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# NEWS and VIEWS

Welcome to our visitors, Grimsby Town, a fine club and one known throughout the football world for its wonderful hospitality at Blundell Park.

A very special greeting to their manager — Mr. Bill Harvey — a man whose heart and soul is in football, who always does everything to improve the image of the game and its players. A most conscientious man, who has not enjoyed the success he deserves. We will remember him at Swindon, although his stay was a short one.

We are sorry to see our friends struggling at the foot of the league table. Our minds go back to the thirties, when Grimsby Town was one of the leading clubs in Division I with such outstanding players as Internationals Jackie Bistall, H. Betmead, and the prince of goalkeepers, George Tweedy.

What memories those names revive; and the great Cup run by Swindon Town in season 1937-38 when we drew at Grimsby 1—1 in Round 3, and won the replay after extra time 2—1. Remember Alan Fowler, George Morrall, "Peg Leg" Hetherington, etc.?

Last season Grimsby Town came to the County Ground on Tuesday, 28th February, 1967, and maybe they can be heartened in their endeavours to learn at that time Swindon Town occupied third place from the bottom of the league table. The position read as follows:

|    |                  |     |     |    |    |    |    | Goals |    | Pts. |
|----|------------------|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|-------|----|------|
|    |                  |     |     | P  | W  | D  | L  | F     | A  |      |
| 21 | Doncaster Rovers | ... | ... | 30 | 10 | 5  | 15 | 43    | 74 | 25   |
| 22 | Swindon Town     | ... | ... | 28 | 8  | 6  | 14 | 45    | 42 | 22   |
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## NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

Yet a few week later we were thinking in terms of promotion.

The result of the match was a win for Swindon Town by 3 goals to 1, and thus began that great run-in which almost brought success.

The half-time score was 1—1. John Trollope scored for Swindon Town and Cockerill equalised from a penalty. In the second half Pat Terry, playing his first game (he was only transferred the day before), scored a fine second goal, and Don Rogers the third. We did not really look back after that game.

We hope this could be a good omen for both clubs.

Teams:

Swindon (3): Hicks; Thomas, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Harland; Rogers, Penman, Terry, Smart, Jones.

Grimsby (1): Wainman; Thompson, Taylor; Smith, Rathbone, Cockerill; Howesley, Worthington, Moore, Rudd, Martin.

Scorers — Swindon: Trollope, Rogers, Terry.

Grimsby: Cockerill.

Attendance: 11,458.

Referee: Mr. V. J. Batty.

No doubt many of our supporters have, during the last few weeks, been unable to buy programmes. We are sorry about this but do apologise. The sale of programmes has risen rapidly, and although the number ordered has been increased well over our average ratio of one in three of the estimated gate, there has been a complete sell out on the last two occasions. It is hoped this trend will continue but, at the moment, it is a matter which is rather puzzling. The gates have gone up, but so have the number of programmes. Some excellent action photographs are now included, and we think this may have some bearing on the sales. (Your comments would be welcome.)



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On Saturday next, the League Cup Final between Arsenal and Leeds United will be played at Wembley. It is very satisfying to see the interest now taken in this competition, as we often spoke in favour of it, although at first many of the well-known clubs refused to participate.

Attendances at this season's Football League Cup-ties will comfortably exceed one-and-a-half million before the Final is played on 2nd March.

The record aggregate for the competition, including last year's first Wembley Final, is 1,394,553.

The aggregate when this season's fifth round had been completed was 1,444,880 through the addition of 145,434 spectators at the six matches in the round — average per game 24,239. The average for 105 games preceding the Semi-finals was 13,761.

So, after a hard struggle, it has become well established. It can mean an entry into European Football, and the players like the competition. It can certainly bring larger pay-packets.

It is good to see some of our previous players in the news. Mike Summerbee was in the team chosen by Sir Alfred Ramsey to play against Scotland at Hampden Park.

The outstanding one of all is Frank Large. All reports praise him for a great game in which Leicester City defeated Manchester City by 4 goals to 3. Frank scored two and helped to produce the other two. At one time Leicester City were two goals down, but fought back mainly by the efforts of "the tireless Large". He was a great trier and a fighter. Our guess is he really enjoyed that game, and jolly good luck to a genuine nice "bloke".



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## GRIMSBY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

### **CHRIS HARKER (Goalkeeper)**

Signed last June when released by Bury. Played previously with Newcastle United and Aberdeen before joining Bury in 1961.

### **HARRY WAINMAN (Goalkeeper)**

He is 20. He wrote to Grimsby four years ago from his home in Hull for a trial, got it, and was signed on. Played in three England Youth Internationals. Has played in 31 League games last season.

