

United bounce back with fine victory

One minute you are down and the next you are bouncing back on top. This seems to sum up the fortunes of Cambridge United this season. On at least two occasions they have reached the depths of despair only to wait seven days and find themselves winning in style, reports **David Hallett**.

It happened before Christmas when a disastrous run ended with a resounding victory at Wellington over the then League leaders; and it happened on Saturday when a dismal Christmas record against Bedford was forgotten and Nuneaton whipped to a 4-1 defeat.

The performance, especially in the second half, was heartening. The visitors were hurried into mistakes which the home forwards were quick to take full advantage of.

But here a word of warning. This improvement has to be continued before the fans get too excited. In previous games this season the team have lured its followers into a false sense of well being only to slip up again.

Test

The real test will come next Saturday on the Huish slope when United visit Yeovil. Then it will be really possible to judge if United have returned to form.

In the first half on Saturday United continued in old familiar ways doing everything but score. Their only goal, scored by John Turley during this period came when for the only time they tried finding a gap in the middle. Jackie Scurr, revelling in the new found freedom of wing half play, made 35 yards before sliding the ball to Turley. The centre forward flicked the ball through the defence and ran round to push the ball past the goalkeeper as he left his line.

In the second half it was the form of the attack that gave the most satisfaction. David Barrett looked a different player as he stayed upfield in order to make full use of his goalscoring talents. He scored one goal, had another great shot hit the post and several near misses.

Phil Amato was always looking dangerous and John Turley looked sharper than in recent games.

Intelligent

The only two not to score were wingmen, Wesley Maughan and Peter Hobbs but they injected plenty of life into the line with intelligent running and passing.

Positional changes in defence also seemed to work wonders. Derek Finch, playing his first game at right back, was much surer than of late and Scurr was able to shake off the shackles of defence and roam the field. Gerry Graham was also much happier on the left flank after several weeks on the right.

Roy Poole gave little away and behind him Rodney Slack seemed to have forgotten all about his worries and any loss of form. Whenever the visitors threatened the goalkeeper had the answer except once when he was beaten by a close range low shot from Alan Carter, the visitors' best forward.

It was one ten minute spell that rocked Nuneaton and during that time Turley, Amato and Barrett scored in quick succession to give United their first league win for four weeks.

Cambridge United: Slack; Finch, Poole; Scurr, Baker, Graham; Maughan, Amato, Turley, Barrett, Hobbs.



United players run to the aid of their injured centre forward, John Turley, on the ground injured after netting United's first half goal.

Hereford were too much of a handful for the City

Cambridge City can have no complaints about being beaten at Hereford on Saturday but they might feel disappointed that the New Year started with such a disastrous result, writes **Peter Fearn**.

Knowing that they were beaten 4-0—their second worst defeat of the season—by a better team can also be of little consolation. But that was the truth; on the day Hereford played some good football and City had little answer. In fairness, however, I would add that the result might have been a lot closer if Isaac, in the home goal, had not been in tip-top form and made at least two saves from shots that had "goal" written all over them.

Whereas the last two matches were played on icy pitches as hard as rock, in this match the players were wallowing in the mud and City did not adapt themselves as well as their opponents.

Hereford, of course, are riding high at the moment. They are third in the Southern League's Premier Division table and still have an interest in the F.A. Cup as they go to Bedford on January 22 for the third round tie. Enthusiasm abounded not only in their play but from the crowd as

well, and City found it all rather too much for them. In addition, Hereford had a master in inside right Alan Rodgeron, the tamer of the Millwall Lions, who played a blinder.

It seemed that City's defence concentrated rather too much on centre forward Fogg and this left spaces for the other forwards to utilise. So far as the Milton Road club's attack was concerned there were only odd moments of menace, but even so they often made the West Country team's defence look slightly suspect and it was a good job that Isaac had a good day.

First double

Two goals in each half were enough for Hereford to earn this season's double over City, the first time, incidentally, they have ever achieved this feat. No doubt the first two, scored within seven minutes of each other, sealed City's fate.

But, before the first, scored in the 25th minute, City had already received a let-off as McGugan kicked off the line. There was no luck as Rodgeron's powerful shot rebounded off the woodwork and right winger Punter ran in to net with Bill Heath lying on the ground.

