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NEWS and VIEWS

So the season draws to a close. We have one more home game after this evening, Oldham Athletic next Saturday.

We began with high hopes of promotion. The word was on everyone's lips, and so it had to be that or nothing. Although it really has been a good season — another Cup run, and still in tenth position in the League table — the disappointment is there.

Everyone has their own ideas and reasons. The plain fact is the team is not quite good enough to assert that overall authority needed to win matches.

The last four home games have been rather disappointing from the results angle, but no one can deny that the games against Southport and Oxford United were entertaining and quite exciting. The former was full of incident, with the lead changing hands and an almost last minute goal. The latter was most thrilling with interest maintained right to the final whistle. In fact the game was quite open, and either side could have snatched victory. With just that little bit of luck, it could have been Swindon, when the shot from Rogers hit the cross-bar instead of just entering the net.

We realise the keenness and the frustration felt by our supporters. We know they are our most ardent supporters, but believe me, everyone else — players, Manager and Directors — are as equally disappointed and upset.

Barracking of any kind does not help, and I feel the singling out of the Chairman, Mr. Castle, is very unfair. Everyone must take the blame (if there is any). We hear a word frequently used these days, "Democracy". Do we know its real

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meaning? I hasten to assure you. Swindon Board of Directors is most democratic. At meetings everyone is allowed to have his say (if he so wishes). Everything is discussed fully and openly, and arguments are sometimes very protracted. Every decision is made by an open vote and a majority decision accepted. Therefore there have been mistakes and faults, that is the responsibility of the whole Board, not simply the Chairman's. He is the figurehead who, it seems, bears the brunt of criticism. Mr. Castle is a very honest straightforward man who has given money and hours and hours of unrewarding service in what he considers the best interest of the Club. It is a thankless task.

Everyone hoped for promotion — Manager, players, Trainers, office staff, etc. They are no doubt the most disappointed of all. This is not the time for recriminations, but to look to better times ahead.

You may not agree but we have had three good seasons. League positions: 10th, 8th, and this season at present 10th. Many of us can still remember how for several years we struggled to retain League status. Two years in succession we had to apply for re-election to Division III (South). Those were difficult times, but looking back there was a wonderful spirit in the Club.

This evening we renew acquaintance with near-neighbours Bristol Rovers, and our old friend, Fred Ford. He surely must know all our strengths and weaknesses. Now Fred be kind, or will it be that our Manager, Danny Williams, proves the more artful or resourceful of the two.

Last season we played at Bristol on the 17th September, when we were in the middle of a very bad spell, and we lost

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0—3. The return game took place right in the middle of the now famous Cup run. Actually we played on 21st January, 1967, the week before the game at West Ham. The game was rather poor and Bristol Rovers won by the only goal, scored in the fourteenth minute.

Swindon:

Hicks; Thomas, Trollope; Smart, Nurse, Harland; Rogers, Brown, Penman, Skeen, Walker.

Bristol Rovers:

Taylor; Hillard, Davis; Williams, Stone, Mabbutt; Jarman, Brown, Biggs, Frude, Munro.

Scorer: Jarman.

Attendance: 15,473.

Referee: Mr. D. J. Lyden.

As they took four points from Swindon last season we have something to get back, although in the previous season we collected all four points. A win 1—0 at Bristol, and a 4—3 victory at Swindon.

Last season Bristol Rovers let it be known quite publicly that their policy was "to develop good team work at all levels, to promote good football, and not to win at any price". They certainly put those ideals into practice in their games with Swindon. No gamesmanship, few fouls, no wasting of time, no kicking away of the ball.

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ROGER FRUDE

Although only 20 has been at Eastville over four years, having completed his soccer apprenticeship. Possessed of great natural ability. Roger has a deal of representative experience behind him, including English Youth International appearances. Height 6ft.

RAY GRAYDON

Twenty-year-old right winger, stockily built, Bristol born. Is serving an apprenticeship as an electrical engineer and is a part-time professional footballer. Has been with Rovers since leaving school. A forceful and progressive player, Ray knows the way to goal and has already made several League appearances. Height 5ft. 7ins. Weight 10st. 11lbs.

IAN HAMILTON

Bristolian. Joined Rovers in 1956, became a full time professional early in 1962 on completion of an aircraft apprenticeship. Another player recruited from local amateur football after leaving school. His father and late brother were also Rovers' professional players. Height 5ft. 8½ins. Inside forward.