### **DAVE WORTHINGTON (Outside Right)**

A free transfer player released by Barrow last summer. A glutton for work. Has brothers with Middlesbrough and Huddersfield Town. Has also played wing half and right back.

### **GRAHAM TAYLOR (Left Back)**

Skipper of the side at 22 and a first class club man. Joined Grimsby Town as an amateur in 1961 after having been on Scunthorpe United's books. Capped for England Grammar Schools in 1961. Son of a journalist who covers United for the local Evening Paper.

### **BOBBY SMITH (Right Half)**

Signed by Grimsby Town in January 1967 from Scunthorpe United. Former Manchester United Junior. Spent two seasons with Scunthorpe United.

### **GRAHAM RATHBONE (Centre Half)**

A buy from Newport County where he was a key figure in defence for three seasons.

### **KEITH JOBLING (Left Half)**

Long service player with not far short of 400 league games for Grimsby Town to his name. A product of local football, he was a centre half until the arrival of Rathbone.

### **DOUG COLLINS (Outside Right)**

Aged 22, a talented ball player who turned down chances to join three Fourth Division clubs last season. Formerly a Junior at Rotherham United.



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### **DAVE WILSON (Inside Right)**

Top scorer with Carlisle United with 15 goals to his name when signed in March, 1967. A quick mover with a flair for grabbing the half-chance. Aged 22.

### **GARY MOORE (Centre Forward)**

A well-built six-footer signed from Sunderland in February, 1967. Aged 21, he had played in 13 First Division games with the Roker Park side.

### **BILLY RUDD (Inside Left)**

Hails from Manchester but was with York City when Grimsby Town signed him in the summer of 1966. Played for Birmingham City before going to York City.

### **DAVE BOYLEN (Inside Left)**

He is only 5ft. 3ins., but a handful with his clever ball play. Signed from Manchester Boys Club. Played in one or two games at the end of last season.

### **GEOFF MARTIN (Left Winger)**

Much-travelled player, he joined Grimsby Town in November, 1966, from Workington. Previously he has played for Chesterfield, Leeds United, Darlington and Carlisle United.

### **RON COCKERILL (Left Half)**

Now in his ninth season with Grimsby Town, Ron was signed from Huddersfield Town. Plays defensive role in Grimsby Town's 4—2—4 plan with a blend of skill and experience.

### **BOBBY ROSS (Right Half)**

A Scot, Grimsby Town paid St. Mirren a small sum in the summer of 1965 for his services. Though a wing half, he figured prominently on the right wing but is seen to better purpose at half back.

### **JIMMY BLOOMER (Right Back)**

A 20-year-old, this well-built lad is the son of a former Grimsby Town forward who played in the early 1950s for the Mariners. Young Jim's got a lot of goals in school's football but was converted to a defender when he joined the Club as a junior under the wing of Tim Ward, now Manager at Carlisle United.



