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NEWS and VIEWS

Today sees the first of the two home games of the Easter Programme. Even now much could depend on these games.

Are we to have another disappointing afternoon? All the season we have hoped for and anticipated the culmination of all our dreams—Promotion. Alas the opportunity seems to be slipping away. Supporters have become disgruntled, not because we have lost three valuable points in three successive home draws, but mainly because of the poor form displayed and the standard of football.

Much has been said and written on the matter but really the spectator has every cause to complain. Attending matches, especially from a distance, can be quite costly, and they expect value for their money. We hear much of runners, the work-rate and the hundred per cent effort. As one letter writer said, the latter should never come into the reckoning. Every amateur playing on the Recreation Ground, is giving everything.

Players lose form, and a long hard season is coming to an end, but the sudden slump, is very difficult to understand, and causes much dismay, and gates are bound to suffer.

However, the "die" is not completely cast. There is still a chance. Oh no, I am not trying to bolster false hopes. Have we brought off the unexpected and gained two points at Oxford? Much of course will depend upon the results of those clubs above us in the League, especially Torquay, Bury, Shrewsbury, Oxford, and also Walsall and Stockport.

These notes must be written before the game at Watford. That of course is an important factor, but Vicarage Road has not been one of our happy hunting grounds of recent years.

On Tuesday evening we play the return game against Oxford United. Whatever the results of the past few days this

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will be a needle-match. Oxford are enjoying their best season ever, but can they break the spell. To date, they have failed to score against Swindon since their promotion to Division III.

Our opponents today, Southport have never, if my memory is correct, visited the County Ground. In fact I do not think the two clubs have ever met previous to this season.

We welcome them, on this their first acquaintance with Swindon. We trust they will enjoy their brief stay and return with pleasant memories of Wiltshire.

Naturally we hope to gain the points, but nevertheless that everyone present will enjoy a fine game of football.

Southport is quite an old club, having been formed in 1881, but it was not until the formation of League Division III (North) in 1921 that they came into League Football.

They remained in Division III (North), until the Fourth Division came into being in 1958.

Last season they gained promotion to Division III by virtue of the fact they were second in the League table, and the first four teams go up. Their record was quite impressive:—

Home						Away						Total		Pts.
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46	19	2	2	47	15	4	11	8	22	27		69	42	59

Their home record is quite outstanding with 19 games won out of 23, and a goal average of 47 goals scored with only 15 against. Their supporters must be happy at home.

It is interesting to note that 11 away games were drawn, if only 4 were won. Again the goal average is very good, 22 for and 27 against. They are obviously a good side away from home, and will provide stern opposition.

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NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

At present Southport occupy 14th place in the League table with 38 points from 37 games with a goal average of 54 scored and 53 against.

We played at Southport on Saturday, 18th November, 1967. Result a Draw 1—1.

Swindon: Downsborough; Dawson, Trollope; Butler, Nurse, Harland; Heath, Penman, Terry, Smart, Rogers. (Substitute Walker.)

Scorer: Walker.

Referee: Mr. K. Styles (Barnsley).

Attendance: 5,008.

Since that date both clubs enjoyed good "Cup Runs". Remember Southport finally lost to Everton 0—2.

LAST WEEKS MATCHES

FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION III)

Saturday, 30th March, 1968.

Drew with MANSFIELD TOWN (Home) 1—1.

Team: Jones; Thomas, Trollope; Butler, Nurse, Harland; Heath, Penman, Terry, Smart, Rogers.

Scorer: Butler.

Referee: Mr. B. J. Homewood (Sunbury-on-Thames).

Attendance: 10,248.

Saturday, 6th April, 1968.

Lost to WATFORD (Away) 2—0.

Team: Jones; Thomas, Trollope; Butler, Nurse, Harland; Noble, Dawson, Terry, Smart, Rogers. Sub: Penman.

Referee: Mr. R. A. Paine (Hounslow).

