 40-31; 6 E. Mortlock (8-05) 42-17; 7 B. Wallman (6 min.) 42-48; 8 J. Moroney (4-20) 43-06; 9 T. Fox (6-25) 43-56.

One of their best performances

After a three-week break through unfit pitches, the Saffron Walden Sunday hockey side put up one of their best performances of the season at Brentwood where they held the strong home side to a 1-1 draw.

Brentwood, defending an unbeaten record, were first to score in a very even first half. Walden hit back with purpose in their play, and deserved their equaliser before half-time, through their centre-forward, Terry Perrett.

Walden pressed hard in the second half and, with some fine attacking play from the wing-halves, Bob Fairhead and John Duke, had the Brentwood defence in frequent trouble.

Ted Cockle, at centre-half, had another fine game and for the

second day running had the centre pretty tightly sewn up.

The previous day the club's seniors had beaten Haverhill 2-1 at home.

Haverhill were a strong tackling combination and in the first half took full advantage of Walden's faulty distribution.

Haverhill, who possessed a strong inside trio, all too often tried to force their way through the centre while their wings were left unmarked and ideally placed to crack the defence.

For Walden, Ted Cockle, at centre-half, was up to his usual form and tackled as relentlessly as the opposition.

Haverhill took the lead in the 22nd minute through David Pryke. Walden came back strongly and, after Cockle's shot had sailed over the bar, the centre-forward,

Talking Rugby by Deryck Harvey

Two young Old Boys to watch

The captain of the Cambridgeshire High School for Boys John "Jacko" Page, who has been chosen to represent London schoolboys against Carmarthen next month, played his first game in senior club Rugby on Saturday.

Page, who is 18, played scrum half for the Old Cantabrigians and had a good game, although his side went down 19-nil to Old Hertfordians at Sedley Taylor Road. He showed much of the handling skill, speed and flair that has won him schoolboy representative honour.

Brian Boyde, aged 19, who played at fly-half on Saturday, was also making his first XV debut, after having played at centre in the seconds this season. He, too, had a good game, I am told, and the Page-Boydell half-back combination may well prove to be a formidable one for the Old Cantabs in the future.

Father and son

Lower down the Cantabs' ranks, father and son played together in the front row for the Brigands on Saturday. They were the captain, Tom Seaber, who is 39, and his 16-year-old son, Stephen.

Tom loves his Rugby. He turns out regularly on Saturdays and referees college games in midweek. Stephen, the eldest of three sons, has taken to the game quite naturally to keep up the family tradition.

The deputy Cambridge surveyor, Geoff Cresswell, has joined the Old Cantabs and makes his mark regularly at full-back for their second XV. Geoff skipped the Oxford City thirds before taking up his appointment in Cambridge, and is a former Eastern Counties, Ipswich and Norwich player.

New opponents

Cambridge R.U.F.C., making every bid possible for a stronger fixture list, are running up against the inevitable difficulty of arranging games several years in advance. But they are making steady progress, and will meet several new opponents next season.

The City will play Richmond in September, 1966, and will follow this game with a fixture against Nottingham University. In January they will play the Old Edwardians, one of the stronger Midlands' old boys' sides, and on Good Friday (March 24, 1967), they will receive Notts, at Grantchester Road.

Cambridge will also undertake a short tour of Jersey in April, 1967.

The Leys School, Cambridge, have had a good average season, winning four and losing four of nine games while scoring 71 points against 66. Their record showed a marked improvement after a

severe 18-nil defeat by St. Paul's in October.

The master in charge of Rugby Mr. W. N. White, explained: "We drew 9-9 with Cambridgeshire High School at the beginning of the season, and beat the Perse 6-0.

"The culminating point of the season was a game against Campbell College, Belfast, who have won the Ulster Cup regularly in the past six years. They came here with a very high reputation and played football of a very high order to beat the school by 14 points to nil."

To Belfast?

Last year's game against Campbell was cancelled because of fog. Next season, The Leys would like to visit Belfast for a return match.

Meanwhile, the school hope that one of their strongest players, G. J. H. Marcanik, will be selected to the Eastern Counties' schoolboy XV. They have relied on his services a good deal this season together with more powerful play from P. J. T. Svehlík in the centre and M. Pink, a Huntingdon boy, a fly-half.

King's School, Ely, rounded off their season on Saturday with a good game against the Old Eleans and were beaten by 13 pts. to 13 only by a last-minute try which the Old Boys converted.

The Rugby master, Mr. A. J. Bland, said yesterday: "We have won five, lost five, and drawn one this season, and have done considerably better than expected considering there were only four colours left in the team from last year."

"A win over Woodbridge by 26-8 was a highlight of the season and we drew 9-9 with Ipswich, strong side this year. The season was just about average; last year we won seven and lost three."

Three players, particularly, have shown outstanding form for King's—the captain, A. G. Spencer, who is open side wing forward, the scrum half, N. Perrin, and the Norfolk schoolboys' fly-half, R. J. Anderson.

Mr. Bland is hoping that Spencer will be selected for the Cambridgeshire Schools' trial.

Unconverted

I like the story of the Cambridge undergraduate who spent so much time on the Rugby field that his tutor said of him recently: "The only time I saw him last term was on television!"

Edinburgh make the Light Blues fight

Cambridge University won the first of the Scottish tour Rugby matches yesterday in Edinburgh when they beat that city's University by 11 clear points.

It was a tribute to Edinburgh's strong defence that the Light Blues were able to score only a goal and two tries. In fact, although fielding 12 Blues, Cambridge lacked a lot of thrust and their attacks were often too orthodox. Full back Smith was outstanding.

Cambridge went ahead late in the first half when Raybould went round the posts after catching a reverse pass from Kitchin. Gethin easily converted.

Green went over for another try two minutes after the interval and

then added a second try when he beat the home defence.

Hamp-Ferguson threw out a fast service and Barker, Morrison and Bryce were the best forwards in the Cambridge side.

Cambridge University: D. Gethin; R. L. K. Joliffe, J. Gibbs, C. P. Carter, S. Fleming, W. Raybould, A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson, G. K. M. Webb, R. D. H. Bryce, A. Cole, B. J. Morrison, R. E. Barker, M. L. Green, T. R. Drake, T. Kitchin.



Martin Green scored two tries.

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