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NEWS and VIEWS

Often we have written of the vagaries of football—the ups and downs. How quickly fortunes change.

Our visitors today Mansfield Town have not experienced a happy season, and at present occupy 20th place in the league table, just two positions away from relegation.

Swindon (now in 5th place) has 40 points, and Mansfield 30—10 points different. One thinking of promotion, the other fearing the “dreaded drop”.

Last season 11th April, 1967, Mansfield came to the County Ground very much in the running for promotion whilst Swindon were still in danger of relegation Queen's Park Rangers were top of the Division III League. Bristol Rovers in second place with 48 points from 40 games Mansfield third with 46 points from 38 games. They were favourite to join the leaders. Their record read:—

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
38	19	8	11	73	59	46

Swindon's record at the time was:—

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
35	11	9	15	55	50	31

Mansfield's goal average worked out at 1—2, Swindon's 1—1 yet Swindon was 4th from the bottom of the table, and Mansfield 3rd from the top. What a difference a few goals make to a league position—from relegation to promotion.

At the end of the season the position read Mansfield 9th—49 points, Swindon 8th—50 points.

This was partly due to the fact that we won at home by three goals to one, and that same score was repeated when we visited Mansfield a fortnight later.

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NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

The game at the County Ground provided a great match—obviously one team striving for promotion—the other to save relegation.

Swindon lead at half-time by 1—0, a splendid move, and a great goal scored by Roger Smart. Two minutes after the interval Curry equalised, but our lads were not to be denied, and ten minutes later a combined effort involving six players enabled Don Rogers to score from short range. Ten minutes later Pat Terry headed in from a corner by Bruce Walker, thus ensuring victory.

Swindon 3, (Smart, Rogers, Terry.)

Team: Downsborough; Thomas, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Harland; Rogers, Penman, Terry, Smart, Walker.

Mansfield Town 1, (Curry.)

Team: Humphreys; Edwards, Richardson; Morris, McKinney, Fearn; Brace, Hall, Curry, Mitchinson, Knox.

Referee: Mr. J. H. Yates.

Attendance: 13,280.

Swindon played the same team at Mansfield, when the attendance was 7,836 (a team in the running for promotion.)

Now to something quite different. One wonders at times, if we have our sense of values correct, and what is most important—Sport or Great Decisions facing the World and Country.

The transfer deadline of the Football League ended on 16th March, 1968. The total fees paid for the season exceeded Five million pounds. These transfers involve other factors, especially for the players. Share of the Fee—Five per cent, and in most cases a rise in wages. The sums involved this season were the highest ever.

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NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

Three days after the "Deadline", the now famous "Grim Budget" was introduced announcing, not only high taxation but wage restraint.

Great efforts have been made in the political field to limit wage and price rises, football chiefs seem to have accepted roaring inflation. It is obvious to everyone in football, that something will have to be done in the way of applying the brake. Many clubs, have a big overdraft, and would certainly cease to function, were it not for various fund raising schemes, and Supporters Club efforts.

Other considerations apart it would appear football is in a position different from all other occupations and professions. To put it in plain words—the working man has to accept wage restraint—the Footballer can seek for even more money.

The players naturally are pleased with this state of affairs but many questions can be posed. One—a player can be penalised who is too valuable to a club to be allowed to go. There is of course the loyal servant, even so all of these are being well paid.

Another factor is what one might term the unsuccessful players. Some may move two or three times in a season and therefore receive a share of transfer, even if the fee becomes smaller each time. But that is not always the case, and in some instances the fee is very large, with a similar proportion for the player.

There is much to be said for the "Deadline" being brought forward, or for Transfers during the Playing Season abolished.

Certainly something must be done about Finances in Football or many of the smaller clubs will go out of existence.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION III)

Tuesday, 19th March, 1968.

Drew with SHREWSBURY TOWN (Home) 0—0.

Team: Jones; Thomas, Trollope; Dawson, Nurse, Harland; Heath, Noble, Giles, Butler, Rogers.

Referee: Mr. K. Markham (Woking).

Attendance: 14,541.

Saturday, 23rd March, 1968.

Drew with PETERBOROUGH UNITED (Away) 1—1.

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

Scorer: Trollope.

Referee: Mr. H. G. New (Portsmouth).

Attendance: 4,667.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Wednesday, 20th March 1968.

Lost to PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (Away) 2—0.

Team: Downsborough; Jeffrey, Fry; Desmeules, Blick, Clark; Mascia, Bailey, Hubbard, Dangerfield, Brechin. Sub: Claypole.

