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Manager: Joe Royle

								Allen G	Ball M	Barmby N	Barrett E	Branch P	Cadmarteri D	Dunne R	Ebbrell J	Ferguson D	Gerrard P	Grant A	Hills J	Hinchcliffe A	Hottiger M	Kanchelskis A	Limpar A	Parkinson J	Phelan T	Rideout P	Short C	Southall N	Speed G	Stuart G	Thomsen C	Unsworth D	Watson D		
1	Aug	17	(h)	Newcastle U	W	2-0	Unsworth, Speed	40,117				2				6	9				3		7		10			12	1	11	8		4	5*		1
2		21	(a)	Manchester U	D	2-2	Ferguson 2	54,943				2				6	9		12		3		7*		10			5	1	11	8		4			2
3		24	(a)	Tottenham H	D	0-0		29,696				2					9		6		3		7		10		12	5	1	11	8*		4			3
4	Sep	4	(h)	Aston Villa	L	0-1		39,115				2					9		6		3		7		10			5	1	11	8		4			4
5		7	(a)	Wimbledon	L	0-4		13,684				2	12				9		6*		3		7		10			5	1	11	8		4			5
6		14	(h)	Middlesbrough	L	1-2	Short	39,250				2	8			6	9				3		7*		10			5	1	11	12		4			6
7		21	(a)	Blackburn R	D	1-1	Unsworth	27,091				2					9				3		7	11	10		8	5	1	6			4			7
8		28	(h)	Sheffield W	W	2-0	Kanchelskis, Stuart	34,160				2	9			6					3		7		10			5	1	11	8		4			8
9	Oct	12	(h)	West Ham U	W	2-1	Stuart, Speed	36,571				2	9			6†			12		3	13	7		10*			5	1	11	8		4			9
10		28	(a)	Nottingham F	W	1-0	Short	19,892				2	9*						12		3		7		10			6	1	11	8		4	5		10
11	Nov	4	(h)	Coventry C	D	1-1	Stuart	31,477			9	2	12						13		3		7		10†			6	1	11	8		4*	5		11
12		16	(h)	Southampton	W	7-1	Stuart, Kanchelskis 2, Speed 3, Barmby	35,669			9	2						12	6		3		7		10				1*	11	8		4	5		12
13		20	(a)	Liverpool	D	1-1	Speed	40,751			9	2					12		6		3		7*		10				1	11	8		4	5		13
14		23	(a)	Leicester C	W	2-1	Hinchcliffe, Unsworth	20,975			9	2					8		6*		3				10			12	1	11	7		4	5		14
15		30	(h)	Sunderland	L	1-3	Ferguson	40,087			9	2	13				12		6*		3§		7†		10			14	1	11	8		4	5		15
16	Dec	7	(a)	Chelsea	D	2-2	Branch, Kanchelskis	28,418				2	8*				9		6		3		7		10				1	11	12		4	5		16
17		16	(a)	Derby C	W	1-0	Barmby	17,252			10	2	8*				9				3		7		6				1	11	12		4	5		17
18		21	(h)	Leeds U	D	0-0		36,954			8	2	13				9		6		3†		7		10			4*	1	11			12	5		18
19		26	(a)	Middlesbrough	L	2-4	Unsworth, Ferguson	29,673	12§		11	2	8†				9		6			14			10		13		1	3	7		4	5*		19
20		28	(h)	Wimbledon	L	1-3	Stuart	36,733			11	5	12			10†	9		6	13		2					8*		1	3	7		4			20
21	Jan	1	(h)	Blackburn R	L	0-2		30,427			8*	4	12			10	9					2	7†	13		3			1	11	6			5		21
22		11	(a)	Sheffield W	L	1-2	Ferguson	24,175			8	2	12		4§		9		13				7			3*	10†		1	11	6		14	5		22
23		19	(a)	Arsenal	L	1-3	Ferguson	38,095			8	2	12				9						7*			3			1	11	6	10	4	5		23
24		29	(a)	Newcastle U	L	1-4	Speed	36,143				2					9	1	12†						7	3	13	6*		11	8	10	4	5		24
25	Feb	1	(h)	Nottingham F	W	2-0	Ferguson, Barmby	32,567			8	2					9	1							6	3				11	7	10	4	5		25
26		22	(a)	Coventry C	D	0-0		19,497			8	2					9	1								3		6		11	7	10	4	5		26
27	Mar	1	(h)	Arsenal	L	0-2		36,980			8*	2	12				9								6	3		13	1	11	7	10	4†	5		27
28		5	(a)	Southampton	D	2-2	Ferguson, Speed	15,134			8†	2	13				9								7	3		6	1	11	12	10*	4	5		28
29		8	(a)	Leeds U	L	0-1		32,055			8†	2	13				9								7*	3	14	6§	1	11	12	10	4	5		29
30		15	(h)	Derby C	W	1-0	Watson	32,140			11	2	8*				9					13			7	3		6	1		12	10†	4	5		30
31		22	(h)	Manchester U	L	0-2		40,079			8	2					9	1							6	3	12			11	7	10*	4	5		31
32	Apr	5	(a)	Aston Villa	L	1-3	Unsworth	39,339					12		13		9					2*			7	3		6	1	11	8	10	4†	5		32
33		9	(h)	Leicester C	D	1-1	Branch	30,368			10†		8				9					13			7*	3		6	1	11	2	12	4	5		33
34		12	(h)	Tottenham H	W	1-0	Speed	36,380		12	13	4	8†		6		9									3*	10		1	11	2	7		5		34
35		16	(h)	Liverpool	D	1-1	Ferguson	40,177		12	13	2	8		6		9											4*	1	11	7	10†	3	5		35
36		19	(a)	West Ham U	D	2-2	Branch, Ferguson	24,525		2*	12	4	8		6		9												1	11	7	10	3	5		36
37	May	3	(a)	Sunderland	L	0-3		22,108		12	6	2	8		4		9			13						3†			1	11	7*	10		5		37
38		11	(h)	Chelsea	L	1-2	Barmby	38,321		7	8	6		12	3		9			4		2							1	11		10*		5		38
FINAL LEAGUE POSITION: 15th in FA Premier League							Appearances			2	22	36	13		6	7	31	4	11	1	18	4	20	1	28	15	4	19	34	37	29	15	32	29		
							Sub Appearances		1	3	3		12	1	1		2	1	6	2		4		1			5	4			6	1	2			
							Goals				4		3				10				1		4					2		9	5		5	1		

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3	Jan	5	(h)	Swindon T	W	3-0	Kanchelskis, Barmby, Ferguson	24,411			10	2	8		3		9*		12				7				4		1	11	6			5		3
4		25	(h)	Bradford C	L	2-3	Opp own-goal, Speed	30,007			8	2					9		12				7		6	3*		4	1	11	10			5		4
							Appearances				2	2	1		1		2						2		1	1	1	1	2	2	2			2		
							Sub Appearances												2																	
							Goals				1						1						1							1						

1 own-goal

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2	Sep	18	(h)	York C	D	1-1	Kanchelskis	11,527				2				6	9		8*		3		7		10		12	5	1	11			4			2
		24	(a)	York C	L	2-3	Rideout, Speed	7,854				5	12								3	2	7	11	6		9*		1	10	8		4			
							Appearances					2				1	1		1		2	1	2	1	2		1	1	2	2	1		2			
							Sub Appearances						1														1									
							Goals																1				1			1						