

United miss their chances and give away goals

Cambridge U 2, Chelmsford C 4

Cambridge United were just not good enough for the opposition in last night's Eastern Professional Floodlight League game at the Abbey Stadium, writes David Hallett.

They were outplayed in the vital midfield area and they had no striker to match big Bud Houghton, who notched a smart hat-trick of well taken chances.

When United looked like taking control, at the start of the second half, they scored two goals in

five minutes but were unable to push home their advantage because of a lack of fire power near goal.

Sadder still, United lost their first Eastern Professional competition game of the season because they still persist in giving their opponents soft goals.

All four of Chelmsford's efforts last night were the results of bad errors by defenders.

The two first half goals were straight from corners where

forwards were allowed to control the ball near goal, turn and score from close range.

The first half was unbelievably bad for United and the fans, who are reaching the end of their patience, were justifiably annoyed with their team.

The visitors breezed into a two-goal lead through Houghton and Costello, but after the interval United found a new lease of life and with young Graham Felton playing well on the right wing,

they quickly struck back to equalise through Turley and Bennett, both with headers.

However, a minute later Houghton regained the lead for Chelmsford and added their fourth goal two minutes from the end.

United had a goal disallowed when Turley headed in a long cross from the right.

Cambridge United: Smith; Tedds, Poole; Scurr, Baker, Graham; Felton, Amato, Turley, Maughan, Bennett.



John Turley is foiled by the goalkeeper.

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