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Whilst Dave Scriven is enjoying himself in the USA on his annual vacation, his colleagues in the commercial department have been left to pick up the pieces. The fact that he has chosen this time of year to take a break is somewhat strange, bearing in mind that there is a 50/50 chance of a home draw in the world's most prestigious competition, The FA Cup.

Obviously Dave will point out that when he booked his holiday he was not employed by the club and that is a fair comment, however he claims to be a fanatical Blues fan, travelling the length of the country supporting his beloved Southend United. So even though he was unaware of his future employment, surely he new that he would miss not one but possibly two Blues matches during his fortnight away. As a football fan I find it very difficult to comprehend that anyone would take a holiday during the football season or, if you had to, make sure that you were in travelling distance of any forthcoming fixture! But no he goes to America where their number 1 sport is ...wait for it....ROUNDERS!

He claims that he will be able to watch the match on SKY however they will probably be showing some other minority sport like American Football-so called because they throw the ball with their hands!?!-under the banner of 'The World Series', so I doubt that he will get anywhere near the tele. Enjoy



it Dave oh and 'have a nice day'-yeah right!

Tonight's match should be a cracker with both sides in top form. Luton started the season in brilliant style and have led League 1 from the word go and even though they have had a couple of minor blips in recent weeks, they have re-collected themselves and got right back on track. Last Saturday they defeated a good Wrexham outfit 5-1 with leading marksman Steve Howard and Ahmet Brkovic once again finding the back of the net to take the Hatters six points clear at the top of the table. Meanwhile

the Blues were also rampant knocking 4 second half goals past Graham Rix's Oxford United to move up to 5th in League 2 only five points behind leaders Scunthorpe United. Hopefully the goals will not have dried up and that both teams go for glory this evening in front of the large TV audience.

Luton will be without their Assistant Manager the legendary Mick Harford following his departure to join up with Joe Kinnear at Nottingham Forest, so it will be interesting to see if that decision has an effect-although it didn't last Saturday!

Back to the Blues and to that goal by Freddy. What a run and what a strike! Worth the gate money on its own, as they say. However, more importantly, the goals are coming from all over the pitch which is always a good sign and the defence looks solid. Let's hope that it continues tonight.

Enjoy the match and sing your hearts out for the lads!

Up the Blues

Brian Wheeler
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Southend United Manager Steve Tilson Brings You His Thoughts

WELCOME back to Roots Hall for tonight's FA Cup clash with Luton Town, which is our fourth home game in quick succession. So far, during that run, the results have gone in our favour and we will be hoping to produce another good performance to try and extend that run this evening.

It's going to be a tough test against Luton though - we all know that because they are a very good side who have made such a strong start to season in the Division above us.

They're top of the League One table right now and have won their last two games quite convincingly so I'm sure they will be coming here full of confidence for what should be a good game in front of another good crowd. It's the hardest game we could have had but we've been playing well lately too and have home advantage which is

always important. We beat Luton last year in the LDV Vans Trophy as well and, although that will count for nothing tonight, it shows that anything is possible in a one off cup tie. We've had six wins in a row here now and that's great because if you're going to have a successful season then it is always essential to win games on your own patch. We didn't start off too well at Roots Hall either but we seemed to have turned that around now and long may it continue! The last of those victories came last Saturday as we beat Oxford United 4-0, with all of our goals coming in the second half.

The first 45 minutes were a bit scrappy, we looked a bit edgy which was strange but Mark Gower netted with a well taken shot just after half time and that settled everyone down.

We went on from there to score three more but what was equally as pleasing was that we man-

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back into the side, he has been on top, top form. As a result, things are looking good for us right now

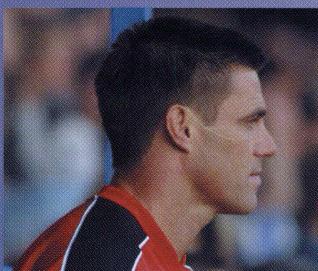
how strong the squad is as well. We have different options at our disposal and, over the course of the season - which still has a very long way to go, they will all be very important to us. But, focusing again on this evening's encounter, fingers crossed it will be another memorable Friday night of football at Roots Hall. The SKY Sports TV cameras are here as well which has given the game an added buzz but I always feel there are better atmospheres for Friday games. The players love them and if it was up to them they would play every game on a Friday! Finally I'd like to extend a warm welcome to everyone connected with Luton Town here tonight and hope they enjoy their short stay at Roots Hall.

Thanks for your support,
Steve Tilson.

comfortable between the sticks during a game which saw Freddy Eastwood net another spectacular strike. He has done brilliantly for us since coming in and it was obviously a massive boost for us to sign him on a three year contract - especially when you consider just how much interest there was in him. Loads of clubs were after him but, being a local boy, he wanted to stay at Southend and he's fitted in well. He gets on well with the rest of the lads and, on the pitch, he is capable of getting a goal out of nothing which is always great for any team to have. He has now scored seven goals in six games I think and he is someone I think could go on and play at a higher level - hopefully with Southend United. Alongside him Wayne Gray has been fantastic too - working his socks off and also working his way onto the score-sheet. He's made a number of goals too and I would have to say he would have been my pick for our player of the month as, since coming

and when you look at the bench as see the likes of Mark Bentley, Tes Bramble, Lawrie Dudfield and Andy Edwards it shows just

