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TWENTY-TWO GOALS IN TWO SPARTAN LEAGUE GAMES

Marlow Celebrate Another League "Double"

B. & B. JUNIOR CUP GAMES

ALTHOUGH Wycombe football enthusiasts again had no senior club game to entertain them on Saturday there were many attractive junior club matches in the neighbourhood, both in Berks and Bucks Junior Cup-ties and in League encounters. At Loakes Park, Wycombe Reserves gained an easy victory over Beaconsfield United by 7—0 in the Berks and Bucks Junior Cup competition.

According to their fixture list, Wycombe Wanderers have not a single home match in October. Last week they fielded an experimental team against Barking, in a "friendly" and were defeated in a lively game by 2—1.

Two Spartan League games produced heavy scoring. Chesham United returned to form by defeating Colchester Town by 8 goals to 4, and Slough were beaten by Crittalls Athletic by 8-2. In an exciting game at Marlow, Marlow claimed two league points at the expense of Berkhamsted, and at Aylesbury, Aylesbury United defeated R.A.F. (Henlow) by 3-2.

In an Amateur Cup-tie replay, Windsor and Eton were beaten by Witney Town, 4-1, at Witney.

One of the most interesting local games was that between Stokenchurch and Hughenden End in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup competition. Hughenden End won by 2-1 after a gruelling and closely contested game. Marlow Reserves' performance in winning their League game at Watford was again among the best of the week.

BERKS AND BUCKS F.A. PRESIDENT

Lovers of sport will this week mourn the death of a universally popular sportsman, Mr. R. A. Lunnon, of Bourne End, who has been president of the Berks and Bucks Football Association for 42 years.

In his time one of the finest amateur footballers in the country and an accomplished cricketer, oarsman, athlete and rifle shot, he has always taken the keenest interest in all phases of sport in South Bucks and in Berks and Bucks amateur football particularly his death will leave a gap which will not easily be filled.

TWELVE GOAL GAME AT CHESHAM

By "SPARTAN"

CHESHAM 8, COLCHESTER 4.

Chesham:—A. Knowles; E. Beeson, N. Carr; L. A. Picton, W. Wheeler, H. J. Keen; C. Saunders, A. Channer, G. D. Goodson, E. Thorn, B. John.

Colchester:— W. J. Kinken; A. E. Wilkins, H. R. Jordan; L. V. Male, L. A. Bailey, T. W. Orford; A. F. Whyatt, J. E. Hubbard, S. L. Miller, L. S. Cawcutt, L. G. Cameron.

CHESHAM UNITED ran riot at Chesham on Saturday when they defeated a strong Colchester side by 8-4.

The game was one of many thrills, and Chesham thoroughly deserved their victory, but the score rather exaggerated their superiority.

In the second half four goals came within twice as many minutes, and rarely have I seen such a well contested half. Play went speedily from end to end, and both goalkeepers had plenty to do.

The three outstanding players on the Chesham side were A. Channer, N. Carr and A. Knowles.

Channer's "Hat Trick"

Channer was appearing in the first eleven after a spell in the reserves, and he thoroughly justified the experiment.

The honour of scoring a hat trick fell to his lot, while he was constantly worrying the Colchester defence. The right wing as a whole worked well, and Saunders was a capable partner. Thorn and John were dangerous, and Goodson staged a come-back in the second half after a dull first half.

The improvement in the play of the halves was more noticeable this week, and Wheeler was outstanding, while he was well supported by Picton and Keen. Credit should be given to Carr and Beeson, while Knowles in goal was admirable. With his usual calmness he dealt with one after another difficult shot.

For Colchester Hubbard and Cameron were outstanding in the forward line.

In the first minute Kinken cleared from Goodson, and a sharp raid on the Chesham goal by Cameron was stopped by Keen.

Colchester were the first to score when HUBBARD ran through the Chesham defence, Beeson failing to intercept him, and sent in a fine shot which beat Knowles easily. Chesham equalised when, during a mêlée in the Colchester goal, JORDAN, in clearing put the ball through his own goal. A few minutes later Chesham went further ahead when CHANNER tricked the advancing Kinken and scored. There was a doubt as to whether Channer was offside, but, after consulting the linesman, the referee awarded the goal.

Quick Exchanges

The game was being hotly contested and the exchanges were rapid. Chesham exploited the offside game to advantage, and Chesham had bad luck when Channer hit the cross-bar, Kinken scrambling the ball away. After 35 minutes CHANNER scored Chesham's third goal from a free kick by Carr.

