

IPSWICH TOWN

The End of August Guide

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Introduction

It's the end of August; we're several games underway, and all transfer business, bar the odd loan signing here or there, has been completed. This would seem like the perfect moment to take a good look at our squad, and that of our opponents, and assess our chances. This has of course already been done to a great extent on forums, in pubs and in the writing and reading of several fantastic blogs. Lists of transfer dealings and overviews of our squad can be found on several sites. However, it struck me that there was one thing missing; a good old fashioned guidebook!

After returning from my holiday in Britain, I set about writing this guidebook in what was left of my seemingly endless Dutch secondary school summer holidays. It is not your average annual, as I have included my opinion in everything that I have written. The idea being that it's also interesting for those who know the club inside out (and it's much more interesting to write). So, as well as listing our summer transfer business and our squad, I have also written a review of the past season and my view on the coming season and have made an assessment of all the other Championship sides' chances. For those interested in keeping a record of all our results and player performances, I have also included a fill-in fixture list and a fill-in player list.

I have certainly enjoyed writing it, and hope you enjoy reading it too! COYB

Please note: This guidebook was completed on the 30th August. Unless stated otherwise, all information is correct up until that date.

A review of the past season

I couldn't help feeling a little sorry for Paul Jewell last season, as I felt he wasn't that far away from getting it right. But sometimes when you don't quite get it right in football, it all goes horribly wrong.

We didn't start that badly. A 1-1 draw with Blackburn was considered a good result on the opening day, given many had tipped them for a direct return to the top flight. That was followed by a 0-1 away win at bogey-side Watford, and things were looking rather promising. But that was to be the very last win under Paul Jewell.

Blackpool was to be the start of that last barren spell of his. A 6-0 thrashing at Bloomfield Road must have dealt a hammer blow to our players' confidence, as we went on to lose eight and draw three out of the last eleven games before the appointment of Mick McCarthy. Still, was that really down to Jewell being a complete and utter muppet? Or was it partly down to bad luck? Although we weren't in the game at Blackpool in the second half, whether we deserved to lose 6-0 is very questionable. I just can't help feeling that if we'd got the first goal in that game, not just the outcome of that game would have been very different, but that of the whole season. Ian Holloway, Blackpool's manager at the time, spoke very highly of us considering the score line: 'I think that's as good as anybody's played against us, ironically. They probably caused us more problems than others.' He believed the timing of the goals changed the complexion of the game, and added that he thought we'd go on to have a good season under Jewell. But that's not how it went at all in the end, as we all know by now. The goals, the first goal in particular (an unlucky own goal, it just had to be), didn't just change the complexion of that game, but probably changed the complexion of the entire season. A good job Cresswell (who scored that own goal) got his own back by scoring our goal of the season against a Holloway side later on!

So, in a way you could say, in Jewell's defence, that we were very unlucky there, and might have had a good season had it not been for that unlucky goal in that unlucky game. But... it's just you can't really say that, can you? Although it might be true, it's no excuse for what happened after that game. In that same interview Holloway goes on to say: 'He (Jewell) didn't deserve that, his lads didn't deserve that. You've got to keep believing.' But that's what we didn't do, we didn't keep believing. A large amount of us fans did, but the players didn't. An eleven game winless run doesn't happen when you keep believing, it just doesn't. And although the players have to take some responsibility for that, in the end it's the manager's job to keep the players motivated. And in that Jewell did not succeed. He may have been unlucky at times, but he didn't react to those times in the right way, and so he had to go. I felt sorry for him, yes, but I believed it was the right thing for the club at the time. And I still do, as does (almost) everyone else involved with Town. On the 24th of October he left his post as Ipswich Town manager by mutual consent after losing to Derby County, almost four years after resigning as Derby County manager after losing to Ipswich Town, funny how those things work. But who would succeed Jewell as manager? Evans had made the wrong decision on the previous two occasions, or so it would seem. I wasn't 100 per cent pleased with the appointment of Mick McCarthy either. I would have been had it not been for Keane and Jewell, but McCarthy just seemed too similar. Yet another experienced manager who'd got teams promoted from the Championship before.