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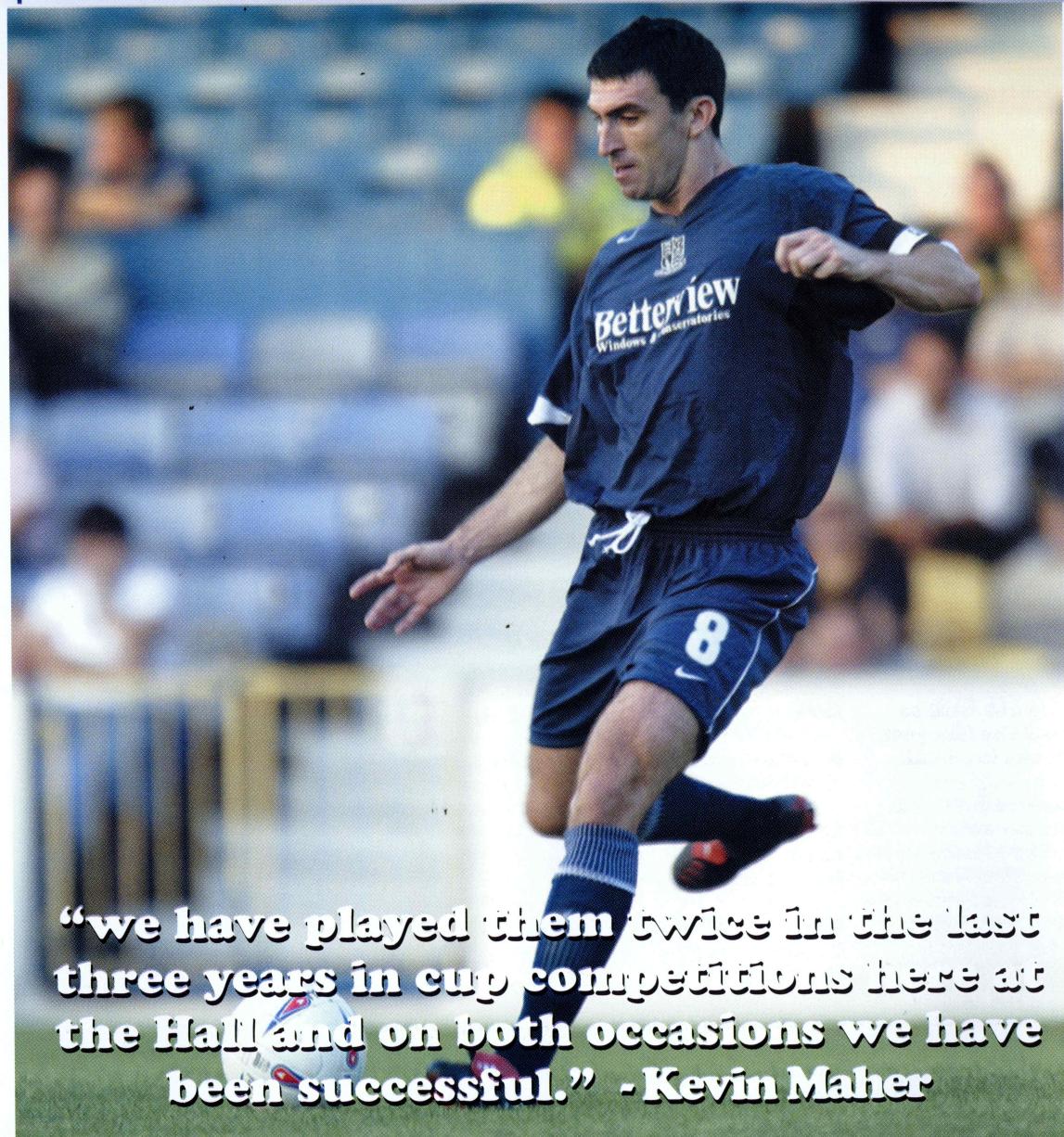
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Captain Kev's Pre-Match Comments



"we have played them twice in the last three years in cup competitions here at the Hall and on both occasions we have been successful." - Kevin Maher

captain'sLOG

Kevin Maher Brings You His Pre-Match Thoughts

Welcome back to Roots Hall for the fourth time in less than a fortnight for what should be an exciting evening.

Before I talk about tonight's match against Luton I would like to look back at last Saturday's game against Oxford where the lads gained another valuable three points.

The first half was fairly even and Oxford were difficult to break down as they got men behind the ball and were quick on the break. Leo Roget was unlucky with a header that hit the bar and Che did well to clear off the line just before the interval.

The second half was a different story helped by Mark's goal two minutes into the half and once we had gone ahead I felt that we were always in control. Freddy grabbed the headlines with a spectacular strike to double the lead and Adam's

header made the final few minutes very comfortable. It was also good to see Lawrie getting on the score sheet following his recent injuries. Overall it was a solid performance and one that will give us great confidence this evening.

Talking of confidence tonight's opponents Luton will no doubt be on a high as they have had a great start to the season. They too had a convincing win last Saturday scoring five past Wrexham, a result which sees them lying six points clear at the top of League 1 and looking a good bet for promotion.

So its all set up for a classic encounter with the added bonus of the SKY TV cameras at Roots Hall for the first time in many years. Hopefully there will be plenty of good football to keep a large crowd entertained and it would be great to extend our run of home vic-

tories to seven.

The FA Cup still has that special ingredient that gets the crowd on the edge of their seats as both clubs are only two matches away from possibly playing one of the big guns from the Premiership. Luton are no strangers to Southend as we have played them twice in the last three years in cup competitions here at the Hall and on both occasions we have been successful. Let's hope that we can continue that run tonight.

The Blues support has been fantastic all season and the team has responded to your encouragement. It's always good to have the crowd on your side and its amazing how much difference home advantage can make. Hopefully it will almost be a full house this evening and

Friday night's are always great occasions under the lights. Keep the noise levels going and we will do all we can to give you something to cheer about.

Up the Blues

Kev



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Southend United v Oxford United

**Southend United v
Oxford United
3PM Kick Off
6th November 2004
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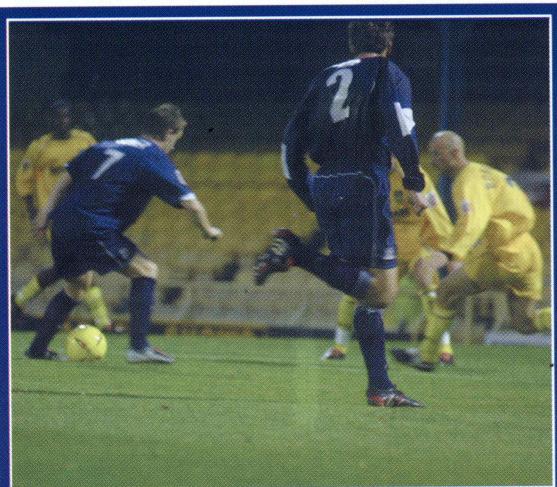
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Gower 47, Eastwood 75, Barrett 82,
Dudfield (pen) 90**

Oxford United 0

**Southend: Griemink, Jupp, Prior, Barrett, Wilson, Pettefer, Maher, Hunt,
Gower (Bentley, 74), Gray (Dudfield, 85), Eastwood (Bramble, 85)**
Subs not used: Morgan, Edwards

