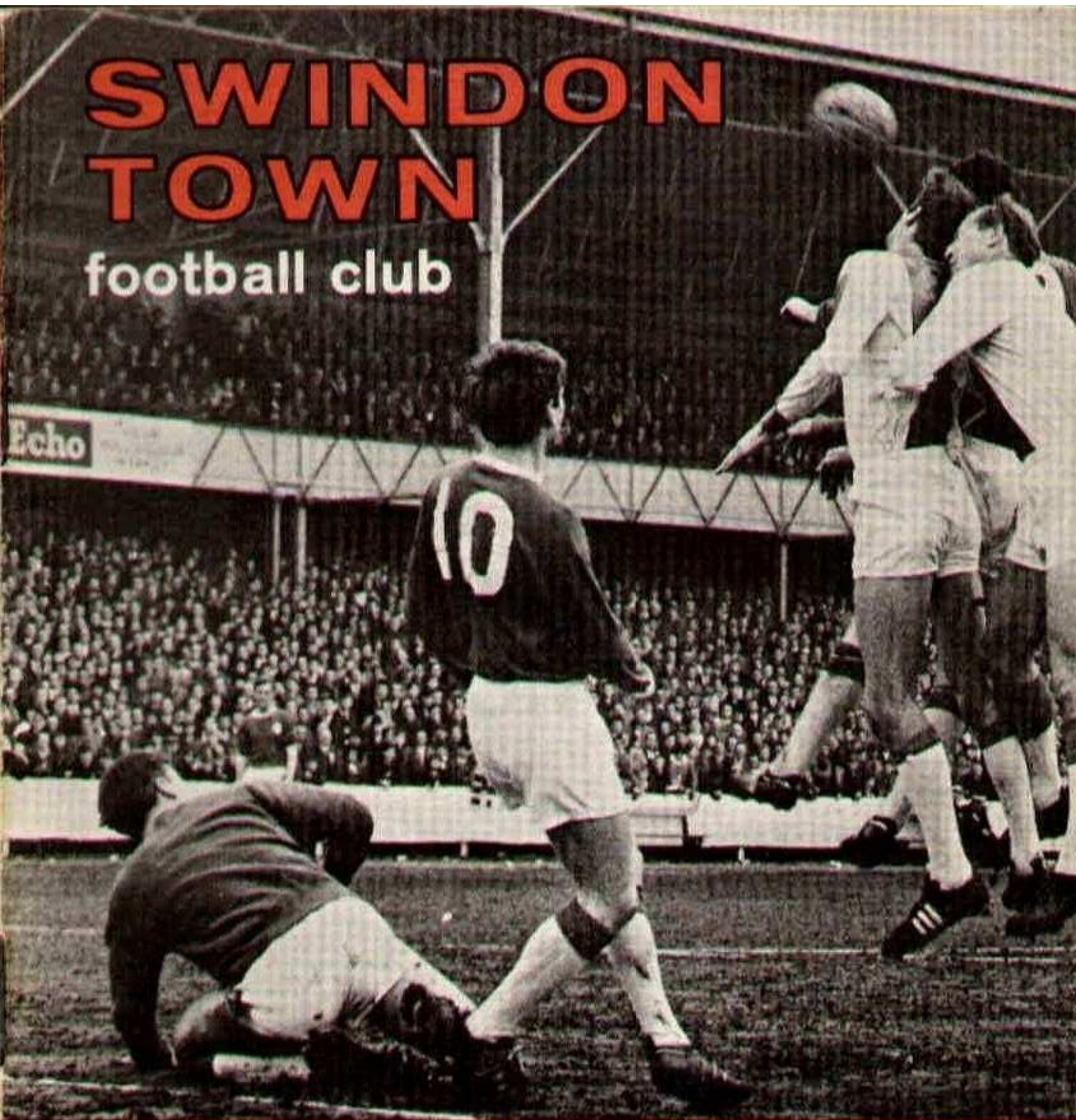


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FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

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Nevertheless tonight's game will be a keen struggle. Portsmouth still retain Division II status, and in spite of a drastic reduction in playing staff personnel, hold a good position in the league table.

Pompey like Southampton has always been looked upon as a "friendly rival".

Many of us still recall the great duels in the old Southern League days and again at the beginning of the Third League in 1920-21. Many still have nostalgic memories of visits to Fratton Park.

Portsmouth soon moved away from their old friends, as they became champions of Division III in season 1923-24 and thus gained promotion. However they did not remain in Division II very long for in season 1926-27 they were runners-up and thus became members of Division I. From then onwards, saw the development of a real First Division Club. Proud Pompey with its magnificent ground—a great club.

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By strange coincidence their first game of Season 1961-62 was at Swindon, and they were worthy winners by 3 goals to 1. They did indeed return straight back to Division II at the end of the season, although in December, Swindon drew 2-2 at Portsmouth.

