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Club Notes

To-day sees the last of this season's home League fixtures, and in looking back it is remarkable how similar the playing position has been compared with the previous season. In seventeen matches one more goal would have resulted in an additional point, and we might have finished near the other end of the table. Our regular supporters will know only too well that if the opportunities offered in those games where we had by far the better share of the play had been taken, we should have finished the season in a comfortable position. This afternoon we still have an outside chance of avoiding the necessity of seeking re-election, but our opponents will be fighting to obtain promotion, so we should see some keen exchanges. After the inspiring win last Monday against Northampton, the return match on Tuesday was very disappointing and we hope that in this last home game the lads will recover their fighting spirit and enthusiasm.

In all other respects the revival in the Club's fortunes, which could just be detected a year ago, has continued and there is no doubt that we shall climb out of the unfortunate position in which we have found ourselves this last few seasons. Once you are down it is a slow process to rehabilitate yourself, but it is being done and the tempo should increase next year.

The first team have two more matches to play. Next Monday they travel to Plymouth in the last of the League fixtures, and on Monday, May 6th, they will be at Salisbury in the Final of the Wilts Professional Shield. The Reserve team have one more game on Wednesday next, 1st May, when they meet Leicester City in a Football Combination fixture. The game will be played on this ground, kick-off 3.0 p.m.

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The result of the draw for the right to purchase our allocation of Cup Final tickets, will be announced in the local press.

Once more we would remind readers of the tickets for the Draw in connection with the Derby. They will be on sale almost as soon as these notes are printed. We hope to be able to make a very useful profit from this Competition and a similar one to follow.

As this is the last occasion on which these notes will appear this season, we take this opportunity to express our thanks to all who have assisted us in any way during the past months. Particularly we appreciate the work done by our country friends. We know that many of these have to devote more time, to sell 20 Competition tickets or to enrol a dozen members, than many of us, in the town, who are able, by good fortune, to dispose of ten times that number.

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Some players will now be leaving us. We wish them good luck wherever their future paths may lead them.

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