**Oxford: Judge, Roget, Togwell, Ashton, Mackay, E'Beyer (Rawle, 72)
Basham (Wanless, 31), Quinn (Hackett, 60), Robinson, Mooney, Bradbury**
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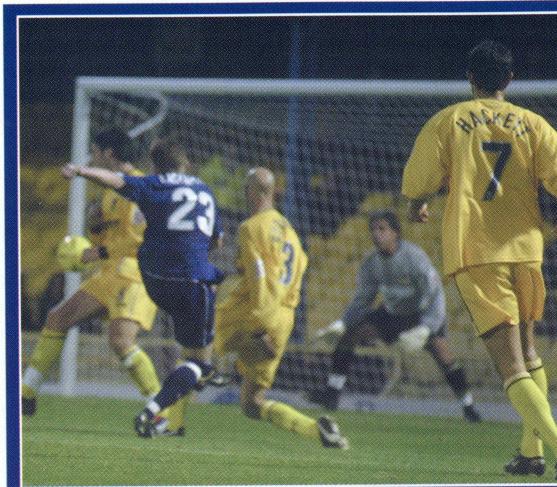
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Mark Gower gets the first

Southend United jumped two places to fifth in the League Two table as they overpowered Graham Rix's Oxford United side with a magnificent second-half display. Despite putting pressure on the Ox's throughout in the first-half the Blues were unable to break the deadlock, but just two minutes into the second period the Blues burst into the lead through Mark Gower. Steve Tilson's side continued to enjoy the majority of possession, but Oxford slowly began to put pressure upon the home side. A fantastic individual goal from new signing Freddy Eastwood extended the Blues advantage and began a spectacular final fifteen minutes in which Adam Barrett netted his sixth goal of the season before Lawrie Dudfield slotted home a ninetieth minute penalty kick.

Despite an impressive 4-1 victory over Shrewsbury in



and Freddy Eastwood makes it two

mid-week, Steve Tilson returned to the same starting line-up that faced Northampton Town last week excluding goalkeeper Darryl Flahavan who was forced to watch from the sidelines due to injury with Bart Griemink making a return to the first team. The Oxford United side contained three former Southend players with Leo Roget lining up in the heart of defence, whilst Tommy Mooney beating Mark Rawle to a place in front-line with the latter taking up a position on the substitute's bench. The game began slowly and it wasn't until the twentieth minute that the first chance on goal saw former Blues favourite Roget's header strike the crossbar from Matt Robinson's corner. Ten minutes later the visitors were forced to replace the impressive Steve Basham due to injury and this seemed to unsettle the

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unsettle the U's formation.

Soon after Lewis Hunt went close with a header and sixty seconds later new signing Freddy Eastwood skipped past Robinson before delivering a low cross which 44 year old Oxford keeper Alan Judge could only palm into the path of Mark Gower. Unfortunately for the Blues winger his first effort was blocked by Roget and his second went high and wide of the target from seven yards.

Even though the Blues were beginning to take control of the match, it was Oxford who nearly went into the break with the advantage. The dangerous Robinson faced Blues custodian Bart Griemink one on one and slid the ball goalwards past the on rushing keeper. Fortunately for the home side Che Wilson had read the situation and was able to clear off the line. Just two minutes into the second-half the Blues were finally able to take the lead as Wayne Gray's shot was blocked at the near post by Judge allowing Duncan Jupp to collect the ball on the right-wing. Jupp delivered a cross from deep that was met by the head of Dave Mackay, but the Oxford United man was unable to make sufficient contact with the ball as his attempted clearance fell to the feet of Mark Gower. Gower controlled the ball before sending a drilled right-footed effort into the bottom-right corner of the

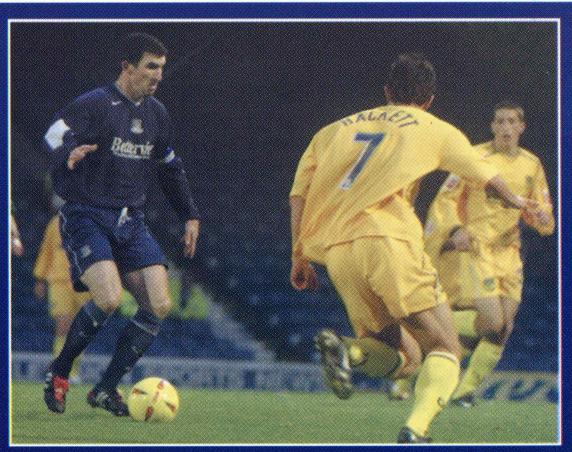
net leaving Judge helpless in the Ox's goal. From then on it was one way traffic and even former Blues forward Mark Rawle couldn't alter the score-board. It was no surprise when the Blues doubled their advantage with one of the goals of the season. Freddy Eastwood, who had signed a three year contract two days previous, appeared to be dribbling away from the goal as he held off three Oxford players to race from the left-side of the Oxford penalty area to the right. As Eastwood entered the penalty area he turned quickly to push the ball onto his left-foot before unleashing a phenomenal strike that flew into the top-left corner of the net leaving Alan Judge stranded in the Oxford goal.

In the eighty-fifth minute Adam Barrett headed home his sixth goal of the season from a Kevin Maher free-kick and in injury time, Lawrie Dudfield, who had replaced Eastwood only minutes earlier, won and converted a penalty to make the scoreline 4-0. Oxford's Jon Ashton was sent off for two bookable offences including one for the penalty incident.

A tremendous victory for the Blues that has seen them rise to 5th in the table their highest League position of the campaign.



Blues in form striker Wayne Gray



Captain Marvel Kevin Maher



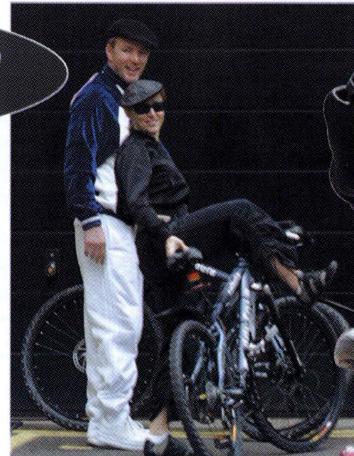
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Robert Craven Brings You Updates About The Under 18's



Joe Illett

Ross Maclarens Under-18 side slipped to an unfortunate 4-1 defeat to Brentford last Saturday as they prepared for the FA Youth Cup first round proper clash against Sutton United in the worst possible manner.

Three days before that Youth Cup game, a trip to Osterley, right underneath the flight path of Heathrow Airport and barely a stones throw from the tail end of the M4, proved fruitless for Maclarens' up-against-it Blues Babes. They had also suffered a blow as Nick Morgan was called up for the first team to act as a substitute for Bart Griemink, and then

namesake Skelton was ruled out after feeling some pain in his pre-match warm-up.

Taylor Lang was also injured just 24 minutes into the match, with Southend having gone close through Joe Illett at that stage. The Bees took the lead, though, on 25 minutes when Stuart Williams was adjudged to have handled George Moleski's shot, and the midfield playmaker stepped up himself to stroke home.