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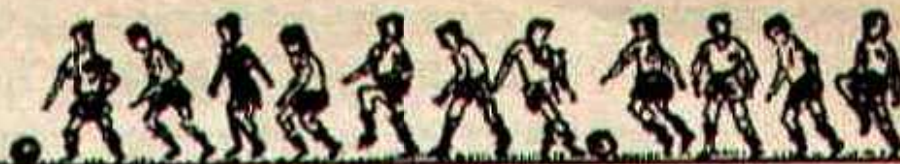
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JOHN ARMSTRONG (Goalkeeper)

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BRIAN REEVES (Goalkeeper)

27. 5ft. 11ins. 11st. Ex-Blackburn Rovers and Scunthorpe United. Born Burscough. Joined Southport 1965-66 season. On transfer list at own request.

COLIN ALTY

22. 5ft. 9ins. 11st. Ex-Preston North End. Played in every position apart from goalkeeper. Joined Southport 1964-65 season. Utility player. Born Southport.

ERIC CURWEN (Full-back)

19. 5ft. 9ins. 12st. Signed from Everton last season. Born Blackpool.

KEVIN CAIRNS (Full-back)

27. 5ft. 9ins. 11st. 7lb. Ex-Dundee United, although he is English. Joined Southport 1962-63 season. Born Much Hoole.

ALEX PARKER (Full-back)

31. 5ft. 10ins. 11st. 10lb. Ex-Everton and Scottish International. Joined Southport 1965-66 season. Club skipper. Born Irvine.

ARTHUR PEAT (Half-back)

26. 5ft. 8ins. 12st. Ex-Everton. Signed 1961-62 season. Born Liverpool.

AMBROSE CLARKE (Half-back)

21. 5ft. 9ins. 11st. Ex-Everton. Joined Southport 1965-66 season. Born Liverpool.

FRED MOLYNEUX (Centre-half)

22. 5ft. 11ins. 11st. 9lb. Ex-Liverpool. Joined Southport 1965-66 season. Born Wallasey.

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23. 6ft. 14st. 10lb. Ex-Bolton. Born Bolton.

TERRY HARKIN (Inside-forward)

26. 6ft. 0½in. 12st. Signed from Notts County at beginning of season. Irish Under-23 International. Born Londonderry.

ALEX RUSSELL (Inside-forward)

23. 5ft. 8ins. 10st. 7lb. Ex-Everton. Joined Southport 1963-64 season. On transfer list at own request. Born South Shields.

ALAN SPENCE (Inside-forward)

Part-time schoolteacher. 27. 5ft. 9ins. 11st. 12lb. Ex-Sunderland and Youth International. Hold Club's post-war goal scoring record. Born Seaham.

IAN McKINLEY (Winger)

18. 5ft. 7½ins. 10st. Joined Southport last season from Wrexham ground staff. Born Liverpool.

STUART SHAW (Right-winger)

22. 5ft. 8ins. 11st. Ex-Everton. Signed from Crystal Palace last season for £3,000. Born Liverpool.

HARRY BEECH (Half-back)

22. 5ft. 6ins. 10½st. Ex-Bolton, signing beginning of this season. Born Bolton.

GEOFF STREET (Centre-half)

Previous club Manchester City. 6ft. 13st. Born Manchester.

DAVID PEARSON (Full-back)

Previous club Everton. 5ft. 10ins. Born Shotton.

IAN KENDALL (Inside-forward)

Previous club Blackburn Rovers. 5ft. 9ins. 11st. Born Blackburn.

DOUGLAS VICKERS (Wing Half-back)

Amateur. 5ft. 8ins. 10st. 6lb. Born Warrington.

TERRY ROACH (Inside-forward)

Amateur. 5ft. 8ins. 11st. 4lb. Born Liverpool.

TOMMY MOORE (Inside-forward)

Amateur. 5ft. 10ins. 11st. 6lbs. Born Liverpool.