The second half opened in sensational manner when CHANNER completed his hat trick. From a pass by Saunders he slipped the ball by the goalkeeper. Colchester put on pressure to draw level, and Cameron reduced the arrears by sending in a fine low shot from Whyatt's pass. It was easily the best goal of the match. GOODSON obtained Chesham's fifth goal, his shot hitting the inside of the post, and SAUNDERS headed the sixth into the net from Goodson's pass. Soon after Channer got the ball into the net but was penalised for hands. SAUNDERS obtained the seventh, and HUBBARD scored for Colchester in a mêlée. Despite the fact that the score was mounting, Colchester had not lost their dash, and HUBBARD scored again by sending in a drive which gave Knowles no chance, and thus completed his hat trick. JOHN completed the scoring for Chesham after Kinken had saved from Goodson and Channer.

The game next Saturday, a friendly with Fulham Reserves at Chesham, should prove good practice for Chesham.

THERE'S NO STOPPING THEM NOW

Marlow Reserves Go To Watford And Win

Marlow Reserves continued their splendid progress in the Spartan League Reserve Section by defeating Watford British Legion on their own ground by 2 goals to 1. The ground was not very conducive to scientific football and Marlow took some little time to settle down. The opening stages were in favour of Watford but Marlow's defence stood firm and later, when Todd placed a corner kick very accurately, COX opened the scoring for Marlow.

Watford were well served by their wingers, both of whom were very fast, but the inside forwards failed to take advantage of the openings they created. Their shooting in front of goal was very poor. Langley brought off a number of good saves in the Marlow goal and at half time Marlow still led by a goal to nil.

With the slope in their favour, Watford soon set up a strong attack and Walsh was compelled to concede a corner. The home side had several chances to get on terms but wasted them all. Marlow got away on the left and forced a corner. EDMONDS took the kick and placed it so accurately that the ball sailed under the bar to score Marlow's second goal. Watford, however, were not to be denied and they gave Marlow's defenders a gruelling time. Their goal, however, was a lucky one for F. Price ought to have cleared a ball which he allowed to bounce over his head. C. PRICE, the Watford winger, slipped in and beat Langley with a low drive.

Marlow were unfortunate soon after when North put the ball into the net with a long shot, but Perry was given offside. Watford made great efforts to get on terms during the final ten minutes and the Marlow defenders conceded many corners. Watford, however, could not improve upon them.

Marlow Reserves—F. Langley; D. Walsh, F. Price; E. G. Sibley, L. North, W. A. Collier; F. Todd, H. Rixon, G. Perry, H. Cox and F. Edmonds.

WATLINGTON v. HADDENHAM

In their league match at Watlington on Saturday, Haddenham found no easy task in winning 2—1. Had it not been for their cool and determined defence, the visitors would have been outplayed. Actually, Watlington had quite as much of the play as Haddenham, but they did not use their chances to full advantage, while the Haddenham forwards seized on every opportunity and made many dangerous attacks on the home goal. It was in one of these attacks that, after 20 minutes play, Godfrey opened the scoring for Haddenham. As the game wore on, mostly a ding-dong battle in midfield, the play gradually became more robust.

After the interval, the visitors, playing down the slight slope, quickly settled down and the Watlington goal had some narrow escapes. Eventually Godfrey again netted and shortly before the end Watlington scored. Although they tried very hard to obtain the equaliser, however, the visiting defence again proved themselves masters.

Haddenham—G. Collier; J. Lewis, N. Johnson; J. Outram, W. Stratford, G. Wells; T. Godfrey, S. Lanchbury, J. Tomlinson, A. Starbuck, H. Felix.

BERKS AND BUCKS JUNIOR CUP

Result Of First Round Games On Saturday

The results of local games in the Berks and Bucks Junior Cup competition on Saturday were as follows:—

DIVISION II.

Naphill 1, Downley 6; Western Athletic 2, Keenonians 1; Wycombe Gas Works 6, Wycombe Redfords 4; Wycombe N.A.L.G.O. 6, Wycombe West End 1; Castle Bros. 0, Hazlemere Trinity 6; Wycombe Wanderers Reserves 7, Beaconsfield 0; Wooburn 5, Soho Mills 1; Marlow Swifts 2, Medmenham 1; Wraysbury 4, Horton 0; Farnham Victoria 2, Iver Unity 3; High Duty Alloys 2, Stoke Rovers 4; Slough Territorials 4, Eton Wick and Boveney v. Old Pauludians or Leigh Park Rangers 3; Stoke Poges O.B. 2, Slough Villa 1; Old Pauludians 1, Nobel Naylors 1; Claremont Wanderers 7, Slough Laurencians 1.

SECOND ROUND DRAW

The draw for the second round of the Berks and Bucks Junior Cup tourney, games for which are to be played on November 3rd, resulted as follows:—

DIVISION I.

