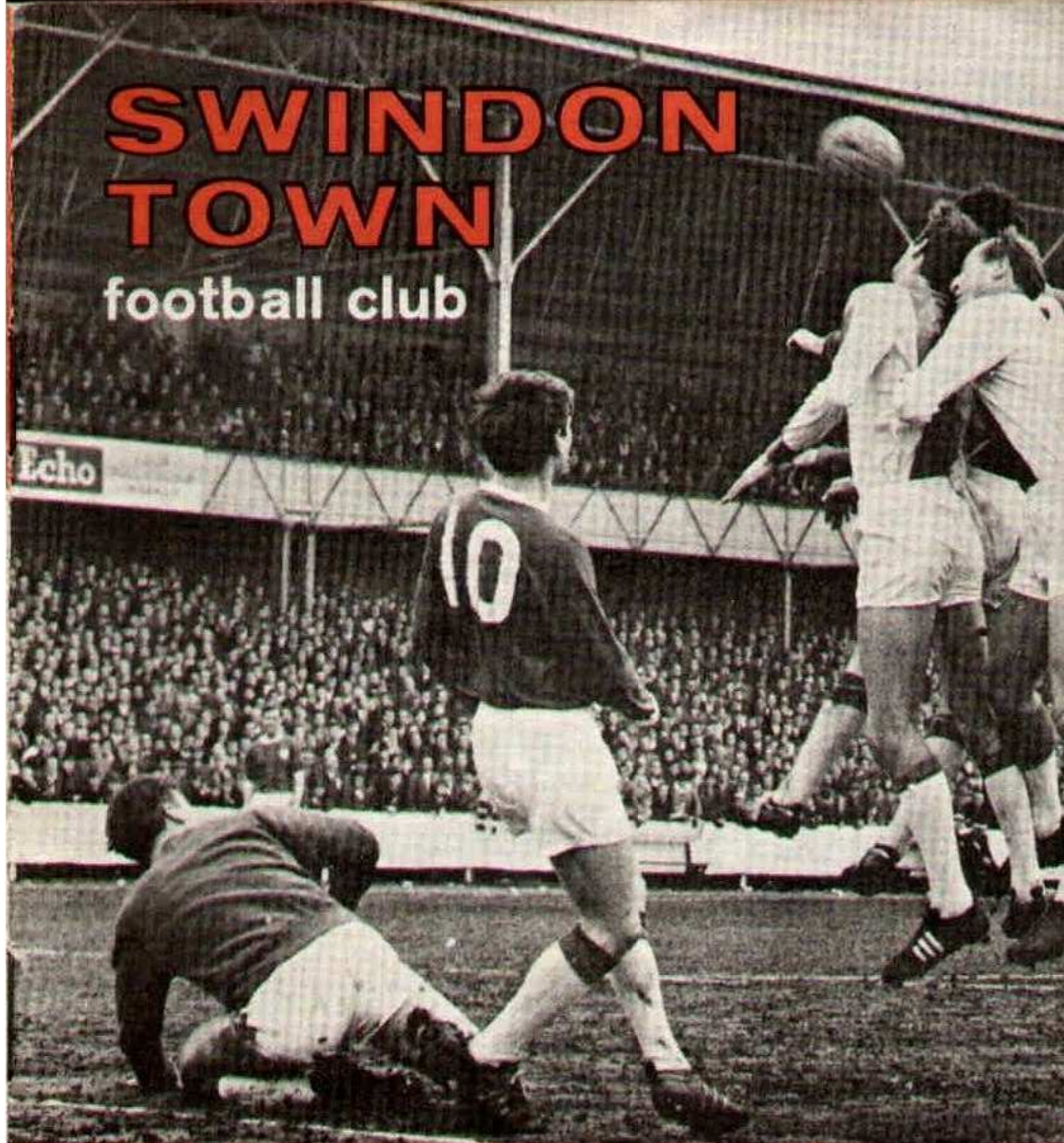


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DIVISION III

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MANSFIELD TOWN

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NEWS and VIEWS

We open these notes, with a special message from all our supporters, one of goodwill to Dennis Brown, wishing him a speedy recovery, and a return to football.

