

1997 – 1998 Season

Irish League First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	
Newry Town	28	20	5	3	61	18	65	Promoted
Bangor	28	18	4	6	51	26	58	Promotion Play-Off (Lost)
Distillery	28	15	6	7	48	34	51	
Dungannon Swifts	28	14	6	8	63	49	48	
Ballyclare Comrades	28	13	3	12	47	45	42	
Larne	28	8	2	18	30	58	26	
Limavady United	28	5	3	20	29	61	18	
Carrick Rangers	28	3	3	22	21	59	12	

Ulster Cup

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	
Ballyclare Comrades	7	6	1	0	16	4	19	Champions
Distillery	7	4	1	2	13	8	13	
Bangor	7	3	2	2	11	8	11	
Newry Town	7	3	2	2	10	8	11	
Carrick Rangers	7	2	3	2	8	9	9	
Larne	7	1	3	3	7	16	6	
Limavady United	7	1	2	4	6	13	5	
Dungannon Swifts	7	1	0	6	10	15	3	

Results - all competitions

Date	Opponents/Venue/Competition	Result	Scorers
11.8.97	RUC (home) League Cup - R1	Lost 1-2	Paul Orchin
16.8.97	Limavady United (away) Ulster Cup	Won 3-0	David Rainey 2, o.g.
23.8.97	Distillery (home) Ulster Cup	Won 1-0	Crawford McRae
29.8.97	Newry Town (away) Ulster Cup	Drew 0-0	
4.10.97	Larne (home) Ulster Cup	Won 4-0	Crawford McRae, Keith Dallas, Lee Galbraith, Mark Picking
13.9.97	Carrick Rangers (away) Ulster Cup	Won 3-2	Crawford McRae, David Rainey, Mark Picking

17.9.97	Ballymena United (home) Gold Cup - Group	Won 1-0	Tom Brady
19.9.97	Bangor (away) Ulster Cup	Won 3-1	Crawford McRae 2, David Rainey
23.9.97	Crusaders (away) Gold Cup - Group	Lost 1-3	Barry Rooney
27.9.97	Dungannon Swifts (home) Ulster Cup	Won 2-1	David Rainey, Crawford McRae
29.9.97	Glenavon (home) Gold Cup - Group	Lost 2-4	Keith Dallas, David Rainey
4.10.97	Bangor (away) League	Won 2-1	Lee Galbraith, David Rainey
7.10.07	Larne (away) Gold Cup - Group	Lost 1-2	David Rainey
11.10.97	Limavady United (home) League	Won 3-2	Crawford McRae 3
14.10.97	Dungannon Swifts (home) Gold Cup - Group	Lost 2-3	David Rainey, Crawford McRae
18.10.97	Carrick Rangers (away) League	Won 1-0	David Rainey
25.10.97	Newry Town (home) League	Lost 0-2	
1.11.97	Dungannon Swifts (home) League	Lost 0-1	
8.11.97	Larne (away) League	Drew 1-1	Crawford McRae
15.11.97	Distillery (home) League	Lost 0-3	
18.11.97	Ballymena United (away) County Antrim Shield - R1	Won 3-2	Crawford McRae, Colin Gill, David Rainey
22.11.97	Bangor (home) League	Lost 0-1	
29.11.97	Limavady United (away) League	Won 2-1	Crawford McRae (pen), Mickey Boyle
6.12.97	Carrick Rangers (home) League	Drew 1-1	Crawford McRae
13.12.97	Newry Town (away) League	Lost 1-3	David Rainey
16.12.97	Distillery (away) County Antrim Shield - R2	Lost 1-2	Crawford McRae
20.12.97	Dungannon Swifts (away) League	Won 5-4	Crawford McRae 3, David Rainey, Mark Picking
26.12.97	Larne (home) League	Won 3-1	Crawford McRae, Pat O'Connor
1.1.98	Distillery (away) League	Lost 2-1	Crawford McRae
3.1.98	Bangor (away) League	Lost 2-1	Crawford McRae

10.1.98	Limavady United (home) League	Lost 0-1	Home
17.1.98	Carrick Rangers (away) League	Won 3-2	Paul Orchin, John Martin, Mark Picking
20.1.98	Distillery (home) Coca Cola Cup - Prelim R	Lost 1-2	David Rainey
24.1.98	Ballymoney United (home) Irish Cup - R5	Won 5-1	Crawford McRae 2, Pat O'Connor 2, David Rainey
31.1.98	Newry Town (home) League	Drew 2-2	Mark Picking, Tony Jones
7.2.98	Dungannon Swifts (home) League	Won 3-2	David Rainey, Pat O'Connor, Paul Orchin
14.2.98	Larne (away) League	Lost 2-3	David Rainey, John Martin
21.2.98	Glenavon (away) Irish Cup R6	Drew 0-0	
24.2.98	Glenavon (home) Irish Cup R6 Replay	Lost 0-4	
28.2.98	Distillery (home) League	Lost 2-4	Crawford McRae, Roy Davidson
7.3.98	Bangor (home) League	Won 2-1	Crawford McRae, o.g.
21.3.98	Limavady United (away) League	Won 2-0	John Johnston, Crawford McRae
28.3.98	Carrick Rangers (home) League	Won 2-0	Crawford McRae, John Martin
11.4.98	Newry Town (away) League	Lost 1-0	
14.4.98	Dungannon Swifts (away)	Lost 1-3	Crawford McRae
18.4.98	Larne (home) League	Won 2-0	Crawford McRae 2
25.4.98	Distillery (away) League	Won 5-1	Crawford McRae 3, Lee Galbraith, Stuart Doyle

Other season records

Position in League structure: 15th

Top goal scorer in all competitions: Crawford McRae 34

Player Records

	Games Started	Sub	Goals
Mark Picking	45	0	5
Crawford McRae	44	0	34
Tom Brady	43	2	0
Jamesy Kirk	42	2	0
Lee Galbraith	40	5	3
Damien McCusker	39	0	0
Keith Dallas	39	0	3
David Rainey	35	0	17
Eddie Spiers	23	8	0
John Martin	18	4	3
Pat O'Connor	18	3	4
Barry Rooney	17	0	1
Tommy Huston	14	0	0
George Lynn	11	0	0
Paul Orchin	9	12	3
Brian Martin	8	0	0
Colin Gill	7	9	1
Mark Campbell	7	2	0
Tony Kearns	7	1	0
Paul Mateer	6	1	0
Stuart Doyle	6	1	1
Warren Wilson	6	0	0
John Johnston*	6	0	1
Glen Madden	6	0	0
Stuart Galbraith	4	3	0
Tony Jones	4	0	1
Mickey Boyle	4	0	1
Roy Davidson	3	0	1
Alan Brady	2	2	0
Willie Eve	2	0	0
Glenn Meikle	1	3	0
Brendan Allsopp	1	0	0
Philip Thompson	1	0	0
Brian McDonald	0	2	0
Willie Brown	0	1	0

* This is a different John Johnston from the one that played from season 1992/93 to 1995/96