HAROLD JARMAN

Joined Bristol Rovers in 1959 from a local amateur club. Regular right winger for past six season and scorer of many fine goals, averaging nearly 20 a season. A Bristolian, Harold and his wife Penny have two young children. His main interest is sport, and has played cricket for Gloucestershire in recent years. Qualified F.A. Coach (Preliminary). Height 5ft. 8ins.

ALEX MUNRO

23-year-old Scot, joined Bristol Rovers October 1962 from a Glasgow amateur club. A wing half of much promise, he has also given good service at outside left. Married with one child his hobbies are gardening, reading and woodwork. Height 5ft. 9½ins.

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A Bristolian, recruited from local amateur club in 1957, has been regular right back since 1959. Doug and his wife Janet have two youngsters and their home is at Wick, near Bristol. Hobbies include fishing and gardening. Holds F.A. (Preliminary) Coaching Badge. Height 5ft. 8½ins.

WAYNE JONES

Born in Treorchy, talented Wayne Jones joined Bristol Rovers as an amateur in 1964/65 and played in their Youth Teams for two seasons as often as possible. His progress was such that they offered him terms and he signed as a full-time professional player shortly after his eighteenth birthday in October last, and has since obtained first team status.

LINDSAY PARSONS

Twenty-one-year-old full back, a Bristolian who became a professional in March 1964 after serving as an apprentice player since leaving school. A regular Reserve Team player with some League experience, his main interest is sport. Plays strongly, height 5ft. 9ins.

JOHN PETTS

On his day one of the best wing halves in the Third Division. Joined Bristol Rovers from Reading in 1965. He was at Elm Park for two seasons, after several years with Arsenal. Aged 28, Johnny is married with two children, and was an England Youth International. Football is his main interest. Height 5ft. 8ins.

RICHARD PLUMB

Swindon-born centre forward, aged 21. Tall and wiry, Dick was signed from Swindon in 1965, where he had shewn good potential in Youth and Reserve team football. A regular Reserve team player with experience in the First Team.

DAVID STONE

23-year-old Bristolian, joined Rovers straight from School in 1958/59, and became a professional at seventeen. Can play at centre half, right half or full back. Married, with one baby. David's hobbies include music, records, and cricket in the summer. Height 5ft. 10½ins.

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RAY MABBUTT

A hard-working wing half who began as a forward. Went to Bristol Rovers in 1955 and has been a regular for eight seasons. Has used his spare time well in preparing for his future after football, and gained a number of qualifications through the League Vocational Training Scheme. Qualified F.A. Coach (Preliminary). Born in Aylesbury, Bucks., is a father of three, and his hobby is sailing. Height 5ft. 6ins.

LARRY TAYLOR

Twenty-year-old Exeter-born goalkeeper of great promise. Joined the Club on leaving school, soon became regular Reserve Team goalkeeper. First Team debut arriving after the serious injury to Bernard Hall, remained first choice for final 20 games last season. Height 5ft. 11ins.

STUART TAYLOR

Bristol-born centre half who joined Bristol Rovers' amateur ranks in the summer of 1964 from a local amateur club. Tall and commanding Stuart stands 6ft. 3½ins. and weighs 13st. 11lbs. He became a full-time professional in April 1967.

JOHN WILLIAMS

Transferred from Plymouth Argyle in December 1966 after spending ten years at Home Park, where he made over 500 appearances for the Devon club. Has already brought more authority into Rovers' defence and is currently captaining the side. Bristol-born, but has spent most of his life in Plymouth.

BOB WILLIAMS

Bristol-born inside forward, Bob played in the successful Bristol Boys Team of 1958, and was signed by Bristol City on leaving school. Played regularly in the First Team until 1965, when he was transferred to Rotherham United. Signed for Bristol Rovers in March 1967 for a substantial fee.

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Tonight, a warm welcome is extended to the team and supporters of Bristol Rovers. Not yet 100% clear of relegation worries — last Saturday's game had not been played when these Notes were written — Rovers form over the last few weeks has been improving, and indicate that they will still be in Division 3 next season. Accordingly, tonight's game will be exciting, I have no doubt. The recent move of Mr. Fred Ford to the Rovers, with his knowledge of the Swindon team, will give them an advantage, no doubt.

