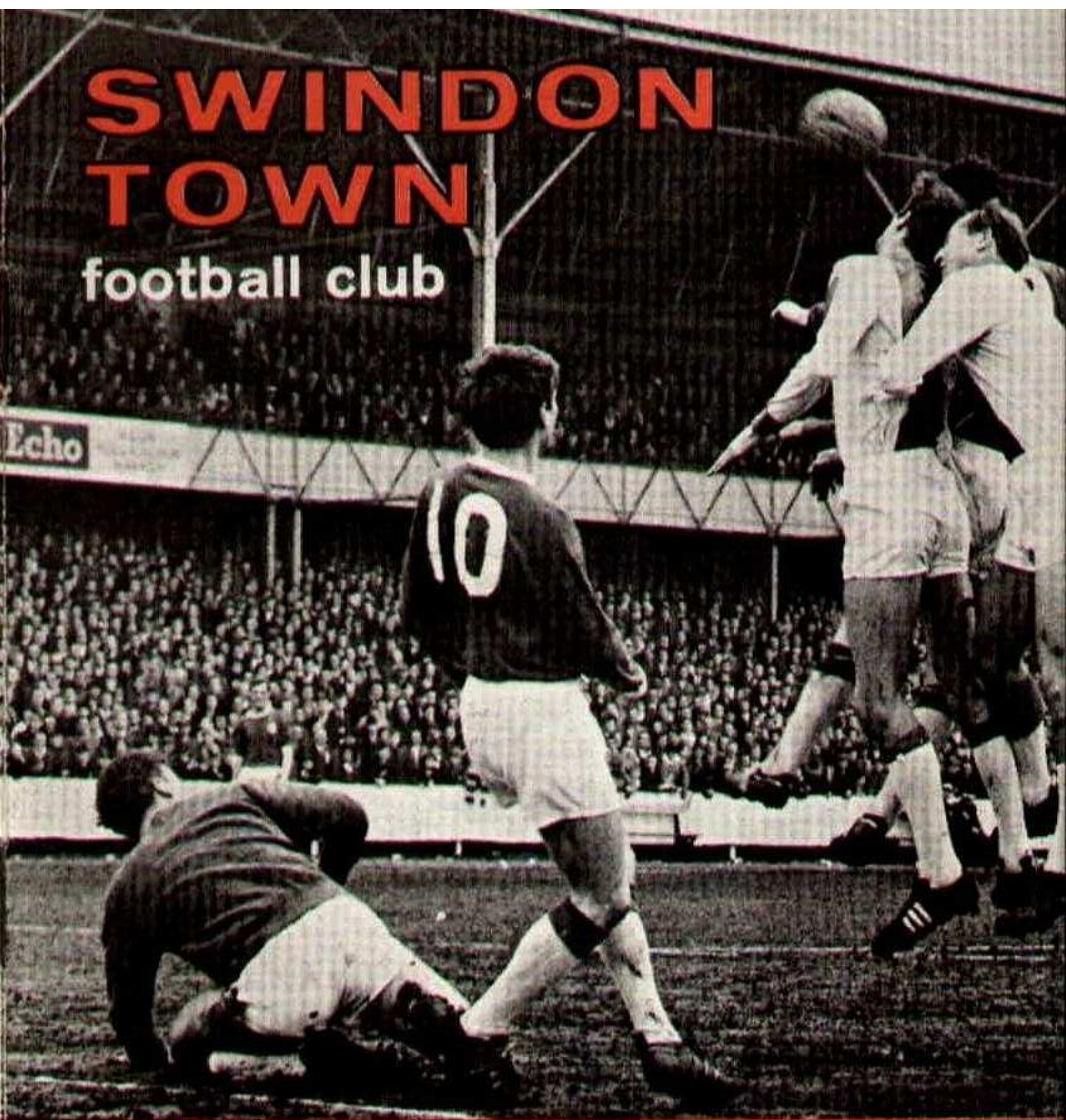


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NEWS and VIEWS

Well, it was not to be. The hoped for improvement in our league form did not materialise. We have not obtained a point this year. (May we have collected two from Grimsby on Tuesday), and now without any shadow of doubt are in a very difficult position. The glamour and excitement of the Cup is still with us, but the enjoyment one derives from such an experience is greatly overshadowed by our league position. After this game we have eight home games and eight away. Can we win our remaining home games? If that is possible, we could still escape relegation, at the same time, it must be remembered four teams go down.