TOMMY BALDWIN (Centre-half or Centre-forward)

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JOHN JOHNSON (Full-back)

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Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
August 19	CHELSEA.....	(A)	0—1
26	SOUTHAMPTON.....	1,625 (H)	0—3
29	BIRMINGHAM CITY.....	(A)	0—4
September 2	IPSWICH TOWN.....	(A)	1—6
9	WALSALL.....	1,278 (H)	0—2
16	GILLINGHAM.....	(A)	0—1
23	ARSENAL.....	(H)	0—1
October 7	SOUTHAMPTON (C).....	(A)	0—5
14	WEST HAM UNITED (C).....	(A)	2—5
November 4	WEST HAM UNITED (C).....	(H)	0—2
18	SOUTHAMPTON (C).....	(H)	1—3
21	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (C).....	(H)	0—0
29	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (C).....	(A)	1—4
December 2	ARSENAL (C).....	(H)	1—2
12	ARSENAL (C).....	(A)	0—2
16	CHELSEA.....	(H)	0—2
23	SOUTHAMPTON.....	(A)	2—2
26	COVENTRY CITY.....	(H)	2—4
1968			
January 2	COVENTRY CITY.....	(A)	2—5
16	WALSALL.....	(A)	1—5
20	GILLINGHAM.....	(H)	0—0
February 3	ARSENAL.....	(A)	1—0
5	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	(A)	3—2
10	BIRMINGHAM CITY.....	(H)	0—2
17	LEICESTER CITY.....	(A)	1—2
24	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.....	(A)	2—6
March 2	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	(H)	2—0
9	WEST HAM UNITED.....	(H)	2—0
20	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.....	(A)	0—2
23	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	(H)	1—0
30	WEST HAM UNITED.....	(A)	0—4
April 6	LEICESTER CITY.....	(H)	0—1
20	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.....	(H)
30	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	(A)
May 4	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.....	(H)
	IPSWICH TOWN.....	(H)

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SUPPORTERS *CLUB NOTES*

Because of the Easter holidays, and problems which this gives the printers of the programme, both these Notes, and the Notes for next Tuesday's match have to be in the hands of the printers well before normal times.

This makes life difficult, as it precludes anything of interest stemming from the two games on Friday and Saturday next.

Members are reminded that, as previously announced in these pages, next year's membership fee has been increased to 1/6—a decision taken at the last A.G.M. With the new postal, telephone and other rates on the increase, together with increased costs of all stationery, electricity and gas going up shortly, the increase, whilst regretted, is amply justified.

Last Saturday saw another disappointing result at Watford. The match was also chosen as the annual Supporters Club outing. As I can recollect only seeing one point won at our outings over the last ten years—at Leyton Orient last year, which was a 0—0 draw—I suppose this should have come as no surprise. The whole party of 150 then went on to the West End, and a mass booking at the London Palladium, where they cheered up considerably. Another great effort by Mrs. Ranger, the Social Secretary.

Last Sunday saw the second visit from the Exeter City Supporters Club Football teams, who played the Swindon Supporters Club 1st and Reserve teams in the afternoon. The Exeter 1st team is at the head of Div. I of the Exeter Sunday League, and have an unbeaten record. The result, in a most exciting game of surprisingly good football, was a 2—2 draw.



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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES—continued

Our Reserves won 1—0, so on balance we came off best. Tea followed for the party of 45 from Exeter, led by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. John Radford, in the Social Club, and after the Bingo session they left for Exeter about 9 p.m. Next season will see our teams on a visit to Exeter.

Dancing tonight in the Social Club will be to music by the **MASTERSOUNDS**, from 8-11 p.m. (the bar is also open until 11 p.m). On Sunday, after Bingo, music will be by the **DELTA TRIO** and on Easter Monday, there will be dancing to the **PETE LOWE TRIO**, from 8-11 p.m. and again, the bar is open to 11 p.m.

LAST WEEKS MATCHES—continued

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 30th March, 1968.