Chalfont Wasps v. Chalfont St. Peter; Amersham Common v. Amersham Town; Prestwood v. Statters Sports; Princes Risborough v. Wendover; Olney v. Stantonbury St. Peters; London Brick and Forders v. Stony Stratford Pirates; Wolverton Congregational v. Bletchley L.M.S.; Salmons Sports v. Stony Stratford Sports; Winslow v. Twyford (Bucks); Aylesbury U. Res. v. Wingrave; Aylesbury Corinthians v. Long Crendon; Dominion S. & A. v. Aston Clinton.

DIVISION II.

Downley v. Wycombe N.A.L.G.O.; Western Athletic v. West Wycombe; Wycombe Gas Works v. Hazlemere Trinity; Wycombe Wanderers Res. v. Wooburn; Loudwater St. Peters v. Wycombe Marsh Gordons; Lane End v. Marlow Swifts; Wraysbury v. Slough Albion; Iver Unity v. Stoke Poges O.B.; Stoke Rovers v. Leigh Park Rangers; Langley North Star v. St. Helens Cables; Eton Wick and Boveney v. Old Pauludians or Nobel Naylors; Eton Victoria v. Claremont Wanderers.

DIVISION III.

Windsor and Eton Res. v. Old Windsor; Cookham Dean v The Wanderers (Cookham).

All clubs must comply with Cup Rule 24—results must be forwarded on a post card on the evening of the match by both clubs and by the referee.

Mid-Week Cup Tourney

The draw in the Mid-Week Cup (Wednesday Section) resulted as follows: Wycombe Wednesday v. Slough Wednesday; Eton Wednesday v. Slough P.O.; Hatchet Lane Rovers v. Sandhurst Wednesday; Newbury Wednesday v. Tilehurst.

Thursday Section

Aylesbury P.O. v. Walton Swifts Thursday; Maidenhead Thursday v. The Thistle (Maidenhead).

Byes — Chesham Thursday, Chesham Co-op., London Transport (C.O.), Amersham, Amersham Thursday, Budgen's United, and Maidenhead P.O.

WANDERERS FAIL AGAIN

But Only In A "Friendly"

BARKING'S "BITE"

By "SPOT KICK"

BARKING TOWN 2; WYCOMBE WANDERERS 1.

Wycombe—W. Bunce; J. A. Gearing, J. E. Gearing; W. Keen, J. Rowe, N. Williams; J. Ayres, G. Jones, L. Harvey, R. J. Rhodes, A. T. Britnell.

Barking Town—J. J. Wilson; G. Gentry, J. J. Woodcock; J. Lee, E. Smith, H. Neal; F. Shellito, K. Mayes, L. Marlow, F. Butterworth, R. Beddell.

AFTER all, it was only a "friendly," and naturally Wycombe Wanderers, with a weakened team, did not exert themselves unduly. It is no recommendation for an Isthmian League side to be beaten by an Athenian League team, even such a virile and fighting team as Barking Town, but this time we have a water-tight excuse.

Barking were not very much better than Wycombe, but their slight margin of superiority was never in question and they deserved their win. There was always a little more potency in their attacks, and had it not been for a particularly bright display by Will Bunce they would probably have registered a more decisive victory.

It was a good game. It was always interesting and occasionally even thrilling. Barking had a lively, go-ahead attack, and frequently, especially in the second half, they bombarded the Wanderers' goal with as much determination as if there had been a cup hanging on the issue.

Fancy Footwork

There was plenty of fancy footwork in this game. The forwards could afford to indulge in a spot of pattern weaving, and their efforts were always entertaining. Wycombe produced as much as Barking. Rhodes, the newcomer from Chesham, revealed a nice discrimination in his passing, and both Britnell and Ayres profited from his long sweeping kicks to the wings. Jones, the Army man who was making his second appearance for Wycombe, is not so much of a tactician, but he is quick off the mark and difficult to dislodge.

Indeed, all the forwards were fairly good individually on Saturday. Ayres plumped the ball bang in the goal-mouth time and again, and Britnell usually beat his opponent in a battle of wits. But collectively the forwards were not so thrustful as the Barking five—a clever combination. Perhaps it was again because there was not sufficient co-operation between halves and forwards.

There was no scoring in the first half. Wycombe went near on one or two occasions, and Barking went nearer still on many more occasions. The brothers Gearing played well in unaccustomed positions at back, but the defence was often spreadeagled, and it was fortunate that Wycombe had such a capable 'keeper as Bunce. He made many splendid saves, particularly from long range shots, at which the Barking halves halves were adept.

Nearly A Double!

Within a minute of the second half, BUTTERWORTH broke through and gave Barking the lead, and the same player almost scored again straight from the kick-off, the ball slithering just wide of the post with Bunce grovelling on his hands and knees.