Our opponents today have shown greatly improved form since the beginning of the season, and are now in a challenging position. It is still possible for them to gain promotion to Division 2. They will be very keen to win and a hard game is expected. Points are very valuable to both teams, but for very different reasons.

Earlier in the season on 15th October, we were defeated by four clear goals. The gate on that occasion was just over eight thousand. It is significant that on Saturday last, Middlesbrough defeated Watford before a crowd of twenty-two thousand. They now occupy sixth place in the table and home supporters are beginning to anticipate a grand stand finish, and Division 2 football next season.

In season 1964-65 whilst both clubs were near the bottom of the league (Division 2) Middlesbrough won both games. The first played on 21st November, 1964, resulted in a win by four goals to one for the home team.

Swindon's team was Oakley; Dawson, Trollope; Morgan, Hallet, Smart; Summerbee, Brown, East, Atkins, Rogers.

The return match was played on 3rd April, 1965, with both

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clubs desperate for points. Our opponents, were rather fortunate to win by the only goal scored (a very lucky one—a long shot from almost the half-way line). The teams make interesting reading. Swindon: Oakley; Dawson, Trollope; Morgan, McPherson, Atherton; Shergold, Atkins, Brown, Smart, Rogers. Middlesbrough: Connachan; Gates, Jones; Horner, Nurse, Davidson; Kaye, Gibson, Orritt, Irvine, Braithwaite. That win was as good as four points to Middlesbrough.

Should it be necessary for him to come on the field of play (for nothing very serious we hope) spectators will recognise and welcome one of the best known characters in English Football. You have all seen him many times on the television screen. The chief of the real back-room boys behind the great English World Cup team, Harold Shepperdson, ex-player, and trainer for many years. We applaud his loyalty after all the glamour of International Football in remaining with his club. We heartily congratulate him on his great work, we wish him well. May he continue for many years both for England and Middlesbrough.

Our young lads in the Reserve team, fell from grace very badly on Saturday in the game against Gillingham. In a poor match Swindon was defeated by three clear goals. It was one of those days when everything went wrong. No player had a good game, but we must credit Gillingham for their energy, and quick breaks from defence. They deserved their victory. The most worrying part, was the apparent lack of fight by our team. In the past we have written, in most glorifying terms (instance report on the Chelsea game) of the skill, spirit, determination and enthusiasm shown by everyone. Something was sadly lacking on this occasion. Such are the vagaries of football—one week probably the finest game seen on the County Ground this season—the next, the poorest. The pity was the gate, quite a large one, roughly four and a half thousand.

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Tickets will be on sale on Sunday, March 12th commencing at 2 p.m.

Stand tickets will be available for Season Ticket holders only at the Office adjacent to the Car Park.

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BILL GATES (Full-back/Centre-half).

A former England Youth international captain who first appeared in Middlesbrough's senior team at the age of 16. Born at Ferryhill, Co. Durham. Plays with distinction at both full-back and centre-half. First-team appearances 99. Height 5ft. 10in.; weight 11st. 6lb.

GEOFF BUTLER (Full-back).

A local youth and another product of the club's junior team. A classy defender with a first time tackle and speed to recover quickly. Made his senior debut last season and considered to have one of the brightest futures in the club. First-team appearances 6. Height 5ft. 8in.; weight 11st. 5lb.

ARTHUR HORSFIELD (Centre-forward).

