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It's LDV time again and a warm welcome is extended to all Blues fans and those supporters who have made the journey from Swindon Town.

Two games have passed since I last penned my notes for the programme and Southend have picked up two draws.

In our last home game Notts County came to Roots Hall and played some very negative football that prevented the side from playing. We've seen sides this season that often stick men behind the ball but none as effective as County. It's going to be hard to beat those sorts of sides but if we harbour ambitions to get out of League Two we will need to find a way of doing so.

In all honesty though had it not been for an exceptional goalkeeping performance from County's keeper Blues would have found that way through. In the last 15 minutes Southend peppered the Magpies goal and were unlucky not to find their way through. Adam Barrett did have the ball in the net at one point but it was ruled out for a dubious looking foul.

On Saturday Tilly took his side to Mansfield under a month since the Stags came to Roots Hall and took all three points. Carlton Palmer has really turned things around



Mark Gower celebrates his equaliser against Mansfield

at Field Mill and while there are still plenty of games left this season we'd have liked all three points.

Darryl Flahavan came back into the side for the injured Griemink and played magnificently making a hatful of top draw saves to keep the Mansfield forwards at bay. Half-time saw the scores level at 0-0 and we had a good chance of nicking a winner, however Mansfield got in there first and put themselves in front.

However, another example of how far the side has come this year was the way we almost instantly equalised. It was an excellent free-kick worked through Gower's vision and playing the laws at their own

game. We could have stole it at the end as well when Nicolau's excellent centre was nearly met by Tes. Still a point away from home is an excellent return before tonight's LDV Vans game.

We need not introduce this competition to Blues fans as 20,000 of us know exactly what it is all about. There's still a long way to go before we can dream about that again but what a dream it was.

Enjoy the match,

David Scriven
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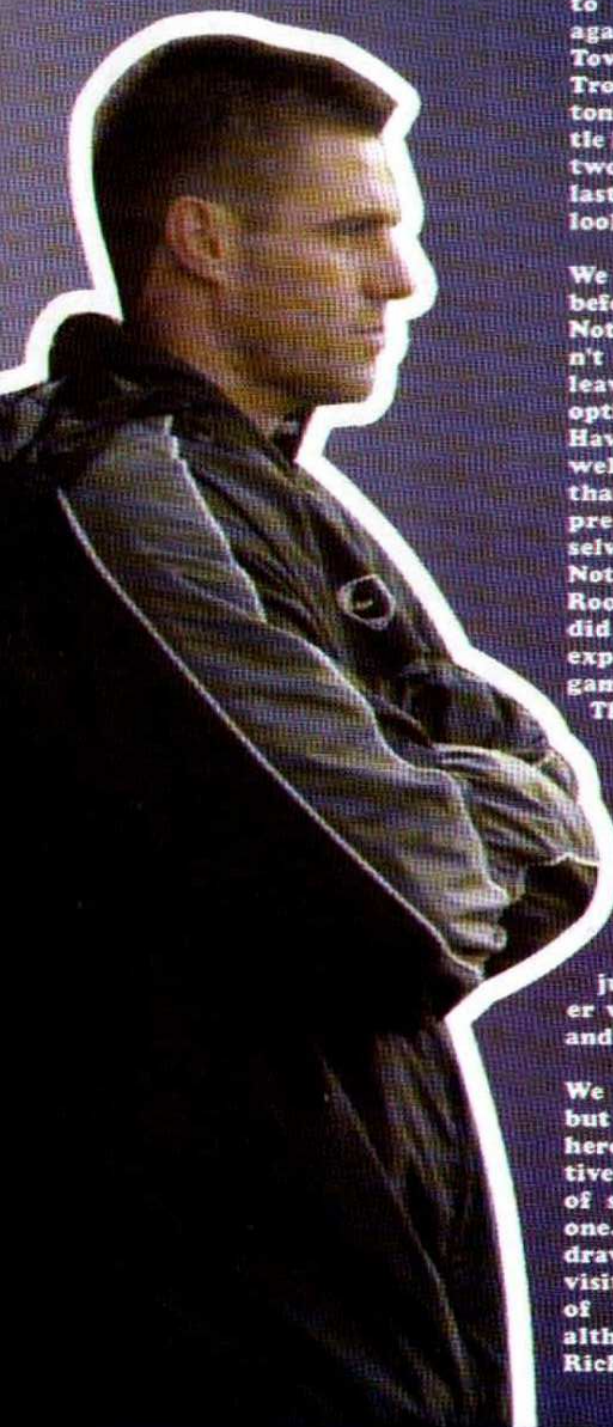
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Southend United Manager Steve Tilson Brings You His Thoughts



Hello all and welcome to tonight's fixture against Swindon Town in the LDV Vans Trophy. I'll talk about tonight's match a little later but we've had two matches since we last met so let's take a look back at those.

We had 16 fit players before our game with Notts County. It wasn't a lot and it didn't leave us with many options to be honest. Having done ever so well leading up to that game you put pressure on yourselves.

Notts County came to Roots Hall though and did exactly what I expected before the game was played.

They just got nine or ten bodies behind the ball which is very negative. We had two or three good chances to win the game but it's tough when teams come here and just sit back however we have got to try and break them down.

We tried to do that but when teams come here and are so negative you need that bit of spark from someone. They had a lot of draws prior to their visit against the likes of Scunthorpe, although Ian Richardson seems to

be turning things around there because they also beat them last weekend.

We didn't lose though which is the main thing we wanted three points to keep the momentum going but it wasn't to be. Their keeper made three or four decent saves and was brave as well. It wasn't for the want of trying on our

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part we put that effort in we just needed one different piece of class, they came here for a draw and they got what they wanted.

We made a few changes but it's hard with a limited squad size at the moment. In the first half Lawrie

Dudfield did very well - he got down the outside of them - but it's hard against a side who sit back so deep because there is no space in behind. And Mark Gower did well when he came on putting in some decent crosses.

On a sour note though was the injury picked up by Bart. He went up to catch a ball and went down on his knee. He's been playing really well and we since discovered that he's out for at least two weeks which is a big blow to us. However, we have two good keepers here and I know Flaws will do an equally excellent job for us.

We wanted to go to Mansfield Town after that draw and try and get three points. We knew it wouldn't be easy though because Carlton Palmer has turned them round and into a decent side.

Looking at their record over the last eight games they've only lost one. It was always going to be a tough game and we showed great character to come back from a goal down and get a point.

They got the ball forward early so it was just a question of



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They got the ball forward early so it was just a question of picking up the second ball. I thought we played the better football and to come away with a point is a good result for us especially the way we have done of late. We've got some tough games coming up which are exciting and we are looking forward to them. If we can dig in and get some good results and still be in and around the play-offs with ten games to go we have a good chance.

As I said earlier we haven't got a lot of bodies but what we have got is great character and great team spirit and that is going to stand us in good stead.

There is no point bringing players in if they are no better than what you already have. I haven't hidden the fact that I have tried to bring a couple on loan but it hasn't happened. The lads did superb Petts has gone in at centre midfield and he was brilliant alongside Maher

There was some good performances with Flavs making a couple of great saves that have kept us in the game. When they went one up it was the first header Spinner missed but to be fair we could have won it at the end - Nicky put a great ball in and if Tes had got

a touch on it we could have ran away with the three points. I'm just pleased to come away without losing the game.

Tonight sees us play Swindon in the LDV Vans Trophy. I've made know secret of the fact that I love this Cup competition.

I can understand why some managers don't take it as seriously as others but when you've done as well as we have then it changes your perspective.

We welcome Swindon Town tonight for the second season running at Roots Hall. I wasn't in charge of the first team back then when they beat us in the League Cup but hopefully it will be us with the right result this time round.

Andy King's side are mid-table in League One but to be honest that means nothing tonight. They are a good side who on their night are able to punish sides so we will have to be aware of their threat.

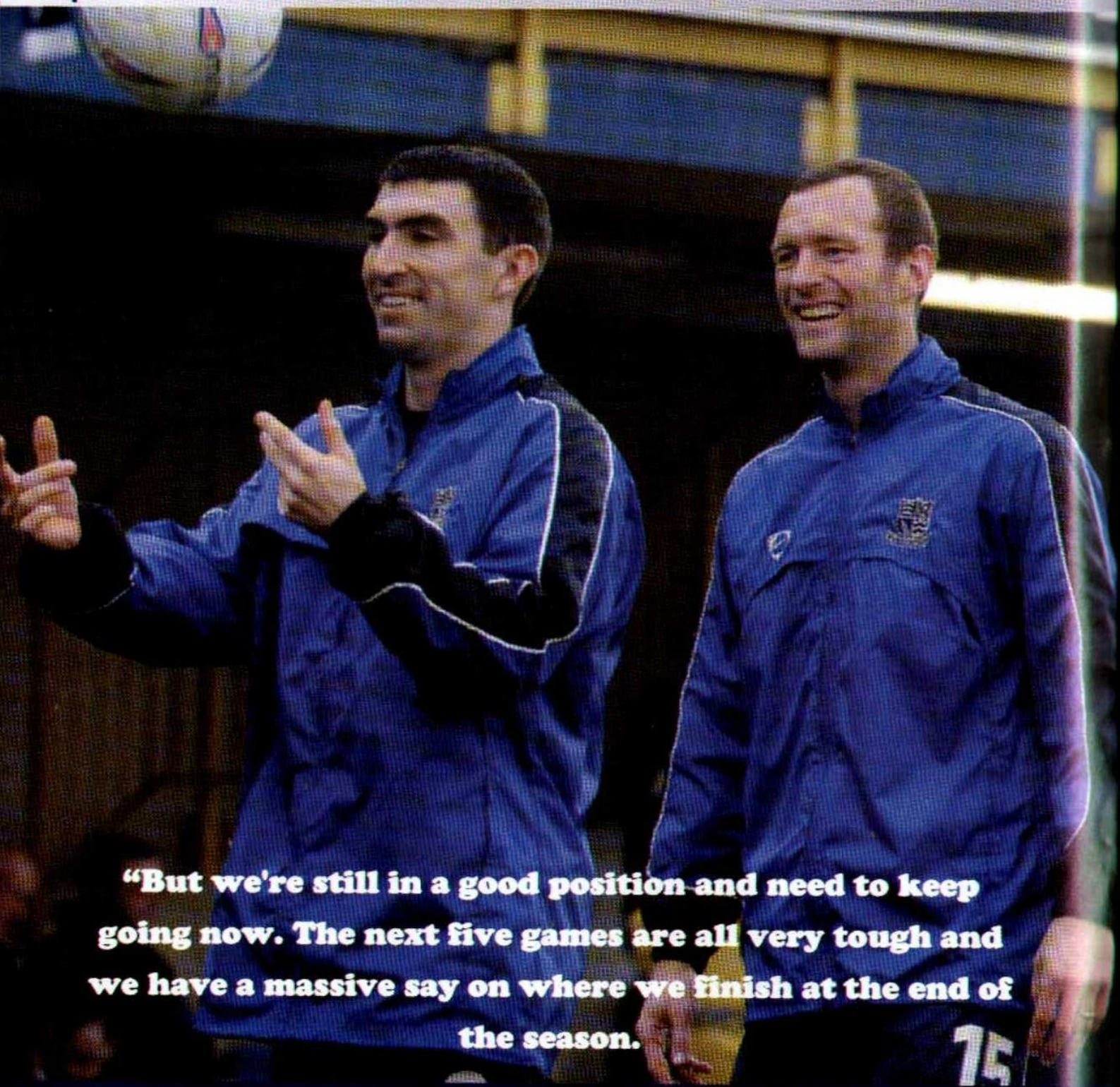
They lost at the weekend 2-1 so I'm sure they will see this game as a chance to redeem themselves.

For now though enjoy the game.



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Captain Kev's Pre-Match Comments



"But we're still in a good position and need to keep going now. The next five games are all very tough and we have a massive say on where we finish at the end of the season."



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captain's LOG

Kevin Maher Brings You His Pre-Match Thoughts

Welcome to tonight's LDV Vans Area Semi Final match against Swindon Town. The LDV is a competition we obviously are keen to be successful in again after reaching the final last season.

It was obviously frustrating for us to draw with Notts County just over a week ago. It's tough when teams come down and pack eleven men behind the ball but the most important thing is that we remain patient. We have to keep playing the way we can and if we can get an early goal then it would force other teams to come and play a bit.

If the ball had fallen in the right place or if we had got a scrappy goal or one from a set piece then we could have easily gone on to win by a few goals.

But we're still in a good position and need to keep going now. The next five games are all very tough and we have a massive say on where we finish at the end of the season.

On Saturday we played Mansfield Town and picked up a good away point. We were keen to

get something out of the game and while we would have liked all three a point away from home is always gratefully received.

We knew it was not going to be an easy place to go because Carlton Palmer has really turned things around for them. I think they had lost something like one game in seven before

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we went to Field Mill so to take anything off them was an achievement - especially in their backyards.

I personally thought it was very encouraging to see the side come back into the game at 1-0 down. So many times last season we would have buckled and lost in those type of situations. In fact we could have stolen it at the end with a good chance falling to Tes Bramble - overall

though it was a job well done.

Tonight though sees us focus our attention back on Swindon Town and the LDV Vans Trophy.

The LDV is one of those competitions that the further you go in it you start to realise what is at the end of it. Getting back to Cardiff like last season is something that we all want and now we are at the semi finals stage we have a great chance.

In Swindon we are playing a side from a higher division that are doing OK so we are probably the underdogs but you can't look too far ahead because otherwise you lose focus on what you have got to do.

It was brilliant to be the first Southend Captain to lead a side out at a final but it was disappointing not to come away with anything. We want more of that though with success and if we can repeat that then great.

Of course we need to overcome Swindon first

but you can't sometimes help having a look at who is left in the competition and two matches against Leyton Orient in the Area Final would be fantastic for the fans and the players alike.

For now though let's enjoy tonight,

Kev



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Southend United v Notts County

The Blues v The Magpies

3.00PM

15th January 2005

Coca Cola League Two

Southend: Bart Griemink (Darryl Flahavan 85); Lewis Hunt, Che Wilson, Adam Barrett, Spencer Prior; Kevin Maher, Mark Bentley (Mark Gower 70), Carl Pettefer, Nicky Nicolau; Freddy Eastwood, Lawrie Dudfield (Wayne Gray 78).

Unused subs - Andy Edwards, James Lawson.

Southend United 0

Notts County: Saul Deeney; Mike Whitlow (Shane McFaul 7), Julien Baudet, Kelvin Wilson, Chris Palmer; Tony Scully, Stefan Oakes, David Pipe, Matthew Gill; Glynn Hurst, Gavin Gordon.

Notts County 0

Bookings: Southend: None. Notts County: Palmer (11 - failure to retreat), Gordon (76 - foul)

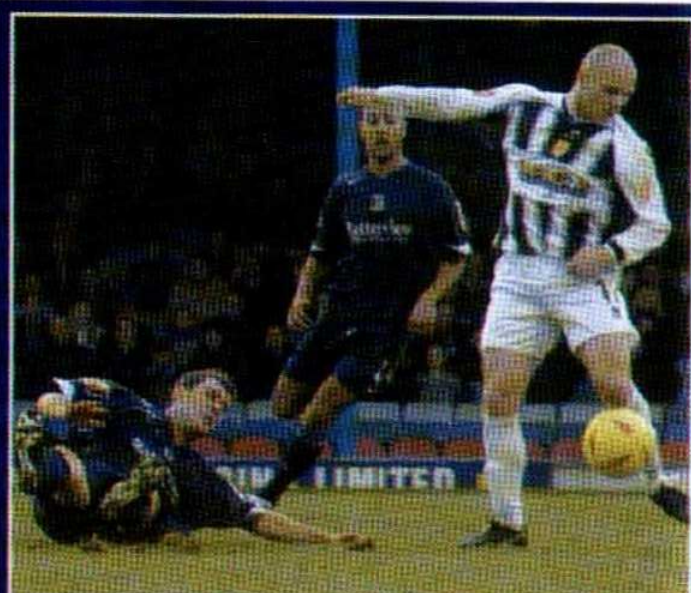
Attendance: 5,304 **Referee:** Kevin Wright (Cambridge)



Notts County Mike Whitlow is taken off injured

Southend United were left frustrated as they failed to convert possession into goals against a Notts County side who were clearly content with a point. Despite controlling large spells of play in the first-half and completely dominating the match throughout the second period the Blues were unable to find the vital winning goal as they were forced to settle for a solitary point. The Blues did manage to beat County goalkeeper Saul Deeney as Adam Barrett headed home only for the referee to award a free-kick to the visit side for a foul on Julien Baudet.

The Blues began brightly as Lawrie Dudfield, who replaced Wayne Gray in the Southend forward line, linked up well with strike partner Freddy Eastwood to create a fine opportunity in the fourth minute. Dudfield carved through the County rearguard with a superbly timed through ball into the path of Eastwood. The Blues top



Carl Pettefer is left on the floor against Tony Scully

goalscorer took the ball in his stride before unleashing a thunderous drive that was well parried by Deeney. The ball rebounded to the feet of Mark Bentley, but Deeney produced another fine block to prevent the Blues taking an early lead. At some stage during the Seasiders fluent attack Notts County defender Mike Whitlow suffered an injury resulting in the experienced former Leicester City defender having to be stretchered from the field of play and replaced by youngster Shane McFaul.

As the game continued both sides lacked the creative edge as the majority of possession remained in the middle third of the pitch. Twenty-nine minutes into the League Two clash lowly Notts County had their first attempt on Bart Griemink's goal. Striker Gavin Gordon evaded marker Spencer Prior to meet a curling Tony Scully cross at the far post. The swerving delivery had already beaten goalkeeper

actionREPLAY

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Bart Griemink to provide Gordon with a marvellous opportunity to give County the lead from three-yards, but the former Hull City front-runner squandered the chance as his woeful header sailed harmlessly over the crossbar.

Gordon troubled the Blues back-line once more just five minutes later. Chirs Palmer dashed down the left-wing and delivered a deep cross that found Gordon eight-yards from goal. The powerful forward met the ball with a strong header that beat the poorly positioned Bart Griemink and rattled the post. The ball then rebounded from the post only to ricochet off of Griemink and out of the reach of Gordon to allow the Southend defence to clear.

The second-half began slowly as the visitors seemed content to defend for the draw. The Blues slowly built up with lengthy periods of possession. It took Steve Tilson's side until the sixtieth minute to build up the momentum to really threaten the Notts County goal. Freddy Eastwood controlled a long ball forward from Bart Griemink with a fine touch before laying the ball into the path of captain Kevin Maher. Maher then released a low drive that swerved just wide of the target.

With twenty-five minutes of the match remaining the Blues finally managed to test goalkeeper Saul Deeney once

more. Lewis Hunt burst forward from the full-back position following a short interchange of passes with Carl Pettefer. The versatile former Derby County player found his run halted by a block from Chris Palmer only for the ball to deflect into the air. Hunt met the ball on the volley, but failed to connect firmly sending a fairly weak shot into Deeney's arms. As play continued Southend manager Steve Tilson made his first alteration in the seventy-first minute of the match. Mark Gower returned following his spell on the sidelines with a groin injury to replace Mark Bentley. Carl Pettefer then moved to the central midfield position with Gower occupying his preferred role of right-wing. Seven minutes later Tilson made his second change of the afternoon as Lawrie Dudfield was replaced by Wayne Gray.