Thankfully Mick convinced me very soon. 'We will lose at Birmingham; Mick can't work his magic that quickly.' I remember reading somewhere on TWTD. I don't think many disagreed with that statement at the time, and nor did I. We were stunned when we left St Andrews with three points, well I was for one. Mick then quickly won me over completely by showing that he really wasn't that similar to Keane or Jewell. No ridiculous amounts spent like Keane, and no telling everybody about transfer targets before the deal had been completed like Jewell. Mick proved a shrewd buyer, and managed to turn our season around completely. Not just due to the influence of new signings, but also by getting the players he had to perform, Tommy Smith and Luke Hyam being the prime examples.

The Championship proved to be a tight affair last season, and our future remained in the balance until the last game but one (Birmingham again). A strong December with four wins out of six being the highlight of McCarthy's turnaround, seeing us rise from bottom to 14th during the part of the season under his reign. Big Mick had saved us and was already a hero. Bring on next season!

My view on this season

McCarthy was quick to get off the mark this close season. He immediately made his intentions clear by making Michael Chopra and Jay Emmanuel-Thomas available for transfers and offering Lee Martin a new deal, but on significantly reduced terms. Martin turned the deal down, and eventually joined Millwall. Many of us were glad to see the back of him, and in particular his wages. The £2 million Keane paid Manchester United for him seems a bit of a waste in hindsight. It may be worth pointing out that Millwall is Martin's 10th club. Six of these were on loan, but it is rather noticeable that while he was at first loaned out to clubs such as Royal Antwerp FC and Glasgow Rangers, his latest loans were to Nottingham Forest, then a newly promoted Championship side, and Charlton Athletic, then a League One outfit.

Emmanuel-Thomas later left for Bristol City in a swap deal which saw Paul Anderson move in the opposite direction. This was a deal which split the fans' opinions. The Chopra saga dragged on for a lot longer. He eventually signed for Blackpool, much to the relief of most of us. This came after he had stated that he would be content to run down the last year of his contract at Town.

Further departures were Guirane N'Daw returning to AS Saint-Étienne after his loan spell, Joe Whight and Andy Drury joining Bury Town and Crawley Town after being released, and the release of Cormac Burke, Ronan Murray, Arran Lee-Barrett, Jack Ainsley and Jason Brown, none of which are yet to find a new club.

Signings also came quickly, with Mick making sure he had a complete squad assembled before the start of the new season.

The first deal was completed just ten days after the end of the season, with Cole Skuse agreeing to join from Bristol City once his contract came to an end. Skuse has been very impressive so far this season, Mick even going so far as to say he is good enough to play in the Premier League. Jay Tabb and Daryl Murphy were soon handed permanent contracts after impressing on loan last season, Murphy becoming an Ipswich player after being on loan here three times. David McGoldrick finally joined on the 4th of July in a deal which was believed to have been completed some time ago. He also impressed on loan last season and has had a good pre-season.

The signings then came thick and fast, with Paul Anderson, Dean Gerken, Frédéric Veseli, Christophe Berra, Jack Doherty and Ryan Tunnicliffe all joining between the eighth and the 26th July. All are yet to start in the league, but Anderson and Tunnicliffe have done well when they've come on. The signing of Tunnicliffe came shortly after Mick had stated he planned to sign one more player, and so he had his squad complete with more than a month left of the transfer window.

Due to the relaying of the pitch over the summer, Town only played away games during pre-season. All games were against opponents in lower divisions, which surprised me amongst many others. Although pre-season games are primarily to get the team match-fit, it seemed slightly odd for there not to be a real test amongst these games. Town won four of their pre-season games, this being all games bar a 3-3 draw at Notts County.

Town fielded a decent amount of different teams during pre-season, which left the team Mick would field at Reading up for speculation. Speculate we did, but with so many new players and so many opinions we were never going to reach an agreement.

The Reading line-up proved to be very similar to the team that played the first half at Notts County, with Loach starting in goal, Mings, Smith, Chambers and Hewitt forming the back four, Hyam and Skuse in the middle, Tabb and Edwards on the wings and Murphy and McGoldrick up front. But it was that first 45 minutes at Notts County that was the only experience this team had playing together. Another point up for discussion is whether this team was really match-fit. Five pre-season games isn't that much and with most of our side not playing half of those games they were arguably seriously lacking in match practice.