Then Albert Derrick, who was with City for a couple of seasons, put himself back on the goal list when he seized on a pass, beat

two men and drove low across the line. Up to then he had only scored ten goals, considerably less than last season when he ended as the top scorer with 36 in League and League Cup.

Another half an hour went by before Rodgeron capped a great display by scoring Hereford's third goal at his second attempt after McGugan blocked the first. From then until the final minute the game went into its shell, only reappearing when Fogg netted from the edge of the area after Punter made the running.

Hereford: Isaac; Vale, Timms; McCall, Neville, McIntosh; Punter, Rodgeron, Fogg, Derrick, Jones. **Cambridge City:** Heath; Carroll, Dennis; Moyses, McGugan, McNally; Spears, Ward, Bailham, McVittie, Wall.

Metropolitan League

LEADING POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
West Ham Utd.	19	14	3	2	48	18	31
Arsenal	21	13	5	3	67	34	31
Tottenham H.	18	13	2	3	59	19	28
Brentwood Town	17	11	2	4	54	28	24
St. Neots Town	17	11	2	4	40	25	24
Bury Town	13	10	3	8	34	6	23
Barnet	21	9	4	8	42	39	22
Sheppey Utd.	17	10	2	5	37	34	22
Wimbledon	18	10	1	7	55	40	21
Woodford Town	19	10	1	8	37	38	21
Chelmsford City	18	5	5	8	39	40	15
Dartford	20	5	4	11	37	54	14
Bedford Town	18	5	2	11	36	50	12

Southern League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Weymouth	20	10	8	2	32	19	28
Wimbledon	20	10	5	5	39	21	25
Hereford Utd.	20	9	7	4	35	24	25
Bedford Town	20	11	3	6	43	32	25
Chelmsford	21	9	6	6	41	26	24
Yeovil Town	20	8	7	5	38	28	23
Romford	18	10	3	5	42	31	23
Cambridge City	20	9	4	7	30	26	22
Worcester City	19	9	3	7	38	29	21
Wellington Town	20	7	7	6	35	29	21
Cambridge Utd.	21	8	4	8	31	33	20
Corby Town	19	7	5	7	31	29	19
King's Lynn	21	8	3	10	27	33	19
Dartford	19	6	5	8	27	27	17
Cheltenham T.	20	6	5	9	26	42	17
Margate	23	5	7	11	34	54	17
Folkestone	15	5	6	4	26	24	16
Nuneaton Bor.	20	7	2	11	25	33	16
Rugby Town	19	5	5	9	30	40	15
Tonbridge	19	6	3	10	33	46	15
Guildford City	17	4	5	8	29	41	13
Poole Town	21	4	3	14	26	50	11

Newell and Marr take the honours

Some promising play by two colts, Lester Newell and Keith Marr, was the highlight of an Eastern Counties League match in which Cambridge City Reserves beat Norwich City 'A' 4-2 at Milton Road on Saturday.

Newell was the schemer-in-chief and Marr, the tireless chaser, working his muscles to the limit as he followed every through ball provided by his colleagues. It was he, too, who scored the final goal of an undistinguished match twenty minutes before time.

Norwich played a Jekyll and Hyde type game—looking amateurish in mid-field, but dangerous near goal. After Newell had been brought down in the area in the third minute and Ian Fusedale had scored decisively from the spot, Norwich never gave any sign that they would ever be in the game with a chance.

Despite this, however, and thanks to some casual covering by the home side, Norwich were able to level the scores twice in the match. After 25 minutes, their left wing, Macdonald, headed in a centre from his captain, Cann. Much the same happened after

City regained the lead through Vic Wells, who scored with a spectacular overhead scissors kick, minutes before the interval.

This time Norwich inside left, Scott, levelled the score during several seconds of leaden-footed defence by City. He collected a fairly harmless centre which bounced off a defender and dropped at his feet for him to hit the ball into the net from five yards.

For the last half hour City took the match by the scruff of its neck, as they had been threatening to do from the opening whistle. Vic Wells scored almost immediately after the visitors' second goal. A first time shot at goal trickled slowly into the corner of the visitors' net.

Then came Marr's goal to give City Reserves a straightforward victory; but it could have been more decisive still.