Lost to **WEST HAM UNITED** (Away) 4—0.

Team: Downsborough; Allen, Fry; Desmeules, Blick, Clark; Mascia, Bailey, Giles, Dangerfield, Lowes.

Saturday, 6th April, 1968.

Lost to **LEICESTER CITY** (Home) 1—0.

Team: Downsborough; Allen, Fry; Desmeules, Blick, Clark; Mascia, Heath, Giles, Bailey, Dangerfield.

HELLENIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saturday, 6th April, 1968.

Beat **AMERSHAM** (Away) 2—0.

Team: Parsons; Jeffrey, Woodruff; Morgan, Gubbins, King; Boorman, Dudden, Grubb, Hubbard, Smith.

Scorer: Smith 2.

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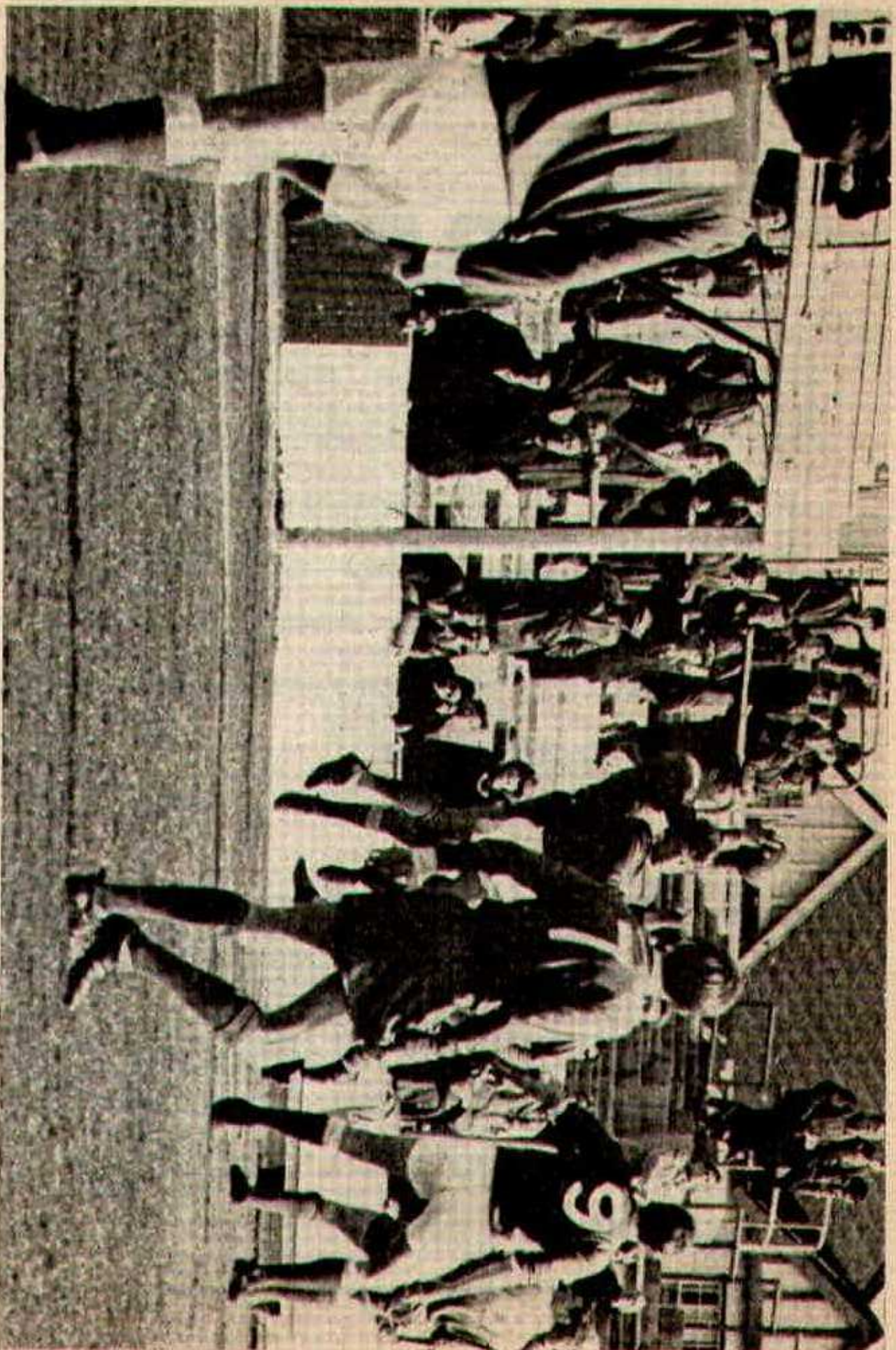
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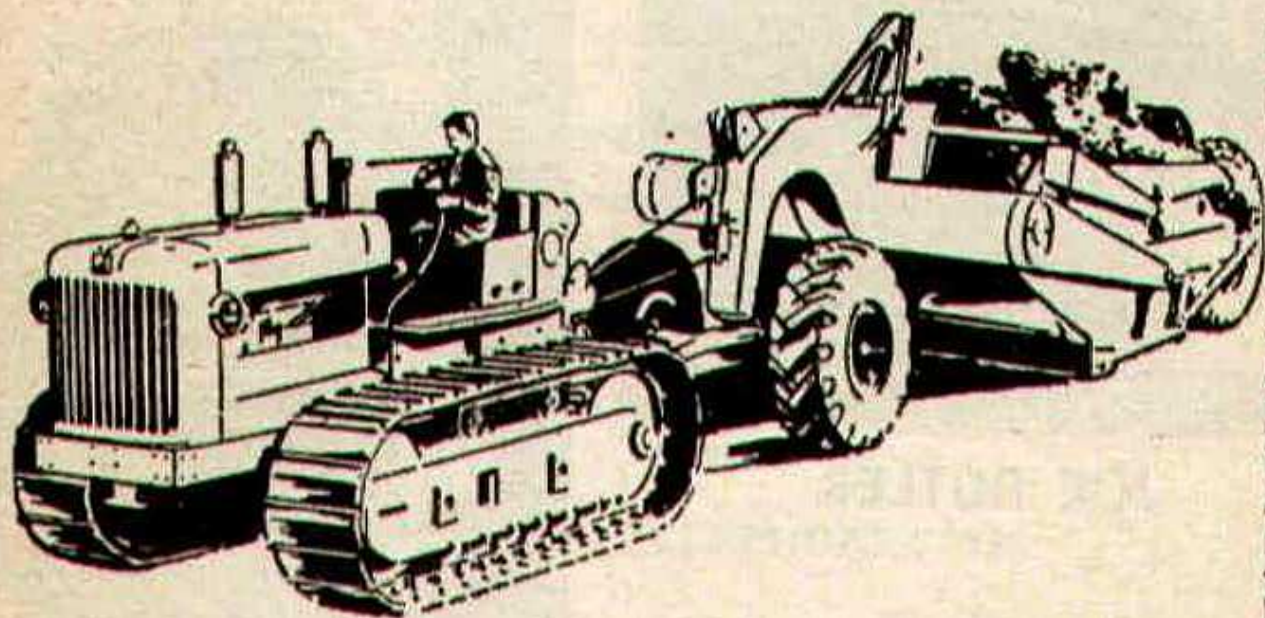
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Torquay United	38	19	10	9	53	42	48
Oxford United	39	18	11	10	60	45	47
Bury	38	19	8	11	78	56	46
Shrewsbury Town	.....	.....	38	16	13	9	54	44	45