We were excellent in the first half at Reading but fell apart later on. Our one goal advantage was lost and we had nothing but a 2-1 defeat and a good first half performance to boast at the end of it. We moved on and a 3-0 home win over Millwall, where we did well not to let the game fizzle out at 0-0, lifted the spirits after a much changed team lost 2-0 at Stevenage. But Millwall look like one of the weaker teams in the league and a visit to QPR gave us a reminder of that horrible habit we have of conceding in the last five minutes. I was kindly informed by a Norwich supporter at the wedding I was attending at the time that a 90th minute goal had seen us succumb to a 1-0 defeat at Loftus Road after we'd held out for so long. I must admit that spoiled my wedding cake just a little bit.

After signing Jordan Adegunle in midweek we then faced Leeds at home. Again I couldn't follow the game as I was at a friend's party. One of my mates looked up the result on some Dutch site which gave us nothing but the result: a 1-2 defeat. At least he couldn't give me any stick for our poor start to the season as Feyenoord, his team, had lost all three of their games so far.

I decided to go for a quick bet. I told him I'd give him a euro if Leeds had scored first, and if we'd scored first he'd give me one. He quickly agreed after working out that mathematically he had a 67 per cent chance of winning. But I knew that as it was Ipswich Town, I probably had an 85 per cent chance of winning. I was secretly hoping I'd lose, but no... I won. Yet another good start to a game which we'd thrown away.

That really spoiled my weekend. At 15, I haven't been able to experience any of Town's glory days. Although, the odd day or two perhaps, but never a whole season. Waking up in the morning to find we'd beaten Arsenal remains number one, and I'll never forgive myself for not moaning at my parents enough to be allowed to stay up that night. I did stay up for the second leg, I might as well not have done.

The season we finished third in the Championship was my first season as a supporter. I was six years old at the time, and all I really remember is putting up some cones in the lounge and pretending to score the five goals we put past Crewe and the six we put past Nottingham Forest. I don't remember the three defeats in a row which cost us promotion; I guess I should be glad.

It hasn't got much better since then, has it? Eight years on and well... we seem to be cursed or something. Nothing seems to work. Different owner, different manager, different players... what is it that's holding us back? Is it the fans? No, they hardly held us back from being champions of Europe, did they? But there's one fan that wasn't around back then...

Yes, last weekend it really did occur to me that I might be the curse of Ipswich Town. It wasn't a particularly nice idea.

I got back to work on this guidebook after that, and thoughts of curses quickly faded. I'm pretty sure they'll return though. I guess it's just one of those things only football (and perhaps other

sports) supporters will ever understand. Explaining to my sister how I could fill 20 pages with nothing but blah, blah, blah about a Championship football team was close to impossible. Anyway, I seem to have ventured off-topic a little bit. I'll get back to this season.

In my eyes, Mick has got some things right, and some things wrong. Not giving our first team enough match practice and experience of playing as a team throughout pre-season was a mistake, and has cost us dearly so far. The team tiring towards the end of games can definitely be explained by this. But his transfer business this summer has been superb as I see it. He has got rid of everyone we moaned about, and he has made eleven signings everybody seems pleased with. In doing that he has hardly spent a penny. You can moan at Evans all you like for not investing, but if you were owed £72 million would you say 'Go on, have another £10 million!'? Add to that the FFP coming into play I really don't think you can say a word against Evans right now. If Mick can build a solid top half finishing side this season I'm sure Evans will be a lot more inclined to give him some cash to spend next summer. After the past two managerial flops Evans needs someone to prove to him that he's worth being given the money. You might say that Mick has done that by keeping us up last season, but keeping a team up is very different from building a promotion challenge.

I believe the task in hand for Mick this season is to build a solid side after the mayhem of the past years. Once the foundations have been laid some extra quality can be brought in with the money Evans will make available. Mick is a very good manager, but can you really expect a promotion push the season after he has saved us from relegation? Some people seem to have forgotten the past eight years very quickly...