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Arthur Stephenson is the trainer to follow

Followers of the horses-for-courses theory will be reluctant to oppose El Giza, who will be bidding for his third Ayr success of the season tomorrow when he lines up for the Ochiltree Handicap Hurdle.

The Selkirk-based five-year-old scored smartly over course and distance in October, and though he was managed no more than third place behind the smart Mowden Magic at Catterick Bridge two weeks later, he resumed winning form in November at Ayr when beating Pin High, Autobiography and a strong field.

Another Fairbairn nominee who may justify support tomorrow is the consistent Tamerostia, who missed an Ayr engagement today for the three miles Stair Handicap Hurdle.

Third behind Originator and Lars Porsena in a valuable Doncaster hurdle last time out.

By our racing correspondent

Tamerostia had previously landed a gamble over the two-and-a-half miles trip here in October.

The Bishop Auckland trainer Arthur Stephenson is also strongly represented on this Ayr card, and his 11-year-old Too Slow, runner-up in his last two races, is expected to make third time pay for all in the Drongan Chase.

Stephenson may also hold the key to the Belston Handicap Chase with his popular Pawnbroker, who wrecked a gamble on Fort Rouge over two miles here in October and subsequently short-headed Stoney Crossing at Doncaster.

Pawnbroker missed the McAlpine Challenge Cup today with this

event in view.

The Trabboch Hurdle sets punters a poser, and in a wide-open race I propose taking a chance on another from Stephenson's stable, the useful Vigtonise. Three times placed in four attempts to date, Vigtonise was a promising second behind the well-backed Yes Yes at Sedgefield last month.

Kildarton, a runaway Sedgefield winner in December, carries my vote in the Coynton Novices' Chase over the extended three miles.

SELECTIONS

AYR

- 1.00—TOO SLOW
- 1.30—KILDARTON
- 2.00—EL GIZA (nap)
- 2.30—PAWNBROKER
- 3.00—VIGTONISE
- 3.30—TAMEROSTIA
- Double: EL GIZA and TAME-ROSIA.



Jim Smith, the winner, lies handily in third position in the early stages of the race. Leading is Michael James, who finished second, and behind him is last year's champion, David Bucke, who finished third.

Jim Smith wins sixth title

Jim Smith, a 38-year-old stonemason, cruised home an easy winner on Saturday to claim his sixth Cambridgeshire A.A.A. cross-country title. He won it first in 1956 and then successively up to 1960.

After recording a time of 40 min 14 sec over the seven-mile Gog Magog course, he said he was "quite satisfied" with the time.

A strong wind had dried the course considerably, but conditions underfoot in parts were still very sticky.

The senior race had 18 entries but only 14 lined up for the start. However, it was the best class and biggest field for three years. It was Jim Smith from the start and by halfway he led Mike James by almost 100 yards, with Dave Bucke, last year's winner 20 yards down.

Jim Smith gradually widened the gap while the field of runners behind started to spread out. Smith came home to win by a minute over the second runner, Mike James, with Dave Bucke third.

David Kefford, finishing in 12th place in the senior race, won the county junior title.

Histon hold lively Hares

If sheer determination rather than actual football were needed to make headway in the Eastern Counties League, then Histon would make a rapid climb up the table.

Certainly their inexhaustible supply of fighting spirit was the feature of Saturday's encounter at the G.E.R. Ground, when Histon had few opportunities to translate a distinct territorial advantage into goals. The result was a one-all draw.

In the last 15 minutes Histon were penned in their own penalty area as the Hares took complete control, but a well-drilled defence restricted the desperate home forwards to only the occasional direct shot at goal.

It was during this non-stop barrage of attacks that goalkeeper Smith distinguished himself with a series of fine saves, thus making amends for a tragic error in the first half, when he presented March's leading scorer, Brian Alexander, with a gift goal.

Revival

But that set-back was the sign for a Histon revival, and the wingers, Hilsden and Dench, were prominent in a number of sharp attacks before the interval.

It was perhaps fitting, therefore that 10 minutes after the restart Dench should create the opening for Histon to level the score from an almost impossible angle.

Further Histon attacks, with powerful wing-half Tony Willis always in the thick of the fray, went unrewarded and March, seeking revenge for that crushing Cambridgeshire Invitation Cup defeat a few weeks ago, looked certain to snatch a winning goal in that final hectic 15 minutes.