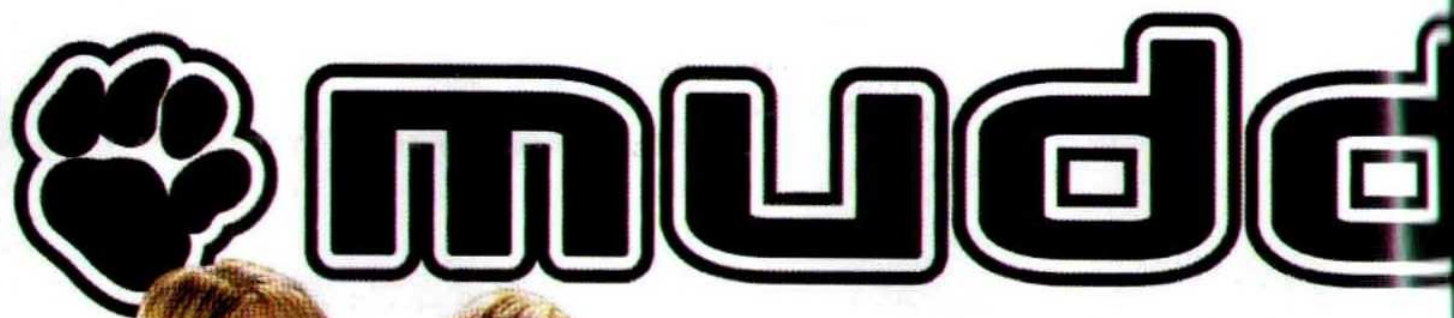
With five minutes of the match remaining the Blues were forced to make a final change. A collision between aggressive striker Gavin Gordon, who had also forced Adam Barrett to have treatment earlier in the match, and Bart Griemink forced the Blues custodian to be replaced as he appeared to suffer a reoccurrence of the knee injury that left him on the sidelines earlier in the season. Substitute goalkeeper Darryl Flahavan replaced Griemink between the sticks for the final five minutes of play.



Lawrie Dudfield made a rare start



Adam Barrett had the ball in the net but it was disallowed




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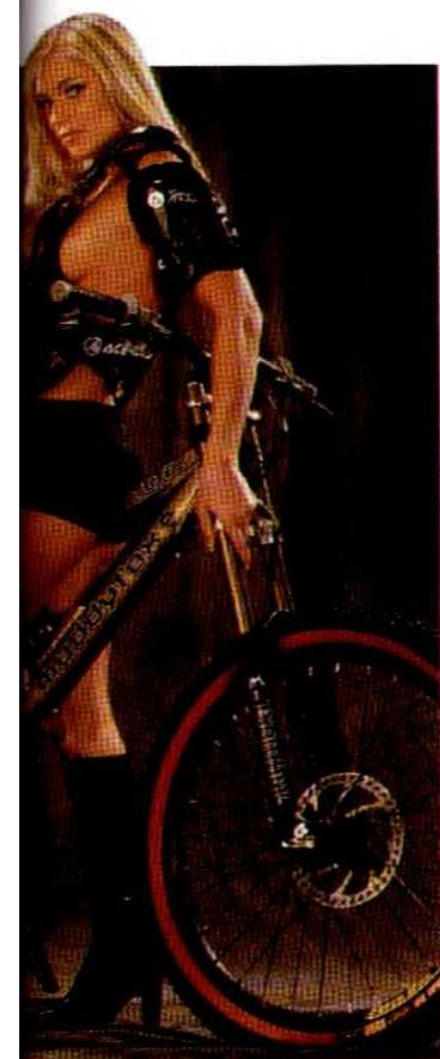
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Robert Craven Brings You Updates About The Under 18's



Ross Maclaren

MERIT DIVISION THREE beckons for Southend's Under-18 side after they were beaten 2-0 by Queens Park Rangers at Boots & Laces ten days ago...

The home hoodoo that plagued Blues' Youths for the entire calendar year of 2004 failed to depart in the first clash of the New Year in the blustery surrounds of Boots & Laces. The Blues won just one match in normal time at their home ground, 1-0 against Cirencester Academy, and added a single penalty shoot-out win over Leyton Orient in the Youth Alliance Cup in thirteen games.

Rangers, of course, ply their trade at a much higher level, and there was no disgrace in the hosts falling to a goal in each half, although both came from high, hanging free-kicks inside the Hoops own half. Nick Morgan made just one save in the opening half-an-hour, collecting a shot from Zadkovic at a nice height midway through the first period.

However, with their sec-

ond attempt on goal in a largely eventless contest, QPR took the lead. Dave Bryan gave away a soft free-kick just inside the Rangers half, and Zadkovic's high ball forwards found Phil Anderson wanting for the only time in the encounter, and striker Luke Townsend somehow managed to get just enough pace on his chest down for the ball to dribble over the goal line.

Shabazz Baidoo shot straight at Morgan before the break, whilst afterwards United threatened with Stuart Williams' through ball being controlled by Tommy Byrne, who chipped towards the top right-hand corner with goalkeeper Sean Thomas managing to claw the ball away from the post from underneath the crossbar.

Eleven minutes after half-time, the visitors wrapped up the points with another set-piece, this time with Scot Mulholland the provider. He hung the ball up on the edge of the penalty area, and with Baidoo appearing to hold central



UNDER 18 FIXTURES

SAT AUG 14	WYCOMBE WDRS	(H)	2-2
SAT AUG 21	Q P R	(A)	1-1
SAT SEP 4	LEYTON ORIENT	(H)	1-3
SAT SEP 11	COLCHESTER UTD	(A)	0-2
SAT SEP 18	BRENTFORD	(H)	1-1
SAT SEP 25	GILLINGHAM	(H)	2-1
SAT OCT 9	BRIGHTON & HOVE	(A)	0-4
SAT OCT 23	PORTSMOUTH	(A)	2-1
SAT OCT 30	COLCHESTER UTD	(H)	1-3
SAT NOV 6	BRENTFORD	(A)	1-4
SAT NOV 13	GILLINGHAM	(A)	2-3
SAT NOV 20	BRIGHTON & HOVE	(H)	2-2
SAT DEC 18	WYCOMBE WDRS	(A)	2-1
SAT JAN 15	Q P R	(H)	0-2
SAT JAN 22	LEYTON ORIENT	(A)	
SAT FEB 5	PORTSMOUTH	(H)	

defender Stroud, the front man got the faintest of touches onto Ryan Johnson's header to touch it into the net.

Joe North's corner was fired inadvertently into the legs of Bryan by Ben Price soon afterwards, and Stroud's follow-up was blocked by the impressive Kanuka. Townsend brought another save from Morgan towards the end, but the result had been decided much earlier.

"It was disappointing", Ross Maclaren revealed after the game, "but QPR have some very good play-

ers, and they deserved to win". The former Derby County and Aston Villa assistant manager added in reflection, "I was just disappointed about the way we conceded the goals; that was the only example of poor defending".

Southend United Under-18s (4-4-2): Nick Morgan; Stuart Williams, Oliver Stroud, Phil Anderson, Ben Price; Joe North (Max Porter 66), Taylor Lang, Dave Bryan, Kurt Husnu (Joe Absolon 85); Joe Ilett, Tommy Byrne. Sub not used: Emmanuel Sackey.

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Robert Craven Looks At The Blues Two's



Wayne Gray netted the winner against Canvey

SOUTHEND UNITED progressed to the semi-finals of the Essex Senior Cup a week ago today with a 1-0 last night victory over old foes Canvey Island...

Blues concluded the match with eight youth team players on the pitch against a full-strength Gulls side, and will have been handed a draw against one of Conference South Thurrock, Ridgeons League Halstead Town or Essex Senior League outfit Bowers & Pitsea in last Thursday's semi-final draw.

"We were very pleased with the result tonight, especially from a young players' perspective", head coach Paul Brush revealed after the game. "There were eight or nine youth players playing in the second half and they rose to the occasion against a very strong side".

Right full-back Duncan Jupp made his return from injury, and he marked it by swinging Tesfaye Bramble's cut back high into the visitors' penalty area on the half-hour for Wayne Gray to power a header down into the bottom right-hand corner of the net. "Jupp did very well tonight, he put in a magnificent cross for Wayne Gray to score with", Brush commented, "He's been missing for nearly four weeks but he did things simply and well so we were pleased he got through tonight".

Three minutes earlier Canvey could have taken the lead, after Neil Midgely was left in space twenty yards from goal and he curled a shot onto Darryl Flahavan's left-hand post, with the ball thankfully rebounding across the face of goal and away to safety. The ex-Southampton trainee atoned, though, by mak-

ing a good block with his right foot from Ollie Berquez's low shot just minutes after the game's only goal.

With youth teamers Stuart Williams and Ben Price in the back four, and Dave Bryan, Kurt Husnu, Taylor Lang and James Lawson constituting the midfield in the second period, Blues' Twos were forced into a rearguard action by the Gulls, but they managed to hold out for the full 45 minutes. They did so despite the loss of Andy Edwards, diagnosed with a hamstring tear midway through the second period and consigned to a month on the sidelines.

The away side still struggled to register any worthwhile attempts on goal, ex-Blues trialist Lee Boylan forcing Flahavan into one save at his near post and substitute Peter Smith bringing the shot-stopper into action in

earnest ten minutes before the end with a stinging, dipping volley from fifteen yards out. That was Canvey's only moment of threat, however, and so United's only shot on target was enough to send them through.

Southend United (4-4-2): Darryl Flahavan; Duncan Jupp, Andy Edwards (Phil Anderson 69), Stuart Williams, Ben Price; Joe Ilett, Mark Gower (Taylor Lang 46), Dave Bryan, James Lawson; Tesfaye Bramble, Wayne Gray (Kurt Husnu 46). Subs not used: Nick Morgan, Oliver Stroud.

** The Semi Final draw has taken place and Southend have been drawn at home to holders Thurrock. Details of the game are yet to be finalised.

COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURES 2004/05

Wed	Aug 18	Brighton	(A)	1-1
Wed	Sep 1	Oxford United	(H)	1-1
Tue	Sep 7	Northampton Town	(A)	0-3
Tue	Oct 5	Millwall	(A)	1-2
Wed	Oct 27	Gillingham	(A)	1-0
Wed	Nov 17	Crawley Town	(H)	2-2
Tue	Nov 23	Luton Town	(H)	0-1
Wed	Feb 16	Queens Park Rangers	(H)	
Wed	Feb 23	Aldershot Town	(A)	
Wed	Mar 9	Stevenage Borough	(A)	
Wed	Mar 16	Woking	(H)	
Wed	Apr 13	Milton Keynes Dons	(H)	
Wed	Apr 27	Colchester United	(H)	
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Matt Walker Brings You His Latest Masterpiece

So here we are again, at the Southern Semi-Final of a competition which, in recent years, has turned into Southend United's favoured knockout competition.

We all know what happened in last year's LDV Trophy - but I am going to turn the clock back a little further, to almost exactly one year ago - 14th January 2004 - and one of the lowest points of last season: Scarborough 1 - 0 Southend.

In the world's greatest club knock-out competition, the Blues were knocked out of the FA Cup by the Yorkshire Conference side. Of course, the real disappointment was not losing to Scarborough, or even exiting the Cup... it was losing out on a huge money-spinning, glamorous tie in the Fourth Round - against Chelsea.

It was a body blow - to the club, the players and the fans. Of course, it was back to league business the following Saturday - and our visitors that day knew exactly what to do. Doncaster Rovers were not league leaders just because of their ability; they had secured that berth in the league through tactics and nous. Both of those were exploited to the full that afternoon as they hit the downtrodden Blues twice in the first 10 minutes of the game. There was no coming back from there.

You are probably reading this thinking "why is the miserable so-and-so reminding us of all this?" Well, I am doing so to put the events

that followed in their proper context. At half time, as I stood in the queue for the burger bar under the East Stand with my fellow South Upper residents, I remember discussing with my friend Kath Raines what would happen in the Blues' forthcoming LDV tie - against QPR, then second in Division 2.

"It's going to be 4-0 or 5-0..." I observed. Kath nodded gloomily. Southend were on for a hiding.

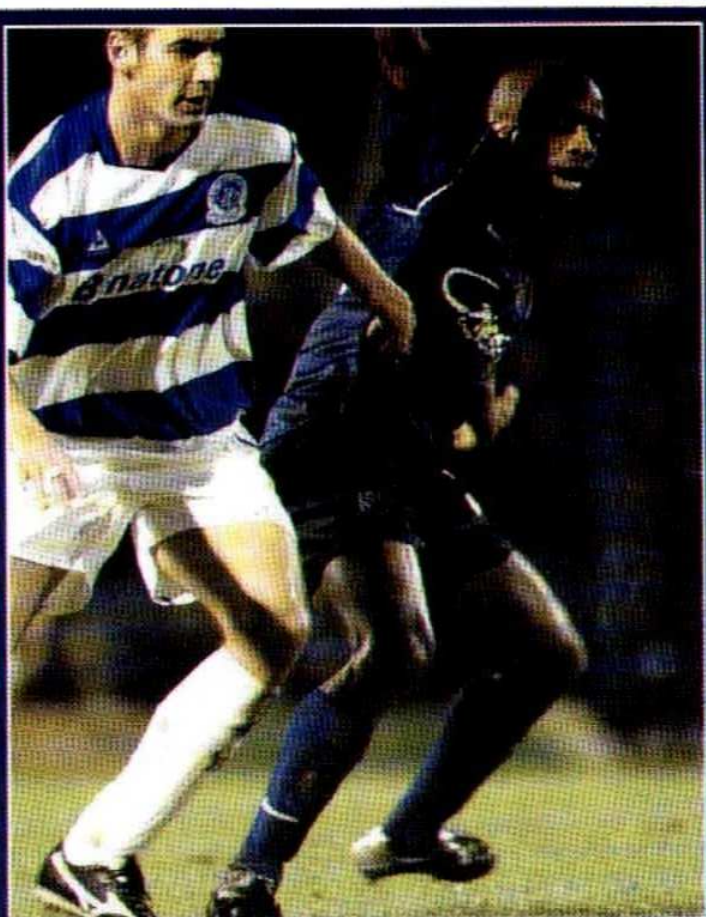
Three days later, and almost 6,000 in Roots Hall witnessed perhaps the most unexpected, the most incredible - and, I suggest, most epoch-changing - night of football that many of us have experienced in a long time.

I believe that result, Southend 4 - 0 QPR (let's enjoy the moment again!), changed everything. It certainly changed that season. It gave the players real belief - one which has permeated the club since that moment, and has carried us ever since.

It carried us gloriously past Colchester. It carried the club - and 20,000 Blues fans - to the Millennium Stadium. It carried the faithful back to

Roots Hall, with gates up 15-20% immediately after the LDV Final; and which have grown by the same margin again this season. Best of all, it has carried the players from the bottom four of the league, when Tilly arrived, to the top four of the league now.

However, glancing at that



Blues In Action At The Semi Final Stage Last Season

part of last season's fixture list, I note a less comforting omen. The result which followed our 4-0 win over the Super Hoops?

Mansfield 1 - 0 Southend

Perhaps that game can be dismissed as a "cup hang-over" - let's hope there has been no repeat of that scoreline prior to tonight's game. And let's not even mention our last two results against tonight's visitors, both in the League Cup. If being beaten 3-2 by the

Robins at Roots Hall is unmemorable, then losing 6-1 to them at the County Ground the previous season is unmentionable!

So let's finish with a good portent - our last game against Swindon in the LDV? Southern Semi Final, Roots Hall, 2001... Southend won 2 - 1. Same tonight, please!

UP THE BLUES!

Matt Walker

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Introducing....

After having suffered the heartbreak of losing last season's play-off semi-final to a last minute extra-time goal, Swindon Town have regrouped this season and are currently positioned just a few of places off the play-off positions in the League One table, certainly close enough to still have a realistic chance of making the show again at the end of the season.

Inconsistency has been one of the main problems for Town this campaign, as a poor recent home defeat by Colchester followed by a fine win at Bradford City, followed by a loss at Sheffield Wednesday followed by a home draw against Blackpool well illustrates.

Andy King's team have just been unable to string together a solid series of results that would cement their place in the play-off positions, but more than one trip to Cardiff is still on the cards for the County Ground outfit thanks to two solid displays so far in the LDV Vans Trophy.

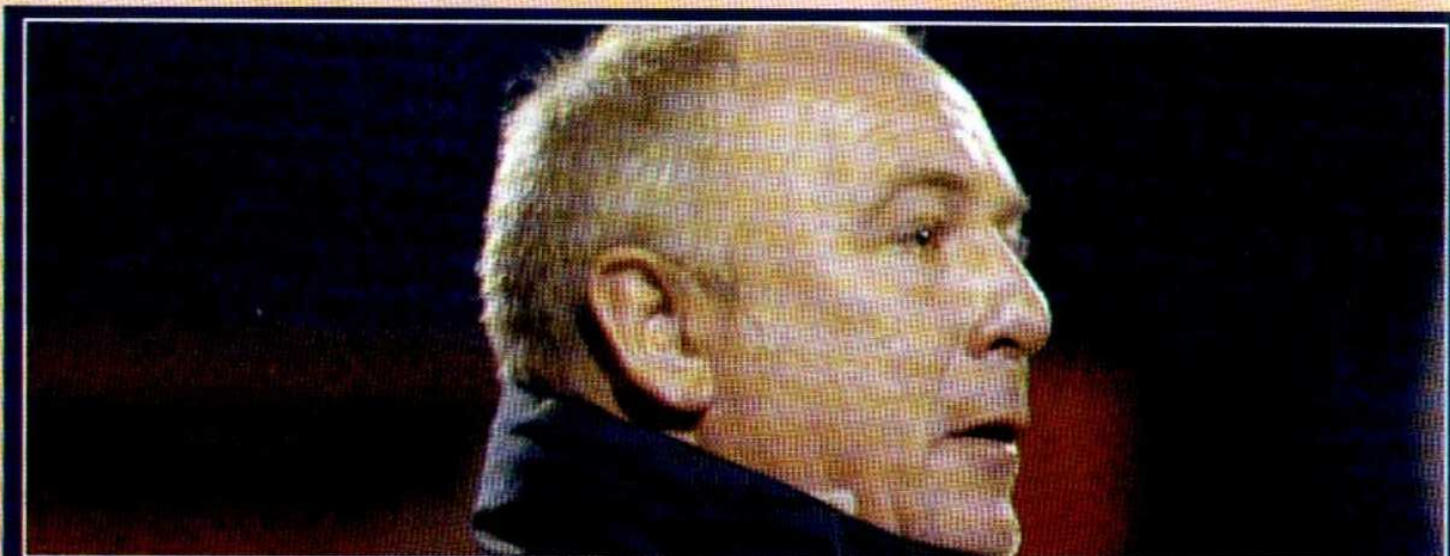
After having a bye through the first round, Town have won away at FA Cup heroes Exeter City and then beaten Bristol City at home thanks to a goal from Sam Parkin. Having not always been eligible for the competition thanks to spells in the Premier League and the old Division One, King's team will be keen to make up for a lean run in this season's FA Cup, and the prospect of a big

pay-day at the Millennium Stadium will certainly not be lost on the Swindon chairman, Willie Carson, and his board of directors.