Season 1963-64 saw both clubs fellow members of Division II, and our supporters will recall with great pride that wonderful victory at Fratton Park of 4-1 in our third game of Division II football. Probably the outstanding feature that day, was the huge following Swindon enjoyed. A visitor to the ground could have been forgiven for thinking Swindon was the home team on that occasion. The return fixture, which was played on 21st December, 1963 was won 2 goals to 0 after a lean spell. It is worth comparing those teams, not three years ago, with the players appearing tonight. Swindon—Turner; Dawson, Trollope; Morgan, McPherson, Woodruffe; Summerbee, Hunt, Stevens, Atkins, Rogers. Portsmouth—Armstrong; Lunnis, Noakes; Campbell, Dickenson, Lewis; McClelland, Gordon, Saunders, McCann, Lill.

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Everyone knows the sad story of the end of that season. Relegation for Swindon or Portsmouth depended on the very last game. We were defeated 1-2 at Southampton while Portsmouth whose game was played in the evening drew 1-1 at Northampton.

Portsmouth is still there in Division II, we have the difficult task of getting back.

Pompey, a club with great tradition is now managed by George Smith. In the past it has had some famous men at the helm, in addition to the one mentioned earlier. Bob Jackson, Eddie Lever and Freddy Cox.

We feel we must mention the excellent support being given to our club. The attendance at the game versus Colchester was 11,600, which was higher than the Division II game, Bristol City v. Charlton.

There is no doubt, the potential support for Swindon is very high indeed. It is just how soon we can hit the high spots. We are sure that day will come. A little patience is needed. It takes time to rebuild a successful team, as many clubs, even with large resources, have discovered. Great clubs, with wonderful traditions are really in the doldrums. The wheel goes the full circle and our turn will soon come again. Of this I am quite sure, the rebuilding is being carried out slowly and surely, with sound foundation. No rash promises, or prognostications, but sound common sense, in a quiet solid way.

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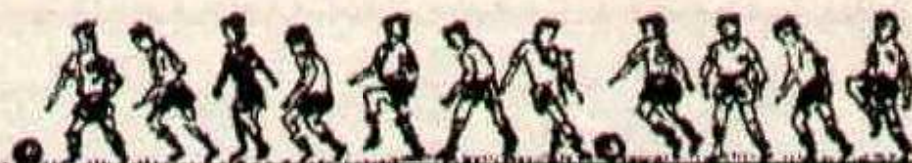
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Portsmouth 5—Swindon Town 0

Swindon Town 0—Portsmouth 0

Details of the Portsmouth players are as follows:—

	<i>Height</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Previous Club</i>	<i>Birth place</i>
<i>Goalkeepers</i>				
MILKINS	5ft. 11½in.	13st. 6lb.	—	Romford
ARMSTRONG	5ft. 9½in.	12st. 12lb.	Notts Forest	Airdrie
<i>Full Backs</i>				
WILSON	5ft. 8in.	11st. 3lb.	—	Buckie
TINDALL	5ft. 10½in.	12st. 12lb.	Reading	Streatham
<i>Half-Backs</i>				
HARRIS	5ft. 9in.	12st. 11lb.	Newport C.	Magor
LEWIS	5ft. 8½in.	10st. 2lb.	Crystal P.	Woking
HAYDOCK ...	6ft. 0½in.	11st. 12lb.	Charlton A.	Eccles
GORDON	5ft. 7in.	10st. 13lb.	—	Portsmouth
RADCLIFFE ...	5ft. 9½in.	11st. 13lb.	—	Little Hulton
<i>Forwards</i>				
PORTWOOD ...	5ft. 8in.	10st. 12lb.	Grimsby T.	Salford
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SUPPORTERS *CLUB NOTES*

Whilst it is pleasant to have two or three home matches on the trot, such occasions make life difficult for the writer of the Programme Notes. How does one find new material? What can he say that hasn't been said before, etc., etc., etc. I am fortunate—for this season at least, and probably many seasons to come. The new Social Club is always a source of material—a well that never runs dry. Until one thinks “Does anyone read them?” One never knows and, unfortunately, no one thinks to remark on them. If they do not appear, caustic remarks are passed. If something relating to the Supporters' Club does not meet with approval, or something isn't done, or facilities aren't provided, the Editor of the local press soon receives letters of advice, admonition and complaints, to mention a few subjects I have seen recorded in print over the years. But not many letters, to my knowledge, have been received by the Supporters' Club—not even of complaint. We now have a brand new letter box into which you can put your letters, after—or before—a match, and I would be delighted to find something in it some day. As it's a wire mesh affair inside, we haven't even had the pleasure of squashing the odd moth.