As you all know, he was injured when his car left the road and struck a lamp-post just as he was nearing his home after playing at Northampton. Unfortunately a knee-cap was so badly damaged it had to be removed.

Our manager Mr. Williams and some of the players have visited him in hospital at Reading. He is very bright and cheerful, and determined to get back into the game. We only hope he is successful, for no club had a harder worker. He was tremendously fit, and always gave one hundred per cent. effort. A good club man, a well behaved lad both on and off the field — a credit to football. Get well soon Dennis.

These notes are being written before two important results are known — Grimsby (away) and Gillingham (home). Our hope is, we have gained maximum points, thus the pressure would be relieved somewhat for tonight's game.

This match is most important for both clubs, but with very different reasons — we must win to ease our relegation difficulties. Mansfield definitely in the running for promotion at the moment they seem to be favourites to accompany Queen's Park Rangers to Division II. At the time of writing they occupy third position, with 46 points from 38 games, Bristol Rovers are second with 48 points from 40 games. Mansfield are therefore two points behind with two games in hand. Their record reads:— P.38 W.19 D.8 L.11 Goals F.73 A.59 Pts.46. Just

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compare that with our own; P.35 W.11 D.9 L.15 Goals F.55 A.57 Pts.31. Notice the two goal averages, Mansfield's works out at 1.2, Swindon's 1.1, yet we are 4th from bottom, and Mansfield 3rd from top. What a difference a few goals make to the league position. One goal per match could have meant promotion, and not relegation.

Last season we enjoyed fantastic success against Mansfield winning the home game by 6 goals to 2, and the away game 5 goals to 1.

The first game was played on Saturday, 20th November, and Swindon was right on the crest of the wave, having beaten York City (H) 6—0; Peterborough (H) 3—0; Exeter (A) 1—1; Reading (H) 5—0; Merthyr Tydfil 5—1, and we certainly hit the "Jackpot". Swindon Town 6: Downsborough; Dawson, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse Shergold; Weaver, Smart, East, Brown, Rogers. Mansfield Town 2: Humphreys; Nelson, Richardson; Morris, Gill, Sie; Gregson, Middleton, Curry, Poynton, Scanlen. The scorers for Swindon, East 5, Rogers 1, Mansfield, Curry 2. Our centre-forward was in top form, scoring five goals a feat seldom achieved. No one has reached that figure since, but Dennis Brown scored four at Bournemouth earlier this season. We were playing fine attacking football, and above all scoring goals. Will that asset return to our team today?

The return game was played on Saturday, 16th April, 1967, and what a pleasant surprise, a win away from home by 5 goals to 1. At Easter, we had witnessed two very disappointing displays, and a few of our supporters hoped for better things away from home.

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Yet, the victory at Mansfield was certainly clear-cut. While we enjoyed much of the play it was one of those games when everything came off for us. We broke very quickly from defence, produced splendid moves, and took our chances extremely well. Swindon's team was Downsborough; Dawson, Trollope; Hallett, Nurse, Shergold; Weaver, Smart, East, Brown, Rogers.

Football and Television is very much in the news at the moment. While the present offer has been refused, the time may well come when a tie-up will be made. T.V. is very much here to stay, and it is something we have got to learn to live with. "If you cannot beat them, join them" is a very old, and sometimes apt saying. Television, is a great advertising medium, and has done much to arouse interest in other activities and sporting features e.g. Show Jumping, and even Racing.

Used properly, it could create more interest, witness the World Cup coverage, and the introduction of many new spectators.

It is something which must be kept in the forefront of all forms and ideas, for the improvement of football, and public support.



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PETER MORRIS (Wing half)

Local schoolboy — joined staff straight from school. In First Team at 17 years of age, regular member ever since.

McKINNEY (Centre half)

Previously with Newcastle. Full back who can also play Centre half.

BILL FEARN (Wing half)

Signed from Bournemouth during close season. Previously with Liverpool. Also captain of team. Experienced player.