The Shrimpers held out until half-time, but eight minutes after half-time it was 2-0 as Charlie Ide's free-kick dipped over the wall and into the bottom right-hand corner. With goalkeeper Mark Mason injured, Moleski had no trouble in setting up James Morrison for a third three minutes later. Mason was then taken off, with defender Ben Price standing in for the final half-hour.

Just seconds before Mason had been forced off, Illett had handed Blues a lifeline, slamming home at the near post after Tommy Byrne had fluffed a Joe North cross. Despite more good work from substitutes Kurt Husnu, James



UNDER 18 FIXTURES

SAT AUG 14	WYCOMBE WDRS	(H) 2-2
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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
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SAT OCT 23	PORTSMOUTH	(A) 2-1
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SAT JAN 15	Q P R	(H)
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Lawson and North, United could not get another back, and by the time Tommy Byrne wasted the Seasiders best chance one-on-one with Clark Masters, Charlie Muldowney had thrashed in past a hapless Price.

The dying stages saw Oliver Stroud, already fortunate to be playing at all having just recovered from having stitches out of a torn muscle in his thigh, triggered the injury again, although

he did manage to continue to the end, but Southend preparations for non-League Sutton were dealt a blow.

Southend United U18s:
Mark Mason (Lauris Coggin 59); Stuart Williams, Oliver Stroud, Dave Bryan, Phil Anderson (Kurt Husnu 52), Ben Price; Taylor Lang (James Lawson 24), Joe North, Max Porter; Joe Illett, Tommy Byrne.

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Robert Craven looks back at the FA Youth Cup defeat

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free kick picking out the head of Steve Douglas who confidently nodded past Mason. (0-1)

Southend were back level within a minute however. Speedy wide-man Kurt Husnu raced down the left flank before delivering a low cross which was stabbed home by North from close range. (1-1)

Southend began to dominate as they looked to go ahead in the tie, and Byrne fired straight across the face of goal from a tight angle before Lawson's dipping 20 yard free kick dropped just over the top.

Young striker Marcel van Rensburg saw a fierce effort blocked by Alex McCay before Mason was called into action to push a 25 yard Douglas free kick over the bar.

Half-time: Southend United 1 Sutton United 1

Ever-dangerous front-man Byrne had already fired into the side-netting shortly after the restart, before the Shrimpers stole the lead on 56 minutes, Lawson's cheeky 35 yard shot some squirming beneath the dive of Sinclair and into the net. (2-1)

Maclarens' men then created chances to double their advantage. Oliver Stroud slid a shot inches wide of the upright and Stroud's header from a North corner almost found its way in, but James Hamsher managed to bundle the ball clear

off the line.

With 69 minutes played however, the U's were mightily unlucky not to grab an equaliser when Douglas's driven shot crashed back off the post before Russell Newberry could only hit the rebound against the other post.

The leveller did arrive on 82 minutes though, a loose ball falling to Dalziel, who made no mistake in smashing the ball home from eight yards. (2-2)

Following the equaliser, there were few chances for either side to win the tie, but Southend's best chance fell to Byrne who shot wide from a tight angle having taken the ball past Sinclair.

Full-time: Southend United 2 Sutton United 2

Extra-time didn't bring may opportunities as both sides visibly began to tire.

Substitute Nick Skelton did well to block an effort from Douglas on 98 minutes whilst Bignall scuffed a low Lawson cross off target.

Lawson himself then saw a shot blocked by McCay following a North corner, but in the dying seconds stand-in skipper Lawson found himself sent-off following a second caution from referee Jon Beadle.

Full-time (Extra Time):
Southend United 2

Sutton United 2

In the shoot-out, Byrne, Husnu, North, Phil Anderson, Stroud and Lauris Coggin were all successful for Southend, but Porter hit the post whilst the deciding kick saw Nignall drag his shot wide of the post. Hamsher saw his effort saved by Mason, whilst Douglas, Sam Clayton, Dalziel, Adams, Graham Kirkland, McKay and Dean Fullerton were all successful for the visitor's.

Line-ups:

The Blues (4-4-2; navy shirts with white trim, navy shorts, navy socks):- Mark Mason; Lauris Coggin, Kurt Husnu, Oliver Stroud, Phil Anderson; Max Porter, James Lawson, Joe North, Taylor Lang (Nick Skelton 76); Tommy Byrne, Marcel van Rensburg (Billy Bignell 108). Unused subs - Carl Patten, Ron Hearn, Jack Buckfield.

The U's (4-4-2; Chocolate & Amber quarters, chocolate, amber):- Chris Sinclair; Dean Fullerton, Luke Adams, Mark Dalziel, Alex McKay; Grant Hearne, James Hamsher, Steve Douglas, Sam Clayton; Dominic O'Shea (Graham Kirkland 76), Russell Newberry. Unused subs - David Booth, Bradley Duke, Jamie Weber-MacCartney, Jack Mesure.

STANtheMAN

Evening Echo's Chris Phillips chats to

HIS colourful and controversial career may well have endured a number of turbulent twists and turns but for many Stan Collymore remains the greatest ever Southend United striker. 18 goals in 33 games during the early 1990s secured Division One status for a resurgent Shrimpers side.

And, having virtually saved the Seasiders from relegation single handedly, Collymore's spectacular goal-getting antics also won a place in the hearts of the Roots Hall faithful as he embarked on what proved to be a rocky road to the very top of the Premiership.

"I look back at being with Southend with such fondness - for a few different reasons," admitted Collymore.

"It was the first club where I had a real opportunity to play in the first team and I scored twice on my debut against Notts County. Right from day one the fans were

so supportive towards me and there was just such a feel good factor around the whole place."

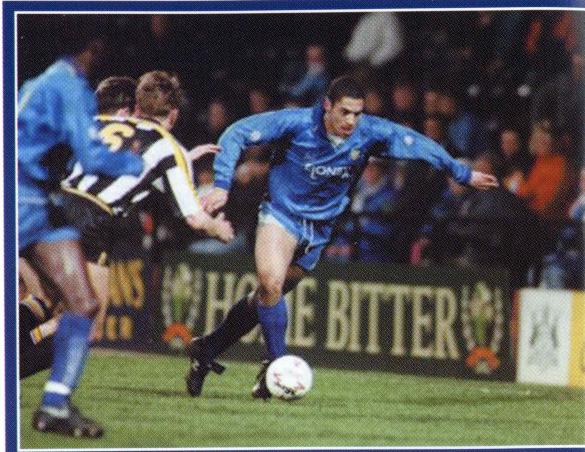
As a result, Blues soon began to see the very best of Collymore as he continually terrorised opposing centre backs with his immense pace and power.