Saturday, 23rd March, 1968.

Beat PETERBOROUGH UNITED (Home) 1—0.

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

Scorer: Dangerfield.

HELLENIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saturday, 23rd March, 1968

Drew with DIDCOT (Home) 2—2.

Team: Parsons; Jellings, Morris; Morgan, Gubbins, Tyler; Dangerfield, Wall, Grubb, Woodfield, Dudden.

Scorers: Wall, Grubb.



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STUART BOAM (Centre-half)

Stuart is another local boy and great things are expected of him. He is 6ft. tall, very good in the air and uses the ball well.

IAN HALL (Inside-forward)

Ian was signed from Derby County four years ago. Can also play wing-half. Recovered from a very nasty injury during the latter part of last season and has made a remarkable recovery. Also a county cricketer with Derbyshire.

ROGER FRUDE (Inside-forward)

Roger signed from Bristol Rovers in November, 1967. A ball-playing inside-forward, still only a youngster, and a lot is expected of him in the future.

JOHN COLEMAN (Wing-half)

John was signed from Nottingham Forest in June, 1966. A real hard worker and an asset to any team.

SANDY PATE (Right-back)

Signed from Watford November, 1967. A constructive full-back, also a good tackler. Born Glasgow.

PHIL FERNS (Wing-half)

Signed from Bournemouth and Boscombe Athletic in July, 1966. Very experienced wing-half.

TOMMY STANTON (Full-back)

Signed from Arsenal in December. Another Scotsman who has settled in very quickly and made the position his own.

DICK EDWARDS (Wing-half)

Signed from Notts County March, 1967. Tall, powerfully built player, who tackles hard and also distributes the ball well.

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DAVID JONES (Outside-right)

David was signed from Newport County in December and settled in very quickly. Can also play centre-forward.

BOB LEDGER (Centre-forward)

Bob is the veteran of the team, recently being signed from Oldham Athletic. Bob leads the line very well and his experience is a real asset.

JOHN ROWLAND (Winger)

John was signed from Port Vale in September, 1966. A fast-raiding winger with a good shot in either foot. Can also play centre-forward.

ALAN HUMPHREYS (Goalkeeper)

Alan has been in and out of the first team this season. Previously with Leeds United where he won an England Under 23 International Cap. Born Chester.

TERRY MELLING (Inside-forward)

Signed from Newport County in December, 1967. Previously with Newcastle United. A hard-grafting inside-forward who also has a flair for scoring goals. Born Newcastle.

PHIL WALLER

Signed from Derby County just before transfer deadline date. Ever-present in the first team last year with Derby County and also captain of side. A Derby boy. Since joining Mansfield Town has taken over captaincy of Club.

DUDLEY ROBERTS

Another signing just before deadline date from Coventry City. Tall, powerful defender. A great future is predicted for this boy. 22 years of age.

DOMINIC SHARKEY

Signed from Leicester City 12 hours before deadline date, Previously with Sunderland where he equalled the Club's scoring record. Scottish under 23 International, also Schoolboy International. Very keen golf fan.

JIMMY GOODFELLOW

Very experienced inside-forward. Signed just before deadline date. Last season with Leicester City where he made 40 first team appearances, and it is hoped that his experience will help to pull the side together. Scottish born, 28 years of age.

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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)
April 6	LEICESTER CITY.....	(H)
20	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.....	(H)
30	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	(A)
May 4	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.....	(H)
	IPSWICH TOWN.....	(H)

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The point at Peterborough last Saturday was most valuable, as it did at least maintain our position in the League. Naturally, to lose a point in the fourth minute from the end of the match must have been most disappointing to the defence who, from all reports, did their full share, including scoring the vital goal. Today one hopes to see the draw sequence spoiled by a really good win with a return to goal scoring from the forwards. The Club's position at the moment is very slightly better than when we last moved to Division II and we must all strive to this end.

Congratulations to Stan Harland on reaching his "century" of consecutive appearances in the first team. None will dispute that every one was well and truly hard one.

Settling back after the Annual Dinner and Dance, reported in our last notes, the Committee will now concentrate on the bread and butter affairs, starting with plans for the summer close season activities. Together with the Social Club we have reached the position when the close season no longer represents three months of doing nothing, during which contact is lost with football supporters. No business can succeed which closes down for three months of the year, and the Supporters Club has no intention of joining the ranks of such organisations.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	Position
Exeter City S.C. (Division IV)	20	19	0	1	121	26	38	1
Swindon Town S.C. (Division I)	18	13	1	4	73	40	27	2

After the match the Exeter City Supporters team will adjourn to the Social Club for a meal and will spend a while in the Club before setting forth for Exeter. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the match, as a tribute to Exeter City's team for making such a long trip.