The Easter matches. What can one say about them? To any casual motorist passing by, stopping to take in a quick game of football on the way home, and with no supporter bias to either side, I would think that all three games would have seen such a spectator go away with the feeling that he had, at least, had his monies worth. However, for my part, I must congratulate Pat Terry on the way he accepted some punishing tackles in the penalty area, that left us all wondering why penalties were not awarded. Also, a warm welcome to the way young Bill Bailey fitted in during his two brief spells as substitute, cannot long delay a full match.

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Referee: Mr. H. D. Davies (Cardiff).

Attendance: 17,751.

Saturday, 13th April, 1968.

Drew with SOUTHPORT (Home) 3—3.

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

Scorers: Rogers (2), Smart.

Referee: Mr. K. A. Wynn (Wolverhampton).

Attendance: 11,055.

Tuesday, 16th April, 1968.

Drew with OXFORD UNITED (Home) 1—1.

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

Scorer: Rogers.

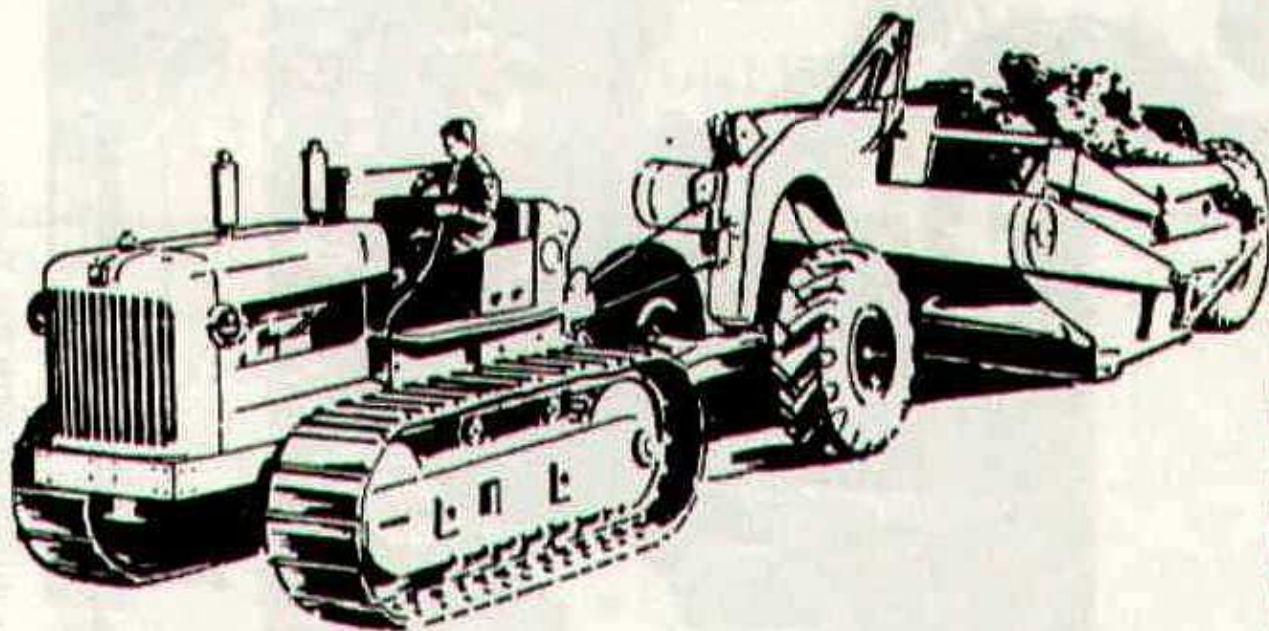
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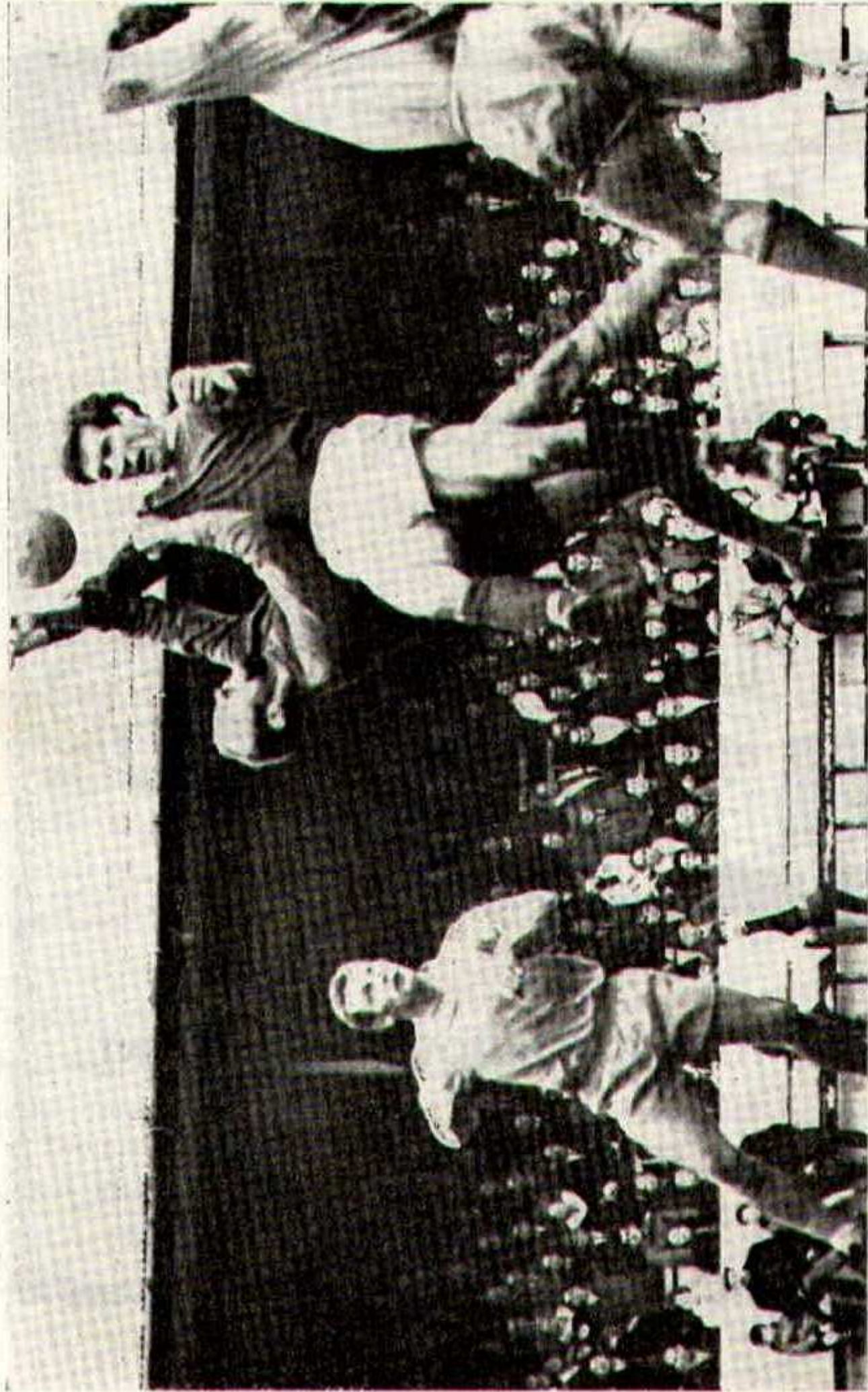
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Watford	42	19	7	16	70	48	45
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Southport	41	17	10	14	62	58	44
Brighton & H.A.	42	14	15	13	51	51	43
Gillingham	41	16	11	14	53	58	43
Bournemouth & B.A.	42	14	14	14	50	50	42
Bristol Rovers	41	16	8	17	65	67	40
Oldham Athletic	42	17	6	19	55	57	40
Northampton Town	43	13	12	18	53	65	38
Mansfield Town	42	12	13	17	49	57	37
Tranmere Rovers	41	12	11	18	58	69	35
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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	7,569 (A)	0-2
12	Oxford United	17,751 (A)	0-0
13	Southport	11,055 (H)	3-3
16	Oxford United	16,418 (H)	1-1
19	Scunthorpe United	(A)	1-3
23	Bristol Rovers	(H)	
27	(S.F.) Oldham Athletic	(H)	
May 4	Bristol Rovers	(A)	
11	Grimsby Town	(A)	

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