"It was a great, great chapter of my life," said the former

England International.

"Southend isn't obviously a Manchester United - there are no expectations of winning the Champions League every year but, in turn, I think that brings genuine appreciation when the club gets some success - like when we managed to stay up on the last day of the season against Luton."

Another impressive display from Collymore saw the Shrimpers triumph 2-1 against the Hatters that May afternoon in a game which, to this day, remains one of the striker's favourite



ever matches.

"It was one of the biggest highlights of my whole career," he said. "We had been living on a knife edge to avoid relegation for most of the season and had been playing catch up to make sure we didn't go down. We had to beat Luton to stay up though and we did, three to four thousand fans ran onto the pitch and I will never ever forget the looks on their faces. It was a lovely spring day and the match meant more to them than a top side winning the Premiership. I've seen both ends of the spectrum in football so I'm

entitled to know and realise that that was a very special day." But, 11 years on, Collymore was again treated to a hero's reception last weekend as he returned to Southend to promote his newly published autobiography - titled "Tackling My Demons." "The reaction I got was really amazing," he said. "So many people came up to me to say thank you for my contributions towards Southend - which, when you consider I was at the club for half a season, is great.

"People came in with shirts from when I

COLLYMORE

former Blues legend Stan Collymore following his recent visit

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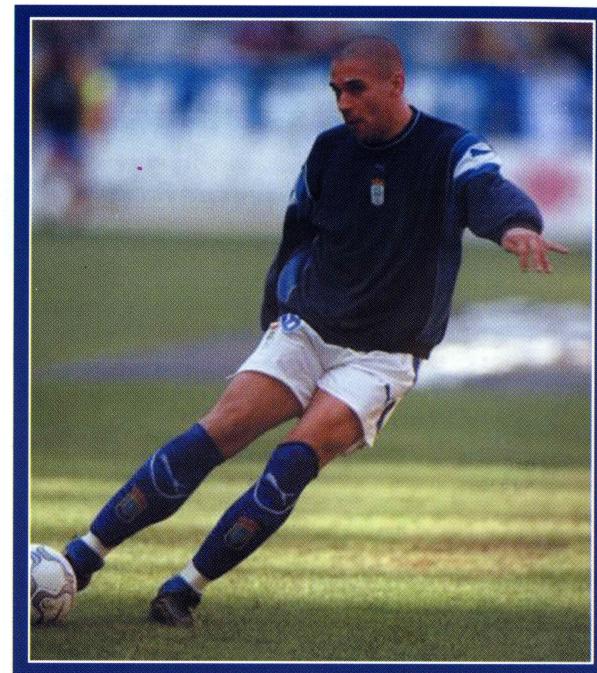
"People came in with shirts from when I played in pristine condition and hopefully that's a sign of how fondly I'm regarded at the club. "It's not just about what I have done for them though because the affect they've had on me will last a lifetime as well."

And that enthusiasm for the Essex outfit is what catapulted Collymore into contention for the vacant Roots Hall hot-seat at this stage of last season following the dismissal of Steve Wignall.

"I still look out for Southend's result every week, of course I do and I'm so glad they are doing well again," he confirmed. "Last year at one point, it looked a bit worrying and that's when I decided I wanted to help the club. It wasn't just the manager's job I was interested in though - it was just important that Southend stayed in the League and I want-

ed to help them in any way I could. In fact if they asked to me to come down and be a cheerleader for a couple of hours I think I would have done it." But, despite being eventually overlooked in favour of his former Southend teammate Steve Tilson, Collymore revealed he was not angered by the Blues' board decision.

"I wasn't disappointed I didn't get the job because I just want the club to be moving in the right direction and I think they are now," said the 33-year-old.



guess it wasn't the right time for me."

However Collymore - who added Steve Walsh and ex Shrimpers midfielder David Martin would have made up his managerial team - is still keen to comeback to the coastal club after pursuing another of his ambitions. "After the book tour is over I am going over to the States and I want to give acting a real go. I

have a coach lined up who has worked with a number of big names," he said.

"But I must say I would be very disappointed if I didn't come back to Southend one day in some capacity to help try and move the club forward."

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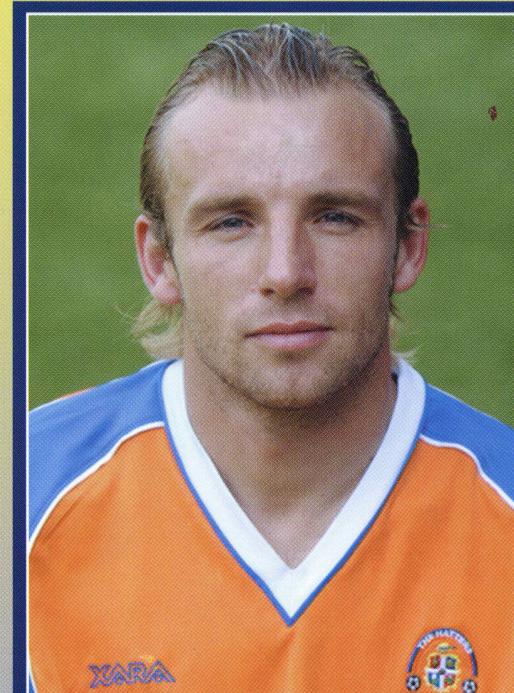
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Who's Who At Kenilworth Road

For anyone who thought the wheels might have started to come loose on the Luton Town promotion juggernaut, last Saturday's 5-1 home win over Wrexham was yet another reminder that the Hatters are indeed serious title challengers this season. Coming on the back of a 4-0 home win the previous week against Bradford City, Mike Newell's team have all but put behind them a recent run of three successive defeats that followed their 12-match unbeaten run at the start of the campaign. Naturally enough, the manager was delighted with his team's performance last Saturday. "We are really pleased," he said afterwards. "The first half performance was very similar to Bradford last week and the goals were the icing on the cake. You need the goals to get the points. We have scored plenty of goals at home this season, particularly in the last two games and we want teams to come here fearing us, we want to make it a fortress and give them something to think about. "We have shared

the goals out in the last eighteen months and I believe that is the sign of a good side." With five different players scoring against the Red

the charts with eight apiece, but the others have managed 18 between them in the League One games played so far. Couple



Paul Underwood

Dragons, after three getting the four goals the previous week, Newell knows that his team can compensate one key player hitting a barren goalscoring spell. Steve Howard and Ahmet Brkovic currently lead

that spreading around with a defensive stability that has seen three out his regular back-four start every League game so far. And add to that a crop of young players who have matured rapidly this

season since being thrown in at the deep end last campaign, and it then becomes clearer by the second as to the reasons why the Hatters are having such a good campaign so far. One slight hiccup came off the field last weekend when the club's Director of Football Mick Harford decided to join his former boss Joe Kinnear at Nottingham Forest, but as manager Newell said: "He has made a massive contribution to what is going on here at the moment but at the end of the day it is about the players and what they do. "We believe that we have a good squad here." That will be tested this evening with skipper Kevin Nicholls due to miss out through suspension, and on-loan Charlton keeper Simon Royce likely to be prevented from playing. This season's Luton Town looks like the real deal though, and with much money to be made from a good FA Cup, there's not much danger of the Hatters just turning up for a breath of fresh air tonight.