Tonight's Party Night and we will have music for dancing provided by the Kentones. Tomorrow (Sunday) the usual Bingo session will be followed by dancing to music from the Ken Pockett Trio. The Sunday night entertainment has progressed, since we opened, from a very quiet evening for a few regulars, to one of the busiest nights of the week—still regulars I may add. Why not come along, those members who have not yet done so- The main Bingo pay-outs are increasing each week, and we still have room for a few more, and this, of course, increases the prizes even more.

Finally, to any Mansfield Town Supporters here today, a welcome awaits you in the Social Club in the car park. How about a steak, egg and chips, or scampi and chips before you start back home. These are only two samples of the menu provided by our catering service. Needless to say, there is ale to wash it all down—or coffee for the drivers!!!

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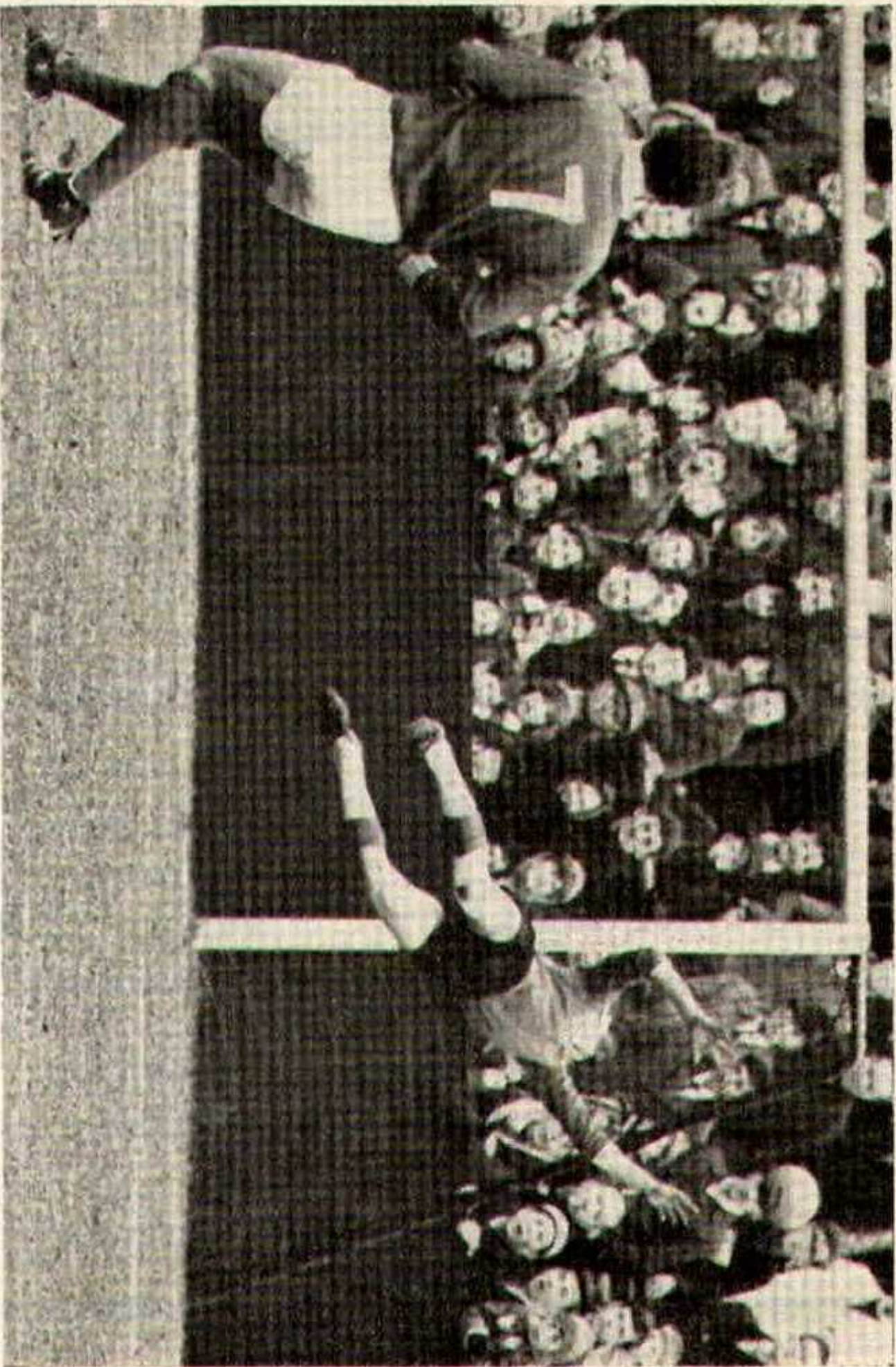
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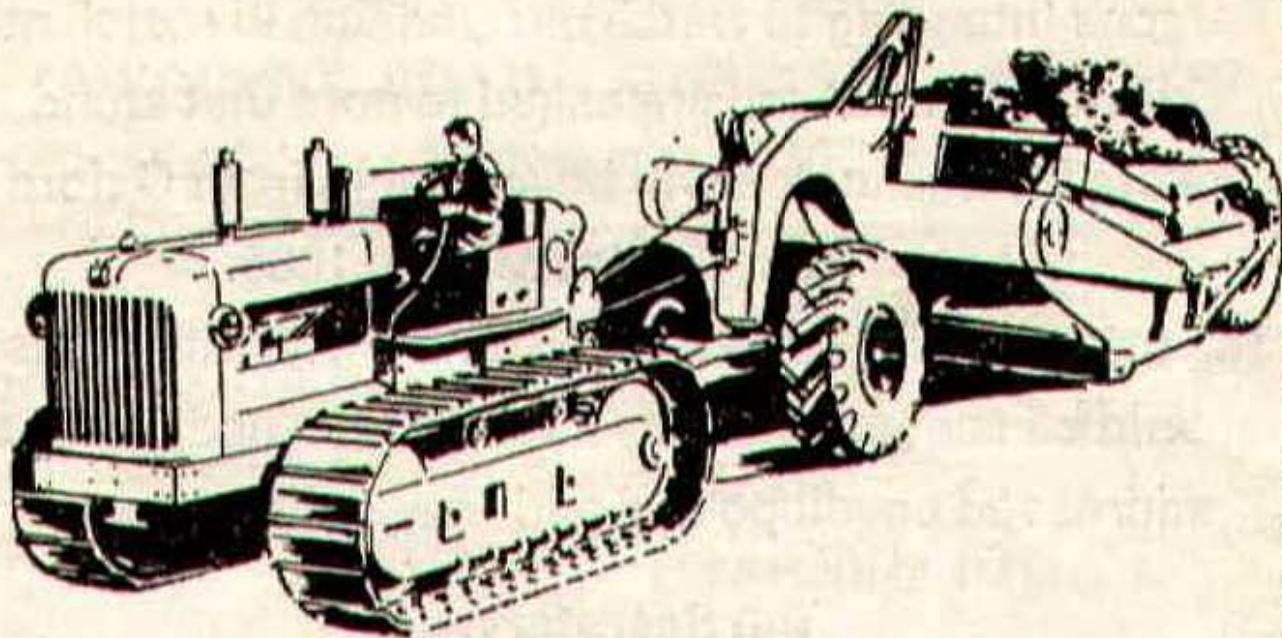