Playing-wise, Town made few changes to their squad last summer, central defender Jerel Ifil from Watford being their major addition, but though he's now getting a bit long in the tooth, they have definitely missed the goals of former Blue Tommy Mooney, who chose to switch to arch-rivals Oxford United after netting 19 times for Town last season. His partnership with the prolific Sam Parkin was a key factor in Town's challenge of 2003/04, and though Parkin has kept up his scoring rate this current campaign, he has lacked

someone alongside him to regularly share the scoring burden.

Christian Roberts was brought in from Bristol City earlier in the season to do just that, but he's currently sidelined following a hernia operation and King has had Tottenham youngster Jamie Slabber in on loan to add competition to the forward places. He has been keen to make an impression during his stay at the County Ground, and having progressed this far Town themselves will be keen to make their own further impression on the LDV Vans Trophy this evening.



Andy King

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Who's Who At Swindon Town

Rhys Evans
goalkeeper

b: Swindon 27.1.82

Rhys returned to his home-town club when he signed on a free transfer from Chelsea during the summer of 2003. A former England under-20 international, he was never given a first-team opportunity at Stamford Bridge, but he impressed during loan spells at Bristol Rovers, QPR and Leyton Orient before signing for Town, and since then has firmly established himself as the club's number one starter.

2004/05 League stats: to 21.1.05

28 games, 0 goals

Sean O'Hanlon
defender

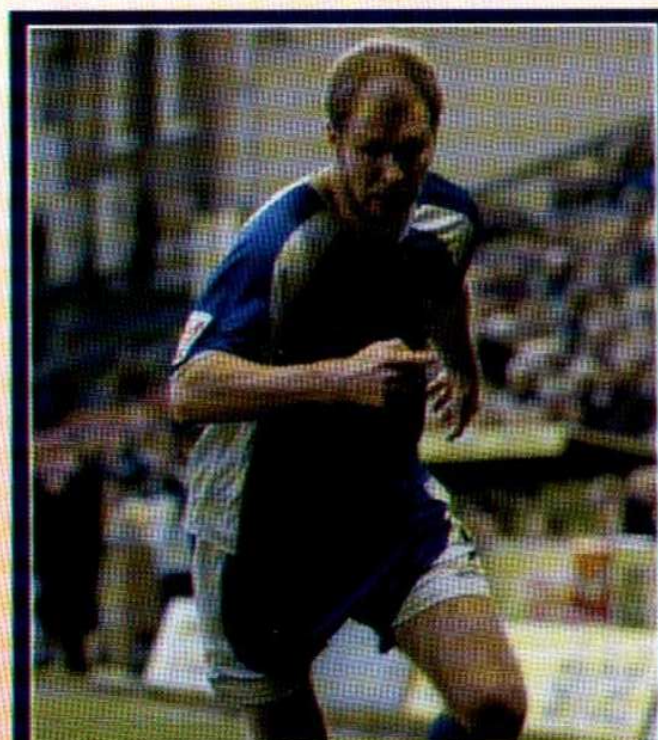
b: Southport 2.1.83

A former Everton trainee, Sean joined Town on loan just over a year ago and put in a series of impressive performances that prompted the County Ground outfit to eventually pay £150,000 to sign him on a permanent deal. Capable of playing in either the central or his current right-back position, he has been a virtual ever-present since making his League debut at Notts County

last January.

2004/05 League stats: 15 games, 0 goals

Alan Reeves



Sam Parkin

defender

b: Birkenhead 19.11.67

A very experienced central defender, Alan played for Chester and Rochdale before making the step up to the Premier League with Wimbledon for £300,000 in September 1994. He joined Town on a free transfer in June 1998 after making 57 League appearances for the

Dons, and though now involved in the coaching side he still contributes playing-wise and completed his 200th League

appearance for the County Ground side earlier in the season.

2004/05 League stats: 6+2 games, 1 goal

Matt Heywood
defender

b: Chatham 26.8.79

Matt is a former Burnley trainee who made his League debut for the Clarets against Blackpool in November

1998 and played a dozen more games at Turf Moor before joining Town on a free transfer in January 2001. A regular first-teamer since the

2004/05 League stats: 10+4 games, 0 goals

Andy Nicholas
defender

b: Liverpool 10.10.83

Andy is a tall young defender who was signed during the summer of 2003 after being released by Liverpool, for whom he failed to get any first-team opportunities. He made his League debut at Chesterfield in October 2003 and went on to have a good first season at the County Ground, playing mainly in the left-back position, but has found opportunities harder to come by so far this campaign.

2004/05 League stats: 6+7 games, 0 goals

David Duke
defender/midfielder

b: Inverness 7.11.78

A versatile and consistent performer signed on a free transfer from Sunderland in August 2000, David made his League debut later that month against Colchester and apart from missing some

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against Colchester and apart from missing some games at the end of his first season with a knee injury has been a first-team regular ever since. A right-footed midfielder by trade, he can also play at left back when required and also carries a more than useful long throw.

2004/05 League stats:
27+1 games, 1 goal

Jerel Ifil
defender

b: Wembley 27.6.82

A strong and pacy central defender who is a particularly fierce tackler, Jerel joined finally Town last summer for £70,000 from Watford after having had three previous loan spells at the County Ground. A former Hornets trainee, he made his League debut whilst on loan at Huddersfield in March 2002, and after returning to Vicarage Road played 11 League games before his eventual permanent move.

2004/05 League stats:
22 games, 0 goals

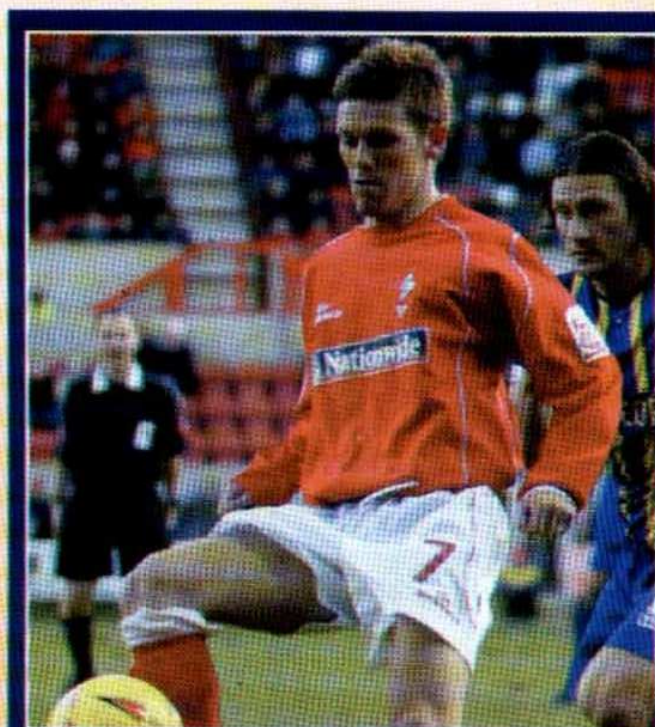
Matt Hewlett
midfielder

b: Bristol 25.2.76

Matt is a former England Youth international who spent seven seasons with Bristol

City, playing 127 League games for the Robins before moving to the County Ground on a free transfer in July 2000. A regular first-teamer since then, he is a skilful, hard-working

joined Town during the summer of 2002 and prior to the start of the current campaign had made one substitute appearance in each of his first two seasons at the club.



Sammy Igoe

midfielder who is not averse to making a tackle when required.

2004/05 League stats:
20+1 games, 1 goal

Luke Garrard
midfielder

b: Barnet 27.11.85

A former Tottenham trainee midfielder, Luke

2004/05 League stats:
7+1 games, 0 goals

Steve Robinson
midfielder

b: Nottingham 17.10.75

Steve is a former Birmingham City trainee who made a total of 81 League games for the Blues before

joining Town for £50,000 in February 2001. He is an energetic right-sided midfielder who has returned to action this season after breaking a bone in his leg last January.

2004/05 League stats:
11+6 games, 0 goals

Stefani Miglioranza
midfielder

b: Pocos de Caldos, Brazil 20.9.77

A skilful midfielder who can also fill in at the back when required, Stefani moved to England and Portsmouth in March 1999 from playing US college soccer, making his League debut for Pompey later that month against Crystal Palace. He never really cemented a position at Fratton Park, and after being signed by Town on a free transfer during the summer of 2002 played more League matches the following season (41) than the previous four put together. Very stylish with a fierce shot from distance, he has struggled with injuries this current campaign.

2004/05 League stats:
7+1 games, 20 goals

Brian Howard
midfielder

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Brian Howard
midfielder

b: Winchester 23.1.83

A very versatile left-sided player capable of playing in defence, mid-field or attack, Brian joined Town on a free transfer from Southampton during the summer of 2003 after failing to get a first-team start for the Saints. A former England under-20 international, he made 35 League appearances last season after making his debut on the opening day of the campaign, and has been a regular starter this current campaign.

2004/05 League stats:
26+1 games, 5 goals

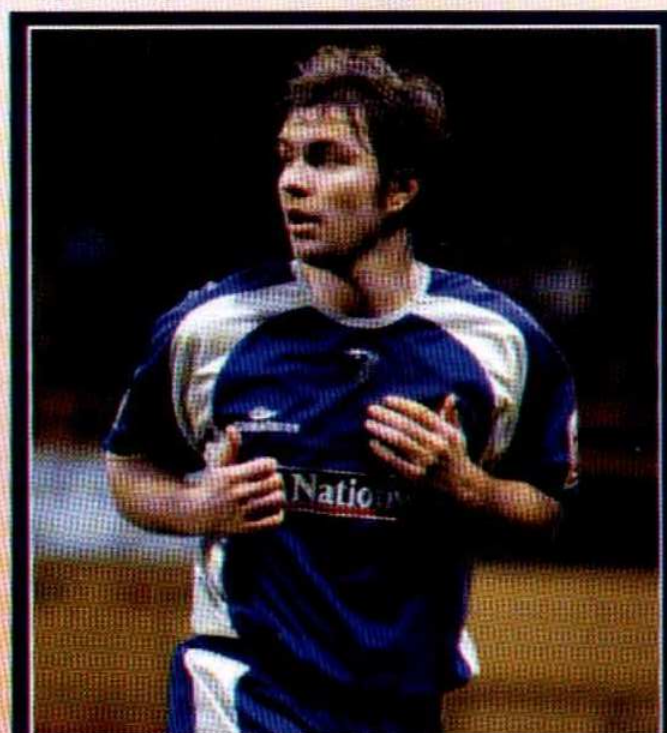
Sammy Igoe
midfielder

b: Spelthorne 30.9.75

Sammy is a very busy midfielder who was signed on a free transfer in the summer of 2003 from Reading. He started out with Portsmouth and spent seven seasons at Fratton Park, playing 160 League games, before joining the Royals for £100,000 in March 2000, where he was regular in his first two seasons before slipping down the pecking order. Not the tallest, he makes up for a lack of

inches with fierce commitment and is particularly useful when running at defenders.

2004/05 League stats:



Grant Smith

25 games, 4 goals

Grant Smith
midfielder/forward

b: Irvine 5.5.80

Another of the club's play-anywhere performers, Grant has taken that literally by appearing for Wycombe, Reading, Hearts, Livingston, Clydebank, Halifax, Plymouth and Sheffield United before joining Town on a free

transfer in July 2003. A tall, left-sided player, he has had his most productive League season appearance-wise this

current campaign.

2004/05 League stats:
5+7 games, 3 goals

Sam Parkin
forward

b: Roehampton 14.3.81

A powerful young striker who failed to get a chance in four seasons at Chelsea, Sam has scored at better than a goal in every two games since joining Town in August 2002. Previously

on loan at Millwall, Wycombe, Oldham, and Northampton for the whole of the 2001/02 season, where he scored just four League goals from 40 matches, he has now scored over 50 goals for the County Ground outfit and shows little sign of emptying the scoring well just yet.

2004/05 League stats:
25 games, 13 goals

Rory Fallon
forward

b: Gisbourne, New Zealand 20.3.82

Rory is a tall striker with good ball skills who is particularly strong in the air. He was signed in for £60,000 in November 2003 from Barnsley, where he had made his League debut against Preston in April 2001, scoring 11 goals from 52 League games for the Reds before his move. More often than not used as a substitute since arriving at the County Ground, he has been back in the starting line-up for recent matches.

2004/05 League stats:
8+13 games, 3 goals



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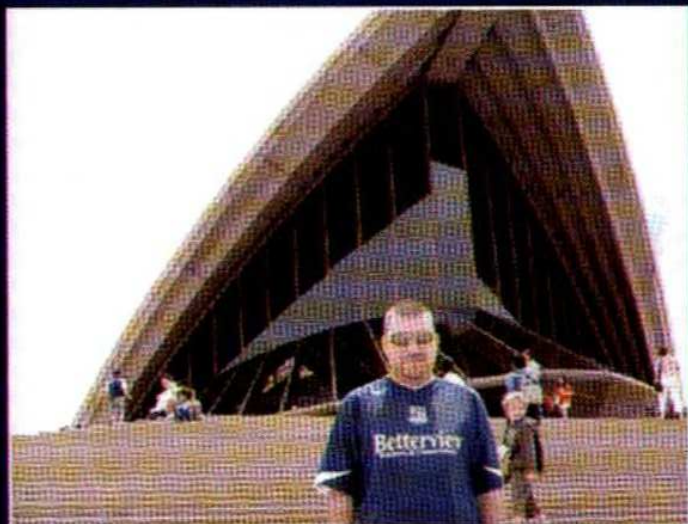
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Paul Boreham in front of the Sydney Opera House promoting the Blues around the world

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Happy Birthday to Jamie Forsyth who celebrated his 23rd Birthday on Friday from Chris Phillips and all his friends.

Many Happy Returns to Suzy Feasey who celebrates her Birthday today in one of our Executive Suites. Happy Birthday from Kevin and all at Southend United.

Also Blues player Michael Kightly celebrated his birthday yesterday. Congratulations Michael!

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ITV Television are on the lookout for interesting characters that might have a story to tell about supporting their team on away trips. We are not focusing on events inside the ground, we are more interested in the trials and tribulations of the journey, and what inspires people to spend vast amounts of money and time making their way to far-flung football grounds in all kinds of weather. If you know of anybody that might be interested in speaking to us about the show, then please contact George Boyle at ITV on George.Boyle@Granadamedia.com or phone him at 0207 261 3621.

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If there's someone special out there that you'd like to tell that you love them then why not put a message in the Blues programme on our Fanscene page.

With Southend in action on Friday 11th February against Scunthorpe United just three days before why not email us with your message for someone close to you.

Or if you don't have someone special in your life yet but want to let them know then just drop us an email to media@southend-united.co.uk no later than Monday 7th February to get it included.

CONGRATULATIONS HELEN AND JOHN

Many of you will know Helen Giles, Southend United's Club Secretary, got engaged in the latter part of last year.

Helen is set to tie the knot this Saturday to John whom she has known for some years.

Everybody connected with the Football Club, as well as many supporters I am sure, would like to wish Helen and John good luck for their big day and we all hope you have a brilliant life together.

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LEIGH EDWARDS selects a post-war Swindon Town 'Dream Team'

FRASER DIGBY: England U-21 goalkeeper who was a key figure in Swindon Town's 1992-93 First Division play-off final triumph. Signing professional for Manchester United in April 1985, he moved to Swindon in September 1986 and featured in that season's promotion success. He was ever-present in 1988-89, starting as they qualified for the play-offs in successive seasons and were Coca-Cola Cup semi-finalists in 1994-95. Also featuring in the 1995-96 Second Division title triumph, he had a testimonial in July 1997 and played 417 League games before joining Crystal Palace in August 1998, then played for Barry Town.

ROD THOMAS: Welsh international right-back who was capped 30 times while at Swindon Town. Initially with Gloucester City, he moved to the County Ground in July 1964 and was a key figure in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success. He also starred in their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph and netted five goals in 296 League games prior to joining Derby County in November 1973. Featuring in their 1974-75 League Championship

campaign, he moved to Cardiff City in November 1977 and subsequently had spells with Newport County and Gloucester again before becoming a publican.

JOHN TROLLOPE: Long-

21 goals in 770 League games for Swindon, he was coach before managing them between November 1980 and March 1983, then their youth-team boss.

GLENN HODDLE: Former England interna-

after the 1992-93 play-off final triumph and has since managed England, Southampton, Spurs and now Wolves.

COLIN CALDERWOOD: Commanding central defender who was capped 36 times by Scotland after leaving Swindon Town. Signing professional for Mansfield Town in March 1982, he moved to the County Ground in July 1985 and starred as Swindon won the Fourth Division title in 1985-86. He also helped to win promotion in 1986-87, then featured in two further play-off finals including the 1993 Wembley triumph. Scoring 20 times in 330 League games for Swindon, he moved to Tottenham Hotspur in July 1993 and subsequently played for Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest. He is now managing Northampton Town.

SHAUN TAYLOR: Influential central defender who was ever-present alongside Colin Calderwood as Swindon Town reached the Premiership in 1992-93. He impressed with Bideford before moving to Exeter City in December 1986 and starred in their 1989-90 Fourth Division title triumph. Joining Swindon in July 1991, he was the



Glenn Hoddle

serving left-back who holds Swindon Town's appearance record. Signing professional at the County Ground in July 1960, he made his League debut in Swindon's 1-1 draw at home to Halifax Town a month later and was ever-present in seven consecutive seasons including the 1962-63 promotion success. He featured in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' campaign as well as their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph. Scoring

tional midfielder who was player-manager as Swindon Town reached the Premiership in 1992-93. Signing professional for Tottenham Hotspur in April 1975, he starred as they won promotion in 1977-78, then won the FA Cup in two consecutive seasons and the UEFA Cup in 1984. He moved to Monaco in July 1987 and helped win the French title in 1987-88, becoming Swindon's player-boss in August 1991. Scoring once in 64 League games, he left to take charge of Chelsea

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triumph. **Joining Swindon in July 1991, he was the sole ever-present player in their 1993-94 Premiership campaign and also featured in the 1995-96 Second Division title triumph. He netted 30 goals in 212 League games while at the County Ground before moving to Bristol City in September 1996 where he has become development coach.**

MIKE SUMMERBEE: Brilliant winger who was capped eight times by England after leaving Swindon Town. Initially with Cheltenham Town, he moved to the County Ground in March 1960 and was an important figure in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion success. He netted 39 goals in 218 League games prior to joining Manchester City in August 1965, amassing a vast collection of domestic and European honours under the Joe Mercer/Malcolm Allison partnership at Maine Road. Subsequently with Burnley, Blackpool and Stockport County, he is a successful businessman and his son Nicky also starred for Swindon Town.

ERNIE HUNT: England U-23 international striker who was Swindon Town's leading marks-

man in four successive seasons including their 1962-63 promotion triumph. Born locally, he signed professional at the County Ground in March 1960 and netted 82 goals in 214 League games for Swindon prior to joining **Wolverhampton**

goalscorer in two consecutive seasons. He was Swindon's youngest League player at 16 years 107 days against Hull City in November 1980 and netted 38 goals in 95 League games while at the County Ground before joining **Aston Villa** in June 1983.



Paul Rideout playing for Tranmere

Wanderers in September 1965. He was top scorer as they regained top-flight status in 1966-67 and subsequently played for Everton, Coventry City, Doncaster Rovers and Bristol City, featuring in their 1973-74 FA Cup run. He ran the Full Pitcher pub in Ledbury and then became a window cleaner.