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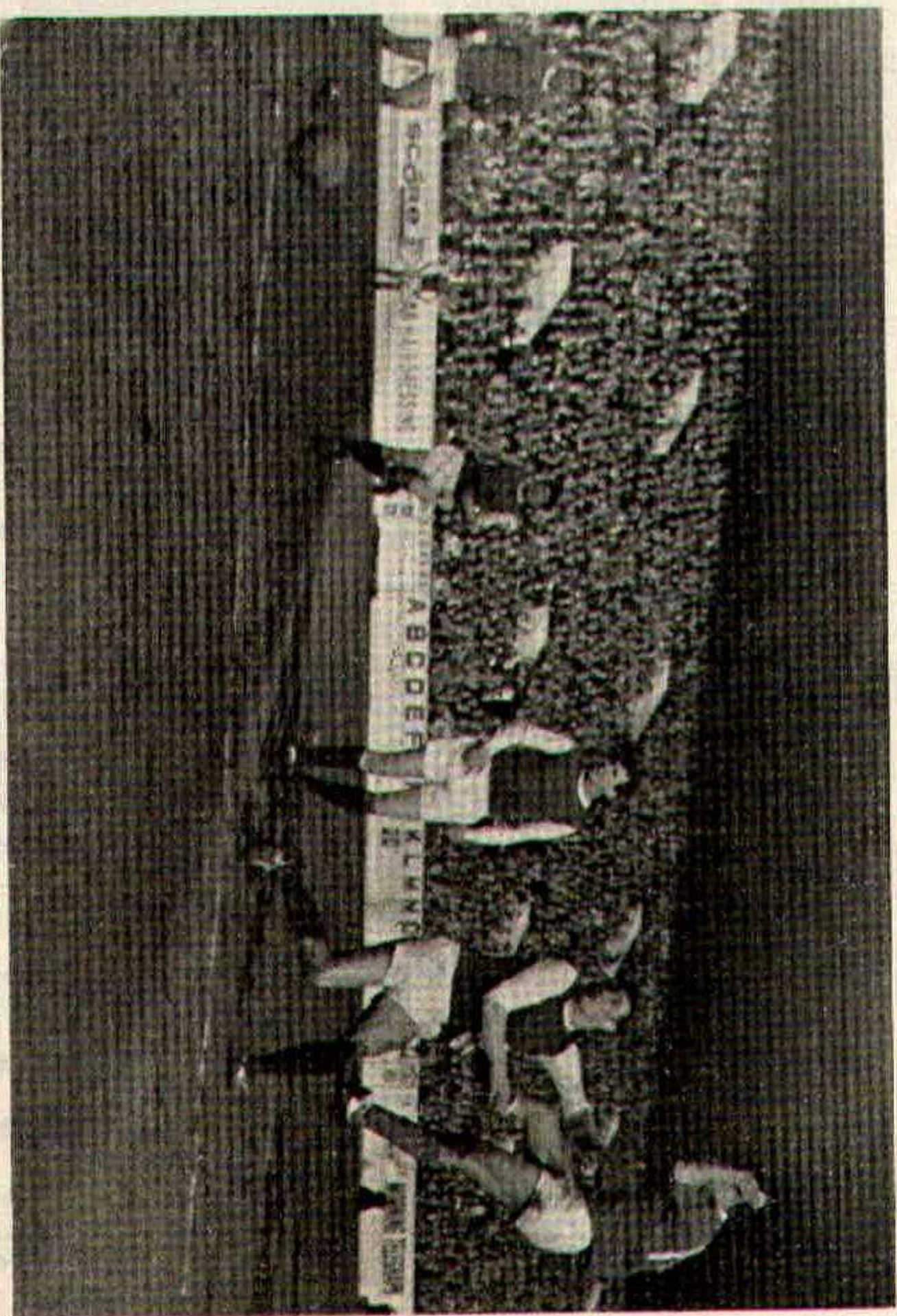
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# **SUPPORTERS *CLUB* NOTES**

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There were few Swindon supporters who were not watching the Scotland v. England match on the T.V. to see how Mike "Buzzer" Summerbee fared in his first full England game. At the time of writing the match is still to be played, but one is safe in saying that, whatever else he does, Mike will give 90 minutes of full-time labour, as he used to when with Swindon Town. A telegram of congratulations was sent to him at Hampden Park on behalf of all our Supporters' Club members. Added to which a coachload of members left Swindon at 6 p.m. on Friday evening to go to Glasgow for the match. As it contained England and Scotland supporters in about equal proportions both teams will get some support. After stopping the night in Glasgow, the party returns on Sunday. There could be some interesting arguments on the way back!!! The trip was organised by our Social Secretary, Mrs. B. Ranger.

Tickets for the Annual Dinner and Dance will be available for sale from now onwards until Saturday, 9th March for the Dinner, and up to Wednesday, 13th and at the door at McIlroys on the night for the Dance only. Full particulars are included in these Notes.

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Peter Springett, Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper beating Pat Terry to the ball in the 4th Round F.A. Cup-tie at Hillsborough.

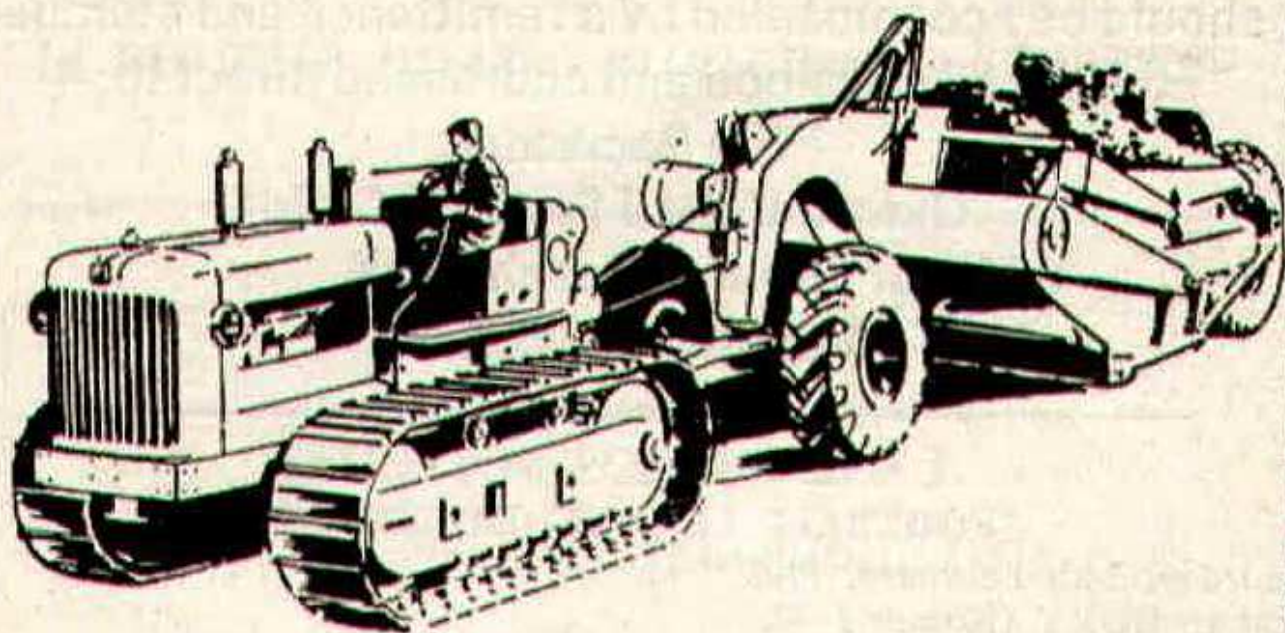
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### **LAST WEEK'S MATCHES FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION III)**