Brighton & H.A.	.....	.....	38	14	14	10	46	42	42
Swindon Town	.....	.....	38	14	13	11	61	39	41
Walsall	.....	.....	38	16	9	13	61	50	41
Reading	.....	.....	38	16	9	13	55	54	41
Watford	.....	.....	38	17	6	15	62	43	40
Barrow	.....	.....	38	17	6	15	55	48	40
Peterborough United	.....	.....	38	16	8	14	61	58	40
Stockport County	.....	.....	38	16	8	14	58	56	40
Gillingham	.....	.....	38	14	11	13	49	54	39
Bournemouth & B.A.	.....	.....	38	13	12	13	44	43	38
Southport	.....	.....	37	15	8	14	54	53	38
Bristol Rovers	.....	.....	37	14	8	15	60	61	36
Northampton Town	.....	.....	39	12	11	16	49	58	35
Oldham Athletic	.....	.....	38	14	5	19	51	56	33
Tranmere Rovers	.....	.....	37	12	9	16	57	66	33
Mansfield Town	.....	.....	38	11	10	17	46	58	32
Orient	.....	.....	36	9	13	14	40	54	31
Colchester United	38	9	10	19	42	73	28
Grimsby Town	37	10	7	20	41	60	27
Scunthorpe United	38	8	11	19	46	72	27