PAUL RIDEOUT: England U-21 international striker who was Swindon Town's leading

Moving via Italian club Bari to Southampton in July 1988, he rejoined Swindon on loan in March 1991. He had spells with Notts County and Glasgow Rangers prior to joining Everton in August 1992 and was an FA Cup winner in 1995, then played for several clubs in China and Tranmere Rovers.

PETER NOBLE: Versatile favourite who was ever-present in Swindon Town's 1968-69

promotion and League Cup 'double' triumph. Initially with Consett, he joined Newcastle United in November 1964 and played top-flight football before moving to Swindon in January 1968. He scored twice in their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final success and netted 62 goals in 216 League outings prior to joining Burnley in June 1973. An FA Cup semi-finalist in 1973-74, he was twice ever-present for the Clarets and leading marksman in 1978-79. He subsequently played for Blackpool and has since run a sportswear business in Burnley.

DON ROGERS: England U-23 international winger who scored twice in Swindon Town's 1969 League Cup final success. Signing professional at the County Ground in October 1962, he featured in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion campaign and was ever-present in four successive seasons. He starred as Swindon won promotion again in 1968-69 and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970, reuniting with Bert Head at Crystal Palace in November 1972.



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Nick Hart Takes A Look At The 25th January

For whatever reason, bad weather, F.A. Cup ties taking precedence or simply the way the fixture computer works the 25th January has not been a busy day for Southend over the years. Incredibly we have only tasted action eight times in our history the most recent of which was only 24 months ago.

It was 75 years ago when we first played, a rather inauspicious 0-0 draw down in Wales against Newport County in a division three south match. Six years later and in 1936 there was another stalemate this time at Bristol Rovers where Leo Stevens scored the Blues' goal in the 1-1 draw.

Southend did not play again on today's date for another 11 years ago when we entertained Torquay United in another division three south encounter. Unfortunately an elusive first win still evaded us as the visitors from Devon took the points in a 2-0 win.

Another 22 years passed before we played again on today's date in 1969 and this time it was in F.A. Cup action and the infamous 4th round defeat at third division Mansfield. Southend, the in the fourth division, had reached the 4th round fol-

lowing a 10-1 win over Brentwood, a 9-0 hammering of King's Lynn and a fine 2-0 win at Swindon.

Even today, 36 years on,

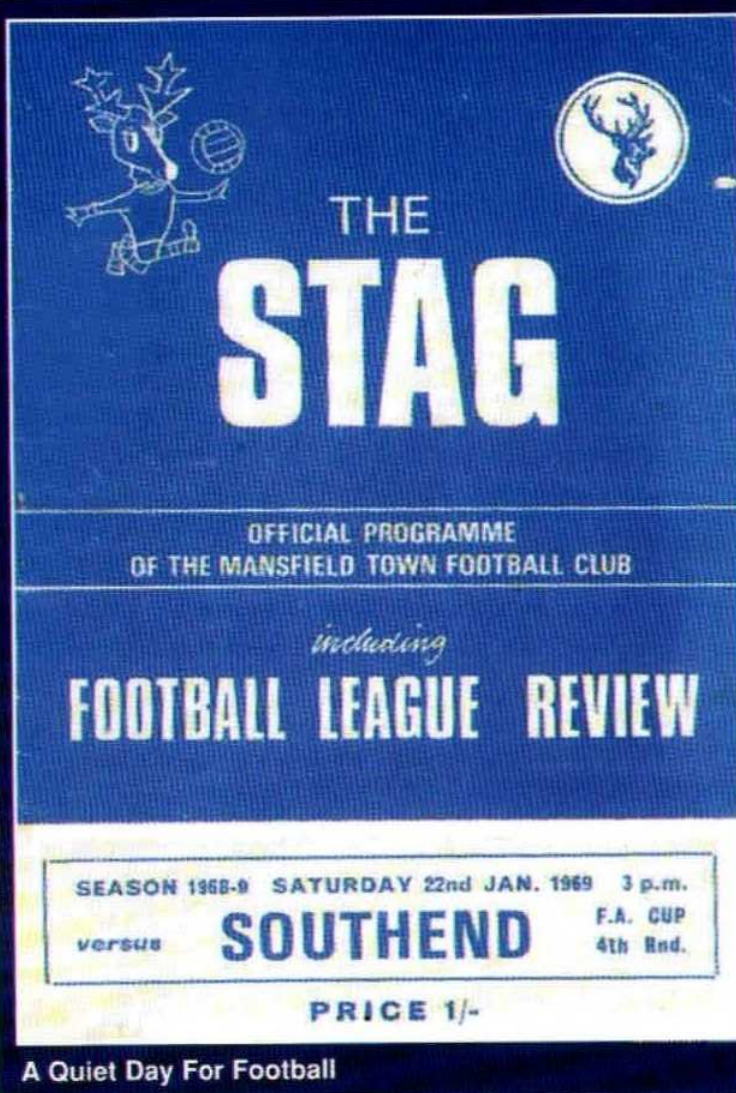
would have met West Ham at home in the 5th round but it was not to be as despite creating many chances to win the game we were undone by a

of 16,160 fans. Some eagle-eyed readers may have noticed the wrong date on the front of Mansfield's programme, does this not mean that all these years later we should have been awarded the tie by default!

1974 and we were in league action, this time in division four when we travelled to Bournemouth. Goals from Stuart Brace, with a brace!, and Chris Guthrie meant that at last we had tasted victory on today's date as we won 3-1. Hull City visited Roots Hall in 1980 for a third division match and United were again victorious, this time 3-0 with Terry Gray, Derrick Parker and Derek Spence scoring.

17 years later and during our last season in what is now known as the Championship an Andy Thomson goal was not enough to stop Port Vale winning 2-1. Only 5,588 fans were inside Roots Hall for the game. Our final action was in 2003 when we travelled to Glandford Park, home of Scunthorpe United for a division three match. Jay Smith scored for the Blues in the first half but we were on the wrong end of a 4-1 score line.

NICK HART.

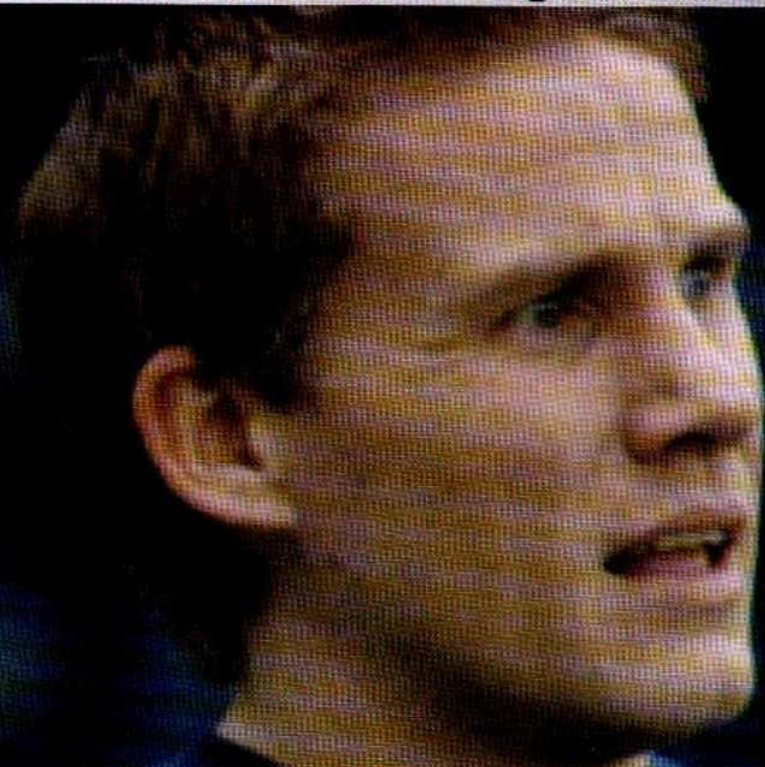


Blues' fans at the game can barely talk about the injustice of the defeat. Had United won they

hugely controversial winner from the Stags. Billy Best scored the Blues' goal that put us one up in front

talkingTO...

Winger Mark Gower Talks Following Southend's 1-1 Draw With Mansfield



Southend United winger Mark Gower was relieved that his strike around the hour mark of Saturday's 1-1 draw was enough to bring a point back to Roots Hall having witnessed his side fall behind early on in the second half.

The former Barnet man's superbly worked free-kick that resulted in Gower finishing off a move he had started some 25-yards away earlier clinched a point for Tilson's side ahead of tonight's LDV Vans

Trophy Area Semi Final against Swindon Town.

And Gower who has suffered problems with his back in recent weeks was also pleased that he has suffered no reaction.

"My back is fine, I just struggled with a little bit of match fitness after 75 minutes so now I just need to push hard in training and get fitter and fitter," commented Mark having scored his fifth goal of the season.

"I need to work hard on the training ground and do a bit extra because

over the Christmas period I was injured and put a little bit of extra weight on. I shouldn't have done that but I'm just trying to get my head down and get back to a level of fitness that I am happy with."

Southend's 1-1 draw with Mansfield was their second tie on the trot in the League and with United still searching for a first win at Field Mill since 1990 when Ian Benjamin secured a 1-0 win, Gower knew it was always going to be hard.

"The match against Mansfield was always

going to be a tough game, they are a top six side on the form guide at the moment. They had some half chances that got the crowd behind them but we were pleased to get in at half time level and after that the game was there for the taking."

"The fellow upfront for Mansfield wins a lot in the air but Spinner and Adam did well all game. However, he got one of his headers in and there was a bit of a misunderstanding and nobody picked the man up running from deep and he's finish it well. Last season though we would

...mark GOWER

Last season though we would have lost that game but we have bounced back and got a point and we have to keep on going from here."

Having taken his chance against the Stags though to cancel out Adam Murray's earlier effort the former Spurs youngster believes he was lucky to have gotten the free-kick in the first place.

"It was a lucky free-kick to be given if I'm honest, it was a bit of a tussle, but no one stood in the way of the ball, I

think Freddy was trying to play Lawrie in but I carried on my run and it was lucky to see it go into the back of the net."

"We will take a point because we haven't been beat and if we can convert our home games into wins then any points away from home are a bonus. We're certainly not over the moon but we are pleased."

And with Blues facing another hard encounter in the Cup tonight Gower is unsure if he will be involved.

"I'm not too sure if I will be involved in the LDV you will have to ask the manager that one, but every game I play I'm going to get fitter and better so we will have to wait and see."

"However, if I am involved it will be fantastic and I'd love to go all the way in this competition again. I've some great memories from last season when we reached the final and it would be magical to go all the way this time."

Time will tell if Gower and his team-mates have what it takes to make a second consecutive trip to Cardiff's Millennium Stadium.

However, with the other Area Semi Final taking place tonight this evening between Leyton Orient and Bristol Rovers the Area Final could be massive.

"It would be great if we could face Orient in the next stage over two legs. But firstly we have to concentrate against Swindon because they are no easy opponents."



COMMERCIALBreak

It's More Than Just Football...

Welcome

There's nothing like a good old fashioned cup tie to get you going on a cold winters evening and tonight's LDV Vans Area Semi Final against Swindon Town should be a rip roaring affair.

The tie must be decided on the night and both teams face the prospect of a local derby should they be successful, depending on which team is victorious in the other semi, either Leyton Orient or Bristol Rovers.

Swindon were last at Roots Hall only a season ago in the Carling Cup first round winning 3-2 however the two sides met at the same stage of this competition in 2001 and on that occasion the Blues grabbed a final place against Brentford with a golden goal winner by Leo Roget. So it's all to play for and the deciding factor could be the Blues faithful who have acted as a second team for the lads all season. Make plenty of noise and who knows come 9.45 we could be one step nearer a return trip to the Millennium.

The Blues Lounge with David Crown

Our regular host, the legendary David Crown welcomes you all to this evening's match as the Blues entertain Swindon Town in the LDV Vans Trophy.

The Blues Lounge is once again proving to be a popular location for Blues fans with a number of future fixtures almost ready to have the 'sold out' signs put up. The cost is only £40 per head inclusive of vat and includes a three-course meal with wine.. To book your places either individually or in groups of two and above, call the commercial department on 0870 174 2002.

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As the season enters the exciting stage when titles, cups and promotion/relegation issues are decided, interest invariably increases, especially if you are at the right end of the table. Here at Roots Hall the commercial department have been inundated with calls for our executive suites for the remaining games of the season, so much so that we only have a few available for each match. In fact the final 2 games against Leyton Orient and Yeovil are almost sold out. If anyone would like details of our superb suites or you know of someone that does, call the commercial team on 0870 174 2002. Prices start at £350+vat for a 10 seated suite.

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Only 4 days to go to our Rhythm & Blues Day and our friends at ONE Railway Limited have kindly agreed to sponsor our second family day of the 2004/05 season when we entertain Darlington on Saturday the 29th of January. The 'Rhythm and Blue Day' will be headlined by the band that is currently in the charts with their hit song 'Out of Touch' UNITING NATIONS. They will be performing their hit tune plus other songs from their repertoire.

Also appearing will be the fantastic tribute featuring the Blues Brothers who will certainly get you all dancing in the aisles.

Tickets are on sale now priced at only £1 for kids and we are also offering a family ticket for 2 children and 1 adult for just £10 in the Royal Bank of Scotland Family Enclosure.

Once again there will be FREE face painting for all and our local ASDA Superstore has donated confectionary to giveaway on the day. All early arrivers will receive a goodie bag while stocks last.

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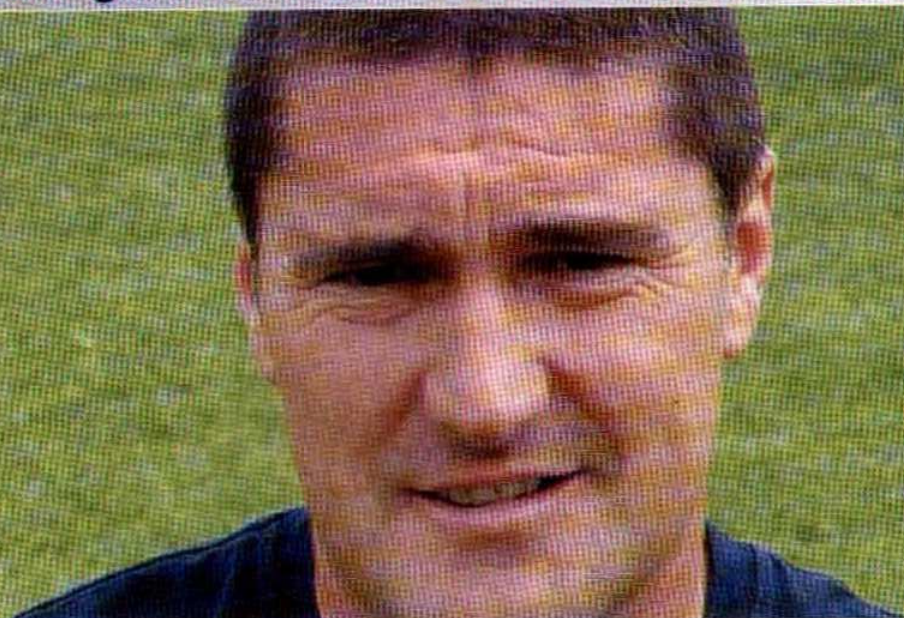
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Youth Team Manager Ross Maclaren On His Boys Development



SOUTHEND United youth team boss Ross Maclaren is hoping his side can begin to deliver the goods on a consistent basis during the remaining months of the season.

The Blues babes have endured a mixed start to the current campaign but Maclaren is confident his troops are capable of producing a string of more solid performances.

"It's been a bit up and down for us so far," said the former Aston Villa coach. "We've had some good results and some bad results too and from that point of view it's been frustrating. We can go somewhere like Portsmouth, play excellently and win 2-1 and

then the following week at home to a team of our own stature we play badly and lose. You obviously get that with young players but hopefully we can start to be more consistent now."

However, Maclaren was keen to stress results were not the most important issue for his side - who currently sit eighth in a nine team table.

"The scorelines aren't the be all and end all because the development of the boys is far more important for everyone at the club," he said.

"We obviously want to win because it's a good mentality to get into but helping people progress

into the first team or the reserves is what it's all about."

And, in recent weeks, highly rated attacker James Lawson has been pushed from Maclaren's side into the Shrimpers first team squad.

"James is a talent," confirmed the Blues coach.

"He's done well this year and we sat down a while ago to talk about him and decided he needed to train more with the first team. He got that chance and following a few injuries and suspensions in Steve Tilson's squad he ended up playing which was great.

"Our goalkeeper Nicky Morgan has been on the bench a few times too

and there are one or two others who need to push on now as well and try and force themselves into the manager's plans.

"And below them the first years should be aiming for more games in our reserves." But, despite the indifferent results, Maclaren is relishing his role at Roots Hall.

"It's been fantastic and I'm really enjoying it," he said.

"It's a good club, the people are nice and I have good staff around me so it's great and hopefully we can keep the lads moving forwards now."

ontheROAD

Mike Smith Brings You All The Info You Need To Know For Your Away Days

vetchFIELD



The Vetch - Swansea City

SWANSEA CITY - Friday 4 February 2005

BY ROAD : Take A127 out of Southend to the M25 and head anti-clockwise to junction 15 (M4). Take the M4 westbound to junction 42 (A483) and head towards Swansea. Then take the A4067 towards "The Mumbles" and you will soon see the floodlights to the right. Parking is on the streets or in pay-and-display car parks on the seafront.

Distance : 245 miles - allow 4 hours 5 minutes.

BY RAIL : Friday night game. You won't get back. Consider alternative transport or stay overnight.

WHAT'S IT LIKE : A some-

what tired looking ground, however there are plans to move to a new stadium (see above). The West Terrace at one end is a partly covered terrace (to the rear), given to away supporters. The other end, the East Stand, is a two tiered, covered, all seater stand, that doesn't run the full width of the pitch (just over half way). I believe the intention was for the whole ground to be similarly developed, but economics have dictated otherwise. One side is the North Bank, a large covered terrace. Opposite is the smaller, all seated Centre Stand.

WHERE TO DRINK : Mumbles/The Swansea

Marina areas along with a new pub area on Wind Street is the best areas to indulge in a few drinks. Wind St, (pronounced wine), is five minutes from the Vetch. There are plenty of pubs such as the Goose and Granite, Yates & the Bank Statement. Ask for Castle Gardens, and you'll see Wind St'. The Garibaldi and the Pantygydwr behind the North Bank are best avoided by away supporters.

AWAY FANS : Away fans are housed either in part of the West Terrace where just over 1,000 fans can be accommodated at one end of the ground, which is partly covered (to the rear), or in the Centre Stand, depending on num-

bers. I found the atmosphere quite good. This is helped as the away fans can really make some noise under the cover in the West Terrace. It has been a while since I have been to the Vetch Field and on both occasions there was a little hassle with home fans. I have received reports that a day at Swansea City, in line with the general improvement in football, is now far more enjoyable. However, it is worth bearing mind that the Swansea fans are passionate about their club and this can make for an intimidating atmosphere. Exercise caution around the ground.

