

Last Saturday we travelled across London to meet Ilford in the quest for League points, and after they had beaten Bishops Stortford in the week we knew we were in for a hard battle. Our lads rallied round well after being a goal down at half-time, and drew level with a well-taken goal by Kenny Kent in the second half. Maintaining their attacks, our lads came close to snatching a shock win, but in the end had to be satisfied with their first point in the Isthmian League. Following our defeat at Oxford in mid-week, manager Bob Gibbs had a very lengthy talk with Keith Searle regarding his lack of effort during the matches in which he had played. Finally at around 12.30 a.m., Bob left Keith to decide as to whether he was prepared to give maximum effort in future matches.

Unfortunately, Keith decided on Friday evening that in view of his talk with the manager, he was unable to give the necessary guarantee, and

reluctantly was told to find another club.

As Keith Searle leaves us, we are extremely pleased to welcome to Church Road, Brian Pitts, for many years a stalwart at Maidenhead and a good friend of Bobby Hatt. Making his debut against Ilford last Saturday, Brian effectively "bottled up" the danger man, Jackson. We all hope that Brian quickly settles down and enjoys a long and happy stay with us.