As I said, Mick has made some mistakes which have meant we haven't made a very good start to the season. He has, however, built a good squad. A young squad, a squad of Ipswich Town players, a squad of players who want to play for Ipswich.

Loach is good keeper and an Ipswich supporter. He has made a few mistakes, but he has also made some fantastic stops and penalty saves. See him as the Ipswich Fabien Barthez. Cresswell is arguably the best left-back in the league and I think he will stay, Smith and Chambers are a solid pair at centre back who have vital experience of playing together and Hewitt is a promising young right-back, a player who will only get better. We have plenty of options in midfield with Hyam; one of our own who will keep improving, Skuse; a player with Premier League class according to Mick, Wordsworth; a player with creativity who will work his socks off for the team and Tunnicliffe; a very good player to add to our options. Tabb and Edwards add some Premier League experience on the wings with Anderson looking like a very good further option capable of playing on both sides. Up front Murphy and McGoldrick are good players, and will score enough goals for us to have a good season. We may need another goal scorer to finish in the top two, but last season cast doubts even on needing real goal scorers to win the league. Nouble is a hot prospect, and Taylor will be a great player when fully fit. We also have plenty more promising youngsters including Mings, Veseli, Doherty, Adekunle and Marriott. I even forgot to mention Gerken and Berra, which just goes to show we really aren't that badly off.

We have had a difficult start to the season throughout which we have played some good football. The team will only improve over the coming weeks as they settle and what I believe are the main reasons for our poor first results fade away. We have a proven (also at this club)

managerial team, a good, young and hungry squad and a great set of fans. Just don't expect promotion yet, but realise that Mick is doing a great job in rebuilding this club. The future is bright, brighter, I believe, than at any other stage in the nine years I have supported Ipswich Town. COYB

Transfers

Arrivals

Player/position	Age	From	Transfer fee
Cole Skuse <i>Central Midfield</i>	27	Bristol City	Free
Jay Tabb <i>Left/Central Midfield</i>	29	Reading	Free
Daryl Murphy <i>Centre Forward</i>	30	Celtic	Free
David McGoldrick <i>Centre Forward</i>	25	Nottingham Forest	Undisclosed
Paul Anderson <i>Left/Right Midfield</i>	24	Bristol City	Jay Emmanuel-Thomas
Dean Gerken <i>Goalkeeper</i>	27	Bristol City	Free
Frédéric Veseli <i>Centre/Right-Back</i>	20	Manchester United	Free
Christophe Berra <i>Centre Back</i>	28	Wolverhampton Wanderers	Free
Jack Doherty <i>Left Midfield</i>	18	Waterford United	£57.200
Ryan Tunnicliffe <i>Central Midfield</i>	20	Manchester United	Loan
Jordan Adekunle <i>Left Midfield</i>	18	Crawley Town	Free

Departures

Player/position	Age	To	Transfer fee
Guirane N'Daw <i>Central Midfield</i>	29	AS Saint-Étienne	Return from loan
Jason Brown <i>Goalkeeper</i>	31	-	Released
Andy Drury <i>Central Midfield</i>	29	Crawley Town	Free
Jack Ainsley <i>Right-Back</i>	21	-	Released

Arran Lee-Barrett <i>Goalkeeper</i>	29	-	Released
Ronan Murray <i>Centre Forward</i>	21	-	Released
Cormac Burke <i>Right Midfield</i>	19	-	Released
Lee Martin <i>Left/Centre Midfield</i>	26	Millwall	Free
Jay Emmanuel-Thomas <i>Attacking Midfield</i>	22	Bristol City	Paul Anderson
Joe Whight <i>Left-Back</i>	19	Bury Town	Free
Michael Chopra <i>Centre Forward</i>	29	Blackpool	Free

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The squad and possible line-ups