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Thames Drive	12:38	
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Pitsea/McDonalds	12:50	
Watermill PH	12:53	
Sainsburys	12:55	(New stop not on A127)
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Odeon	10:50	
Chalkwell Park	11:00	
The Elms	11:05	
Thames Drive	11:08	
Hadleigh Church	11:10	
Tarpots	11:15	(Now stopping at Coach Stop)
Pitsea/McDonalds	11:20	
Watermill PH	11:23	
Sainsburys	11:25	(New stop not on A127)
Fortune of War	11:30	(Now stopping in lay-by before roundabout)

Fare: Adults:

Members	£12:00
Non-Members	£20:00
Concession members (0-16 and over 60's) and JS's	£10:00
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All non members booking seats must give a contact number in case of times being changed at certain pick up points. Roots Hall will be added if there is enough demand. A parent or responsible adult must accompany all under 14's that wish to travel. Bookings can only be made in person at the Trust stand in the Shrimpers bar before home SUFC matches or by phoning Chris Berry on 01702 558978 or 07703 898698, you can not book by text or email.



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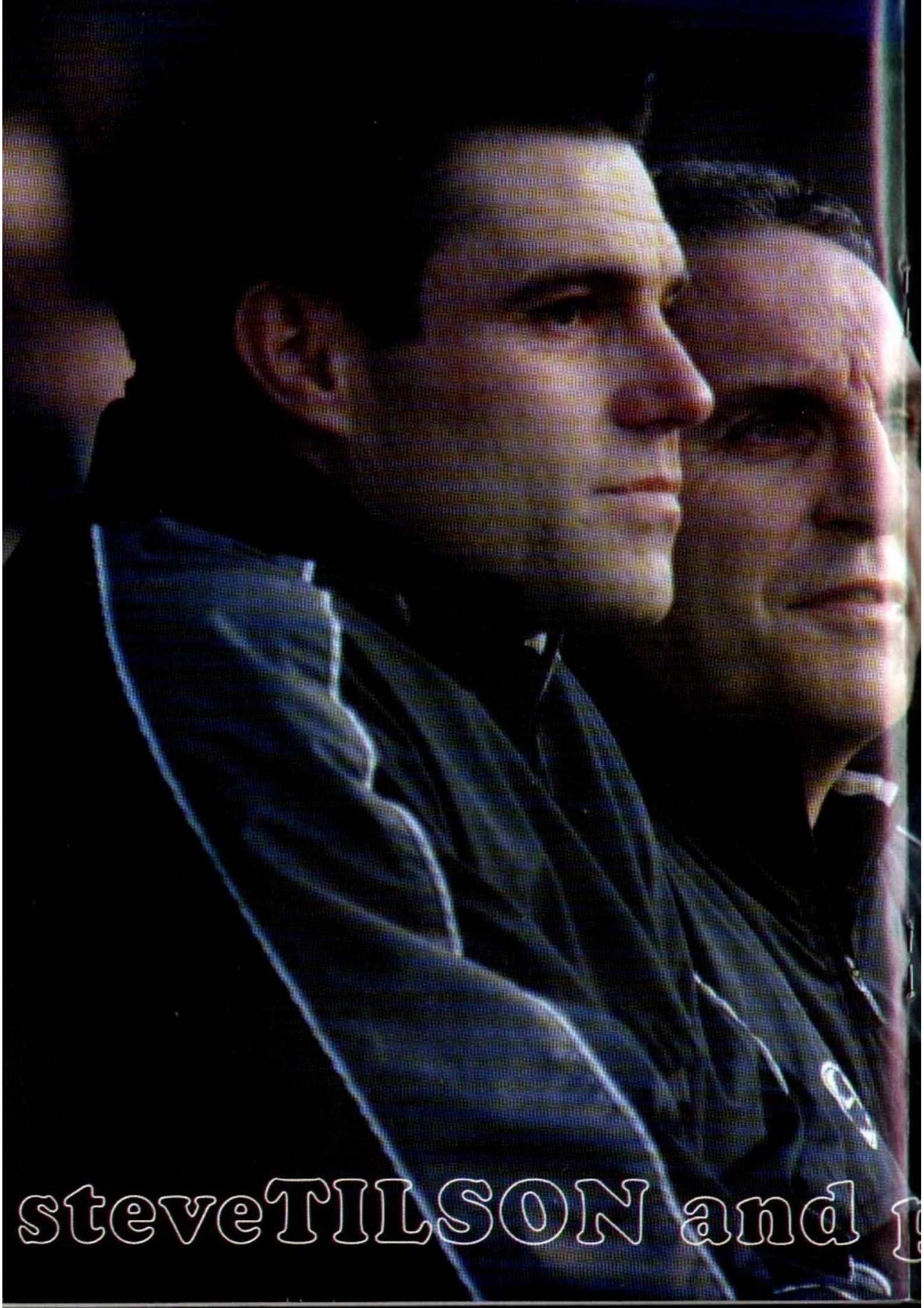
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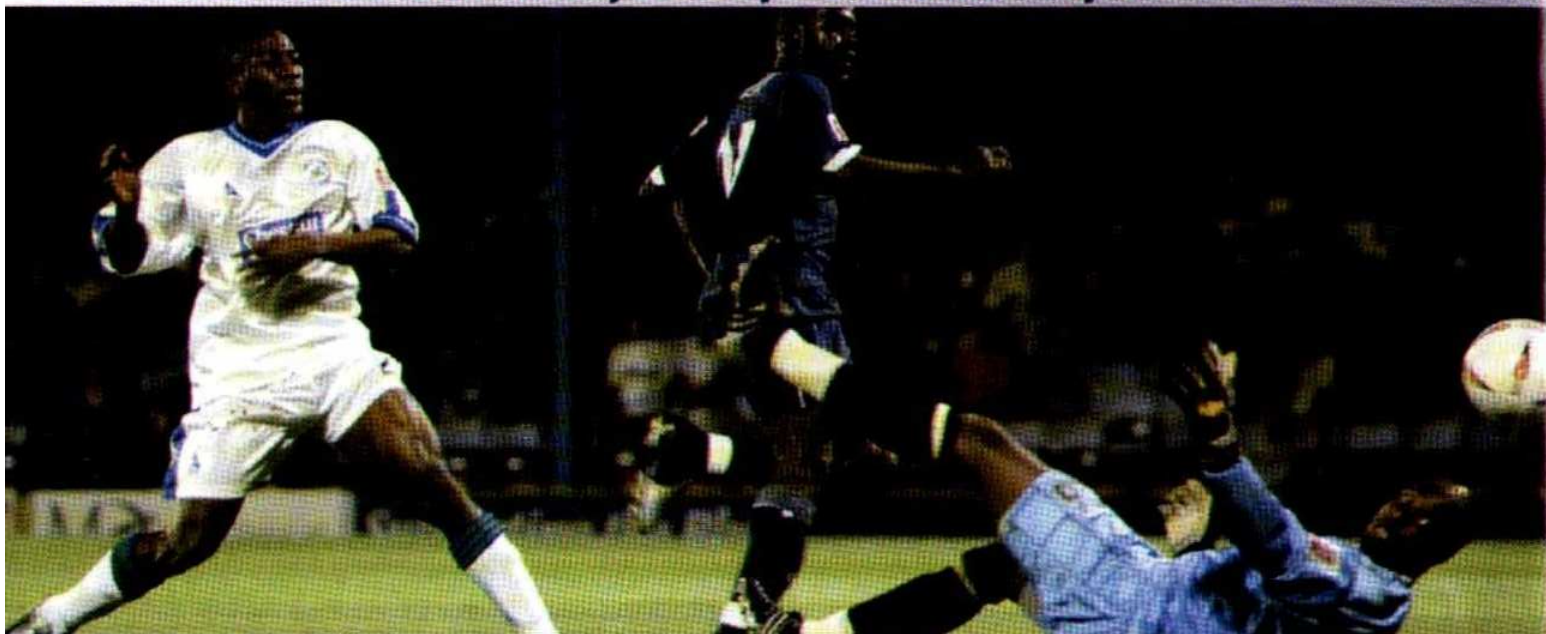
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We Take A Look At Striker Wayne Gray With Jamie Forysth



Brought to the club on a free transfer from then-named Wimbledon, Wayne Gray had spent several loan spells down in the lower reaches of the football league despite having been with the Dons all his career.

Since joining the South London club as a youngster, he made a total of 77 appearances for them, 42 from the substitutes bench. In that time, he notched 20 goals, and also netted another eight in loan spells at Swindon, Port Vale, Orient and Brighton.

An extremely fast player who once represented England at sprinting and

high jump, Gray had a fine pre-season for Blues, scoring a number of goals, and earned himself a starting place in the first four games, netting the clubs first goal of the season at Lincoln from the penalty spot. However, a couple of disappointing displays saw him dropped to the bench against west ham.

Gray regained his place in the side against Colchester, netting one of the penalties that saw Southend win the shootout, and putting in a convincing enough display for him to start the next league game, a 4-0 defeat at Darlington. Since then, Gray has been a mainstay in the line-up, and he netted his first Southend goal from open play in the

thrilling 2-1 win over Boston in October.

Gray then scored in three successive games in October and November, two coming in two games against Shrewsbury, and he has also scored vital goals against Orient and Bury in December.

Without a goal since, Gray's overall contribution to the team cannot be measured on statistics alone. His partnership with Freddy Eastwood in attack has been extremely prosperous, not least because of Gray's pinpoint crosses that set up three of Eastwood's first four goals for the club. Gray appears to have shaken off the apathetic attitude that he seemed to

possess at the start of the season, and is now an extremely hard worker in attack who chases lost causes and wins a great number of headers for a man of only 5ft 10ins.

The 23-year-old Londoner was rested for the recent clash with Notts County, but he is a regular in the first team squad for the Seaside and has certainly been a successful signing thus far for Steve Tilson. With seven goals for the club so far, Gray will be targeting around 15 strikes this term, and if he does, it will be a major boost for our promotion credentials.

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Michael Kightly Has Returned From His Loan Spell

Southend United winger Michael Kightly returned from a three month loan spell with Conference side Farnborough Town last week.

The former Spurs trainee decided on a move to the side managed by former Blues man Dean Austin in a bid to gain experience and with the Basildon born midfielder having returned to Roots Hall he is now keen to battle for a place in Steve Tilson's promotion chasing side.

"It went well for me at Farnborough," Kightly said. "The first two months were better than the third because the last month they were struggling a bit and we didn't play too much football so it was more of a battle than anything. Overall I think it went really well for me, I played a lot of games and got fit so it's been really good."

"It was good for me to go out and get some experience, we have a much better squad this season - it may not be bigger but it has better quality. I wasn't expecting too much this season but I think going out on loan has been good for my strength which I have tried to improve on and it has also done well for my experience."

And with Southend struggling with injuries at the moment Kightly may well get his chance to challenge for a regular spot sooner than he thought.

"I'm looking for my chance now, I know we have been struggling with injuries so we don't have many bodies. So if I get that chance I will have to show what I can do like I did last season."

However, with Farnborough currently four places off the foot of the Nationwide Conference table Kightly revealed that at times things weren't pretty.

"It was difficult to play at Farnborough, they are struggling and are trying to just pick up some points. They've not played football as well as perhaps they could have done prefer a more direct style which didn't suit me. In the first couple of months there we tried to play a bit but I think it's just got a bit panic stations with them looking for results but perhaps maybe looking for it the wrong way."

With former Blues defender Dean Austin the number one at the Hampshire outfit Kightly enjoyed working with a former Southend legend.

"It was really good working with Dean Austin, I got on with him really well and he's a great manager, overall a really top man."

But with the season now on it's run in with only 18 games left Kightly is hoping to stamp his place in the side.

"I just want to get as many appearances as I can now in the remainder of the campaign. I made 20 last season and have made about two minutes this season so I just want some games to try and earn a new contract."

"It toughened me up during my time with Farnborough and showed me the ropes. I'm now more experienced in playing first team football but I also have that knowledge up in the head now."

Finally with another young prodigy James Lawson currently trying to break his way into Tilson's side Kightly had a few words of advice for him.

"James is doing really well, he's a great player, the same thing happened to me last season and I'd just say to him to keep his head down and keep working and hopefully he will get some appearances as well."



quidaGOAL

Help Raise Funds With the Trust's Quid A Goal Campaign

The aim of the scheme - like most of the Shrimpers Trust's activities is to raise money for Southend United football club and make sure that there is a club for us to be supporting in the foreseeable future. In particular, the money raised from the 'Quid a Goal' scheme will be used to purchase Cardio Vascular equipment. John Stannard much appreciates the work of the Trust and has acknowledged the efforts of the contributors from last season.

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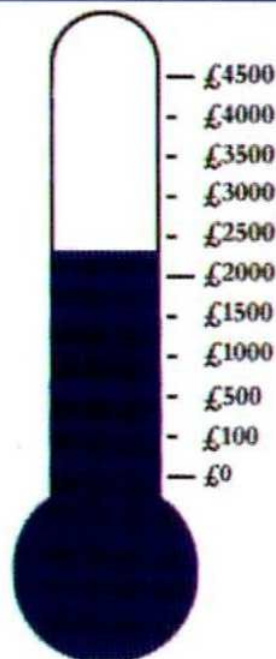
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All The Information From Your Supporters Club



THE DRAW HERE against a solid Notts County side a week-and-a-half ago has had a chance to be digested, as was the 2-0 defeat to Boston United at York Street. Unfortunately, printing deadlines mean that we don't know the Mansfield Town result at the time of writing, but fingers crossed we have retained fourth place and closed the gap on the top three.

The LDV Vans Trophy has, over the past few seasons, represented a welcome distraction from troublesome Football League campaigns, and once again it must be hoped that it is a welcome respite for the squad as this time they attempt to consolidate into a promotion-winning side. On the Trust front, travel supremo Chris Berry and his accomplice Paul Yeomanson must now be

getting worried about having to organise another thirty-coach jaunt to Cardiff's Millennium Stadium - let's also wish they do!

Chris has been busy of late liaising with the club over the convoy to south Wales in the immediate future; that being our Friday February 4th visit to fellow title-chasers Swansea City at the Vetch Field. Blues director Ron Martin has kindly decided to subsidise the trip, and it costs just £10 to travel on the day, so get in touch with Chris - details are available elsewhere in the programme.

Our last event was a highly successful Race Night, held in the Shrimpers Bar some three hours or so after the final whistle had blown on our 0-0 draw with the Magpies. Over £800 was raised for the Trust coffers by the 83 people present, many of whom do not regularly attend our functions.

We must thank the Race Sponsors - a list of whom can be found on our website at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk - the organisers, 'On Course', and also Brian Dear, who donated beer

mugs for the winning race owners. It was great to see so many new faces enjoying themselves, and we hope that you will attend again later in the year when Paul Yeomanson plans to set up another such event.

Alternatively, if you can't stand the waiting, our next social function will be one of our ever-popular Quiz Nights, taking place at the same venue on Saturday, 26th February. Alan Perry is the man to contact if you want to submit eight names to make up a table, or indeed to volunteer your services to an existing octet, and can be contacted on alanperry4@hotmail.com, 01702 476458 or 07901 845012.

Our online Trust Shop continues to go from

strength to strength, and you can still, of course, buy all of our merchandise from the stand in the Shrimpers Bar in the three hours leading up to all week-end home games, and for at least an hour-and-a-half in midweek. And for the more exotic gifts, help the Trust gain commission on purchases from the likes of Amazon, Comet and Play.com by using our Buy.At/ link from the homepage.

Finally, we welcome the Swindon Town Supporters Club to Roots Hall, and hope that you have the same gutting feeling as we experienced on a safe journey home when we lost 6-1 at the County Ground in the 2002/3 competition!



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Frankie Banks Talks About His Teams Work In The Community

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We raised £157.00 for the raffle during our Senior Shrimpers Christmas soiree. We are donating the proceeds to the 'Stroke Association' at Southend Hospital.

The finals of the girls

under 13's Football in the Community six-a-side competition was won by St Bernards High School and the finals of the boys under 11's six-a-side will be decided next Saturday. We have been asked to hold the Area Finals at Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre which is a real feather in our caps. Ten other teams will be taking part including - Charlton, Norwich, West Ham, Colchester, Gillingham etc. The date booked down is Wednesday 2nd March 05, Kick off 11.30am.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY COURSES

February's Half Term Holiday courses are being run once again in partnership with Kellogg's Frosties.

Across the Country nearly 30,000 children took part in Football In The Community Holiday Courses during October last year and this is another opportunity for the boys and girls to take part in super quality activities in a safe and friendly environment. Kellogg's Frosties and

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Robert Craven Takes A Look At The Man In The Middle's Career

EXPERIENCED REFER-EE Mr. P. Joslin of Nottinghamshire has been appointed as the main man for tonight's LDV Vans Trophy area semi-final against Swindon Town, with Mr. G. Horwood (Bedfordshire) and Mr. G. Ives (Essex), running the lines...

Joslin has been on the National List of Football League referees since the 1999/2000 season, and this represents his first visit to Roots Hall this season, having been assigned to a number of Coca-Cola Championship and League One clashes during the current campaign.

Unfortunately, if you are looking for unlucky omens tonight, he was the man appointed to take charge of current holders Blackpool's demise in the previous round at the hands of Hereford United at Edgar Street in November. Only man-of-the-match Tamika Mkandawire was cautioned as the Seasiders lost their first match in the competition for two years.

Joslin has taken charge of 25 matches in total in 2004/5 so far, with the last being Colchester United's 2-0 win over Peter Taylor's Hull City in the FA Cup third round at the Kingston

Communications Stadium. Five players, including the U's Craig Fagan, were cautioned in the game, but in 24 other clashes, just a further 48 yellows and two reds have been issued by the Nottinghamshire FA-affiliated official.

Both came in clashes involving two League Two clubs, with the latter being Dave Walton of Shrewsbury Town in a 3-1 defeat for the Salop at Scunthorpe United's Glanford Park. Indeed, although Joslin missed the incident, it was a fracas in the penalty area that saw Steve Torpey felled that led to the straight red for violent conduct, and Peter Beagrie converted the ensuing penalty kick. Before that, Brian Close of Darlington was dismissed for deliberate handball in an FA Cup tie at home to Yeovil Town, and Bartosz Tarachulski grabbed a fourth-minute of injury time winner from the free-kick.

The referee was last involved in a Southend match some ten months ago as Blues travelled to Bristol Rovers and gained a point in a 1-1 draw. Joslin had a quiet match as Mark Gower netted the Shrimpers goal nine minutes from the end of a tight fixture.

That was his first United



Mr P. Joslin

game for almost exactly two years, since a 2-2 Roots Hall draw against Oxford United in March 2002. There was a penalty at either end as the two clubs battled it out for just a point apiece. Barrington Belgrave was pole-axed in the U's box for Tesfaye Bramble to put the Seasiders in front, and Leon Cort added a second before Andy Scott's wayward shot was deflected into his own net by Stuart Thurgood.

However, Scott Forbes, making his last appearance for the Shrimpers as a first half substitute for Mark Rawle, had the final say as he was adjudged to have handled inside his own penalty area. Paul Powell stepped up to take the spot-kick, and he just beat Flahavan

from twelve yards, the goalkeeper managing to get a hand to the penalty.

An LDV Vans Trophy appearance by Joslin was made in the 2000/1 area final run, when he took charge of the 3-1 win over then Second Division Cambridge United. David Lee and Russell Williamson had put Blues 2-1 ahead after Paul Wanless' opener, with U's goalkeeper Shaun Marshall then sent off twenty minutes from the end. That allowed Lee to add a second against Lionel Perez for a two-goal lead. A final Cup omen - Gary Ives was an assistant ref last week as Blues beat Canvey Island 1-0 in the Essex Senior Cup.

