

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

United suffer four-goal friendly defeat at higher-league Posh

Cambridge United Women continued their preparations for their upcoming FA Women's National League Division One South East campaign with a 4-0 pre-season defeat away to higher league Peterborough United on Sunday.

The Posh scored two goals in each half in the fixture played in Bourne.

The first goal at Abbey Lawn came from a stooping back post header from Evie Driscoll-King in the 24th minute.

The hosts' advantage was doubled three minutes before the interval in similar circumstances, with Lawlor's corner once again flicked on at the front-post and Driscoll-King heading

home at the back post.

United conceded a penalty within eight minutes of the second half after Driscoll-King was upended, and the same player dusted herself down before dispatching the spot kick for her hat-trick.

A fourth goal for Posh followed 20 minutes from time as O'Neill's effort

from the edge of the box went in via the inside of the far post.

Sarah Wiltshire ended the game in positive fashion for United as she was twice denied a consolation goal by the goalkeeper.

United begin their season away to local rivals Cambridge City at Ely City FC on August 20 (2pm).

AWARD



Celebrating are, from left, Emma Smith, Adam Smith, Mel Hadley, Sharon Greaves, Myles Hadley, Thomas Greaves and Alfie Tate

Picture: Keith Heppell

Cambourne Town FC pick up national accolade at Wembley

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When Cambourne Town FC was set up, those involved could never have dreamed just two years on they would be celebrating a national award in a major fixture at Wembley.

But that is what unfolded for officials during half-time of the Community Shield game between Mikel Arteta's Arsenal and Pep Guardiola's Manchester City on Sunday.

Having already celebrated being crowned Cambridge FA's Grassroots Football Club of the Year for 2023 earlier this summer, their inclusivity work to serve their community saw them presented with the England Football's National Grassroots Club of the Year award.

Club chair and local councillor Greg Thompson said: "The winning of this national award - the highest level

in England grassroots football - in only our second season is an amazing achievement and is a testament to the dedication, hard work and time invested by all our volunteer committee members, managers and coaches, as well as the town council and the players and parents who have supported us all the way.

"They should all take great pride in this recognition of their efforts as it reflects the very spirit of the club."

Just two years after forming, Cambourne Town FC now has 42 teams affiliated to league competitions starting at under-7s going right up to adults for both male and female teams, providing football to more than 750 players with 130 coaches supporting them.

Outgoing club secretary Richard Brown believes the prestigious award can only help increase what they are able to do for their community.

"This amazing award is very

gratefully received - it shows what can be accomplished when people come together and put co-operation and inclusivity at the very heart of everything they do."

England Football revealed they awarded Cambourne with the accolade due to their work in the following areas:

- Sitting at the heart of its community, providing an opportunity for all to get involved;
- Thinking outside the box to make football better for more people;
- Clearly demonstrating, both on and off the pitch, how it is inclusive and playing its part in the community;
- Supporting FA initiatives such as Wildcats, Squad Girls or Just Play;
- Growing on-pitch opportunities, introducing recreational or news teams for male, female or disabled players; and
- Providing facilities that offer more opportunities for players on the pitch,

and for its community away from the pitch.

The club, which serves the whole of the growing town, has its pitches in Back Lane.

It provides football training and matches from foundation stages to adult football incorporating Wildcats (for girls), Soccer School, Squad Girls (one of the first in the country), walking football and inclusive/parability sessions.

The club also created a new development centre so it could better handle its waiting list and still give opportunities to children who want to play to expand the provisions for U7 through to U10 age groups.

The Dugout clubhouse also hosts events for both members and non-members ranging from bingo to Easter egg hunts to race nights and provides the walking football group with a space to eat and drink after sessions.

FOOTBALL

Weather on side Cup pa

Both Cambridge (the monsoon-like Storm Antoni sci promising starts their Emirates Preliminary Round Saturday.

Histon led 1-0 a Step 4 outfit through Ryan Town penalty but saw t players off in the the impact of the r

In City's case i galling given they time at a fancied Hadleigh United decision was mad game due to the do

Dan Cootton had 11th minute lead work from Stef Bro

Within two min Stan Leach found t

The goal of the came in the 23rd m Milkey Davis ran fr half and let fly from arrowing into the b

Both sides were ties in Suffolk last n

SQUASH

Melbou beat Ick

Melbourn's second bottom-of-the-table in their Herts S Division 4 clash last

However, the ho work harder for th comprehensive over suggest.

That was particu string Moises Estr whose match went t after the opening fo shared.

There was not between the players either, Navarro sav balls from 14-12 down break, and then power next two rallies to take victory 3-2.

Liam Murphy (2) poor second game, du lost his way and the had given himself, foc back to basics in t fourth.

This worked a tr winning both 15-4 to success.

Skipper Jan Brynjolf the other way, star (winning his opener 1 having to work rat games two and three. though to complete a 3- conclude the evening.

Brynjolfsson said: matches were up-and-down each of them our players groove for a while and nice squash."