Results

1 J. Smith (Cambridge and Coleridge) 40 min 14 sec, 2 M. James (C and C) 41-14, 3 D. Bucke (C and C) 41-39, 4 B. Jeffs (C and C) 42-11, 5 G. Phipps (Leamington A.C.) 42-50, 6 A. Hine (C and C) 43-25, 7 C. Smith (C and C) 43-44, 8 D. Griggs (C and C) 43-46, 9 C. Brookes (C and C) 43-49, 10 D. Pickup (C and C) 44-11, 11 P. Chaplin (C and C) 45-05, 12 D. Kefford (St. Luke's College, Exeter) 46-17 (county junior champion), 13 D. Rowell (Liverpool Harriers) 47-59, 14 M. Whymer (C and C) 48-34, 15 H. Southworth (C and C) 49-42 (guest).

County team

The team to represent Cambridgeshire in the inter-counties cross-country championships at Blackpool on Saturday, January 15th, will be: T. Johnston, M. James, B. Jeffs, G. Phipps, A. Hine, C. Smith, D. Griggs, C. Brookes, D. Bucke.
Reserves to travel: D. Pickup, K. Hall, B. Wallman.
Team manager: B. Wallman.

Mildenhall cyclists pull in the crowds

Mildenhall Cycling Club have helped to give the town a new prominence, said a visitor to the club's annual dinner and presentation at the Town Hall on Saturday.

In the first year of the East Anglian Cycling League Mildenhall C.C. finished second to Diss C.C.

Mr. Ken Hoxley of the West Suffolk Wheelers replied to a toast to the visitors from a lady member, Miss Judy Thompson.

"In the past year the name of Mildenhall has leapt to the fore in several aspects," he said, "it has been raised mainly with the colour-bar debate, but also with the Mildenhall Cycling Club."

Mr. Percy Webb, a vice-president, congratulated the club on making the Mildenhall Carnival road race in August a "terrific crowd puller."

"The crowds turned out not in hundreds but in thousands all round the course," said Mr. Webb. "It showed that crowds will still turn out as long as the entertainment provided is first class."

The captain, Mr. David Bowers, thanked the chairman, Mr. Alan Thompson, the secretary, Mr. David Balham, and Mr. Alan Muncer for work preparing bicycles for the races.

Among the trophies presented by the president, Mr. W. Butcher, was a new cup given by Mr. Trevor Hagger, for a 100-mile championship, and a cruet set from the club for "hard luck" in

the Carnival road race. Both went to Dave Sennitt, whose disqualification in the latter race brought a petition of protests.
Doug Ward was the club's best all-rounder and also the best junior all-rounder.
Mildenhall have now regained all their pre-war trophies. A plan made for the return of the Salisbury Rose Bowl was answered during the year by Mr. V. Farthing of Lakenheath.
Prize-winners: Round-the-House tankard, Mr. Dorling (Newmarket); Handicap 10 miles, Mr. Wright; Webb Cup 10 miles, Bowers; Hentley Cup 25 miles, Ward; Handicap 25 miles, Lucas; Thompson Shield 25 miles, D. Ward; Spencer Cup 30 miles, D. Ward; Scratch 50 miles, Ward; Handicap 50 miles, Lucas; Hagger Cup 100 miles, Sennitt; Track championship, Sennitt; Junior track championship, D. Richards; Hillclimb, Ward; Points Cup, A. Bower Junior best all-rounder, D. Ward; Ladies' best all-rounder, Mrs. Muncer; Club best all-rounder, Ward, E.A.C.L. Women's championship, Mrs. Wendy Hoxley (West Suffolk Wheelers); Mr. Rodney Briscoe (Diss); Diss C.C. Diss Cycling Club.

The local Saturday summary

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Cambridge United 4, Nuneaton Borough 1. Attendance 2,327.
Hereford United 4, Cambridge City 0. Attendance 3,350.
Bedford Town 1, Wellington 0.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

St. Neots Town 2, Chatham Town 2.
Bury Town 1, West Ham United "A" 1.

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP

Second Round—First Leg
King's Lynn Res. 2, Newmarket Town 1.