Qanda

Left-Back Che Wilson Answers Supporters Questions

Defender Che Wilson answers questions emailed into the Club from supporters via the Blues Official web-site.

As a full back goals isn't really your priority. But have you got a tally for this season?

I never set myself targets - cleansheets are my priority but if I get a goal then brilliant

As a kid what was the first team that signed you up?

Norwich City were the first side to sign me up as a youngster at the age of ten

Do you find the position you play in frustrating at times?

It can be frustrating at times but when I do get forward I enjoy it. My priority is defending but we are encouraged to push forward which releases you from your defensive duties.

This season has been a lot more successful than last season why do you think this is?

I can't put my finger on one thing but the confidence and team spirit in the team is second to none and probably the best I've ever known in a side

Does Tilly insist on ultra professionalism at all

times and is their a strict side to him that you don't cross?

Every manager has their strict side and the gaffer here is the same. We have a laugh and some banter but when it comes down to it we have to work.

Is Che short for Chesney?

No definitely not (laughing). It's actually South American and short for Che Guevara who not many people have probably heard of.

Is it true you live with Pettefer?

Yes I do unfortunately

What was the last C.D. You purchased?

I bought an album by a guy called John Legend called Get Lifted and it's highly recommended - I have it in the car at the moment

Who's your best friend in football?

I haven't really got an individual best mate I still keep in contact with a lot of the Norwich boys and the Bristol Rovers players so it's more a collective of friends.

Now at left back, are you happy there? We are often told you are a right back, would you feel better there?

Because I'm natural right footed and I played



of football at right-back it would be easier because that's what feels comfortable but I'll play wherever I am picked.

Do you feel you can fulfil your ambitions as a professional footballer with Southend United and would you like to captain the side one day?

Yeah that would be great, it's a great feather in your cap to be the skipper of a side, but at the moment we are chasing promotion which is my first ambition and hopefully there will be many more after that.

Favourite Simpson - Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa or Maggie?

It's got to be Bart although Homer comes a very close second because Adam Barrett

looks like him so it's good to play alongside him.

Which match have you enjoyed playing in most while at Southend, and which match this season if different?

The Final in the LDV last season will always be in my head, not that the performance was brilliant but the occasion certainly was.

Who was the most drunk at the players Xmas do in Dublin?

None of us were drinking at all because we are all model pro's so it was just tap water and lemonade for us together with sophisticated meals. Jim Corbett had trouble walking in a straight line though for some reason.

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Darryl Flahavan Feels His Side Has Some Unfinished Business In Cardiff

Seasiders custodian Darryl Flahavan was pleased to get back into action on Saturday although the former Woking keeper would have liked it to have been in better circumstances.

Number one Bart Griemink was forced to leave the pitch having picked up an injury to his knee late on in the game. And with it still unknown how long the Dutchman will be out of the side for Flahavan is waiting eagerly in the wings.

"It's been frustrating because I want to play," said Flahavan. "But I have been injured for a while now and not played so I can't complain. Nobody likes sitting on the bench and neither do I."

"Bart's been doing well - I think it took him a couple of games to get back into the swing of things but things have been going well for him. It's unfortunate that Saturday he got an injury but hopefully I will get my chance again."

With the scores at 0-0 the Southampton born shot-stopper admitted that he was a little nervy of costing his team-mates a point.

"Coming on at 0-0 with ten minutes to go is a bit daunting because one

little slip and you could cost the team. But I was pretty confident in going on and I didn't have an awful lot to do - it was just nice to try my foot out and start kicking on it."

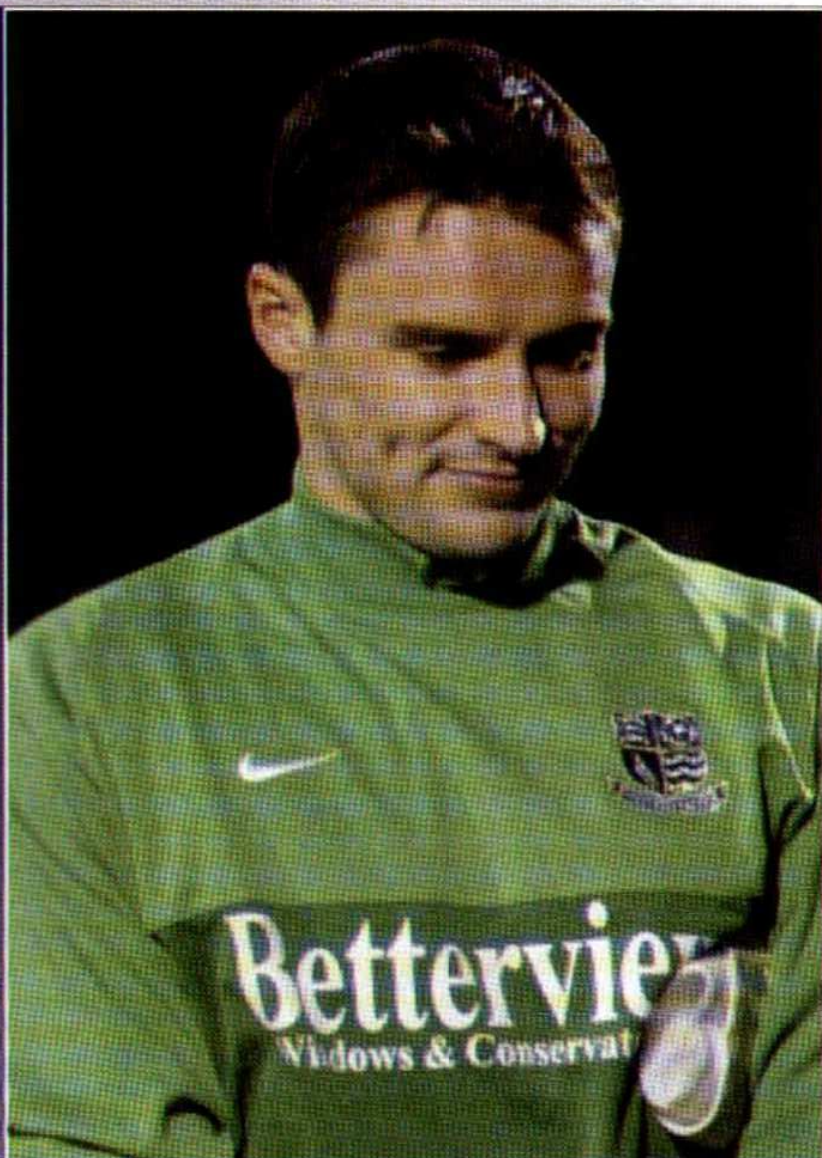
And with Darryl having suffered his own injury problems this season he admitted he was pleased to finally get some minutes under his belt with reserve games being sparse over the Christmas period.

"The injury to the foot was a lot worse than what we thought it was - it has taken nearly two months for it to go. There's a reserve game against Canvey that I want to play in and get a game under my belt and then we will have to see Saturday because I could be needed to play again."

However, with Swindon Town at Roots Hall tonight it is Flahavan who will be facing the League One side and not their former custodian Bart Griemink.

"I don't think there is much difference between this division and the one above. We've not got anything to fear from Swindon as we are just as good a side as they are and I'm confident that we can do a job against them."

And Flahavan who played in last seasons final with the Blues



feels that United have some unfinished business in this competition.

"We let ourselves down a bit at Cardiff last year by showing Blackpool a bit too much respect and maybe the occasion overwhelmed us a little bit. If we can get there again though we have had the

experience from last time and we'd love another go."

But Flahavan wasn't pulling any punches about where the sides priority lies this season. "We'd take promotion all day over a LDV Final win though."

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A Selection Of Quotes From The Blues About The LDV...

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A selection of quotes from the Southend camp...



"Swindon are a League above us but our previous record shows that we do well against higher opposition. We have home advantage so if we can get a big crowd and get them behind us we have a good chance."

We are really looking forward to this game, I missed out on the Final last season because I was cup tied so we'd love to get there again.

It would be massive to be involved in, as I said it was disappointing to watch from the sidelines. But if we could get there again it would be a great achievement for the Club to get there two years in a row and on a personal note it would be my biggest game ever."

Mark Bentley

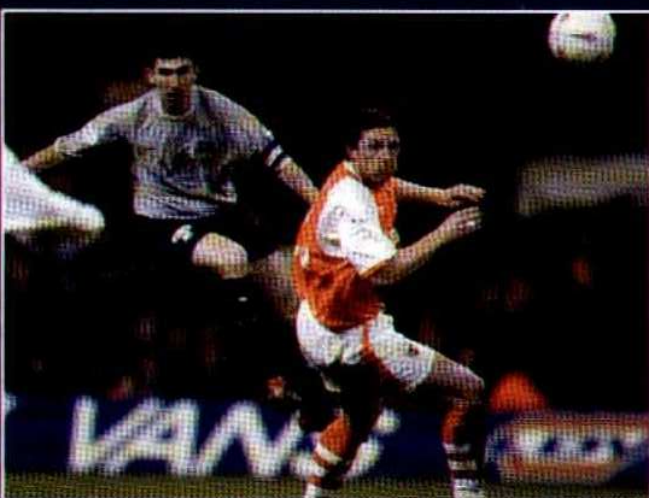


Darryl Flahavan

"There's not a great deal of difference between the League's that compete in the LDV. On our day we can beat anybody and that includes Swindon."

We did really well last year in the LDV, which was probably the catalyst in our League revival, but the most disappointing thing for me was our performance in that final. We showed Blackpool too much on the day and probably the experience of being at Cardiff besieged us."

Darryl Flahavan



Kevin Maher

"The most memorable moment of my Southend career was our trip to Cardiff. I'd love to have that memory erased but this time replace it with the silverware to say we were the winners."

"There's still a long way to go though until we can even think about that because I'm sure the lads at Swindon will want to go all the way as well."

"We'll give it our best shot though and that's all I can say."

Che Wilson

"This is an excellent competition to be apart of, I don't think some Clubs realise what is at the end of it if you can go all the way. It might not have the same prestige as the FA Cup but there is more chance of a Club like Southend reaching a major final in this sort of competition."

"We didn't do ourselves justice last season at Cardiff, this year though we have a better side and we'd like to go and finish off what we started. However, Swindon aren't going to be a push over but I do remember beating them before at this stage a few years back when we then went on and lost against Brentford. Another victory tonight would be appreciated!"

Kevin Maher

played for BOTH

Leigh Edwards Looks At Two Former Southend and Swindon Players

Appearances/Goals

Southend:

1973-77

League: 138 (3)

FA Cup: 12

League Cup: 5

Total: 155 (3)

Swindon Town:

1977-80

League: 98

FA Cup: 10

League Cup: 13

Total: 121

ANDY FORD

Young left-back Andy Ford was an influential figure as Southend United reached the FA Cup fifth round in 1975-76.

Initially with hometown Minehead, he joined AFC Bournemouth in July 1972 but was unable to secure a first-team slot at Dean Court. Arthur Rowley snapped him up on a free transfer in May 1973 and he made his League debut in Southend's 1-0 defeat at Blackburn Rovers three months later, partnering the likes of Dave Worthington and Frankie Banks in defence. He was ever-present in 1976-77 and netted three goals in 138 League games before following Dave Cunningham to Swindon Town in August 1977.

Ever-present in 1978-79, he helped Swindon to reach the League Cup semi-finals in 1979-80 and made 98 Third Division appearances for this evening's visitors before being sold to Gillingham for £30,000 in July 1980. He was voted Player of the Year in 1980-81 but suffered a serious knee injury in December 1981 and was forced to retire after a brief comeback with Dartford. Subsequently running his own trophy and engraving business Aford Awards Ltd, he has also managed Gravesend & Northfleet.

GARRY NELSON

Versatile young striker Garry Nelson starred as Southend United won the Fourth Division title in 1980-81.

A former apprentice at Roots Hall, he signed professional in July 1979 and made his League debut in Southend's 1-0 defeat at home to Colchester United three months later. He played alongside the likes of Terry Gray and Derek Spence and netted 17 goals in 129 League outings prior to joining Swindon Town for £10,000 in August 1983. Scoring seven times in 79 Fourth Division games for this evening's opponents, he reunited with Dave Smith at Plymouth Argyle for £15,000 in July 1985.

He starred in their 1985-86 promotion success and moved to Brighton for £72,500 in July 1987, finishing top scorer as they regained Second Division status at the first attempt in 1987-88. Following a loan spell at Notts County, he joined Charlton Athletic for £50,000 in August 1991 and reunited with Kevin Hodges as Torquay's player-coach for a year in August 1996. He subsequently played for ambitious non-League side Stamco and has since worked for the PFA Commercial Department in London.

Appearances/Goals

Southend:

1979-83

League: 129 (17)

FA Cup: 8

League Cup: 4 (1)

Total: 141 (18)

Swindon Town:

1983-85

League: 79 (7)

FA Cup: 5

League Cup: 4

Total: 88 (7)

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Nick Hart Takes A Look At Another Blues Match Played On This Day

**Scunthorpe United 4
Southend United 1
Nationwide League
Division Three Saturday
25th January, 2003.**

Just two years ago and Blues' travelled north to take on Scunthorpe lying 14th in the league following three straight league wins. Manager Rob Newman selected the following team for the game:-

Daniel Gay, Mark Beard, Damon Searle, Daryl Sutch, Leon Cort; Kevin Maher, Jay Smith, Daniel Marney, Steven Clark, Tes Bramble, Mark Rawle.

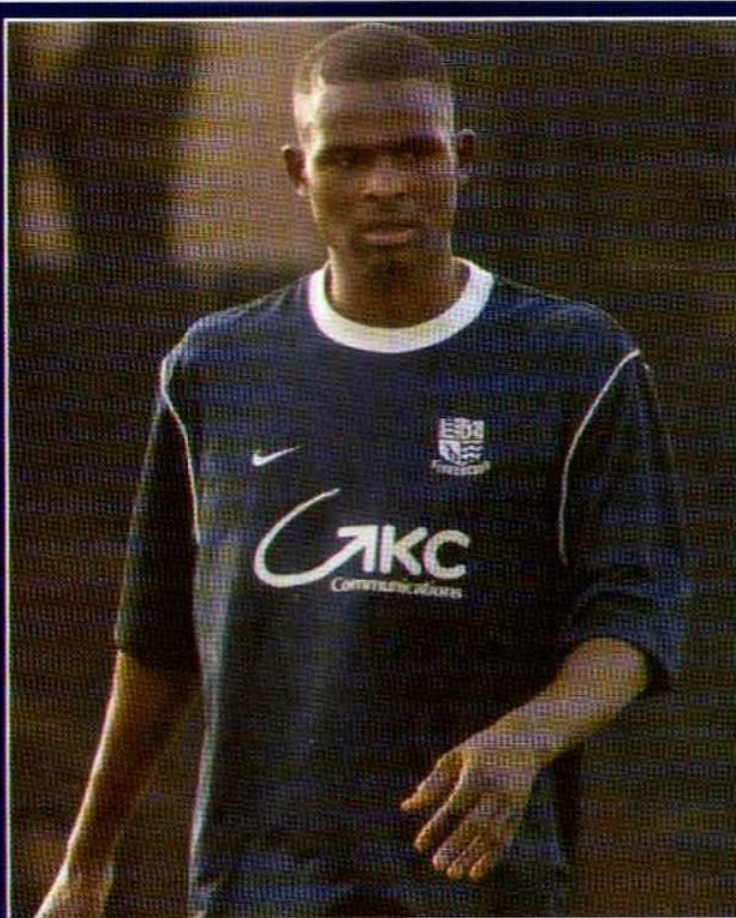
The hosts went into the game in 3rd place so this was always going to be a tough test for Southend. Blues started nervously and conceded a freak opening goal after just eleven minutes. Ex-Shrimpers striker Martin Carruthers burst down the right and an unfortunate slip by Daryl Sutch allowed Carruthers time to whip a powerful ball into the area which Leon Cort somehow headed into his own net

However, Southend equalised just six minutes later when Jay Smith unleashed a brilliant 20 yard drive which left Scunthorpe goalkeeper Tommy Evans with no chance. Mark Rawle then nodded a Kevin Maher corner just wide of the target on 31 minutes

before Daniel Gay did very well to push a curling effort from substitute Paul Hayes around the post five minutes later.

Just before the break Scunthorpe went further ahead when Alex Calvo-Garcia scored with a free header past Gay and the

straight at the feet of Hayes who scored with ease to delight most of the 3,096 fans inside Glanford Park.



Leon Cort scored - but in the wrong end

From the resulting corner however the home side regained their advantage. An Andy Dawson corner dropped to the edge of the penalty area where Ian Kilford's shot flew through a sea of players to put the home side 2-1 up.

Blues were incredibly 3-1 down after an even first half. Southend's luck didn't improve after the break and after Damon Searle had headed a Maher free kick off target the Irons went further ahead after a poor clearance from Gay fell

There was no additional to the scoring and although the 4-1 score line flattered Scunthorpe it is true to say the Blues did not deserve much from the game. Following this defeat the Blues' season lurched dangerously towards the dreaded possibility of relegation. Five straight defeats in March put the club deep into trouble but a record of just three wins in the last 13 league games was enough to enable the Blues to finish 17th. Scunthorpe missed out in the play offs losing to Lincoln while Exeter and Shrewsbury were relegated. Swindon finished their division two campaign in 10th place.

Elsewhere on this day and in the 4th round of the F.A. Cup Farnborough lost 5-1 at Arsenal while Gillingham drew with then Premiership giants Leeds United 1-1 at the Priestfield in a game that saw Mark Viduka sent off for Leeds. Tonight's opponents Swindon Town beat Wigan Athletic 2-1 in a division 2 game with their goals coming from Danny Invincible and Andy Gurney.

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Blues Owner Ron Martin Accepts Payments To Agents As Part Of The Game

SOUTHEND *United* **supremo Ron Martin** today admitted he was not surprised to see the *Shrimpers* named as the second biggest payers to football agents in League Two.

A report issued by the Football League, revealed Blues have handed over £35,000 to agents in the past six months - with only Swansea City paying more in the basement level of the game. But Martin was not shocked by the findings.

"I'm not surprised at all that we're second in the figures because we've signed a few players," he said.

"They've all done well so I've been happy with their impact and have not minded paying at all. But it's not just new players that require agents fees it's when you sort out contracts with those already at the club as well and we've had a few new deals to negotiate lately."

And the club's co owner added he accepted agents involvement as "part and parcel" of the game, citing the Seasiders signing of star striker Freddy Eastwood as a prime example.

"You take the signing of

Freddy Eastwood and his agent was quite expensive but I was not prepared to lose a player like that over not paying an agent and I think the fans would agree with me on that," he said.

"If we want to sign a player like him and need to pay his agent to be able to do so then so be it."

But Martin, a member of the Football League board, also admitted he was not prepared to pay out silly money to secure any transfers.

"Apparently another club offered Freddy's agent three times what we paid him and in the end we paid a good fee to sign Freddy and a sensible fee to his agent as well," he confirmed.

"Sometimes we say no and although I think they get too much money I don't think it can be stopped. We still manage to operate within budget and that's the most important thing."