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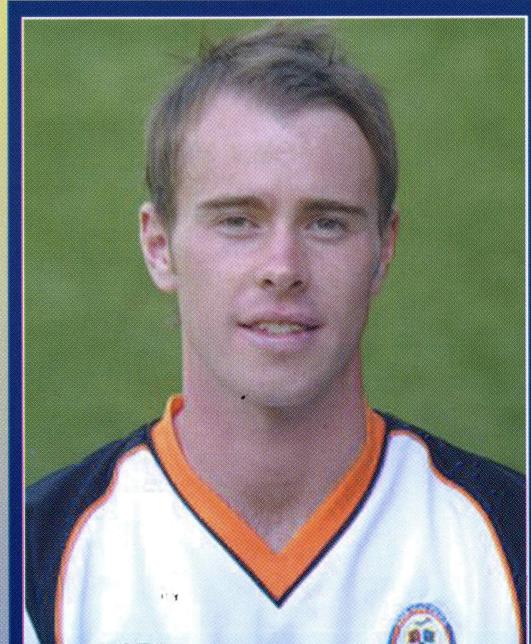
All The Information On The Opposition

Marlon Beresford
goalkeeper
b: Lincoln 2.9.69
Marlon is a very experienced keeper who rejoined the Hatters during the summer six months after leaving Kenilworth Road for Barnsley. He began his career as a trainee with Sheffield Wednesday, then had a 240-game spell with Burnley in the mid-nineties before subsequent time at Middlesbrough, Burnley again, York, Burnley again and Bradford City. He first joined Luton in October 2003. 2004/05 League stats: 10 games, 0 goals

Kevin Foley
defender
b: London 1.11.84
A highly-rated young prospect, Kevin has been a regular in the right-back slot in recent weeks. He made his League debut in April 2003 against Bristol City, has three times been a winner of the club's 'Young Player of the Season' award, can also play in midfield when required, and for good measure is now also a Republic of Ireland under-21 international. 2004/05 League stats: 13 games, 0 goals

Chris Coyne
defender
b: Brisbane, Australia 20.12.78
Chris is a commanding and very consistent cen-

tral defender who was formerly with Perth SC in his native land before joining West Ham for £150,000 in January 1996. He made his League debut in August 1998 whilst on loan at Brentford, then had a one-game spell on loan with the Blues in



Ian Hillier

March 1999 just before playing his only League game for the Hammers, as a substitute against Leeds United in May 1999. After an 18-month spell with Dundee he joined the Hatters for £50,000 in

September 2001 and has hardly missed a game since. 2004/05 League stats: 17 games, 1 goal

Curtis Davies
defender
b: London 15.3.85
Another of the club's highly-rated youngsters,

rent campaign, is very strong in the air and for his age shows a good understanding of the game. 2004/05 League stats: 17 games, 0 goals

Russell Perrett
defender
b: Barton on Sea 18.6.73
Badly affected by injuries last season, Russell is an experienced central defender who joined the Hatters on a free transfer from Cardiff City in August 2001. Previously with Portsmouth, for whom he began his League career in November 1995 after joining Pompey from non-League AFC Lymington, he made his first appearance of the current campaign a fortnight ago against Bradford City, and was on the bench last Saturday against Wrexham. 2004/05 League stats: 4+1 games, 0 goals

Sol Davis
defender
b: Cheltenham 4.9.79
Sol will come into tonight's game in good heart after scoring his first League goal last Saturday after 204 games. Formerly with Swindon, he made 117 League appearances for Town before joining the Hatters for £600,000 in August 2002, and is a tenacious tackling left back who reads the game well, and is a particularly useful crosser of the ball when

Curtis is a central defender who made his League debut last January against Stockport. After just five more games last season he has quickly become a regular in the starting line-up this cur-

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Hatters in profile

is a particularly useful crosser of the ball when getting forward. 2004/05 League stats: 17 games, 1 goal

Keith Keane
defender
b: Luton 20.11.86
A very promising youngster who can play either at right back or in midfield, Keith made his League debut last February at Wycombe in the defensive option and quickly chalked up 14 more appearances before the season's end. A brave tackler who scored his first League goal against Bristol City last April, he was a non-playing substitute last Saturday. 2004/05 League stats: 4+1 games, 0 goals

Kevin Nicholls
midfielder
b: Newham 2.1.79
A former Charlton Athletic trainee, Kevin made a dozen League appearances for the Addicks and had a spell on loan with Brighton before being sold to Wigan Athletic for £250,000 in June 1999. He moved on to Kenilworth Road for £25,000 two years later and has since become the driving force in the Hatters midfield with his competitive, all-action style. Last season he struggled with a back injury but had been an ever-present this season until missing recently through suspension.

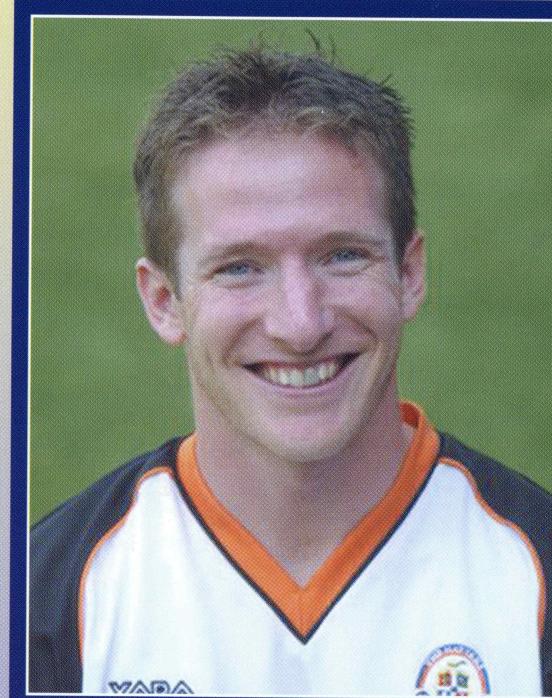
Ireland international right-sided midfielder who joined the Hatters from Preston for £50,000 in June 2002. He began his career with Tottenham and made a couple of appearances at White Hart Lane before