Player	Position	Age	Nationality	Contract
1 Scott Loach	Goalkeeper	25	England	2016
22 Dean Gerken	Goalkeeper	28	England	2015
3 Aaron Cresswell	Left-Back	23	England	2014
15 Tyrone Mings	Left-Back	20	England	2014
5 Tommy Smith	Centre Back	23	New Zealand	2016
4 Luke Chambers	Centre Back	27	England	2015
6 Christophe Berra	Centre Back	28	Scotland	2015
2 Elliott Hewitt	Right-Back	19	Wales	2015
20 Frédéric Veseli	Centre/Right-Back	20	Switzerland	2015
18 Jay Tabb	Left/Central Midfield	29	Ireland	2015
21 Jack Doherty	Left Midfield	19	Ireland	2015
19 Luke Hyam	Central Midfield	21	England	2016
8 Cole Skuse	Central Midfield	27	England	2016
14 Anthony Wordsworth	Left/Central Midfield	24	England	2015
16 Ryan Tunnicliffe	Central Midfield	20	England	January 2014
7 Carlos Edwards (C)	Right Midfield	34	Trinidad and Tobago	2014
11 Paul Anderson	Left/Right Midfield	25	England	2015
23 Josh Carson	Right Midfield	20	Northern Ireland	2014
? Jordan Adekunle	Left Midfield	18	England	2014
9 Daryl Murphy	Centre Forward	30	Ireland	2015
10 David McGoldrick	Centre Forward	25	Ireland	2015
26 Paul Taylor	Centre Forward	25	England	2016
35 Frank Nouble	Centre Forward	21	England	2015
34 Jack Marriott	Centre Forward	18	England	2014

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Possible first team line-up:

Loach

Hewitt Chambers Smith Cresswell

Edwards Skuse Hyam Tabb

McGoldrick Murphy

Possible second team line-up:

Gerken

Veseli ? Berra Mings

Anderson Tunnicliffe Wordsworth Doherty

Taylor Nouble

Other players:

Carson

Adekunle

Marriott

The opponents

I've divided all Championship teams into four categories regarding where in the table I expect them to finish. Each team is given a brief explanation as to why they fit into that particular category.

Top teams; the teams that I predict will not only be challenging for the top six, but will actually make it to the automatic promotion and play-off spots.

- Leeds United: It looks like Ross McCormack will be staying, and Luke Murphy is a promising £1 million signing from Crewe. Brian McDermott is a very good and experienced manager at this level, and I believe he will be the man to finally lead Leeds to the top six.
- Leicester City: It may have been a quiet summer at the King Power Stadium, but most of last season's sixth finishing squad is still intact and they should be able to match that position, as they're now a very settled side. If they can maintain the strong form they have shown so far, perhaps even a challenge for the automatic promotion spots is a possibility.
- Nottingham Forest: Forest only just missed out on the play-offs last season and have spent big money over the summer. Billy Davies is a shrewd manager, and with the squad looking stronger than last season they really should get into the play-offs. There has been talk of automatic promotion, but I believe that will be too big an ask.
- Queens Park Rangers: On paper probably the strongest squad in the league, but that generally doesn't mean you'll finish there in the Championship. However, with additions such as Charlie Austin and Harry Redknapp at the helm, I would be very surprised were they not to finish in the top six.
- Reading: Having kept the core of last season's Premier League team Reading should do very well. The additions of Wayne Bridge, Royston Drenthe and Danny Williams alongside the likes of Adam Le Fondre and Pavel Pogrebnyak could prove to be the difference between play-offs and automatic promotion.
- Watford: Last season's poor start proved very costly towards the end of the season, seeing Watford miss out on promotion. The team looks considerably more settled this season, and Zola has made some quality signings over the summer. They have made a strong start to the season this time round, and it doesn't seem out of the question for them to do better than last season.

Play-off hopefuls; there are a lot of teams each season with intentions of making the top six, but there are only six teams that can do it. These are the teams which I expect to have a real go, but will have to make do with a top half spot.

- Blackburn Rovers: If Gary Bowyer can steady the ship after last season's mayhem, Blackburn could prove to be a strong side this season. With the likes of Jordan Rhodes and DJ Campbell up front, they certainly don't lack firepower! It all depends on Gary Bowyer being given the time he needs though.