And, as Martin continues his attempts to improve Blues' finances, he added discussions with Delancey over purchasing their shares in the were still club on going.

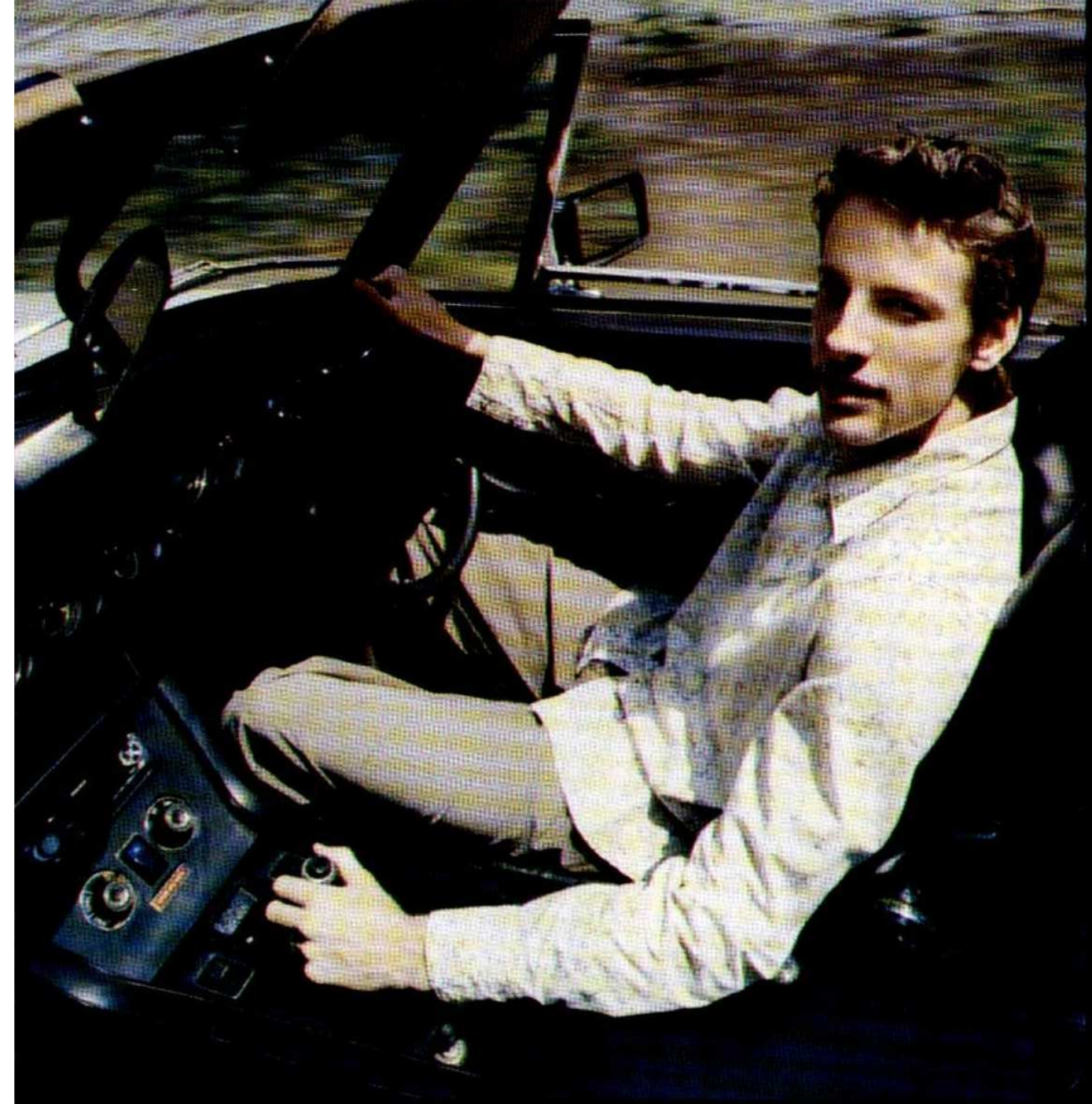
"We had a meeting last week and will meet again

this week and negotiations are intense at the moment," he said.

"Something has to happen quickly and it will.

For the club to move on and succeed Delancey have to go but we're on a roll at the moment and this is positive news."





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treatmentROOM

Club Physio John Stannard Talks About The Teams Injuries



Welcome back to the treatment room for tonight's match against Swindon Town in the LDV Vans Trophy.

Our injury problems over the last few weeks have been well publicised but sometimes these things just happen in football. It's a bit like a bus in the fact that you get none for ages then three come along at once.

We've just got to get to grips with things though and get on with it hopefully getting the boys back and training with the first team as soon as possible.

First up is Bart Griemink who picked up an injury to both knees against Notts County in our last match at Roots Hall. He's gone up and challenged for the ball with their forward and when he has come down he has done so on his knees. The injury isn't as bad as we first thought it might be. Obviously earlier in the season Bart injured his knee against Rushden so I was concerned that it was the same injury. I've never seen a player injure both knees in one game so to say it was a rare case is an understatement.

Both knees have Medial Collateral Ligament problems. It sounds bad

but it will probably keep him out of training for at least two weeks which is better than what we first thought.

Another big blow for us was Andy Edwards hamstring strain against Canvey Island in the Essex Senior Cup. He pulled up in the second half and it was obvious straight away what he had done. Andy's going to be out for a month which is obviously a blow to the team.

Jim Corbett's been struck with another setback as well. He's had various injuries this season but he was making good progress in getting his fitness back. Jimmy got his studs caught in

the ground training and it's caused him to hurt his ligaments in the ankle. We've had his foot set in plaster and it will be two weeks before that is removed.

However, there is some good news both Duncan Jupp and Mark Gower are back in the side after their leg and back problems respectively. Meanwhile Jay Smith has also returned to Boots and Laces to begin his rehab work having had his cast removed after four weeks.

Enjoy tonight's match,

John

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A Week At Roots Hall With The Evening Echo's Chris Phillips

17/1/05: SPOILSPORTS!

SOUTHEND United midfielder Carl Pettefer reveals he was frustrated by Notts County's spoiling tactics during the Shrimpers 0-0 draw at Roots Hall on Saturday.

Steve Tilson's side were unable to work their way past the struggling visitors who packed men behind the ball to secure a share of the spoils. And Pettefer admitted he had been disappointed by the Magpies' negative approach to the game.

"They came and defended in numbers and made it hard for us," says the former Portsmouth trainee.

"They sat back, defended deeply and it was very frustrating. We didn't create many clear cut chances and it was disappointing as well because we really needed the three points."

Elsewhere, boss Tilson reveals he is still sweating on the fitness of goalkeeper Bart Griemink.

19/1/05: GRAY DELIGHT AS BLUES MARCH ON

SOUTHEND United striker Wayne Gray reveals he enjoyed the Shrimpers' narrow

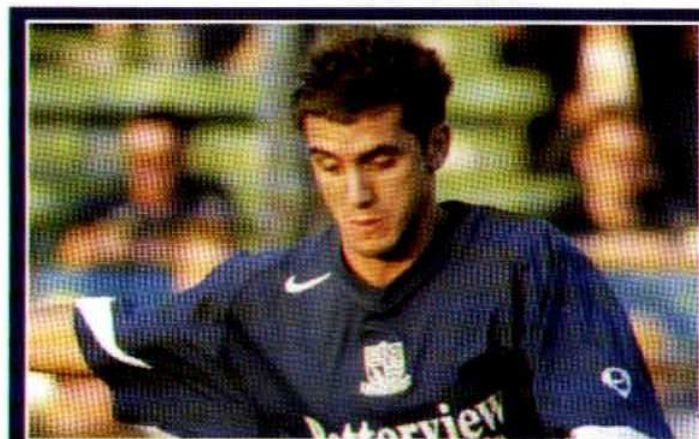
1-0 victory over local rivals Canvey Island in the quarter finals of the Essex Senior Cup.

The speedy forward heads home the only goal of the

game as a young Blues side edge their way past a strong Gulls outfit to secure their third successive semi final slot in the competition.

"I really enjoyed the game - much more than I thought I would," says Gray. "We had a young side out and players coming back from injury so we did really well to get a result."

Reserve boss Paul Brush



Nicky Nicolau believed Blues could beat Stags

also praises his troops but adds Andy Edwards could face a long spell on the sidelines with a hamstring injury. Elsewhere, youth team chief Ross Maclaren calls for more consistency from his youngsters and first team skipper Kevin Maher believes Blues must remain patient when up against negative sides.

20/1/05: FLAVS FIT TO FACE STAGS

SOUTHEND United goalkeeper Darryl Flahavan admits he is relishing the prospect of returning to the Shrimpers first team at Mansfield Town this Saturday.

The former Woking custodian kept a clean sheet for the Seaside reserves against a strong Canvey side on Tuesday night.

And Flahavan is now

expected to replace the injured Bart Griemink at Field Mill having himself recovered from a heel problem.

"I'm not going to sit here and lie and say I'm been happy being on the bench because I haven't," says Flahavan.

"I see myself as a first team keeper so it's been frustrating but, at the same time, I can't really complain because I got injured and didn't play for two months."

Blues boss Steve Tilson ruled out signing any outfield players on loan, Jimmy Corbett reveals his frustrations at being ruled out for up to five weeks, while it is confirmed both Andy Edwards and Bart Griemink face extended spells on the treatment table.

21/1/05: STAG DO CAN REVIVE BLUES

SOUTHEND United winger Nicky Nicolau admits he is confident Blues can get their season back on track at Mansfield Town tomorrow. The former Arsenal trainee has impressed in recent weeks and is hoping to help the Shrimpers secure another vital three points against the Stags at Field Mill after two indifferent displays.

"It's going to be difficult but we've been to a lot of places and won already this season so why shouldn't we win at Mansfield as well?" he says. Seaside's chief Steve Tilson adds he is hoping to see his side bounce back to winning ways, while Blues are also drawn at home to Thurrock in the semi finals of the Essex Senior Cup. Goalkeeper Craig Holloway signs on loan from Farnborough Town.

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Lewis Crowe Takes A Look At What Has Been Going On In The Division



Yeovil continue to top the League Two standings, albeit on level points with closest rivals Scunthorpe United. The Glover slipped to a surprising 2-1 defeat at the hands of with seventeenth placed Oxford United to end their storming run of nine consecutive victories.

Former Southend United front-man Tommy Mooney gave the U's the advantage with a magnificent thirty-yard drive following a one-two with Chris Davies. Davies then went from provider to goal-scorer himself as he rounded off a magnificent forty-yard solo run with a low strike from the left in the fifty-seventh minute of the match.

The Glovers were able to earn a late consolation goal with just eight minute remaining on the clock as former Oxford defender Scott Guyett rose high to meet Andrejs Stolcers corner-kick with a powerful downward header. After the match Yeovil Town manager Gary Johnson expressed his disappointment and hope his side would learn from their mistakes. "I gave the players a short, sharp rebuke because we haven't played our game. Oxford imposed their game upon us and that doesn't normally happen. We are not used to losing, but we'll bounce back. We have a lot of character- this is a kick up the backside."

Scunthorpe were only just able to close the gap between themselves and league leaders Yeovil Town as they came from a 2-1 deficit to defeat Bury on home territory. The Iron took the lead just six minutes into the match as Andy Butler headed home, but the Shakers replied twenty-five minutes later as Chris Porter beat Paul Musslewhite with a firm header of his own. Bury then burst into a shock lead with a powerful Andy Keogh effort just three minutes after the half-time interval. Scunthorpe began to put pressure upon the Shakers as the match entered the final half an hour of play and

Steve Torpey managed to level the scores in the sixty-eighth minute. Bury finally succumbed to the increased pressure with just three minutes of play remaining as Torpey evaded his marker to slot the ball home after good work from Cleveland Taylor. Brians Laws felt his side 'left it very late' to seal all three points in the League Two clash with Bury. "We deserved it when you look at the chances we had. We started off well with fluent passing, but once they scored we went into defending mode. Once I brought Cleveland Taylor on the game changed, he supplied the goods for us to score the goals."



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Lewis Crowe Keeps An Eye On What Has Been Happening



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With Southend only able to manage a 0-0 draw with Notts County, Northampton Town failed to capitalize and claim fourth position as they could only muster a draw with Darlington at the Sixfields Stadium. The Cobblers started in the worst possible manner as defender Tommy Jaszczun lost possession and midfielder Adolfo Gregorio took full advantage to give the Quakers the lead. From this moment on the Cobblers controlled the match, but Quakers custodian Sam Russell denied the home side on many occasions. With just two minutes remaining the Cobblers

earned their reward from eighty minutes of near constant pressure when a Galbraith rocket strike from twenty-yards left Russell hopeless in the Darlington net. After the match the Cobblers confirmed the superb acquisition of Leicester City striker Trevor Benjamin to aid their push for promotion. Benjamin, who signed for the Foxes for £1.5 Million in 2000, has struggled to hold down a regular place in the side. Benjamin has joined the Cobblers on a short-term contract following a loan spell at the club in which he netted twice in five appearances.

Cambridge United failed to lift themselves from the foot of the football league against a flu-hit Chester City side as they drew 0-0.

Chester have been hit by a epidemic of the flu virus to such an extent that Ian Rush had requested for this match to be postponed, but the FA would not allow this. A miscued clearance by Chester's Sean Hessey almost gifted Cambridge the lead, but team-mate Ben Davies hacked the ball away from his own goal-line. Cambridge enjoyed the best of the play and should have scored when Shane Tudor was found through on goal, but he was unable to take advantage firing his shot directly into the arms of goalkeeper Chris MacKenzie.

Kidderminster Harriers plunged deeper in relegation trouble as Macclesfield Town comfortably defeated them 2-0 at Moss Rose.

The Harriers should have taken an early lead when Alan Fettis was forced to make a magnificent save to prevent a Dean Keates header, but the Slikmen took the lead as new captain Matthew Tipton raced onto a long ball forward from Michael Welch before cleverly lifted the ball over the on-rushing Jon Danby. Jon Parkin then netted his sixteenth goal of the season in the fifty-fourth minute with a fine header to guarantee all three points for the Silkmen. The frustration was obviously too much for Harriers player Lee Jenkins who received a red-card for a malicious foul late in the match.



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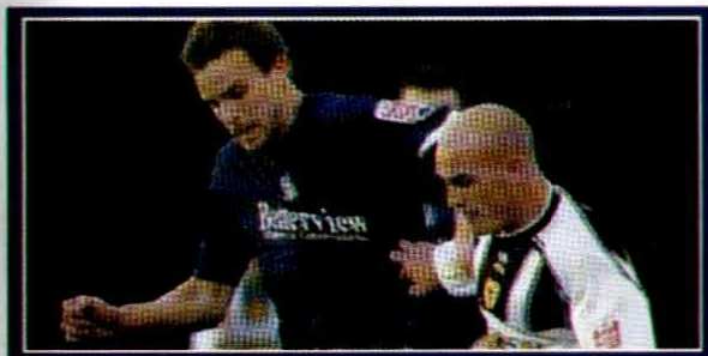


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A Round-Up Of All The Stories From The Hall This Week

Northampton Ticket News

As the Blues returned to training on Thursday preparing to bounce back from the disappointing defeat away at Boston United, ticket information was about the vital League Two clash with fellow promotion hopefuls Northampton Town on Saturday February the nineteenth. Supporters of Southend United have been allocated a section of 1,250 seats for the match with prices set at £14 for adults and £9.50 for concessions in the South Stand (850 tickets). Whilst the remaining 400 tickets are allocated for the Family Stand (at the side of the pitch with a no smoking policy) with prices set at £15 for adults, £8 for over 60's and students with a reasonable price of just £4 for under-16's. The tickets go on general sale on Monday January the twenty-fourth.



Maher Believes Blues Have Quality

As a new week began Blues' captain Kevin Maher took time out to speak to Blues World about the season thus far and what he hopes from the remainder of the 2004-2005 league campaign. "There are seventeen or eighteen games to go and we want to pick up points because it's still so tight in this division. Some sides will have some dodgy results in the run in and we are still 4th in the League so things aren't too bad." Maher also looked forward to the Blues clash with Mansfield Town at the weekend. "Mansfield is going to be a battle, but we have that in our side and with a bit of quality to go with it we can go there and get a positive result."

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Bentley Frustrated With Suspension

On Friday the fourteenth of January Blues World spoke to midfielder Mark Bentley about his frustration of receiving a suspension for the Blues away trip to Mansfield Town. The hard-working midfielder received a caution in the sixty-seventh minute of the match with Boston United following a firm challenge. "It's frustrating to missing with a one game suspension," said the former Dagenham and Redbridge midfield maestro. "I felt I didn't really catch the lad; he went down quite easily which was disappointing for me."



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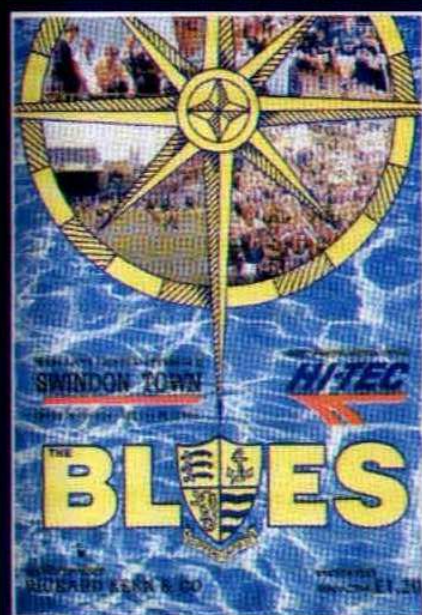


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Another Swindon Programme

**Southend United 3
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Saturday, 9th
November 1991**

NEEDLESS to say season 1991-92 doesn't need an explanation of its significance in the history of Southend United, being the Club's first campaign as full members of the Football League in Division Two.

Of course it was also the League's final season in its proper format as twenty-two rebellious Clubs resigned from the Football League at the end of the season to join the new Premier League. Indeed, to this day Clubs relegated from the new top flight have been playing Football League matches despite the fact that their resignation has never been retracted!

Anyhow, Southend United were thoroughly enjoying their new lofty status, and by early November were occupying a play-off place and eager to see off table-topping Swindon Town.

Despite the ever dangerous Duncan Shearer grabbing an early lead for the visitors, it was United who stole all three points as a brace from Brett Angell, who was in the process of scoring in seven consecutive matches, and another from current boss Steve Tilson earned an eventual 3-2 victory in front of 7,709 spectators.

Southend incredibly topped the table for a number of hours of new years day following a remarkably impressive 4-0 Roots Hall drubbing of Newcastle United, but following David Webb's imminent decision to quit the Club at the end of the season, the Shrimpers stuttered to an eventual twelfth place finish.

The return leg at the County Ground brought another Angell goal, but unfortunately a 3-1 reverse.

SEASON 1991-92 saw the 'sea background' introduced to United programmes for the first time as the Club upped the quality of their publication in line with their promotion.

The page size was upped from A5 to B5 for the first time in ten years whilst a complete revamp of the design, and a slight price increase from £1 to £1.20, resulted a bright and breezy production.

Manager David Webb penned lengthy and informative notes whilst the second real feature saw an impressive youth and reserve page, including a detailed profile on a different youth member in each issue, the subject of the profile in this edition was Michael Gonzague.