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE

Soham Tn. Rangers 0, Lowestoft Town 3.
Cambridge City Res. 4, Norwich City "A" 2.
Haverhill Rovers 5, Thetford Town 1.
March Tn. Utd. 1, Histon 1.
Gothic 2, Ely City 1.

PETERBOROUGH SENIOR CUP

Soham United 4, Chatteris Engineers 1.

PETERBOROUGH LEAGUE

Ely City Res. 1, Huntingdon United 3.
Haddenham Rovers 4, March Town Res. 2.

UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE

Eynesbury Rovers Res. 3, Rothwell 0.

RUGBY

Nuneaton 5 pts., Cambridge 6.
Cambridge Wanderers 9 pts., Amptill 15.
Cambridge "A" 8 pts., Bacavians II 3.
Cambridge Junior XV 0, Bacavians III 3.
Old Cantabrigians 9 pts., Old Perseans 0.
Old Persean Wanderers 27 pts., West Norfolk II 3.
Old Cantabrigians II 24 pts., Old Perseans III 10.
Huntingdon 14 pts., Shelford 8.
Ely 14 pts., Cambridge College of Arts and Technology 3.
Harlow "B" 14 pts., Saffron Walden "A" 11.
Bury St. Edmunds 14 pts., Stonygate 11.

HOCKEY

Saffron Walden 4, I.F.L. 5.
Bishop's Stortford 0, Cambridgeshire Nomads 2.
Blueharts 1, Cambridge City 0.

High membership

The Cambridge Amateur Weightlifting Club boasts 105 members affiliated to the B.A.W.L.A.

This is the highest membership of any club in Great Britain, beating the Kentish Town club which had occupied the top-membership spot for many years.

14	12211F Red Rambler, C. Barrowman, 10 11-0	Mr. G. Macmillan
15	012121- Saxine (D), G. Houston, 13 10-13	Falls Of Cruachan, 11/4 Pawnbroker, 9/2 Quella Chance, 7/1 Dancing Deal, 10/1 Ballyorgan Hill and Red Rambler, 100/6 Saxine.
3.0—TRABBOCH HURDLE RACE of £300. (4-Y-O). Two miles.		
Value to winner £204.		
1	00 Straight Blades, W. Atkinson, 11-7	J. O'Hara (5)
2	33 Telephonist, Blackshaw, 11-7	P. Broderick
3	Adamantine, J. M. Barrett, 11-7	Mr. M. Kane (7)
4	00 Coupador, W. Atkinson, 11-7	P. McCarron
5	00 Ronny's Choice, R. Fairbairn, 11-7	T. Kelsay (3)
6	000 Rapacious, W. A. Stephenson, 11-7	P. Murley
P. Broderick		
1	00 Purple Heart, M. Kane, 11-7	Mr. M. Kane (7)
2	Latour, Lyde, 11-7	P. McCarron
3	00 Straight Sailing, T. Kelsay, 11-7	W. Haigh (3)
4	00 Stella's Courage, T. Hudson, 11-7	G. Scott
5	3392 Vigtonise, W. A. Stephenson, 11-7	T. Kelsay (3)
P. Murley		
1	00 F. Sharp, I. Jordan, 11-7	P. Murley
2	00 Arctic Fleece, R. Hall, 11-7	P. Murley
3	00 Mighty Falls, J. McLaren, 11-7	P. Murley
4	00 Brogue Glas, M. Kane, 11-7	L. Major
5	00 Smithereens, Lyde, 11-7	L. Major
6	00 The Spaniard, J. Oliver, 11-7	G. Milburn
7	00 Autroy, D. Smith, 11-7	S. Hayhurst
8	00 Kelly's Way, John Barclay, 11-7	T. W. Biddlecombe
T. W. Biddlecombe		
1	34 Becca Dam, H. Sunter, 11-7	N. Wilkinson
2	3 Tickler, A. W. Bacon, 11-7	N. Wilkinson
3	2 Carnivora, Crump, 11-7	G. Scott
G. Scott		
Betting Forecast: 7/2 against Carnivora, 11/2 Vigtonise, 7/1 Autroy, 8/1 Latour, 10/1 Becca Dam and Tickler, 100/6 Kelly's Way and Telephonist, 100/7 Smithereens and The Spaniard, 100/6 Ronny's Choice, 20/1 others.		
3.30—STAIR HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of £400. Three miles.		
Value to winner £272.		
1	0-11320 Evening Brae (CD), R. Hall, 9 12-3	S. Hayhurst
2	411-113 Tamerostia (C), R. Fairbairn, 7 12-2	J. Leech
3	4111-00 Roborough (CD), J. Craig Brown, 6 11-11	S. Hayhurst
S. Hayhurst		
1	04/1-020 Hamlicar, W. Crawford, 9 11-1	R. Barry (7)
2	7 430-100 Tambulash, J. Yeomans, 6 10-9	D. Cartwright (5)
3	0-32110 Wild Sunset (D), R. Cross, 7 10-3	N. Wilkinson
N. Wilkinson		
1	000-221 Tudor Fort (CD), Crump, 6 10-7	P. Buckley
2	324-21F Khandycot (BF), (CD), R. Hall, 8 10-7	S. Hayhurst
S. Hayhurst		
1	030000-0 Press Button-B (C), G. W. Richards, 6 10-7	B. Wilkinson
B. Wilkinson		
1	03-03F3 Sands Close, R. Fairbairn, 5 10-6	P. McCarron
2	103-043 Sun Leopard, M. Kane, 7 10-3	J. Fitzgerald
3	00-0000 Datis, J. M. Barrett, 5 10-0	J. Fitzgerald
4	00-0003 Super Belle, G. N. Robinson, 5 10-0	J. Fitzgerald
5	0300-00 Domesday, J. Fawcett, 10 10-0	J. Fitzgerald
6	4040-00 Athleague, A. W. Bacon, 8 10-0	J. Fitzgerald
7	0000-p-0 Soulievres, K. Morton, 9 10-0	J. Fitzgerald
8	000000 Proud Chimes, W. Atkinson, 6 10-0	J. Fitzgerald
J. Fitzgerald		
1	001-080 Goldrush, D. Smith, 5 10-0	B. Fletcher (7)
B. Fletcher (7)		
Betting Forecast: 11/4 against Tamerostia, 5/1 Khandycot, 7/1 Evening Brae and Tudor Fort, 10/1 Sands Close and Wild Sunset, 100/8 Hamlicar and Sun Leopard, 100/6 Roborough and Tambulash, 20/1 others.		