For fifteen minutes or more Barking made rings round Wycombe's defence. Then Wycombe recovered their self-respect and gave Barking an anxious time. Harvey almost scored once by rushing the goalkeeper after he had fumbled a high centre from Britnell.

Ayres shot high over the bar when he was given an excellent opportunity, but he atoned a little later by racing away down the wing and passing across for RHODES to stop the ball and shoot out of Wilson's reach. With a little more confidence Harvey might have given Wycombe the lead shortly afterwards, when Ayres centred across again.

But no. It seemed almost inevitable that in spite of Wycombe's partial recovery Barking should regain the lead again. Their forwards monopolised the play until BUTTERWORTH scored the deciding goal for them with a quick shot which gave even elastic Will Bunce no chance.

No one could cavill at the result.

Battle of Local Rivals

Hughenden End's Victory Over Stokenchurch

THE meeting of Stokenchurch and Hughenden End, inveterate football rivals, at Stokenchurch on Saturday in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup competition, produced a fast and hard fought tussle, the High Wycombe club gaining a narrow victory by 2-1. A large crowd watched the game, many Wycombe people supporting Hughenden End.

Hughenden End kicked off and opened up the game immediately, Smith and Randall testing Deane, Stokenchurch's goalkeeper, with good shots. The visitors maintained their attack, and before the game had been in progress many minutes, Smith, the Hughenden outside right, was brought down heavily and had to be carried off.

Hughenden End, who found it easier to control the ball playing up the slight slope, were awarded several free kicks, which were cleared. In a strong counter-attack by the home side, Harris saved well by putting the ball over the bar. The "evergreen" "Buster" Priest, whom Stokenchurch had introduced again, proved to be the homesters' most dangerous forward, and Hughenden End's defence, in which Hearn and Smith played well throughout the game, watched him carefully in case he reproduced any of his goal-scoring ability.

G. HEARN.

After half an hour's play Randall opened the scoring for Hughenden, and with the last kick of the first half he added a second, seizing on an opening while the home defenders were paying attention to Simmons.

Unlucky

Simmons had hard luck shortly after the resumption, when he hit the cross-bar with a strong shot. Stokenchurch fought back grimly, and Priest was eventually rewarded when he put in a splendid ground shot which gave Harris no chance. Although the home team pressed hard for an equaliser, Hughenden End's defence stood the test well.

Teams: Hughenden End—J. Harris; G. Hearn, F. Smith; G. Hatt, A. King, A. Jackman; Smith, H. Stratford, R. Simmons, F. Randall and J. Tilbury.

Stokenchurch—Deane; Elliott, Butler; Hunt, Lacey, Ashby; Anderson, Messenger, Johnson, Priest, White.

Referee: Mr. Rolston (Marlow).

KEN BURNHAM FOR CHESHAM

New Left-Back To Play Against Fulham?

Chesham first eleven are to meet Fulham Reserves, at Chesham, on Saturday, in a friendly match. The selection committee have decided to experiment with the side, and they are hoping to introduce a new left back. Ken Burnham, the former Wycombe player, will be appearing at right-half for Chesham, and the probable team will be—A. Knowles; E. Beeson and A. N. Other; K. Burnham, W. Wheeler, H. J. Keen; C. Saunders, A. Channer, G. D. Goodson, E. Thorn and B. John.

The Reserves are to meet Kensington Polytechnic, away, on Saturday, and the team will be unaltered from last week.

WYCOMBE AND DISTRICT MINOR CUP

The draw for the first and second rounds of the Wycombe and District Minor Cup competition resulted as follows:—First round—Beaconsfield v. Naphill (R. J. Fenemore); Desborough Minors v. Wheeler End (E. W. Stanger); Great Kingshill v. Hazlemere (S. H. Mills); Bourne End v. Parkfield Rovers (W. Barnett). To be played on November 10th; kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Second round—Kingshill or Hazlemere v. Loudwater Rovers (C. Newton); Victoria Minors v. West Wycombe (G. F. Harris); Beaconsfield or Naphill v. Amersham (H. H. Jeffries); Bourne End or Parkfield v. Desborough or Wheeler End (A. J. Jemmett). To be played on December 15th; kick-off 2.15 p.m.

LITTLE EXCITEMENT AT MARLOW

Berkhamsted's Poor Display

NEWNS' SKILL

By "MARLOVIAN"

Marlow 2, Berkhamsted Town 1.

Teams: Marlow—W. E. Perfect; R. J. Meeks, H. J. Curtis; C. E. Green, F. Rixon, A. Lawry; F. Hill, J. W. Youens, E. J. Cam, G. T. Smith, A. J. Newns.