A product of Newcastle junior soccer who broke goal-scoring records as a schoolboy. He made an instant impression in the Borough reserves and has scored some outstanding goals for the seniors. Another young player whose best years are still to come. First-team appearances 38. Height 5ft. 10½in.; weight 11st. 8lb.



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DERRICK DOWNING (Outside-right).

A Yorkshire boy who signed from Frickley Colliery a couple of seasons ago and made rapid progress in the reserves. He made his debut last season for the seniors and impressed in several matches. A youngster with speed and a shot who was once on Doncaster's books. First team appearances 13. Height 5ft. 8½in.; weight 10st. 4lb.

DAVID CHADWICK (Outside-right).

Signed from Southampton in July 1966 for a large fee. Was understudy to England outside-right Terry Payne for some years. Has played 10 games with the first team. Height 5ft. 6in.; weight 9st. 10lb.

JOHN O'ROURKE (Centre-forward).

Born Northampton. Signed from Luton Town in July 1966 where he was a prolific scorer. Has representative honours with English Schools and the England Youth Team against Germany, Scotland and Wales. Height 5ft. 9in.; weight 11st. 7lb.

JOHN HICKTON (Centre-half).

Born Brimington. A recent acquisition from Sheffield Wednesday with which Club he has been since he was 15 years of age. Former Youth International who appeared at right-back and also centre-forward for Sheffield Wednesday first team. Height 6ft.; weight 12st. 5lb.

WILLIAM WHIGHAM (Goalkeeper).

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In the event of an all-ticket replay with Notts Forest on Tuesday, the 14th March, Supporter Club members may obtain ground tickets at the Social Club on Sunday, the 12th March, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and in the Supporters' Club Headquarters on Monday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

All supporters will, I am sure, extend a very warm welcome to Pat Terry, signed from Reading just in time for the match against Grimsby. He ably returned this welcome by a vigorous and thrustful game at centre forward, plus an added bonus by way of a precision goal at the start of the second half, which helped the whole team to give a second half display of cup-tie vintage football. Of equal merit were the other two goals by John Trollope and Don Rogers. I noticed that Bobbie Jones made several flashing runs down the wing, expecting the long pass from the middle to complete the outflanking of the defence. These passes, however, weren't made. I have noticed Don Rogers suffer the same disappointment on many occasions. Both wingers are goal scorers of no mean ability, and this is one method of getting around back-peddling defences. Over to you, Danny.

Visiting the Social Club after the match, the Grimsby players consoled themselves with a jug or two of ale—not the first visiting team to seek consolation with our members. Mel Nurse and Peter Downsborough—two of the few of our own players who regularly drop in for a chit-chat and a noggin with their supporters—were also in. Peter tells me that his knee is on the mend and we wish him a speedy return to the game. Tony Hicks has to go into orbit occasionally for the high ball and a



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Sunday, 12th March

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(Please note that there is a home match on TUESDAY, 14th March—the normal film night.)

On Wednesday, the 1st March, the Supporters Club Annual Dinner and Dance was held at McIlroys Restaurant. A total of about eighty sat down to an excellent meal, including the Chairman and members of the Board of the Football Club, and their ladies, the Manager, Danny Williams and Mel Nurse, the Club Captain.

After the Loyal Toast, proposed by our President, Mr. J. Sutton, Councillor T. Stenning—for many years associated with the Supporters Club Competition—proposed the toast to the Football Club. In reply, Mr. W. J. Castle, Chairman of the Football Club thanked the Supporters Club for the financial help given over the past years, which was now approaching the £125,000 mark. He told us that plans were in hand for the re-

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The toast to our several guests was proposed by Mrs. D. Pearce, the Supporters Club Membership Secretary, on behalf of our 7,000 members. In reply, Mr. Bunny Smith enlivened the affair with a most entertaining speech and a couple of good stories that will, I am sure, go the rounds for some time to come.

The Toast to the Supporters Club was proposed by Mr. Danny Williams in his usual forthright style. He re-stated his belief in the Club's ability to keep in the 3rd Division this year and that next season, given reasonable freedom from injuries, promotion would be the aim. His ambition was to put Swindon on the football map, as a Club of some consequence.