Saturday, 24th February, 1968.

Lost to BURY (Home) 3—2.

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

Scorer: Noble (2).

Referee: Mr. K. E. Walker (Maidstone).

Attendance: 14,462.

### **FOOTBALL COMBINATION**

Saturday, 24th February, 1968.

Lost to TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (Away) 6—2.

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Scorers: Dangerfield, Walker.



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|---------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Torquay United      | ..... | ..... | 31        | 16        | 8        | 7        | 42        | 36        | 40        |
| Bury                | ..... | ..... | 31        | 15        | 8        | 8        | 67        | 45        | 38        |
| Stockport County    | ..... | ..... | 31        | 14        | 8        | 9        | 47        | 39        | 36        |
| Shrewsbury Town     | ..... | ..... | 30        | 13        | 9        | 8        | 45        | 40        | 35        |
| Walsall             | ..... | ..... | 30        | 13        | 8        | 9        | 50        | 41        | 34        |
| Barrow              | ..... | ..... | 31        | 14        | 5        | 12       | 47        | 38        | 33        |
| Oxford United       | ..... | ..... | 31        | 11        | 11       | 9        | 47        | 40        | 33        |
| Reading             | ..... | ..... | 31        | 13        | 7        | 11       | 45        | 46        | 33        |
| Gillingham          | ..... | ..... | 31        | 12        | 9        | 19       | 40        | 42        | 33        |
| Watford             | ..... | ..... | 31        | 13        | 6        | 12       | 49        | 33        | 32        |
| Peterborough United | ..... | ..... | 31        | 13        | 6        | 12       | 52        | 51        | 32        |
| <b>Swindon Town</b> | ..... | ..... | <b>29</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>47</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>31</b> |
| Brighton & H.A.     | ..... | ..... | 30        | 9         | 13       | 8        | 34        | 33        | 31        |
| Bournemouth & B.A.  | ..... | ..... | 31        | 11        | 9        | 11       | 35        | 37        | 31        |
| Southport           | ..... | ..... | 30        | 12        | 6        | 12       | 46        | 47        | 30        |
| Bristol Rovers      | ..... | ..... | 29        | 11        | 6        | 12       | 46        | 47        | 28        |
| Northampton Town    | ..... | ..... | 31        | 9         | 10       | 12       | 37        | 47        | 28        |
| Tranmere Rovers     | ..... | ..... | 29        | 10        | 7        | 12       | 48        | 53        | 27        |
| Oldham Athletic     | ..... | ..... | 31        | 12        | 2        | 17       | 42        | 47        | 26        |
| Colchester United   | ..... | ..... | 30        | 8         | 9        | 13       | 35        | 51        | 25        |
| Mansfield Town      | ..... | ..... | 30        | 8         | 8        | 14       | 36        | 46        | 24        |
| Orient              | ..... | ..... | 27        | 7         | 9        | 11       | 30        | 38        | 23        |
| Scunthorpe United   | ..... | ..... | 31        | 7         | 9        | 15       | 36        | 59        | 23        |
| Grimsby Town        | ..... | ..... | 29        | 7         | 6        | 16       | 32        | 47        | 20        |





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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                    | (H)        |        |
| March 2     | Bournemouth & B.A.              | (A)        |        |
| 9           | (5) Shrewsbury Town             | (A)        |        |
| 16          | Colchester United               | (H)        |        |
| 23          | Peterborough United             | (A)        |        |
| 30          | (6) Mansfield Town              | (H)        |        |
| April 6     | Watford                         | (A)        |        |
| 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)        |        |
| 18          | (Final)                         |            |        |



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