Berkhamsted Town—L. Cowley; F. Rance, E. Atkins; W. Holt, J. Harrowell, E. Johnson; R. Broome, E. Seaton, F. Broome, H. Rance, S. Hicks.

AFTER making us yawn through the first half, Marlow and Berkhamsted, playing at Marlow on Saturday in a league encounter, suddenly decided, early in the second half, to make a game of it. Then there were more thrills, but, taking the game on the whole, it was not one to live in the memory longer than it took me to walk back to the 'bus.

Marlow won—as they deserved to do—and preserved their unbeaten league record, but it was fortunate for them that the opposition was not stronger, for their display will have to be improved upon if they are to keep the clean sheet.

It was not hard to put one's finger on the weak link. Undoubtedly the forwards were at fault—with one exception. Newns, the opportunist, scored both goals, and they were fine efforts. I was not particularly surprised when I read on the programme that he has signed amateur forms for Aldershot Town. Believe it or not, he was playing in minor football circles last season!

Marlow saw most of this game, but their finishing was not up to standard. Apart from that, Cowley played a splendid game in the visitors' goal.

Clever Ball Control

At the start I admired the ball control of the Berkhamsted men. They seemed lively, thrustful, precise, and combined well. But it was a fleeting moment, for Marlow, rather clumsily but surely, forced the game to their way, and NEWNS opened the scoring after ten minutes. He was almost level with the goal-line when he shot, but the ball curled in to the far corner of the net.

Just afterwards Smith sent just over the bar. Cam received a nasty knock and had to be carried off for attention, but he was quickly back. F. Broome, who played for the Spartan League on the previous Saturday, and who, I am told, was being watched by an Aston Villa "scout" at Marlow, missed a fine chance of equalising when he skied the ball from close in. He was ineffective throughout—mainly due to the watchful Rixon and a couple of stout backs.

Berkhamsted started well again in the second half, but they were like a rejuvenated battery that soon ran down. For perhaps ten minutes they made frequent assaults on the Marlow goal, but they failed to ruffle Perfect's apparent imperturbability. Then the visitors' goal underwent a bombardment, but Berkhamsted survived and BROOME brought them level during a melee in front of goal. For a while I thought Berkhamsted might pull the game round, but I was reckoning without NEWNS, who shot away on his own, worked in to the middle and beat Cowley with a perfectly-placed shot.

From then on the game was well in Marlow's hands, and only weak finishing robbed them of further goals.

By the way, F. Rance, the old Wycombe Wanderers' wing half, was a prominent member of the Berkhamsted team—a team which needs, I should say, more confidence in its own ability.

PRINCES RISBOROUGH

Princes Risborough won their Berks and Bucks Junior Cup-tie with Bledlow Ridge by 3—1. A penalty-kick converted by Kerr decided the game, Risborough's other goal being scored by Turner. To-morrow Princes Risborough entertain Lane End.

After a goal-less first half, Parkfield Rovers eventually lost 2—1 to Wycombe Desborough Minors. Humphries netted their only goal. On their own ground for the fifth successive week, the Rovers hope to return to winning form to-morrow at the expense of Wooburn Minors. Team—Reed; Turney, Swift; Sears, Paxton, Hopkins; Orchard, Simmons, Humphries, Dell, Lodgate. They will play in white shirts owing to a clash in the colours.

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WANDERERS AWAY AGAIN TO-MORROW

Ward Returns To Team To Play Clapton

Maurice Ward returns to inside-left and Rowe and Keen change places in the half-back line for Wycombe Wanderers' match to-morrow at Forest Gate against Clapton, in the Isthmian League. R. J. Rhodes, the Chesham United player, retains his place at inside-right. The team, who travel by coach at 12.30 for the kick-off at 3 o'clock, is as follows: W. Bunce; J. A. Gearing, R. S. Cox; J. Rowe, W. T. Keen, N. Williams; J. Ayres, R. J. Rhodes, L. Harvey, M. Ward and A. T. Britnell.

The Wanderers' Reserves are at Loakes Park versus Stokenchurch, in the High Wycombe Challenge Cup (1st round), kick-off 2.45 p.m. Selected side: R. Smith; C. Read, A. Ball; G. Walker, G. Fletcher, Rob. Smith; T. Andrews, A. Lewis, C. Franklin, F. R. Blamey and C. Allnutt.

On Saturday, October 27th, there will be a first-class attraction at Loakes Park, when the Royal Air Force will oppose the Corinthians. On the same day the Wanderers' first team will visit Wimbledon in the Isthmian League.