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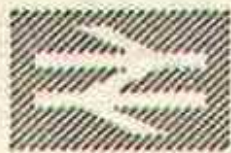
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Torquay United	35	18	9	8	49	39	45
Bury	36	18	8	10	76	53	44
Shrewsbury Town	36	15	12	9	51	43	42
Oxford United	36	15	11	10	55	44	41
Swindon Town	36	14	12	10	60	36	40
Reading	36	16	8	12	53	51	40
Walsall	35	15	9	11	56	47	39
Watford	36	16	6	14	59	40	38
Barrow	35	16	6	13	53	42	38
Stockport County	36	15	8	13	53	51	38
Brighton & H.A.	36	12	14	10	42	41	38
Gillingham	36	13	11	12	47	50	37
Peterborough United	35	14	8	13	57	56	36
Bournemouth & B.A.	36	12	12	12	39	41	36
Southport	34	14	7	13	52	51	35
Bristol Rovers	35	13	7	15	55	58	33
Northampton Town	36	11	11	14	46	53	33
Oldham Athletic	36	13	5	18	47	54	31
Tranmere Rovers	35	11	9	15	55	58	31
Mansfield Town	36	11	8	17	43	53	30
Orient	33	9	11	13	37	50	29
Colchester United	36	9	10	17	36	67	28
Scunthorpe United	36	8	11	17	44	65	27
Grimsby Town	35	8	7	20	36	58	23



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DIVISION III

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	(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)	

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