The visitor's were given three pages, including player profiles, squad sot and a history before Spencer Prior, aged just

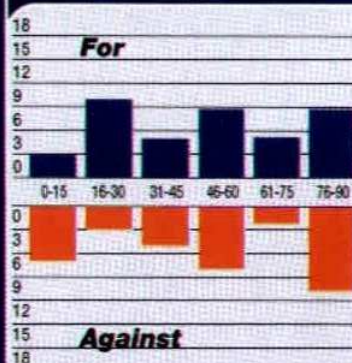
20, was the subject of '32 Facts and Views'. For the record Spinners least favourite TV programme fourteen years ago was 'Beadle's About' whilst he also found getting Steve Tilson out of the bathroom particularly difficult!



A different supporter was also profiled each week in 'Fan File' just before we reach the centre of the 36 pages, where the action shots from the previous home

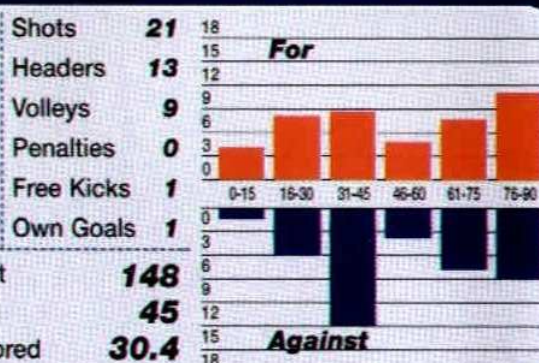
game with Charlton Athletic are duly on show.

'Spot Light On' featured a two page profile on a different Shrimpers player each week, and this time Pat Scully was in the firing line before articles from Kevin O'Donnell and Frankie Banks wrapped up an impressive programme.

When Scored



Shots	15			Shots	21
Headers	15			Headers	13
Volleys	6	15	21	Volleys	9
Penalties	4	21	15	Penalties	0
Free Kicks	1			Free Kicks	1
Own Goals	0	5	9	Own Goals	1
Shots on Target		155	Shots on Target		148
Goals Scored		41	Goals Scored		45
% of Shots Scored		26.5	% of Shots Scored		30.4



Discipline

Red Cards	2
Yellow Cards	34
Fouls Committed	379
Average per Game	13.07
Conceded from Free Kick	3
Fouls Suffered	431
Average per Game	14.86
Scored from Free Kick	7
Caught Offside	110
Average per Game	3.79

Barrett	6	Headed goals	Parkin	6
Eastwood	3	Long range shots	3 players	2
Eastwood, Barrett	5	Inside 6 yards	Parkin	5
Gower	4	Shots from 6-18 yards	Parkin	5
6 players	1	Volleyed shots	Parkin	2
Gray, Dudfield	2	Penalties	none	
Gower, Eastwood	4	Scored 1st Goal in match	Parkin, Igoe	3
3 players	2	Most goals in last 10	Parkin	3
Eastwood	9.5	Points gained from goals	Parkin	12.83

Red Cards	4
Yellow Cards	37
Fouls Committed	376
Average per Game	12.97
Conceded from Free Kick	3
Fouls Suffered	343
Average per Game	11.83
Scored from Free Kick	5
Caught Offside	72
Average per Game	2.48

Last 6 & Swings

Opponents	H/A	Score
Mansfield	A	1-1
Notts County	H	0-0
Boston	A	0-2
Kidderminster	A	3-1
Rushden	H	3-0
Mansfield	H	0-1
Won when Behind:		0
Drawn when Behind:		5
Drawn when Ahead:		1
Lost when Ahead:		2



Opponents	H/A	Score
Brentford	A	1-2
Blackpool	H	2-2
Sheff Wed	A	0-2
Bradford	A	2-1
Colchester	H	0-3
Brentford	H	3-0
Won when Behind:		1
Drawn when Behind:		5
Drawn when Ahead:		4
Lost when Ahead:		2

Swindon's Last 10 Years

Games Played	577
Won	188
Drawn	157
Lost	232
Goals Scored	710
Goals Conceded	853
Points Total	721
Biggest Win	
6-0 Huddersfield 96/97	
Heaviest Defeat	
0-7 Bolton 96/97	
n.b. stats from 92-93 to present	



Top Scorers

Sam Parkin	57
Wayne Allison	31
Chris Hay	30
Jan-Aage Fjortoft	27
Peter Thorne	27
Paul Bodin	26
Shaun Taylor	26
Iffy Onuora	25
Mark Walters	25
Andy Gurney	22

n.b. scorers from 92-93 to present



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Jim Corbett Annoyed At Latest Injury Set Back

SOUTHEND United winger Jimmy Corbett has been ruled out for at least five weeks with another ankle injury.

The former Blackburn Rovers attacker picked up the problem during the training and will now face an extended spell on the sidelines.

"My studs just got caught in the ground during the training and forced me to fall over," said Corbett.

"I'm in plaster for the next fortnight but hopefully I'll be back in training in around five weeks and this can be the end of my injuries."

But Corbett - who has been plagued with injury since signing for

the Shrimpers at the start of last season - added he was extremely frustrated at his latest stint on the treatment table.

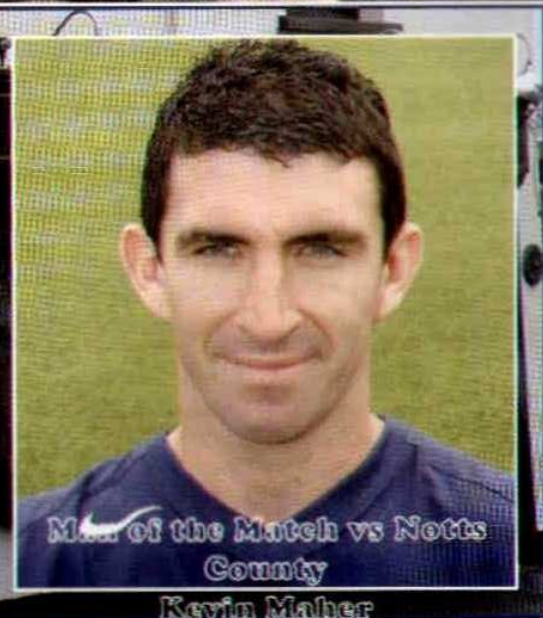
"It's so annoying because I was just starting to think I was close to coming back but, as has been typical during my time at Southend, I've got another injury," he said.

"It's hard to take but the only good thing is that it's not the ankle I've had all the problems with in the past so, touch wood, it can recover quicker and I can be back training again as soon as possible."

Corbett was set to feature in Southend's Essex Senior Cup victory against Canvey Island



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All This Seasons Fixtures

DATE	OPPONENTS	RES	ATT	AWAY	POS								
Sat Aug 7	CHELTEMHAM TOWN	L0-2	5,332	378	23	Griemink	Jupp	Prior	Edwards	Nicolau	Gower	Maher	
Tue Aug 10	Lincoln City (19.45)	D1-1	3,991	251	20	Griemink	Jupp	Edwards	Prior	Nicolau	Gower	Maher	
Sat Aug 14	Rochdale	L0-2	2,218	224	22	Griemink	Jupp	Prior	Edwards	Nicolau	Pettefer	Bentley	
Sat Aug 21	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	D0-0	3,941	512	23	Griemink	Jupp	Prior	Edwards	Nicolau	Pettefer	Maher	
Tue Aug 24	West Ham Utd (CC1) (19.45)	L0-2	16,910	3,850	NA	Griemink	Jupp	Edwards	Barrett	Nicolau	Gower	Maher	
Fri Aug 27	Bristol Rovers (19.45)	L1-2	9,287	181	24	Griemink	Jupp	Barrett ¹	Prior	Nicolau	Gower	Maher	
Sat Aug 30	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	W2-1	3,753	112	20	Griemink	Jupp	Prior	Barrett ²	Wilson	Gower	Bentley	
Sat Sep 4	Rushden & Diamonds	W4-1	2,804	579	14	Griemink	Jupp	Prior	Barrett	Wilson	Pettefer	Bentley	
Sat Sep 11	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	L1-2	4,771	537	18	Flahavan	Jupp	Prior	Barrett	Wilson	Pettefer	Bentley ¹	
Sat Sep 18	Notts County	W2-1	4,487	453	14	Flahavan	Jupp	Prior	Barrett ²	Wilson	Pettefer	Bentley	
Sat Sep 25	KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	W1-0	4,087	129	11	Flahavan	Jupp	Prior	Barrett	Wilson	Pettefer	Bentley	
Wed Sep 29	Colchester Utd (LDV1) (20.00)	W1-1 (5-3)	3,469	913	NA	Flahavan	Jupp	Edwards	Barrett	Wilson	Pettefer	Maher	
Sat Oct 2	Darlington	L0-4	3,901	198	15	Flahavan	Jupp	Prior	Barrett	Wilson	Pettefer	Maher	
Fri Oct 8	BOSTON UNITED (7.45pm)	W2-1	5,688	166	11	Flahavan	Jupp	Prior	Barrett	Wilson	Pettefer	Maher	
Sat Oct 16	SWANSEA CITY	W4-2	4,940	405	9	Clarke	Jupp	Prior ¹	Barrett	Wilson	Pettefer	Maher	
Tue Oct 19	Scunthorpe United (19.30)	L2-3	3,402	131	11	Flahavan	Jupp	Prior	Barrett	Wilson	Pettefer	Maher	
Sat Oct 23	Shrewsbury Town	D1-1	3,719	326	13	Flahavan	Jupp	Prior	Barrett	Wilson	Pettefer	Hunt	
Sat Oct 30	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	W2-1	5,696	784	7	Flahavan	Jupp	Prior	Barrett	Wilson	Gower ¹	Maher	
Tue Nov 2	SHREWSBURY (LDV2) (19.45)	W4-1	2,599	78	NA	Flahavan	Hunt	Prior	Barrett	Nicolau	Pettefer	Bentley ¹	
Sat Nov 6	OXFORD UNITED	W4-0	5,608	407	5	Griemink	Jupp	Prior	Barrett ¹	Wilson	Pettefer	Maher	
Fri Nov 12	LUTON TOWN (FAC1) (19.45)	L0-3	6,683	551	NA	Griemink	Jupp	Prior	Barrett	Wilson	Pettefer	Maher	
Sat Nov 20	Yeovil Town	L1-3	5,839	300	7	Griemink	Wilson	Edwards	Barrett ¹	Hunt	Gower	Maher	
Fri Nov 26	GRIMSBY TOWN (19.45)	D1-1	5,192	264	5	Griemink	Jupp	Prior	Barrett	Wilson	Pettefer	Bentley	
Tue Nov 30	Northampton Twn (LDV3) (19.45)	W2-0	3,280	414	NA	Griemink	Hunt	Nicolau	Edwards	Barrett	Pettefer ¹	Gower	
Tue Dec 7	Leyton Orient (19.45)	D2-2	3,852	500	10	Griemink	Bramble	Hunt	Barrett	Wilson	Gray ¹	Prior	
Sat Dec 11	Bury	W1-0	2,522	195	6	Griemink	Hunt	Barrett	Prior	Wilson	Pettefer	Maher	
Fri Dec 17	CHESTER CITY (19.45)	W1-0	4,837	105	4	Griemink	Hunt	Prior	Barrett	Wilson	Pettefer	Bentley	
Sun Dec 26	Wycombe Wanderers	W1-0	5,669	1023	4	Griemink	Hunt	Edwards	Barrett	Wilson	Pettefer	Maher	
Tue Dec 28	MANSFIELD TOWN	L0-1	7,082	232	4	Griemink	Hunt	Edwards	Barrett	Maher	Bentley	Pettefer	
Sat Jan 1	RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	W3-0	5,930	239	4	Griemink	Hunt	Edwards ¹	Barrett	Wilson	Pettefer	Bentley ¹	
Sat Jan 3	Kidderminster H ¹	W3-1	2,755	463	4	Griemink	Hunt	Prior	Barrett	Wilson	Pettefer	Maher	
Wed Jan 12	Boston United	L0-2	2,389	294	4	Griemink	Hunt	Edwards	Barrett	Wilson	Bentley	Maher	
Sat Jan 15	NOTTS COUNTY	D0-0	5,304	297	4	Griemink	Hunt	Prior	Barrett	Wilson	Pettefer	Bentley	
Sat Jan 22	Mansfield Town												
Tue Jan 25	SWINDON TOWN (LDV S) (19.45)												
Sat Jan 29	DARLINGTON												
Fri Feb 4	Swansea City (19.45)												
Fri Feb 11	SCUNTHORPE UNITED (19.45)												
Sat Feb 19	Northampton Town												
Tue Feb 22	SHREWSBURY TOWN (19.45)												
Sat Feb 26	BURY												
Sat Mar 5	Chester City												
Sat Mar 12	LINCOLN CITY												
Sat Mar 19	Cheltenham Town												
Fri Mar 25	ROCHDALE												
Mon Mar 28	Cambridge United												
Fri Apr 1	BRISTOL ROVERS (19.45)												
Sat Apr 9	Macclesfield Town												
Sat Apr 16	LEYTON ORIENT												
Sat Apr 23	Oxford United												
Sat Apr 30	YEovil TOWN												
Sat May 7	Grimsby Town												

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						SUBS		
Goal	Pettefer	Dudfield	Gray	Bramble	Husbands	Flahavan	Barrett	Wilson
Goal	Pettefer	Broughton	Gray ¹	Hunt	Dudfield	Flahavan	Barrett	Wilson
Goal	Gower	Broughton	Gray	Barrett	Dudfield	Flahavan	Hunt	Wilson
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Goal	Pettefer	Bramble	Dudfield	Hunt	Broughton	Edwards	Flahavan	Corbett
Goal	Gower	Dudfield ²	Bramble ¹	Flahavan	Corbett	Broughton	Hunt	Edwards
Goal	Gower	Dudfield	Bramble	Corbett	Kightly	Broughton	Gray	Edwards
Goal	Gower	Bramble	Dudfield	Corbett	Gray	Hunt	Edwards	Broughton
Goal	Gower ¹	Bramble	Dudfield	Gray	Broughton	Hunt	Edwards	Nicolau
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Goal	Gower	Bramble	Gray	Broughton	Hunt	Corbett	Nicolau	Edwards
Goal	Gower ¹	Bramble	Gray ¹	Corbett	Nicolau	Edwards	Kightly	Eastwood
Goal	Gower	Eastwood ³	Gray	Corbett	Kightly	Morgan	Edwards	Nicolau
Goal	Corbett ¹	Gray	Eastwood ¹	Edwards	Dudfield	Nicolau	Clarke	Kightly
Goal	Gower	Gray ¹	Eastwood	Bentley	Clarke	Edwards	Dudfield	Corbett
Goal	Pettefer	Eastwood	Gray ¹	Bentley	Dudfield	Griemink	Edwards	Corbett
Goal	Gower	Eastwood ²	Gray ¹	Edwards	Corbett	Dudfield	Griemink	Wilson
Goal	Gower ¹	Gray	Eastwood ¹	Bentley	Dudfield ¹	Bramble	Morgan	Edwards
Goal	Gower	Eastwood	Gray	Edwards	Bentley	Bramble	Dudfield	Morgan
Goal	Pettefer	Gray	Eastwood	Jupp	Bramble	Nicolau	Dudfield	Morgan
Goal	Gower	Eastwood ¹	Gray	Bramble	Nicolau	Dudfield	Morgan	Lawson
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Goal	Bentley	Eastwood ¹	Pettefer	Jupp	Nicolau	Edwards	Dudfield	Morgan
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Goal	Gower	Gray	Eastwood ¹	Dudfield	Nicolau	Flahavan	Bramble	Corbett
Goal	Wilson	Bramble	Eastwood	Dudfield	Nicolau	Flahavan	Prior	Corbett
Goal	Nicolau	Dudfield	Bramble	Lawson	Gray	Flahavan	Prior	Eastwood
Goal	Nicolau ¹	Eastwood ²	Gray	Bramble	Dudfield	Flahavan	Lawson	Edwards
Goal	Nicolau	Gray	Eastwood	Dudfield	Gower	Prior	Bramble	Flahavan
Goal	Nicolau	Eastwood	Dudfield	Flahavan	Gower	Gray	Edwards	Lawson

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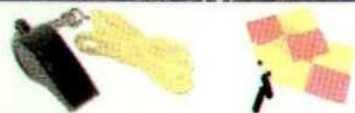
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Yeovil	27	10	2	1	34	13	6	2	6	23	25	19	52
Scunthorpe	27	10	2	2	25	12	5	5	3	19	13	19	52
Swansea	27	9	2	3	21	12	6	2	5	16	12	13	49
Southend	28	8	3	3	21	11	5	3	6	19	23	6	45
Northampton	27	7	6	1	21	11	5	2	6	17	20	7	44
Darlington	28	6	4	4	18	14	5	4	5	16	17	3	41
Macclesfield	27	8	2	4	20	16	4	3	6	12	15	1	41
Boston Utd	27	8	5	0	23	11	2	5	7	13	18	7	40
Lincoln City	27	4	7	3	21	18	6	2	5	14	11	6	39
Leyton Orient	28	4	6	4	23	21	5	6	3	18	19	1	39
Bristol Rovers	28	6	7	1	21	13	2	6	6	10	15	3	37
Rochdale	26	5	4	4	16	16	5	3	5	15	14	1	37
Cheltenham	27	6	4	4	16	13	3	6	4	11	13	1	37
Grimsby	27	6	6	2	22	11	3	3	7	10	16	5	36
Mansfield	27	6	4	3	17	10	3	5	6	13	15	5	36
Wycombe	27	4	5	4	11	12	5	4	5	17	17	-1	36
Oxford Utd	28	7	2	5	15	12	2	6	6	11	22	-8	35
Bury	27	4	6	3	15	10	3	5	6	18	23	0	32
Chester	27	3	5	5	11	17	3	7	4	14	20	-12	30
Notts County	26	3	4	5	12	12	4	4	6	14	20	-6	29
Shrewsbury	27	5	4	5	17	12	1	5	7	10	23	-8	27
Rushden & D.	28	3	5	6	13	18	2	5	7	11	21	-15	25
Kidderminster	28	5	2	7	13	24	1	1	12	6	28	-33	21
Cambridge Utd	28	3	4	7	13	18	0	7	7	10	19	-14	20

CARD COLLECTION

Bart GRIEMINK	0	0	0
Duncan JUPP	4	0	0
Nicky NICOLAU	2	0	0
Lewis HUNT	3	0	0
Andy EDWARDS	1	0	0
Adam BARRETT	1	0	0
Mark GOWER	0	0	0
Kevin MAHER	7	1	0
Mark BENTLEY	5	0	1
Carl PETTEFER	1	0	0
Lawrie DUDFIELD	2	0	0
Drewie BROUGHTON	8	0	0
Darryl FLAHAVAN	0	0	1
Wayne GRAY	1	0	0
Spencer PRIOR	3	0	0
Jim CORBETT	0	0	0
Michael HUSBANDS	0	0	0
Che WILSON	2	0	0
Tes BRAMBLE	2	0	0
Michael KIGHTLY	1	0	0
Stuart WILLIAMS	0	0	0
Jay SMITH	0	0	0
Freddy EASTWOOD	0	0	0
James LAWSON	0	0	0
Nick MORGAN	0	0	0

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Southend United v Swindon Town

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| 7 | Mark GOWER |
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