

MARLOW have landed yet another FA Cup glamour tie after beating the competition's giantkilling specialists Sutton in Saturday's fourth qualifying round.

Sunday's draw for the first round proper has pitted Marlow against Division Two highfliers Oxford United at home, but doubt surrounds whether the match will be played at Oak Tree Road on the weekend of Saturday, November 12.

Marlow's game, however, is the fairytale tie of the round. Wycombe Wanderers have been drawn at home to VS Rugby or Chelmsford, whose replay took place last night, and Chesham, who play Cheltenham or Bashley, if they beat Bromsgrove Rovers in a fourth qualifying round replay tonight (ko 7.45pm).

Club chairman Michael Eagleton is intent on stopping the tie being switched to Oxford, as the expected huge attendance could be more than the club can cope

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with. "I would be desperate to keep it here. At home, there is always a chance of an upset. But it would be tricky up there. I think they are unbeaten there this year," he said.

Marlow manager Peter Foley and left winger Peter Rhoades-Brown played for Oxford during much of their Football League careers. The connections also include goalscorer hero Paul Rayson, who scored Saturday's winner — a spectacular 25-yard shot. He was an apprentice at the Manor Ground while Rhoades-Brown is Oxford's community officer.

The draw continues the Diadora League club's fine run in the competition. They were beaten by Tottenham Hotspur in the third round two years ago and played Plymouth Argyle at home in the first round last year.

Marlow rely on the use of Wycombe Wanderers' stewards to cope with a big crowd, so the two ties might have to be played on different days.

Wycombe boss Martin O'Neill, meanwhile, is eyeing a good FA Cup run to match last season's exploits when they met Premiership side Norwich in the third round. He says his players will not underestimate the non-League threat. "I still think this is a tricky tie, I am pleased we are at home. Because we have been non-League until only very recently, the players know what will be in store. They are not foolish enough to take the game lightly."

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## FA CUP

# Route one escape for Farnborough

By Geoff Young

FARNBOROUGH had an amazing FA Cup escape when they fought back from 4-0 down at Tiverton to force a 4-4 draw and a replay tomorrow.

The Vauxhall Conference club had to change their style radically to ensure they figured in yesterday's draw for the first round.

Farnborough had fallen behind to goals from Steve Hyndes, Steve Daly and two from Kevin Smith in the first 49 minutes. So they adopted a 'route one' approach, attacked relentlessly and were rewarded with goals by Chris Boothe, Jamie Horton, Murray Jones and Bradley Pratt.

"What a game of football," said Ramsay Findlay, secretary of Tiverton. "As they pushed forward they gave us plenty of opportunities but we missed a barrel-load." Tomorrow's winners are at home to Leyton Orient — who have lost seven out of seven away games this season.

Walton and Hersham, from the Diadora League, hung on for the final 21 minutes with 10 men after Curtis Warmington was sent off for a second bookable offence in their 3-2 win over Conference side Yeovil. At that stage Walton, whose fortunes are rising after 20 years in the wilderness, were 2-1 ahead. A minute later the former Brentford striker, Francis Joseph, completed his hat-

trick from the penalty spot.

Dover were beaten 2-1 at home by Kingstonian, who overturned David Leworthy's first-half strike with goals from Eddie Akuamoah and Jimmy Sugrue to earn a home tie against Brighton.

Braintree, who lost half of their side when manager Frank Bishop resigned a week ago, bowed out to fellow Beazer Homes side Gresley Rovers, while Newport (IoW) reached the first round for the first time since 1960 when they knocked out Trowbridge.

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| Walsall v Rochdale                    | ..... |
| Wigan v Spennymoor                    | ..... |
| Crewe v Gresley Rov                   | ..... |
| Chester v Wiltton                     | ..... |
| Burnley v Shrewsbury                  | ..... |
| Bishop Auckland v Macclesfield v Bury | ..... |
| Gusley v Carlisle                     | ..... |
| Halifax v Runcorn                     | ..... |
| Preston v Blackpool                   | ..... |
| Altrincham v Southport                | ..... |
| Hull v Lincoln                        | ..... |
| Mansfield v Northwich                 | ..... |
| Doncaster v Huddersfield              | ..... |
| Port Vale v Hartlepool                | ..... |
| Bradford v Scunthorpe                 | ..... |
| Exeter v Hastings or Crawley          | ..... |
| Marlow v Oxford Utd                   | ..... |
| Kingstonian v Brighton                | ..... |
| Walton & Hersham v Swansea            | ..... |
| Slough v Birmingham                   | ..... |
| Newport (IoW) v Moor Gn or Aylesbury  | ..... |
| Kettering v Plymouth                  | ..... |
| Peterborough v Northampton            | ..... |
| Yeading v Colchester                  | ..... |
| Bournemouth v Gloucester or Worthing  | ..... |
| Hereford v Hitchin                    | ..... |
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| Nuneaton B or Heybridge v Gillingham  | ..... |
| Kidderminster v Torquay               | ..... |
| Barnet v Woking                       | ..... |
| Cambridge Utd v Brentford             | ..... |
| Ashford T v Fulham                    | ..... |
| St Albans or Enfield v Cardiff        | ..... |
| Chesham or Bromsgrove Rovers          | ..... |
| v Cheltenham or Bashley               | ..... |
| Tiverton or Farnborough v Leyton O    | ..... |
| Wycombe v VS Rugby or Chelmsford      | ..... |