In reply, Mr. D. Pearce, the Chairman of the Supporters Club, said that he had sufficient faith in the players to ignore talk of relegation. He also emphasised that the Directors would do well to look forward to the time in about 1972 when the M4 motorway would bring Chelsea, Fulham and other London Clubs close enough to be football neighbours, and hoped that the League status and Club facilities would, by then, counter-act such competition.

Most of the first team players and their ladies came to the dance following the Dinner, and a lively and pleasant social evening ended at 1 a.m. Once again, the Club is indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Ranger, joint Social Secretaries, for the excellent arrangements for the function.

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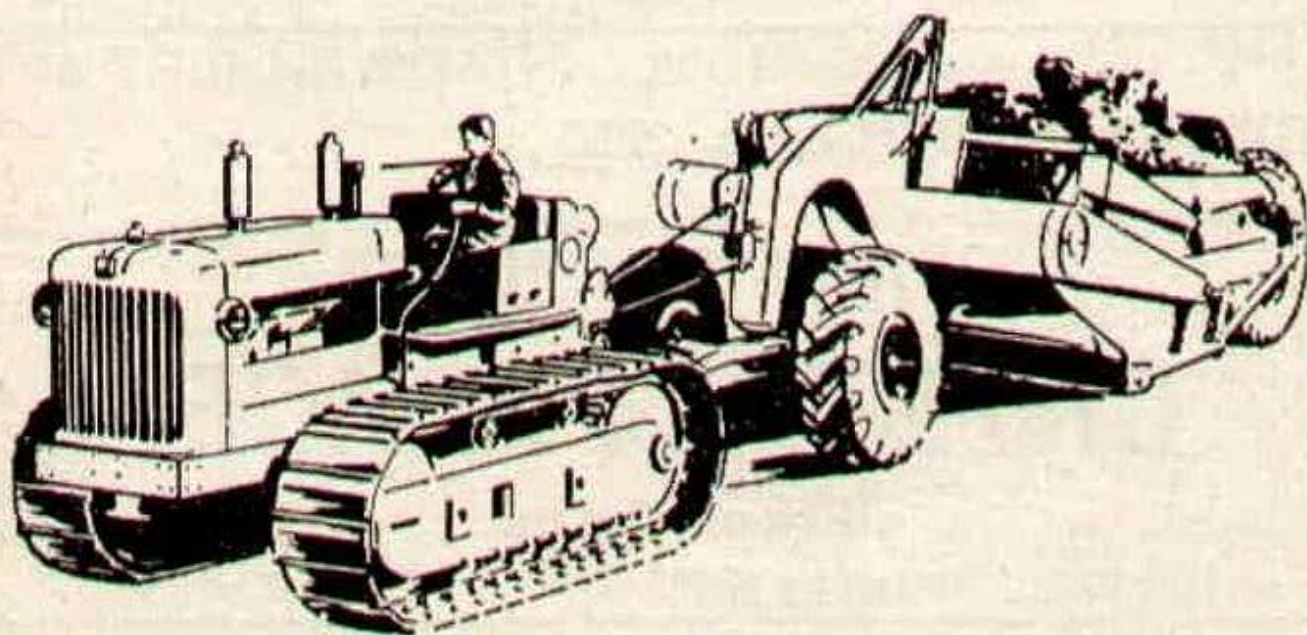
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Leicester City	21	11	4	6	49	31	26
West Ham United	18	11	2	5	43	23	24
Arsenal	17	11	2	4	37	22	24
Peterborough United	19	10	4	5	38	36	24
Northampton Town	18	10	2	6	40	34	22
Swindon Town	18	10	2	6	30	26	22
Nottingham Forest	18	9	2	7	41	35	20
Coventry City	20	8	4	8	36	40	20
Chelsea	21	7	4	10	37	51	18
Southampton	21	7	3	11	41	41	17
Gillingham	18	6	4	8	31	43	16
Crystal Palace	18	7	1	10	31	42	15
Plymouth Argyle	18	5	3	10	36	37	13
Ipswich Town	21	5	2	14	25	43	12
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Date	Opponents	Gate	Ground	Result
August 20	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	10,102(A)	2—2
24	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A. (League Cup)	7,769	.....(H)	2—1
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
13	PORTSMOUTH (League Cup)	7,784	.....(H)	4—1
17	BRISTOL ROVERS	10,907	.....(A)	0—3
24	READING	9,064	.....(A)	1—2
26	COLCHESTER UNITED	7,874	.....(A)	1—2
October 1	DONCASTER ROVERS	7,780	.....(H)	0—1
4	DONCASTER ROVERS (League Cup)	9,190	.....(A)	1—1
8	SHREWSBURY TOWN	7,985	.....(H)	2—2
11	DONCASTER R. (League Cup Replay)....	8,147	.....(H)	4—2
15	MIDDLESBROUGH	8,126	.....(A)	0—4
18	WALSALL	9,027	.....(A)	1—1
22	SWANSEA TOWN	8,638	.....(H)	4—0