Looking for inspiration, I have just looked through the First team programmes for this year. First, full marks to the Football Club for producing such an attractive design—outside and in. Compared to many, many programmes I have purchased—at the same price—at other grounds, our present programme is full value. It would seem, sometimes, that my opposite num-

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ber in the Football Club has also come up against the problem of up to date copy. One notices that his subjects range far back into the past of football history—I think I noticed the year 1910 mentioned. I must confess to a feeling of some surprise to see that in last Tuesday's programme there are, apparently some keen students who thought that when we gained promotion to Division II, the team that did it were not really made for the higher grade. I wonder if they were keen, but grant that they might have been. But as for being "students"—this I won't grant them. Particularly as they would also seem to be faceless—normally keen students are only too pleased to announce their superiority and pass on their specialised knowledge to the ordinary supporter. I would suggest that these keen students have a look at the average age of teams like Chelsea. Every supporter of Swindon Town can pinpoint the reason for the descent to Division III—lack of one or two reserves capable of replacing key players during periods of injury.

Looking forward a few years—the only way to look, really—what does one see? Problems which need to be tackled now. I was told recently that our football neighbours were Oxford, the Bristols and Reading. Who will be our neighbours in about 1972? Oxford, the Bristols and Reading? Not on your Nelly. By 1972—or very soon thereafter, if not before—those little black lines one sees in the local Press—and in the National Press—indicating where those two ribbons of concrete known as the M4 will be by that time—will have been transformed into hard fact and the M4 will be operative from South Wales

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to Piccadilly. Our neighbours—as far as travelling time is concerned—will be Fulham, Chelsea, Spurs and Arsenal. Could be that feeder dual carriageways will bring Wolves, W.B.A. and the big Midland clubs within a neat run by our country supporters. Division II is a must by then, together with modern facilities around the playing field. Attractive as the past may be, these are the things that matter.

To close, I have to congratulate Ken and Jenny Bridgeman on the birth of a daughter, Julia—see my forecast in Tuesday's Stop Press. Will she watch Swindon Town—or Chelsea?

Having pasted the keen students, it is only fair, for this once, to announce to all and sundry who is writing these Notes. As I am only the temporary scribe, and am off on my "summer holiday" soon, I might dodge any brickbats thrown. I might write the next notes—or I might not.

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27	DARLINGTON	10,855	(H)	4—0
September 3	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	7,900	(A)	1—3
6	COLCHESTER UNITED	11,600	(H)	1—1
10	WATFORD	9,999	(H)	1—2
17	BRISTOL ROVERS		(A)	
20	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS		(H)	
24	READING		(A)	
26	COLCHESTER UNITED		(A)	
October 1	DONCASTER ROVERS		(H)	
8	SHREWSBURY TOWN		(H)	
15	MIDDLESBROUGH		(A)	
18	WALSALL		(A)	
22	SWANSEA TOWN		(H)	
29	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.		(A)	
November 5	LEYTON ORIENT		(H)	
12	GILLINGHAM		(A)	
19	WORKINGTON		(H)	
26	(1)		()	
December 3	OLDHAM ATHLETIC		(H)	
10	OXFORD UNITED		(A)	
17	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION		(H)	
24	PETERBOROUGH UNITED		(A)	
26	PETERBOROUGH UNITED		(H)	
31	DARLINGTON		(A)	
1967				
January 7	(2)		()	
14	WATFORD		(A)	
21	BRISTOL ROVERS		(H)	
28	(3)		()	
February 4	READING		(H)	
11	DONCASTER ROVERS		(A)	
18	(4) GRIMSBY TOWN		(H)	
25	SHREWSBURY TOWN		(A)	
March 4	MIDDLESBROUGH		(H)	
11	(5) GRIMSBY TOWN		(A)	
18	SWANSEA TOWN		(A)	
25	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.		(H)	
27	TORQUAY UNITED		(A)	
28	TORQUAY UNITED		(H)	
April 1	LEYTON ORIENT		(A)	
8	(6) GILLINGHAM		(H)	
11	MANSFIELD TOWN		(H)	
15	WORKINGTON		(A)	
18	WALSALL		(H)	
22	SCUNTHORPE UNITED		(H)	
24	MANSFIELD TOWN		(A)	
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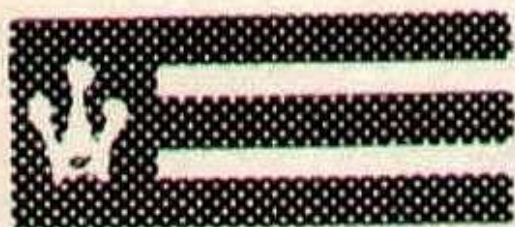
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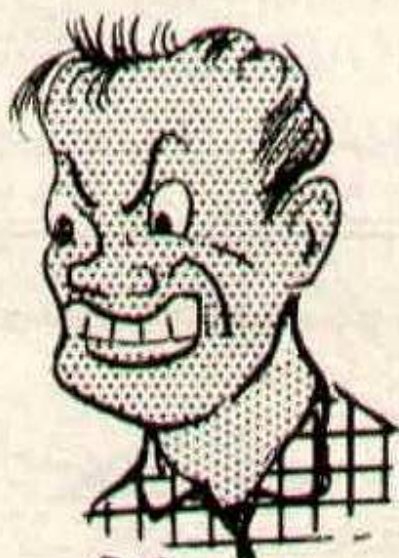