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Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
August 19	Brighton & Hove Albion	15,790 (H)	2—1
22	Newport County (League Cup)	10,870 (H)	1—1
25	Stockport County	9,103 (A)	0—2
29	Newport Co. (League Cup Replay)	6,537 (A)	0—2
September 2	Tranmere Rovers	12,152 (H)	3—1
4	Barrow	7,352 (A)	1—1
9	Orient	4,722 (A)	0—0
16	Northampton Town	13,280 (H)	4—0
23	Walsall	9,132 (A)	2—3
26	Barrow	13,567 (H)	0—1
30	Gillingham	12,983 (H)	2—2
October 4	Reading	17,867 (A)	1—2
7	Bury	8,222 (A)	1—1
14	Bournemouth & B.A.	11,135 (H)	4—0
21	Colchester United	4,907 (A)	1—2
24	Reading	17,229 (H)	5—1
28	Peterborough United	12,215 (H)	0—0
November 4	Mansfield Town	4,619 (A)	2—2
11	Watford	13,327 (H)	2—0
13	Tranmere Rovers	6,519 (A)	2—3
18	Southport	5,008 (A)	1—1
25	Scunthorpe United	11,944 (H)	2—0
December 2	Oldham Athletic	6,965 (A)	2—0
12	(1) Salisbury	12,193 (H)	4—0
16	Brighton & Hove Albion	9,141 (A)	0—0
19	Stockport County	12,856 (H)	2—0
26	Torquay United	12,910 (A)	1—1
30	Torquay United	18,161 (H)	1—0
January 6	(2) Luton Town	18,203 (H)	3—2
20	Northampton Town	10,339 (A)	0—2
27	(3) Blackburn Rovers	20,830 (H)	1—0
February 3	Walsall	17,288 (H)	3—0
10	Gillingham	5,116 (A)	1—3
17	(4) Sheffield Wednesday	37,364 (A)	1—2
24	Bury	14,462 (H)	2—3
27	Grimsby Town	12,791 (H)	5—0
March 2	Bournemouth & B.A.	7,517 (A)	1—2
9	(5) Shrewsbury Town	7,810 (A)	1—0
12	Orient	14,184 (H)	4—0
16	Colchester United	13,515 (H)	1—1
19	Shrewsbury Town	14,541 (H)	0—0
23	Peterborough United	4,667 (A)	1—1
30	(6) Mansfield Town	10,248 (H)	1—1
April 6	Watford .....	..... (A)	0—2
12	Oxford United .....	..... (A)	.....
13	Southport .....	..... (H)	.....
16	Oxford United .....	..... (H)	.....
19	Scunthorpe United .....	..... (A)	.....
23	Bristol Rovers (H)
27	(S.F.) Oldham Athletic (H)
May 4	Bristol Rovers (A)
11	Grimsby Town (A)

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