IN A LINE OR TWO

L. R. ("Pat") Badrick, Wycombe Wanderers' former centre-half and skipper, has "signed on" for Marlow.

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F. Edmonds, Marlow Reserves' outside left, scored direct from a corner-kick against Watford British Legion on Saturday.

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A. J. Newns, formerly of Wycombe Desboroughs, and now Marlow's left-wing "flier," has signed amateur forms for Aldershot.

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G. W. P. Collins, former Holmer Green goalkeeper, has transferred from Flackwell Heath to Amersham Town.

MARLOW TO PLAY ACTON TO-MORROW

Marlow, who had left to-morrow's date open in the hope of being engaged in the Amateur Cup, will not have a blank day after all. They have arranged to bring forward their Spartan League match with Acton. Last season Acton beat Marlow, at Marlow, in the last match of the season by the odd goal in five. The team will be—W. E. Perfect; G. A. Tapping, H. J. Curtis; C. E. Green, F. Rixon, A. Lawry; F. Hill, J. W. Youens, E. J. Cam, G. T. Smith and A. J. Newns. The kick-off is at 3.30 p.m.

Marlow Reserves are free from league worries but they are engaged in a cup-tie, visiting Reading to meet Caversham Athletic in the Reading Town Cup. The following team will leave Marlow by coach at 1.45 p.m.—F. H. Langley; R. J. Meeks, F. Price; D. Walsh, L. North, W. A. Collier; F. Todd, H. Rixon, G. Perry, H. Cox and F. Edmonds.

CURIOUS SPARTAN RESULTS

Goals Galore At Chesham

ISTHMIAN NOTES

By GOALPOST

BERKS and Bucks representation in the F.A. Cup was diminished on Saturday—in fact, the last hope has literally vanished by the defeat of Maidenhead United.

Maidenhead, who scored through Copas, were beaten by a one-time Isthmian League side (Civil Service), by 3-1 (Bignell and Leonhardt). It is generally agreed that Maidenhead were a bit unlucky to have been down by three goals at the interval. I, however, read this paragraph: "Civil Service maintained their unbeaten record by defeating Maidenhead United 3-1. The losers belied their name. United they were not, and the civil servants, for whom Coventry, their new full-back from Canada, played a great game, won easily."

Windsor and Eton who, on their own ground forced a draw the previous week after extra time, found a big difference on their visit to Witney, the Oxfordshire team winning by 4-1.

There were some curious results in the Spartan League Competition. Chesham and Marlow were both victorious, but Slough were defeated by Crittall Athletic by 8-2 (Bowyer and Dowse), Creer 2, Ogilvy 2, Richards 2, and Hogarth 2, being the successful marksmen. Chesham United spectators had plenty of goals for their money, as no fewer than twelve were scored in their match with Colchester Town. My Chesham friend tells me that the goals were at the rate of two for a penny, and cheap at the price!

Wycombe Wanderers visited the Athenian League Barking side, and although the game was interesting as far as friendlies go, the Wanderers put up a good fight, but in the end were beaten by 2-1.

Twelve of the 14 teams which represent the senior section of the Isthmian League were engaged. One of the most sensational results was the defeat of Kingstonians at St. Albans by 5—1—four of the goals were scored by Bunce. Curiously Leytonstone could not do better than draw (1—1) with London Caledonians. The Casuals who can only show three points out of a possible 18 were beaten by a goal by Clapton (2—1). Another sensation was provided by Dulwich Hamlet going under to Ilford. The Isthmian League's last hope in the F.A. Cup competition has gone by the defeat of Tufnell Park by Finchley 1—0.

The revised Isthmian League table (Senior Section) now reads—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	PTS.
Leytonstone	8	5	2	1	17	11	11
Oxford City	9	5	3	1	27	21	11
Dulwich Hamlet	8	4	2	2	20	11	10
St. Albans City	8	4	2	2	18	23	10
Kingstonian	9	4	3	2	18	17	10
London Caledonians .	8	3	2	3	19	15	9
Ilford	9	3	3	3	11	18	9
Wimbledon...	6	4	2	0	19	6	8
Clapton	8	2	2	4	15	12	8
Wycombe Wanderers	8	3	4	1	18	23	7
Nunhead	8	3	4	1	9	12	7
Woking	7	2	3	2	14	19	6
Tufnell Park	7	0	4	3	8	13	3
The Casuals	9	1	7	1	11	23	3