Ayr programme for tomorrow

Tote Double: 2.0 and 3.0 races.

Tote Treble: 1.30, 2.30 and 3.30 races.

No corresponding day's racing last year.

1.0—DRONGAN STEEPLECHASE of £400. Two miles. Value to winner £272.

1	04-4022 Too Slow (D), W. A. Stephenson, 11 12-5	P. Broderick
2	313-224 Fort Rouse (CD) (BF), J. Oliver, 8 12-2	G. Milburn
3	21241-p Union Jackson (D), J. Dixon, 11 11-9	J. Leech
4	1/401-40 Aquacrets, F. Milburn, 11 10-13	B. Walker (7)
Betting Forecast: 11/10 against Fort Rouse, 6/4 Too Slow, 5/1 Union Jackson, 100/8 Aquacrets.		

1.30—COYLTON NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE with £300 added to a sweepstakes. Three miles and 110 yards. Value to winner £253.

1	f21 Kildarton (D), W. Crawford, 7 11-11	R. Barry (7)
2	001434 Easy Beat, J. Yeomans, 10 11-9	P. Cowley
3	000040-0 Khan Yunis (CD), R. Hall, 8 11-0	L. Major
4	2-2302 Roundelay, Crump, 7 11-4	Mr. R. Lewis
5	03210 Katcherio (D), W. Hall, 5 10-1	P. McCarron
6	1943-00 Mister Sunshine (CD), G. Coatsworth, 6 10-8	Mr. G. Coatsworth (7)
7	124330 Take Your Pick (D), John Barelay, 6 11-0	S. Hayhurst
8	0-44034 Stargrass (D), C. Bewicke, 8 10-13	J. Haine
9	400-140 Tidy Lad (D), R. Fairbairn, 7 10-13	J. Leech
10	10000-p Craigton (D), J. Craig Brown, 8 10-11	J. Leech
11	03210 Katcherio (D), W. Hall, 5 10-1	P. McCarron
12	1943-00 Mister Sunshine (CD), G. Coatsworth, 6 10-8	Mr. G. Coatsworth (7)
13	1340-p0 Court Herald (D), J. M. Barrett, 5 10-7	P. Cowley
14	00-0000 Cortachy Sand (D), J. Yeomans, 5 10-7	P. Cowley
15	432013 Little Dolly (D), Lyde, 5 10-5	P. Cowley
16	001 Fibre (D), J. M. Barrett, 4 10-5	P. Cowley
17	000 Flying Eye, J. Oliver, 5 10-0	J. Haldane
18	0000F-04 Mammoth (D), M. Kane, 7 10-0	A. Hall (7)
Betting Forecast: 11/4 against El Giza, 5/1 Katcherio, 7/1 Stargrass and Autobiography, 10/1 Take Your Pick and Tidy Lad, 100/8 Fibre and Little Dolly, 100/6 Khan Yunis and Cingle, 20/1 others.		