BRACE (Winger)

Signed from Watford during close season. Previously with Plymouth Argyle. One of the leading goal scorers this season.

JIMMY McGEORGE (Inside forward)

Signed from Leyton Orient during summer. Just got into First Team. He was born in Newcastle.

BILL CURRY (Centre forward)

Formerly with Derby County. Born in Newcastle.

TOM MITCHINSON (Inside forward)

Previously with Sunderland. Regular member of the First Team. Sunderland boy. Hard working inside forward.

TOMMY KNOX (Winger)

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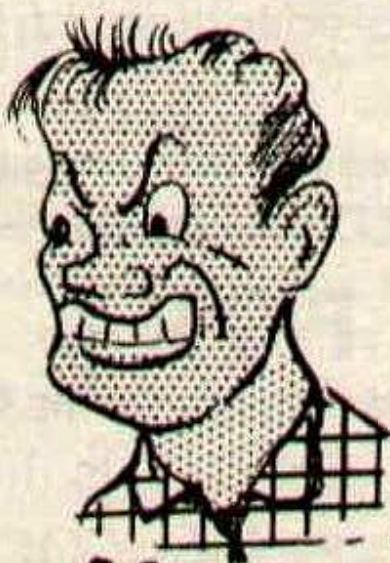


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SUPPORTERS *CLUB NOTES*

As I suggested in last Saturday's Notes, a quick goal would stop Gillingham from building the defensive wall which was erected at the home match last season. Well, the goal came—not quite so quickly as would be desirable, perhaps, but it came, and a very well organised goal it was. The second goal was perhaps, even better. As this was at our end of the pitch, perhaps we could see it better, but the old one, two, by the terrible twins, The Don, and Bruce Walker worked a treat. The Gillingham wall proved to be a low fence, and with a little more luck and a lot less whistle blowing for some peculiar reasons, our tally could have been doubled.

A meeting between members of the Supporters' Club and the Board of Directors took place last Thursday evening. It is not unusual for us to meet, from time to time, and to discuss affairs in order to see if co-operation is still being maintained, and to revue existing arrangements in order to seek out any weaknesses and apply any necessary remedies, if any. Arriving at the Clubhouse on Saturday afternoon, I discovered that rumours of wholesale changes in this and that were flying around thicker than mayflies on a hot evening. Supporters may rest assured that, as far as we are concerned, we will continue to look after their interests as far as we can. When changes are made, they will be publicised openly to the Supporters. In the meantime, let the rumours go in through one ear and out through the other, irrespective of the source, or alleged source.

Full marks for the display given by the Oxford and District Caladonian Pipe Band. This is the sort of pre-match entertainment that will pay off, if maintained. Perhaps the Board could reconsider the idea of a local Dance group, now that the better (fingers and toes crossed) weather is, or should be, here? It

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might be argued that this type of music is not to everyone's taste. But let's be fair, neither is bagpipe music, and the object surely, must be to provide a little bit of something for everyone.

The Reserve team, last Saturday, caught a bit of a draught at Tottenham. Let them not be discouraged—other teams, both first teams and reserves, have had a chilly reception on the Spurs ground, and I venture to suggest that our Reserves age group is a lot lower than any other in the Combination Division.

For the benefit of the Social Club members, here is the full list of this month's entertainment fixtures:—

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One evening this month, we hope to arrange a still slide programme, with background music and running commentary, by a member of the Royal Air Force from R.A.F. Brize Norton. These cover parts of the world visited by aircraft of Transport Command operating from R.A.F. Lyneham, and will prove of interest. Being all in colour, it will be well worth seeing. Members are asked to keep an eye on the Club notice board, and grab this month's Broadsheet for further details.

