

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. HAMPSTEAD.

CANTABS' FIRST DEFEAT.

After winning five successive matches the Cantabs had to acknowledge defeat on Saturday last, Hampstead beating them after a hard struggle by two goals to one. The weather was cheerless and cold, and just before the finish rain and sleet descended, making matters most uncomfortable. The Light Blue forwards had quite an off day in the circle, and could not initiate any attacks to outwit the opposing defence. Perhaps the visitors' defence deserve the most credit, as they had plenty to do in keeping out their opponents, but by their extra dash and energy they accomplished some very fine work, Orr and Bennett being particularly active. S. H. Shoveller and Logan brought off several neat runs, but they never neglected their wing men, and it was quite in contract to the Light Blues to see these men giving hard passes to their outside men. After about ten minutes' play, Croft sent the ball across to the right wing, and Bland, being quite unmarked, scored. Hampstead immediately got on level terms again. A free hit against Stevens near the circle being taken advantage of by Logan, who rushed the ball through at close quarters. A little later Shoveller brought Dalley out, and the latter just kicked away in time. Nearing the interval "sticks" against Bellerby led up to another goal, as Shoveller, taking the ball from the free hit, cleverly worked into position, and beat Dalley. The second half was contested with great dash by both sides. The University did most of the attacking, but met a strong defence, and, try as they would, they could not get into a position to shoot successfully, and nothing accrued in this half, as Hampstead generally packed their goal and often the forwards came back to their assistance. Hampstead, therefore, won a hard game as stated. Sides:

Cambridge University: R. P. Dalley (Pembroke); A. C. Bellerby (Emmanuel) and E. A. W. Plumtre (Pembroke); H. M. Robinson (Pembroke), S. H. Stevens (Corpus), and J. A. Croft (Trinity); B. S. Bland (Emmanuel), S. H. Saville (Trinity), A. H. A. Vann (Jesus), D. O. Light (Pembroke), and E. M. Guildford.

Hampstead: N. B. Dearle; D. R. Ashton and J. H. Bennett; W. E. Green, F. W. Orr, and L. Shoveller; R. E. Eiloart, G. Logan, S. H. Shoveller, C. Eastman, and G. Farmiloe.

Umpires: Messrs A. B. Osmond (Hampstead) and G. T. B. Harvey (Cambridge University).