- Bolton Wanderers: Big things are expected of Bolton and Dougie Freedman this season, but they have been disappointing so far. They have made a fair amount of signings though, and it might just be a matter of time before they gel. Jermaine Beckford will be an important player for them.
- Brighton and Hove Albion: After the turbulence of the summer with the suspension and sacking of Gus Poyet it took a few games for the side to find their feet under Oscar Garcia. It's mainly the same team as last season but I'm not fully convinced they can be quite as good as they were under Poyet. Garcia may prove me wrong though.
- Derby County: Nigel Clough has made it clear that after several seasons of building this is the season he wants to kick on and break into the top six. A lot depends on youngster Will Hughes staying or going. I think he will stay, but the play-offs still seem a step too far for Derby.
- Ipswich Town: Mick McCarthy has made several promising signings over the summer. Ipswich have disappointed so far result wise but have been playing well. If they can score enough goals a play-off spot certainly remains a possibility.
- Wigan Athletic: Of all the relegated teams Wigan would seem like the weakest. Several key players have left and more may still follow. The Europa League could also prove a distraction. They may be aiming for a direct return to the Premier League, but I think Wigan will have to settle for a mid-table finish.

Bottom half but safe; these are the teams which I expect not to have enough about them to seriously challenge for any form of promotion, but do look strong enough to avoid being lured into a real relegation battle.

- Birmingham City: Financial problems have withheld Lee Clark from spending much over the summer. He has completed several free transfers, but has had to let Nathan Redmond and Curtis Davies go, albeit for good money. City will do well to match last season's 12th, but seem to have enough about them to stay away from trouble.
- Blackpool: I must admit about a month ago I had Blackpool down as serious relegation contenders. They now find themselves in second after a very strong start to the new campaign, somewhat surprising given they have a very new team. I still believe they won't manage a top half finish, but I am starting to feel a little less sure of myself.
- Bournemouth: Bournemouth seem to be a very entertaining side. They play a fluent, attacking style of football, and, on their day, they can beat anyone. But so far it seems that if it's not their day, it really isn't their day. The two games they've lost so far are 6-1 and 5-1 defeats to Watford and Huddersfield. They have won two games already though, and they'll be fine if they carry on in the same way they've started the season.
- Charlton Athletic: Last season was a massive success for Charlton, as they managed to finish ninth after gaining promotion from League One. Chris Powell will have his work cut out to achieve similar success this season with a thin squad and a tight budget. But I feel that with Simon Church and Marvin Sordell up front they should score enough goals to be comfortably safe.

- Huddersfield Town: It is all about building for Huddersfield, building while making sure their Championship status is maintained. Mark Robins has made some useful signings over the summer, not least James Vaughan from Norwich. Their fans are optimistic and the Terriers have made a good start to the season. They should succeed in their goals of safety and steady progress.
- Middlesbrough: It has been a frustrating summer for Boro as they've failed to make many significant signings. Add to that last season's awful form in the second half of the season and I can see this being another disappointing season where the thought of a return to the top flight becomes an ever dimmer dream.

Deep into the relegation battle; the sides who I believe will really struggle this season and either survive by the skin of their teeth or be relegated to League One.

- Barnsley: Barnsley only just escaped the drop last season and I expect them to have to do it all again this season. There was a bit of optimism around Oakwell this summer but that soon faded. Despite several promising signings Barnsley currently find themselves bottom of the league. Their defence looks extremely leaky, something which has to be addressed or there will be a high price to pay.
- Burnley: Burnley relied heavily on Charlie Austin last season and without a replacement could find themselves in trouble. The squad lacks quality and with the league looking as tight as ever I really fear for Burnley.
- Doncaster Rovers: After winning League One last season things are about to get a whole lot harder for Doncaster. They started the summer with a small squad and although a few additions have been made I still feel that they will struggle at this level. They may be a surprise package but I predict a long hard season.
- Millwall: All has seemed very gloomy at The Den so far this season. The fans were unhappy at the appointment of Steve Lomas as manager, and a poor start to the season has done nothing to lift their spirits. Lomas has made a large amount of signings but they haven't impressed so far. They need to get their act together or relegation is a real possibility.
- Sheffield Wednesday: Dave Jones is trying to build a solid squad at Hillsborough, and has made several signings over the summer. The question is whether the Owls are really much better now than they were last season when they finished 18th. On the basis of the first four games you would say they're not, and will probably have to fight for survival all over again.
- Yeovil: After being tipped for relegation last season, Yeovil surprised everyone by gaining promotion to the Championship. A lot of players have been signed over the summer but I can't help feeling that for Yeovil Championship football is one step too far.