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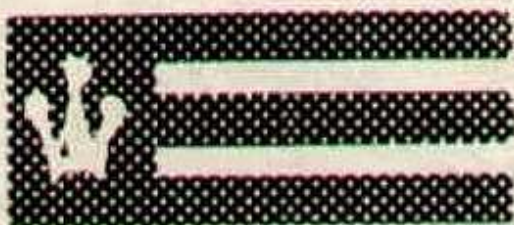
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(Up to and including Saturday, 8th April, 1967)

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Queen's Park Rangers	*****		38	23	13	2	94	29	59
Bristol Rovers	*****	*****	41	18	12	11	67	58	48
Torquay United	*****	*****	40	19	9	12	65	43	47
Mansfield Town	*****	*****	39	19	8	12	74	61	46
Middlesbrough	*****	*****	38	18	8	12	71	55	44
Watford	*****	*****	38	17	10	11	50	40	44
Oldham Athletic	*****	*****	39	18	7	14	73	53	43
Shrewsbury Town	*****	*****	39	17	8	14	66	56	42
Reading	*****	*****	39	15	9	15	60	55	39
Gillingham	*****	*****	39	12	15	12	45	47	39
Scunthorpe United	*****	*****	40	15	8	17	52	63	38
Colchester United	*****	*****	39	15	7	17	66	63	37
Walsall	*****	*****	37	15	7	15	54	60	37
Peterborough United	*****	*****	38	12	12	14	55	57	36
Brighton & Hove Albion	*****	*****	38	13	10	15	54	57	36
Grimsby Town	*****	*****	38	15	6	17	53	59	36
Bournemouth & Boscombe A.			40	10	16	14	34	51	36
Swindon Town	*****	*****	37	13	9	15	61	50	35
Oxford United	*****	*****	38	12	11	15	50	51	35
Leyton Orient	*****	*****	37	9	15	13	42	56	33
Darlington	*****	*****	40	11	10	19	36	70	32
Swansea Town	*****	*****	40	9	13	18	71	81	31
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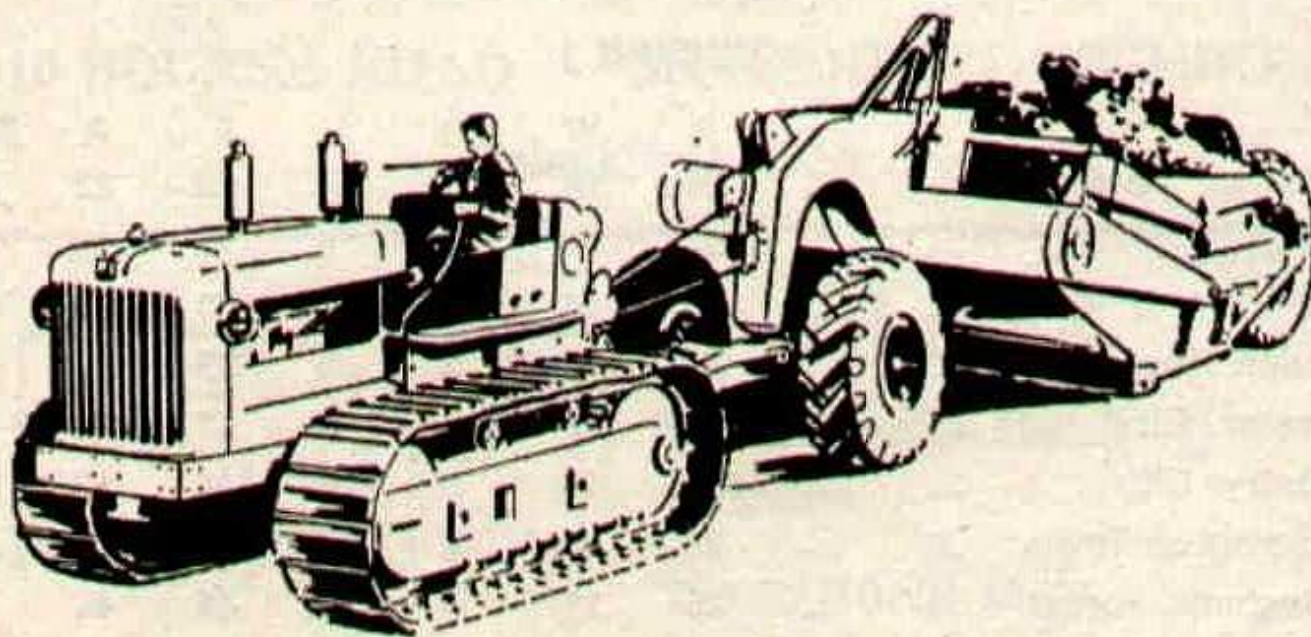
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Date	Opponents	Gate	Ground	Result
1966				
August 20	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (Cup)	1,434	(H)	2—3
September 3	CARDIFF CITY (Cup)	1,833	(H)	2—0
13	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (Cup)		(A)	0—3
17	SWANSEA TOWN (Cup)		(A)	2—1
21	CARDIFF CITY (Cup)		(A)	2—1
24	SWANSEA TOWN (Cup)	1,286	(H)	1—1
October 1	PETERBOROUGH UNITED		(A)	2—3
8	NOTTINGHAM FOREST		(A)	3—2
15	FULHAM	1,852	(H)	3—1
22	GILLINGHAM		(A)	3—2
29	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	1,884	(H)	4—2
November 1	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE		(A)	1—0
23	READING		(A)	1—0
26	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	3,905	(H)	0—2
December 3	FULHAM		(A)	1—0
10	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	1,076	(H)	2—0
17	WEST HAM UNITED		(A)	0—3
24	LEICESTER CITY	2,317	(H)	1—1
31	SOUTHAMPTON	2,596	(H)	0—0
1967				
January 14	ARSENAL	2,753	(H)	3—1
24	COVENTRY CITY		(A)	1—2
February 4	LEICESTER CITY		(A)	0—3
11	CHELSEA	9,786	(H)	5—1
25	GILLINGHAM	4,402	(H)	0—3
28	NORTHAMPTON TOWN		(A)	1—0
March 7	IPSWICH TOWN	2,153	(H)	1—1
11	CRYSTAL PALACE	1,209	(H)	2—1
18	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	1,666	(H)	1—1
27	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	1,608	(H)	2—2
April 1	READING	2,083	(H)	2—1
4	COVENTRY CITY	2,131	(H)	4—1
8	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR		(A)	0—5
15	WEST HAM UNITED		(H)	
19	SOUTHAMPTON		(A)	
29	IPSWICH TOWN		(A)	
May 9	ARSENAL		(A)	
To be arranged	CHELSEA		(A)	
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THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Table of Results to Tuesday, 4th April, 1967 (not inclusive)

