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Since last writing these notes, we have had two splendid wins, scoring six goals in the process and conceding one, and we go into this F.A. Cup encounter with an unbeaten Southern League record of three wins. Including the pre-season practice games, we have won seven out of eight matches, and the way we trounced Bletchley 4—1 on Tuesday in the League Cup return leg was a revelation. Nine goals in the last three matches, and only two against can't be bad and morale is sky-high. It is not misplaced, either, judging from the skill shown on Tuesday and if we can reproduce the same form today, you are in for a treat.

The Cup, of course, is a great leveller, which is why the F.A. Cup has such enormous magnetism and motivates most players just that little bit extra. We are delighted to entertain for the first time Marlow Town today, and we hope they enjoy our hospitality—off the field, needless to say . . . Marlow had a grand time last season, winning promotion to Division I of the Athenian League. Last Saturday they opened their League programme with a fine 2—0 win at Herne Bay, but on Monday were held to a goalless draw at home by Edmonton. On paper, we should already be looking to our visit to Chesham Utd. in the next round in a fortnight's time, but the saga of Boreham Wood is still too seared in the memory to make rash forecasts!

Manager Sid Prosser was not selecting his team until shortly before the kick-off, and with a pool of 16 to choose from, if I have guessed wrongly on the team page, apologies. John McCormick and Bill Byrne missed Tuesday's match through injury (Bill fell downstairs and strained his shoulder—that's his story anyway . . .) but we are hopeful they will be fit. As befits a top scorer, George Duck has taken a lot of stick lately, and although not missing a match, has a sore knee, which we trust has cleared up. Incidentally, George is certainly proving a deadly penalty kicker

We have no mid-week match next week, and next Saturday are away yet again in the League to Canterbury City, who have also made an excellent start. One thing that has delighted us is the wonderful support we have had at away matches, resulting in Bletchley's biggest gate so far on Tuesday. So we hope for another big contingent in Kent next week.

The next home game at Lower Mead Stadium should be a humdinger. We entertain Barnet in the London Challenge Cup, 7.30 p.m., on Monday week, September 10th. Having beaten them 3—1 a few weeks ago, this one is for real, for the winners go to White Hart Lane to meet 'Spurs.

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9. B. Byrne
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the tremendous cost of running a professional club in these days of continually rising prices.

However, thanks to negotiations between Lower Mead Social Club and Trumans Brewery being resolved at enormous benefit to both the Social and Football Clubs, the outlook is extremely bright, and we are in the fortunate position of being able to look ahead without the crippling burden of bank overdrafts at grossly inflated rates of interest. Not only that, but the Club's administration has been streamlined and the Club is now being run as a business and consequently, business management methods put into operation.

Like all Clubs, of course, we desperately need a lucrative cup run, which solves many problems. We keep our fingers crossed!

Meanwhile, however, the prospect of Lower Mead Stadium being redeveloped continues apace, and we are already making contingency plans for where we shall play during the two seasons the development takes place. The pitch will be turned round, and virtually a new stadium built, with a 2,000 seater stand, under which will be the very latest dressing rooms, offices. Social Club, with ballroom, etc. and ancillary projects. The ground will still have its 16,000 odd capacity and will be the envy of many a League club. To say nothing of the fact that we shall be laughing all the way to the bank with the rent the office complex will bring in! In fact, finance will then be the very least of our problems. We're sitting on a goldmine here, and are about to start mining . . .

Regarding the formation of a Limited Company, the Articles of Association and Memorandum will be ready shortly, and put for approval to another extraordinary meeting of members. Being a registered company will make life a lot easier in the negotiations which will be taking place over the next twelve months.

Supporters' Club Notes

This afternoon we welcome supporters of Marlow F.C. and hope you enjoy your visit and have a safe journey home. Despite our victories of the last couple of weeks, we must always remember that the cup is a great leveller, and we remember what happened here against Windsor last season.

Next Saturday we travel to Canterbury in search of league points. Canterbury have also made a good start to the season. We drew there last year so with your support we can go one better. The usual coach service will be operating for Supporters Club members and bookings should

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If anyone feels like a stroll please see Ray Kemp about the sponsored walk on Sunday 23rd September.

You can still join the Supporters Club, please see the secretary; also, the Handbook for this season has lots of interesting articles and is worth the 10p it costs.

CARL BENJAMIN

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