25	W. BROMWICH ALBION (League Cup)	16,254	.....(H)	0—2
29	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.	6,333	.....(A)	4—1
November 5	LEYTON ORIENT	8,996	.....(H)	5—1
12	GILLINGHAM	7,320	.....(A)	0—1
19	WORKINGTON	9,497	.....(H)	3—0
26	(1) HORSHAM	8,000	.....(A)	3—0
December 3	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	10,347	.....(H)	6—3
10	OXFORD UNITED	10,037	.....(A)	0—0
17	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	9,900	.....(H)	1—1
24	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	5,393	.....(A)	2—1
26	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	14,619	.....(H)	4—1
31	DARLINGTON	5,060	.....(A)	1—2
January 7	(2) ASHFORD TOWN	12,079	.....(H)	5—0
14	WATFORD	16,942	.....(A)	0—2
21	BRISTOL ROVERS	15,479	.....(H)	0—1
28	(3) WEST HAM UNITED	37,440	.....(A)	3—3
31	WEST HAM UTD. (3rd Round Replay)....	25,789	.....(H)	3—1
February 4	READING	16,964	.....(H)	0—1
11	DONCASTER ROVERS	7,935	.....(A)	0—1
18	(4) BURY	24,452	.....(H)	2—1
25	SHREWSBURY TOWN	5,057	.....(A)	1—3
28	GRIMSBY TOWN	11,458	.....(H)	3—1
March 4	MIDDLESBROUGH .....		.....(H)	
11	(5) NOTTINGHAM FOREST .....		.....(A)	
14	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS .....		.....(H)	
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)	
29	(S.F.) OLDHAM ATHLETIC(A)	
May 6	OXFORD UNITED(H)	
12	SCUNTHORPE UNITED(A)	



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Mansfield Town	31	16	7	8	63	51	39
Watford	30	15	7	8	43	29	37
Torquay United	32	14	7	11	48	24	35
Middlesbrough	30	14	7	9	58	45	35
Oldham Athletic	31	14	5	12	61	42	33
Shrewsbury Town	31	13	7	11	54	48	33
Gillingham	31	10	13	8	36	36	33
Oxford United	30	11	8	11	41	38	30
Walsall	29	13	4	12	42	47	30
Scunthorpe United	32	12	6	14	38	50	30
Reading	31	12	5	14	46	45	29
Bournemouth & B.A.	31	9	11	11	28	39	29
Grimsby Town	30	12	4	14	45	48	28
Peterborough United	30	9	9	12	45	48	27
Colchester United	31	11	5	15	50	57	27
Darlington	32	10	7	15	31	57	27
Brighton & H.A.	29	10	6	13	40	43	26
Leyton Orient	29	7	11	11	36	47	25
Doncaster Rovers	30	10	5	15	43	74	25
Swindon Town	29	9	6	14	48	43	24
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