

1996 – 1997 Season

Irish league First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	
Ballymena United	28	21	2	5	49	17	65	Promoted
Omagh Town	28	15	5	8	40	39	50	Promoted
Bangor	28	15	4	9	42	29	49	Play-off (Lost)
Ballyclare Comrades	28	11	4	13	44	42	37	
Newry Town	28	10	5	13	32	35	35	
Distillery	28	10	4	14	31	37	34	
Larne	28	9	5	14	34	48	32	
Carrick Rangers	28	5	3	20	26	51	18	

Results - all competitions

Date	Opponents/Venue/Competition	Result	Scorers
10.8.96	Armagh City (home) League Cup - R1	Won 1-0	Robert Young
13.8.96	Omagh Town (home) League Cup - R2	Lost 2-4	Robert Young, Pat O'Connor
17.8.96	Portadown (home) Ulster Cup - R1 1st Leg	Won 1-0	Lee Galbraith
23.8.96	Portadown (away) Ulster Cup - R1 2nd Leg	Drew 2-2	Barry Rooney, Fergal McCusker
27.8.96	Cliftonville (away) Ulster Cup - QF	Lost 1-4	David Rainey
7.9.96	Distillery (home) Gold Cup - Group	Drew 2-2	Tom Brady, Lee Galbraith
14.9.96	Glenavon (away) Gold Cup - Group	Lost 0-4	
21.9.96	Linfield (home) Gold Cup - Group	Lost 1-3	Pat O'Connor
28.9.96	Omagh Town (home) League	Won 3-1	Gareth Gorman, Tom Brady, Stuart Galbraith
12.10.96	Larne (away) League	Won 3-1	David Rainey 3
19.10.96	Bangor (away) League	Lost 0-3	
26.10.96	Distillery (home) League	Won 1-0	Tom Brady
2.11.96	Newry Town (away) League	Won 2-1	Eddie McAlea 2 (2 pens)
9.11.96	Carrick Rangers	Lost	Pat O'Connor

	(home) League	1-2	
16.11.96	Ballymena United (away) League	Lost 1-4	David Rainey
23.11.96	Omagh Town (away) League	Lost 0-1	
26.11.96	Chimney Corner (home) County Antrim Shield - R1	Lost 0-1	
30.11.96	Larne (home) League	Won 3-1	Tom Brady, Crawford McRae 2
7.12.96	Bangor (home) League	Lost 0-1	
11.12.96	Distillery (away) League	Won 3-0	Lee Galbraith, Stuart Owens, Pat O'Connor
21.12.96	Newry Town (home) League	Lost 0-2	
26.12.96	Carrick Rangers (away) League	Lost 2-3	David Rainey, Eddie McAlea
28.12.96	Linfield (home) Coca Cola Cup - R1 1st Leg	Lost 0-3	
1.1.97	Ballymena United (home) League	Lost 0-1	
4.1.97	Omagh Town (home) League	Won 4-0	David Rainey 3, Barry Foreshaw
7.1.97	Linfield (away) Coca Cola Cup - R1 2nd Leg	Lost 0-2	
11.1.97	Larne (away) League	Drew 1-1	Eddie McAlea (pen)
18.1.97	Bangor (away) League	Lost 1-3	David Rainey
25.1.97	Cliftonville (home) Irish Cup - R5	Lost 2-3	Eddie Spiers, Eddie McAlea
1.2.97	Distillery (home) League	Drew 2-2	Eddie McAlea, Lee Galbraith
8.2.97	Newry Town (away) League	Lost 2-3	David Rainey, Lee Galbraith
15.2.97	Carrick Rangers (home) League	Won 2-0	Pat O'Connor, Barry Rooney
1.3.97	Ballymena United (away) League	Lost 0-3	
8.3.97	Omagh Town (away) League	Drew 2-2	Crawford McRae, Jamesy Kirk
22.3.97	Larne (home) League	Won 4-0	Crawford McRae, Davy Rainey 3
25.3.97	Bangor (home) League	Lost 0-2	
1.4.97	Distillery (away) League	Won 1-0	Eddie McAlea (pen)

5.4.97	Newry Town (home) League	Lost 0-2	
19.4.97	Carrick Rangers (away) League	Won 4-0	Eddie McAlea 2, David Rainey, Mark Picking
26.4.97	Ballymena United (home) League	Drew 2-2	Barry Rooney, Paul Orchin

Other season records

Position in league structure: 12th

Top goal scorer in all competitions: David Rainey 15

Player Records

	Games Started	Sub	Goals
Damien McCusker	40	0	0
Eddie McAlea	36	0	9
Pat O'Connor	36	0	5
Lee Galbraith	35	0	5
David Rainey	34	1	15
Brendan Allsopp	31	3	0
Tom Brady	27	2	3
Eddie Spiers	26	0	1
Crawford McRae	25	0	4
Mark Picking	23	2	1
Barry Rooney	17	18	3
Uel Adams	12	5	0
Jamesy Kirk	9	1	1
Robert Young	8	5	3
Stuart Galbraith	8	3	1
Paul Darby	8	0	0
Gary Loughran	7	0	0
Fergal McCusker	6	2	1
Tommy Huston	6	0	0
Paul Orchin	5	10	1
Marcus Walker	5	1	0
Damien Toal	5	0	0
Jackie Kerr	5	0	0
Barry Foreshaw	4	1	1

Keith Kitchen	4	1	0
Brian Kennedy	4	0	0
Ricky Hume	3	2	0
Ciaran O'Kane	3	0	0
Raymond Bell	2	0	0
Gareth Gorman	2	0	1
Stuart Owens	1	4	1
Anton Boyle	1	1	0
Nigel Clarke	0	1	0
Philip Thompson	0	1	0