Congratulations to Hughenden End (High Wycombe) on winning their Berks and Bucks Senior Cup tie at Stokenchurch by 2—1. It was undoubtedly a good performance, as very few sides return victorious from Stokenchurch. Saturday's game was not any too pleasant, there being far too many knocks and injuries. Both goals were scored for Hughenden End before the interval by Randall. In the next round Hughenden End are drawn against Hazell's (Aylesbury) and unless Loakes Park is available Hughenden End will go to Aylesbury, as they must have an enclosed ground. A good gate would be helpful to Hughenden End. Should the Wycombe side be successful, a curious position will arise—they will have either to retire from the competition or qualify as senior players. To adopt the latter course would be suicidal, because they have not an enclosed ground, and besides there is not room for two senior sides. Chesham and Maidenhead found that out long ago when there were Chesham Town and Chesham Generals, and Maidenhead and Maidenhead Norfolkians. Both clubs in their title now have the word "United." Hughenden End have another interesting game in the Reading Senior Cup. They have to entertain the Training College from Camberley. Here again, if Loakes Park is not vacant the match will have to be played on Wycombe Rye.

Fate has not been any too kind of late to Beaconsfield United; therefore it was unfortunate that they should have to run up against Wycombe Wanderers Reserves in the first round of the Berks and Bucks Junior Cup competition at Loakes Park. Although Beaconsfield have a useful side of juniors, they were, as to be expected, outclassed, and in the end were beaten, but by no means disgraced, by 7 clear goals.

SPARTAN LEAGUE TEAM

The team to represent the Spartan League against the Isthmian League at Chesham on October 27th, is as follows: C. R. W. Cannon (Hitchin Town); R. T. H. Trott (Callenders Athletic), R. A. Dudley (Apsley); J. Rhodes (Metropolitan Police), F. W. Hampshire (Maidenhead), S. J. Mason (Apsley); C. Saunders (Chesham United), T. Large (Apsley), F. H. Broome (Berkhamsted Town), G. Vale (Aylesbury United), J. C. R. Smith (Hitchin Town). Reserves to travel—G. A. Clark (Waterlow's), J. Watson (Slough).

Burnham Reserves added another victory to their fine record on Saturday when they defeated Windsor Imperial Reserves on the Farnham Road ground by 7 goals to 1. It was a Windsor and District League (Division III) game.

SPORTS GOSSIP BY ONLOOKER

Wycombe Hockey Club May Run Three Teams

THE increasing interest that is being shown in hockey in High Wycombe is revealed by the fact that High Wycombe Hockey Club have had such an encouraging fillip in membership that an attempt is being made to run a regular third eleven this season. An experimental team played Reading second eleven at Reading on Saturday, and in view of the fact that the fixture with the Reading second string is usually considered a strong one with Wycombe 2nd XI, they did very well to lose by only four goals to one. The Wycombe club have now more than forty active members—an increase of eight or ten on last year.

Nearly all the members of last year's team are playing again, and a game has been arranged for every Saturday. Most of the new members are comparative newcomers to the game, but the first eleven has been strengthened by the acquisition of E. B. Calvert, the young Beaconsfield and Buckinghamshire county cricketer, who is now at Oxford. L. G. Baker is captain of the side, and Tom Williams is leading the second eleven.

E. B. CALVERT.

Several members of High Wycombe Hockey Club are also members of the "Frogs," and frequently take part in the attractive games arranged on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The relations between the two clubs remain very cordial.

High Wycombe Hockey Club welcome new members. The social side is being maintained, and the first dance of the season will be held on November 23rd.

Sportsmanship—Good & Bad

Sportsmanship is a hackneyed subject among sports writers and after-dinner speakers, but acts of true sportsmanship lose nothing of their refreshing quality by publicity.

Take the case of Amersham Reserves this week. They lost a point in their game against Hazlemere Trinity Reserves by their sportsmanship. During a hot Hazlemere attack a few moments before time, one of the forwards was injured in making a daring attempt to head through. A corner-kick resulted, and while several of the Amersham defenders were attending the dazed home forward the kick was taken and Hazlemere equalised. Well done Amersham!

At Barking, on the other hand, in Wycombe Wanderers' "friendly," there was one striking instance of lack of the first instincts of sportsmanship among the Barking players.

Leslie Harvey, Wycombe's young centre forward, who is only about eighteen, was injured in charging one of the Barking backs in a perfectly legitimate manner. He lay prostrate for a time, the referee failing to note his condition. Although there were several Barking men near, not one attempted to help the youngster up. Alf Britnell finally ran across from the wing and gave him assistance.

Rance Still In The Fray

The mystery of the disappearance of Fred Rance, Wycombe Wanderers' former left half, from local football, was solved at Marlow on Saturday. He played at right back for Berkhamsted Town against the Riversiders, and appeared to be in excellent trim in spite of the illness which kept him from the game for some time last year. I understand Rance, who lives at Holmer Green, was approached by the Herts club, but replied that he would only play if their regular man was unable to turn out. Apparently he has retained his place at back.