joining Bournemouth on a free transfer in October 1994, where he was a regular for six seasons, scoring 51 goals from 240 League games. A £375,000 fee took him to Deepdale

games, 3 goals

Ahmet Brkovic
midfielder
b: Dubrovnik, Croatia 23.9.74
A skilful attacking midfielder with good distribution, Ahmet was signed on a free transfer in October 2001 after having spent the previous two seasons with Leyton Orient. Formerly with the HNK club in Dubrovnik, he arrived at Brisbane Road in October 1999 after coming to London to marry his girlfriend, and after passing a trial with the O's went on to play 79 League games before his contract ran out in the summer of 2001. A regular member of the Hatters first-team squad since then, he can also fill one of the striking roles when required. 2004/05 League stats: 12+3 games, 8 goals

Stephen O'Leary
midfielder
b: Barnet 12.2.85
Another former trainee, Stephen made his League debut early last season against Port Vale and went on to play four more games, scoring his first goal last May against Sheffield Wednesday. He is a fast and direct midfielder, was in the starting line-up last Saturday against Wrexham, and scored his first goal of the current campaign in the 5-1 slaying of the Red Dragons. 2004/05 League



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slaying of the Red
Dragons. 2004/05 League
stats:
6+3 games, 1 goal

Michael Leary
midfielder
b: Ealing 17.4.83
Another former trainee
who was given his League
debut last season,
Michael's first game was
against Port Vale in
September 2003 and he
went on to make 13 more
appearances, scoring
twice in a late season
game at Hartlepool. He is
a neat, skilful midfielder
who was a used substi-
tute last Saturday against
Wrexham.
2004/05 League stats:
1+3 games, 0 goals

Paul Underwood
defender
b: Wimbledon 16.8.73
Paul is a dashing left-
sided defender or mid-
fielder who was signed
last March on transfer
deadline day from
Rushden, for whom he
had been a key figure in
the Diamonds' rise since
becoming former manag-
er Brian Talbot's first
signing for the club back
in June 1997. He had pre-
viously spent several sea-
sons on the London non-
League scene with the
likes of Kingstonian,
Molesey, Sutton United,
Carshalton and finally
Enfield before his £50,000
move to Nene Park. A
hamstring injury on his
Hatters debut caused him
to sit out the end of last

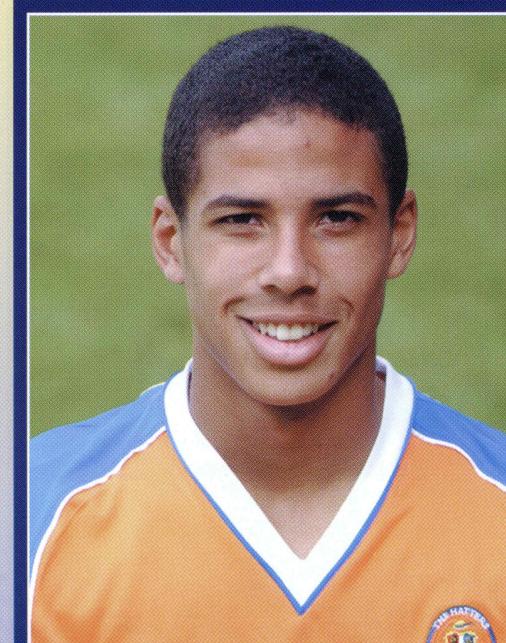
season, but he is one of
five ever-present starters
so far this current cam-
paign. 2004/05 League
stats: 17 games, 4 goals

Steve Howard
forward
b: Durham 10.5.76

career with Hartlepool in
1995 after joining the
club from non-league Tow
Law Town, and after
three good seasons moved
to the Cobblers for
£120,000 in February
1999. Not a great scoring
success there, he has net-
ted almost a goal every

forward
b: London 21.4.82
Enoch is a powerful and
hard-working young
front runner who was
picked up from playing
park football for
Willesden Constantine of
the London Commercial
League. He made his
League debut in
September 2003 at
Plymouth and after show-
ing some raw touches
early on settled in to
eventually net a hat-trick
in a later win over
Brentford. A very impres-
sive first season ended
with a creditable seven
goals from 26 games, but
he has so far yet to start
this season. 2004/05
League stats:
0+11 games, 0 goals

Rowan Vine
forward
b: Basingstoke 21.9.82
Rowan is a left-sided
striker who is on a sea-
son-long loan at
Kenilworth Road from
Portsmouth, which is not
a new experience for him
as he had spent the two
previous campaigns on
season-long loans at
Colchester, for whom he
scored six League goals
from 35 games last cam-
paign, and Brentford, for
whom he scored 10
League goals from 42
games the season before.
Before that he had played
13 games for Pompey
after making his debut in
December 2000. 2004/05
League stats: 17 games, 4
goals



Curtis Davies

A
strong, goalscoring cen-
tral striker, Steve has
proved something of a
bargain since joining the
Hatters from
Northampton Town for
just £50,000 in March
2001. He began his League

other game for the
Kenilworth Road outfit,
scoring 71 League goals in
just over three years with
the club. 2004/05 League
stats: 16 games, 8 goals

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DREAMTeam

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS selects a post-war Luton Town 'Dream Team' with the help of several Luton supporters and club officials.

RON BAYNHAM: England international goalkeeper who was a key figure as Luton Town were FA Cup finalists in 1959. He impressed with Worcester City before moving to Kenilworth Road in November 1951 and contested a first-team slot with fellow England keeper Bernard Streten as Luton gained top-flight status for the first time in 1954-55. Missing just one match in both 1955-56 and 1957-58, he was capped three times and also represented the Football League. He made 388 League appearances for the Hatters until injury ended his career in May 1965 and subsequently worked as an interior decorator in Bedfordshire.

KIRK STEPHENS: Attacking right-back who was ever-present in Luton Town's 1981-82 Second Division title triumph. Initially with Nuneaton Borough, he helped them finish Southern League runners-up in 1974-75 and followed David Pleat to Kenilworth Road in June 1978. He was voted Luton's 'Player of the Year' in 1978-79 and 1983-84, scoring twice in 227 League games for the Hatters before moving to Coventry City in exchange for Ashley Grimes in August 1984. Later rejoining Nuneaton as player-manager after a knee injury ended his top-flight career, he also had a spell at Barnet and worked for his father's building firm.