My prediction

The end of August seems to me like the perfect moment for making a prediction of what the Championship table will look like come May. With all transfers virtually completed and each team having played four games, a good assessment of each team can be made without too much of the season having gone by.

The 'The opponents' section gives an explanation as to why my prediction is as it is.

1. Reading
2. Watford
3. Leicester City
4. Nottingham Forest
5. Queens Park Rangers
6. Leeds United
7. Bolton Wanderers
8. Brighton and Hove Albion
9. Ipswich Town
10. Derby County
11. Blackburn Rovers
12. Wigan Athletic
13. Blackpool
14. Birmingham City
15. Middlesbrough
16. Huddersfield Town
17. Bournemouth
18. Charlton Athletic
19. Burnley
20. Sheffield Wednesday
21. Barnsley
22. Doncaster Rovers
23. Yeovil
24. Millwall

Fill-in fixture list

Game	Result
August 3: Reading (A)	2-1 (Defeat)
August 10: Millwall (H)	3-0 (Win)
August 17: QPR (A)	1-0 (Defeat)
August 24: Leeds United (H)	1-2 (Defeat)
August 31: Birmingham City (A)	
September 14: Middlesbrough (H)	
September 17: Yeovil (H)	
September 21: Wigan (A)	
September 28: Brighton (H)	
October 1: Derby County (A)	
October 5: Sheffield Wednesday (A)	
October 19: Burnley (H)	
October 26: Bolton (A)	
November 2: Barnsley (H)	
November 9: Blackpool (A)	
November 23: Leicester City (H)	
November 30: Charlton (A)	
December 3: Blackburn Rovers (H)	
December 7: Huddersfield Town (H)	
December 14: Nottingham Forest (A)	
December 21: Watford (H)	
December 26: Doncaster Rovers (A)	
December 29: Bournemouth (A)	
January 1: Charlton (H)	
January 11: QPR (H)	
January 18: Millwall (A)	
January 25: Reading (H)	
January 28: Leeds United (A)	
February 1: Bolton Wanderers (H)	
February 8: Barnsley (A)	
February 15: Blackpool (H)	
February 22: Leicester City (A)	
March 1: Birmingham City (H)	
March 8: Middlesbrough (A)	
March 11: Yeovil (A)	
March 15: Wigan (H)	
March 22: Brighton (A)	
March 25: Derby County (H)	
March 29: Nottingham Forest (H)	
April 5: Blackburn Rovers (A)	

April 8: Huddersfield Town (A)
April 12: Doncaster Rovers (H)
April 19: Watford (A)
April 21: Bournemouth (H)
April 26: Burnley (A)
May 3: Sheffield Wednesday (H)

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Fill-in player list

Player	Appearances	Goals	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Scott Loach	4	0	0	0
Dean Gerken	0	0	0	0
Aaron Cresswell	3	0	0	0
Tyrone Mings	1	0	1	0
Tommy Smith	4	1	0	0
Luke Chambers	4	0	0	0
Christophe Berra	1	0	0	0
Elliott Hewitt	4	0	2	0
Frédéric Veseli	0	0	0	0
Jay Tabb	4	1	1	0
Jack Doherty	0	0	0	0
Luke Hyam	4	0	0	0
Cole Skuse	4	0	0	0
Anthony Wordsworth	0	0	0	0
Ryan Tunnicliffe	3	0	0	0
Carlos Edwards	4	0	0	0
Paul Anderson	3	1	0	0
Josh Carson	0	0	0	0
Jordan Adekunle	0	0	0	0
Daryl Murphy	4	0	0	0
David McGoldrick	4	1	0	0
Paul Taylor	2	0	0	0
Frank Nouble	3	0	0	0
Jack Marriott	0	0	0	0

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