Marlow's defence kept a close watch on young Broome, Berkhamsted's centre forward, who played for the Spartan League representative team against Tottenham Hotspur last week. But he did not cause them much anxiety. He is slightly built for a centre forward, and against a tall and robust defence is distinctly handicapped. Chesham United have interested themselves in Broome, and a rumour was freely circulated at Marlow on Saturday that an Aston Villa "scout" was watching the youngster's display. Broome's brother plays on the Berkhamsted right wing.

Marlow Reserves' Progress

When the Marlow committee decided to make application for Marlow Reserves' admission to the Second Division of the Spartan League, many supporters thought the jump from the Berks and Bucks Junior League to the Spartan League was too ambitious for them to negotiate with success.

Very few, I warrant, thought for a moment that the team would complete nearly a third of the programme without meeting defeat, as they have done. Marlow Reserves, who are now bracketed with R.A.F. (Halton) at the head of the division, have more than justified their election to the League, and if they can maintain their form there is no reason why they should not be in the running for the championship. Seven points from four away games is an excellent record.

Newns For Aldershot

Last season, you may recall, I forecast that several of the Wycombe Desborough Minors' team of that time would not be long in making names for themselves in higher class football.

It is interesting to note now that five of them are either definitely in, or well on the way to introduction to, senior football. A. J. Newns, their left winger, who has been playing so well for Marlow this season, has now signed forms for Aldershot as an amateur, and will play for the Third Division side when he is needed.

L. Harvey, another ex-Desborough, is of course now leading Wycombe Wanderers, and three others who are doing well at the moment are Crump, younger brother of the old Wycombe back, T. Andrews, the Wycombe Reserve right winger, whom many think is well worth a trial with the first eleven, and F. R. Blamey, who has graduated from Flackwell Heath and Maidenhead Reserves to Wycombe's second string.

Amersham's Acquisition

G. W. P. Collins, the clever young goalkeeper who has been playing this season for Flackwell Heath, has transferred to Amersham Town. Last season Collins was one of the shining lights of Holmer Green's team, and played a great game against Amersham in the final of the Chesham Challenge Cup, when Amersham won by the narrow margin of 2 to 1. Collins was under the eye of Chesham United for some time, and he appeared in several of their trial games, but he eventually signed for Flackwell Heath.

Amersham Town, by the way, are considering ways and means of providing a covered enclosure on their ground at Spratley's meadow, Amersham. This has been a long felt want. With the big improvement in the "gates" this season and the increased interest in the club, it is hoped that the ambition of the committee will shortly be realised.

Better Late Than Never

On November 24th, Hazlemere Trinity are to play in the final match of a competition, the first ties of which were played off more than a year ago—the final of the Bucks Junior Charity Cup tourney. They play Aylesbury United Reserves at Aylesbury, and they will have to be in their best form to bring home the trophy.

Hazlemere, however, have a sound team this year. Stoneham, Keen and "Noah" Hawes comprise a powerful half-back line, and Stacey leads a go-ahead forward line in dashing style. He netted four goals against Castle's last week.

Sandhurst To Visit Wycombe

Hughenden End will have a particularly interesting game in the third round of the Reading Cup competition, the ties for which are to be played on October 27th. They play Sandhurst Military College from Camberley (Surrey), who won the Reading Senior League championship last season. The Military College's intensive training keeps them in remarkable trim, and they have not lost a game so far this season. The match should draw a big crowd to Wycombe Rye.

If Marlow Reserves defeat Caversham Athletic, they will meet Simonds Athletic in the same competition. In the Reading Junior Cup tourney only one local club is engaged. Flackwell Heath Reserves are to play Mortimer Garth in the second round.

Downley's Schemer

Downley's recent successes are in a great measure due to the excellent understanding among the forwards, and particularly to the clever scheming of Alec McBride.

A Northumberland boy, McBride has good ball control and plenty of enterprise, and his footwork is a feature of the Downley attack. He is very fond of dribbling the ball along the penalty line until he finds a colleague with an opening. Selfishness is not one of McBride's failings.

There was a fear among Downley supporters last season that poor finishing would ruin McBride's effectiveness, but he has improved greatly in this direction, and his shooting now is well up to Downley's high standard.

Footballers Seek Fitness

More and more football clubs, both senior and junior, I find, are taking up organised physical culture as part of their training and as an interesting and very beneficent adjunct to their activities "behind the scenes."

Windsor and Eton, who have yet to win a League game this season, have just accepted very gratefully an offer by Eton College of the use of a gymnasium at the college for special training. Windsor and Eton Football Club, of course, is the only club in the country to be honoured by the patronage of the King.

In local junior football the latest club to take up physical training is Tyler Green, who began their classes on Monday, at the parish room.

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