

Happy players push the boat out after victory

A TIDAL wave of emotion swept Marlow Football Club to seventh heaven after they ended their 91-year wait to win the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup.

The joy, pride, and immense satisfaction etched in the players' faces underlined the significance of their momentous triumph — their first final win since 1899/1900 season.

It was an unforgettable night for everyone at Marlow — the night they not only conquered their illustrious arch-rivals but also created a riveting chapter of cup history.

The history books will tell of the extraordinary 15 minute second half spell of a passionate cup tie in which five goals were scored.

They will also tell of the phenomenal Marlow support. They outchanted the disillusioned Wycombe fans and afterwards danced and sang on the pitch.

Report by NICK GOODMAN

There were emotional scenes when Marlow skipper Kevin Stone held the cup aloft and all the players were acclaimed heroes by their adoring fans as they received their tankards.

"Super Marlow, super Marlow," the fans chanted. They were brimming with adrenalin and passion.

There were long handshakes and heartfelt hugs as Marlow celebrated their greatest triumph.

Conquest

The champagne flowed freely in the dressing room afterwards. The talk was of glorious conquest and celebration.

The Marlow players were determined to savour every precious moment. Forward John Regan and defender Richard Mikurenda drank

from their tankards. Songs sang by players and management created an electric atmosphere in Slough's clubhouse.

Mikurenda climbed onto a chair and orchestrated the cabaret.

The fans joined in and proudly held their scarves aloft. These were stirring scenes, scenes which evoked the memory of celebration at Aylesbury in the semi final.

Even as the clubhouse began to empty the intoxicating feeling of triumph was a constant presence, like a living being, strong and vibrant.

I travelled back to Wycombe on the players' coach. The party was still in full flow.

Champagne flowed freely and there was talk of continuing the party until the small hours.

And why not? This was Marlow's special night — the night they won the cup for the 12th time and ended a 91-year wait.