2.0—OCHILTREE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE with £300 added to a sweepstakes. Two miles. Value to winner £320 18s.

1	211/p00 Asian (CD), J. McLaren, 7 11-6	B. Wilson
2	0-00132 Autobiography (D), G. W. Richards, 5 11-8	B. Wilson
3	030221- Cingle (D), C. Berry, 9 11-1	Mr. C. Berry (7)
4	131 El Giza (CD), R. Fairbairn, 5 11-1	L. Major
5	000040-0 Khan Yunis (CD), R. Hall, 8 11-0	L. Major
6	124330 Take Your Pick (D), John Barelay, 6 11-0	S. Hayhurst
7	0-44034 Stargrass (D), C. Bewicke, 8 10-13	J. Haine
8	400-140 Tidy Lad (D), R. Fairbairn, 7 10-13	J. Leech
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2.30—BELSTON HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £400. Two and a half miles. Value to winner £272.

1	104-11p Pawnbroker (D), W. A. Stephenson, 8 12-7	P. Broderick
2	111p/00 Quella Chance, Fawcus, 11 12-2	B. Wilkinson
3	130-122 Falls Of Cruachan (CD), (BF), Crump, 10 11-9	P. Buckley
4	1433-4 Dancing Deal (CD), R. Forster, 9 11-6	S. Hayhurst
5	2-2124 Ballyorgan Hill, R. Fairbairn, 12 11-1	J. Leech

Pritchard robs Nuneaton

Playing to a sorry loss of form that suggested a New Year's Day hangover, Cambridge R.U.F.C. literally snatched the game from Nuneaton's grasp at the Harry Cleaver Ground on Saturday to win by six points to five, writes Deryck Harvey.

Nuneaton took vastly more possession and swung the ball about among their backs at any opportunity. On their chances, they should have run up a substantial score early in the game.

Cambridge preferred to kick when necessary in wet and muddy conditions, smothering the game as a spectacle, but playing it to suit their immediate purpose. When their chance came, they were quick enough to take it.

Alert

Big Graham Pritchard, Cambridge's Welsh triallist, sabotaged Nuneaton's hopes of a win by creating two tries. Playing his first game at fly-half, he was always alert to the break through the middle, and by taking advantage of this move Cambridge

won an important game.

After Nuneaton had taken the lead with a try by Stretton, goaled by Parkes, Pritchard made a good run, almost to the line before handing on to Meacham, who was in a position to score easily.

Pritchard also manoeuvred the ball well after 19 minutes of the second half for Taylor to leave Phillips with a try in a scintillating Cambridge move—one of the few they were able to produce.

Realising they were now in a position to bring off an unexpected win, Cambridge played magnificently in defence to hold a hard

and determined Nuneaton attack. City have rarely tackled so well this season.

They were helped to victory by Tony Taylor, a Nuneaton reserve centre-threequarter, who deputised at the last moment when Jeremy Thompson failed to arrive. Steven, originally selected at number eight moved into the vacant place at prop-forward.

Cambridge: J. Sennitt; J. Fawcett, A. Taylor, J. Phillips, G. Smart; G. Pritchard, T. Keane; T. Meacham, J. Owen, R. Steven, N. Ferguson, S. F. B. Lowe, A. G. Watts, D. Payne, A. Green.

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