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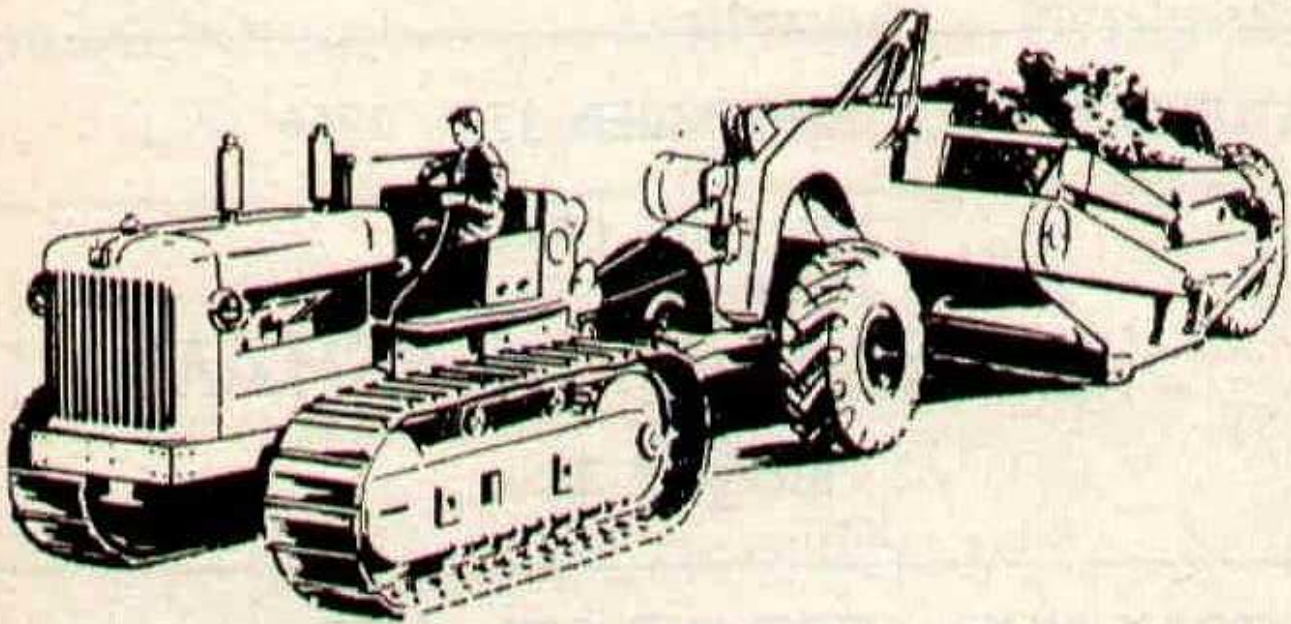
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Date	Opponents	Gate	Ground	Result
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August 20	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (Cup)	1,434	(H)	2—3
September 3	CARDIFF CITY (Cup)	1,833	(H)	2—0
13	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (Cup)		(A)	
17	SWANSEA TOWN (Cup)		(A)	
21	CARDIFF CITY (Cup)		(A)	
24	SWANSEA TOWN (Cup)		(H)	
October 1	PETERBOROUGH UNITED		(A)	
8	NOTTINGHAM FOREST		(A)	
15	FULHAM		(H)	
22	GILLINGHAM		(A)	
29	NORTHAMPTON TOWN		(H)	
November 1	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE		(A)	
23	READING		(A)	
26	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR		(H)	
December 3	FULHAM		(A)	
10	NOTTINGHAM FOREST		(H)	
17	WEST HAM UNITED		(A)	
24	LEICESTER CITY		(H)	
31	SOUTHAMPTON		(H)	
1967				
January 7	IPSWICH TOWN		(H)	
14	ARSENAL		(H)	
24	COVENTRY CITY		(A)	
28	CHELSEA		(A)	
February 4	LEICESTER CITY		(A)	
11	CHELSEA		(H)	
18	CRYSTAL PALACE		(A)	
25	GILLINGHAM		(H)	
28	NORTHAMPTON TOWN		(A)	
March 11	CRYSTAL PALACE		(H)	
18	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE		(H)	
27	PETERBOROUGH UNITED		(H)	
April 1	READING		(H)	
4	COVENTRY CITY		(H)	
8	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR		(A)	
15	WEST HAM UNITED		(H)	
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