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	24	19	1	4	62	22	39
Arsenal	24	15	3	6	46	28	33
West Ham United	25	14	4	7	53	29	32
Swindon Town	24	13	5	6	39	32	31
Leicester City	26	12	6	8	54	38	30
Coventry City	27	11	5	11	48	53	27
Northampton Town	25	12	2	11	45	45	26
Nottingham Forest	25	11	4	10	45	45	26
Peterborough United	25	10	6	9	43	47	26
Southampton	25	11	3	11	56	43	25
Gillingham	26	9	5	12	40	54	23
Chelsea	25	9	4	12	46	59	22
Plymouth Argyle	27	8	5	14	47	51	21
Ipswich Town	27	7	5	15	33	46	19
Crystal Palace	24	8	3	13	36	56	19
Fulham	26	7	4	15	41	52	18
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	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	14,200	(H)	4-1
	11	(5) NOTTINGHAM FOREST	47,500	(A)	0-0
	14	NOTTINGHAM F. (5th Round Replay)	28,008	(H)	1-1
	18	SWANSEA TOWN	5,916	(A)	2-2
	20	NOTTINGHAM F. (5th Round Replay)	52,600	(A)	0-3
	25	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.	14,099	(H)	1-0
	27	TORQUAY UNITED	9,924	(A)	0-1
	28	TORQUAY UNITED	14,327	(H)	0-0
April	1	LEYTON ORIENT		(A)	0-0
	5	GRIMSBY TOWN	4,743	(A)	4-3
	8	(6) GILLINGHAM	10,375	(H)	2-0
	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	2	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS		(H)	
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