MITCHELL THOMAS: Versatile England U-21 international left-back who had two spells at Luton Town. Born locally, he signed professional at Kenilworth Road in August 1982 and starred as Luton reached the FA Cup semi-finals in 1984-85. He fol-

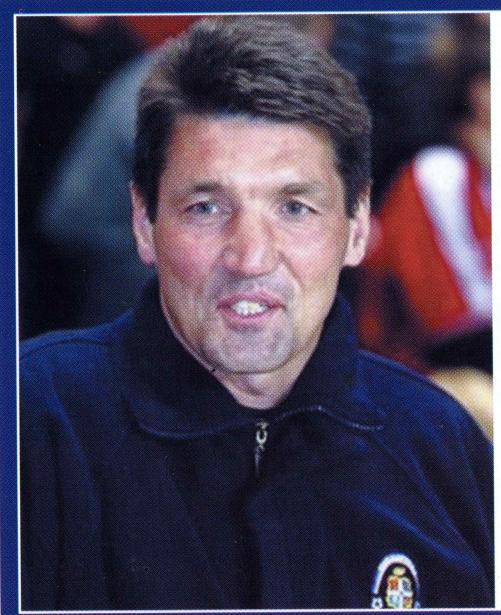
Hatters prior to joining Burnley in July 1999 and was an experienced figure in their 1999-2000 promotion success.

BRUCE RIOCH: Influential midfielder who was capped 24 times by Scotland after leaving Luton Town. Signing professional for

in February 1974, helping to win the League Championship in 1974-75. He played for Everton, Derby again and Torquay, since managing Middlesbrough, Millwall, Bolton Wanderers, Arsenal, Norwich City and Wigan Athletic.

SYD OWEN: Long-serving England international centre-half who skippered Luton Town in the 1959 FA Cup final. Signing professional for Birmingham City in October 1945, he moved to Luton in June 1947 and starred in their 1951-52 FA Cup run, 1952-53 promotion near-miss and 1954-55 promotion success. He was 'Footballer of the Year' in 1958-59 and netted three goals in 388 League games before becoming Luton's manager for a year in May 1959. Subsequently Leeds United's chief coach under Don Revie until October 1975, he then coached at Birmingham, Hull City and Manchester United. He died in August 1998.

MAL DONAGHY: Northern Ireland international central defender who gained a club record 58 caps while at Luton Town. He moved to Kenilworth Road from Larne in June 1978 and was ever-present as Luton won the Second Division title in 1981-82 and were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85. Voted 'Player of the Year' in 1985-86, he was an FA Cup semi-finalist again in 1987-88 and starred in that sea-



Mick Harford

lowed David Pleat to Tottenham Hotspur for £1,000 in July 1986 and featured in the 1987 FA Cup final, moving to West Ham for £1,000 in August 1991. Returning to Luton in November 1993, he netted six goals in 292 League games overall for the

Luton in September 1964, he starred in the 1967-68 Fourth Division title triumph and netted 46 goals in 149 League games prior to joining Aston Villa for £1,000 in July 1969. He was a key figure in their 1971-72 Third Division title success and moved to Derby County

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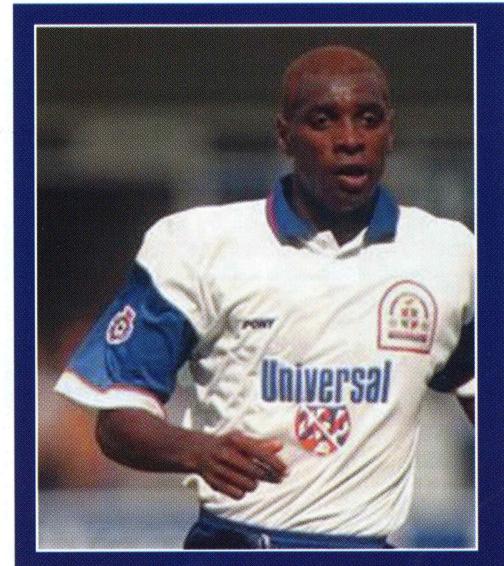
finalists in 1984-85. Voted 'Player of the Year' in 1985-86, he was an FA Cup semi-finalist again in 1987-88 and starred in that season's Littlewoods Cup final triumph. He netted 16 goals in 410 League games for the Hatters prior to joining Manchester United for £1,000 in October 1988, then returned on loan before moving to Chelsea in August 1992.

RICKY HILL: England international midfielder who was 'Player of the Year' when Luton Town won the Second Division title in 1981-82. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in May 1976, he was 'Player of the Year' again in 1982-83 and starred as Luton were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85. He featured in two consecutive Littlewoods Cup finals including the 1988 Wembley triumph and netted 54 goals in 436 League games before moving to Le Havre in July 1989.

Reuniting with David Pleat at Leicester City in August 1990 and later as a coach at Sheffield Wednesday and Spurs, he briefly rejoined Luton as manager.

BRIAN STEIN: England international striker who scored twice in Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Edgware Town in October 1977, he was leading marksman in Luton's 1981-82

Second Division success and also starred as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88. He joined Caen in July 1988 and moved via Annecy back to Luton in July 1991.



Mitchell Thomas

Voted 'Player of the Year' for the second time in 1991-92, he netted 130 goals in 427 League games overall for the Hatters before joining Barnet in August 1992. His younger brother Mark also played for Luton.

MICK HARFORD: England international striker who played for Luton Town in consecutive Littlewoods Cup finals including the 1988 Wembley triumph.

Signing professional for Lincoln City in July 1977, he had spells with Newcastle United, Bristol City and Birmingham City prior to joining Luton in December 1984. He starred as the

Ace marksman who was capped 14 times by England after leaving Luton Town. Initially with Tonbridge, he moved to Fulham in August 1968 and moved to Kenilworth Road in July 1969. He was Luton's top scorer in two consecutive seasons including the 1969-70 promotion success and netted 49 goals in 88 League games before being sold to Newcastle United for £1,000 in May 1971. An FA Cup finalist in 1974, he joined Arsenal for £1,000 in August 1976 and was an FA Cup finalist again in 1978 before injury ended his career. He subsequently managed Fulham and Huddersfield Town.

PAUL WALSH: England international striker who was capped five times while at Luton Town. Signing professional for Charlton Athletic in October 1979, he starred in their 1980-81 promotion success and moved to Luton in July 1982. He was 'Player of the Year' in 1982-83 and leading marksman in 1983-84, netting 24 goals in 80 First Division games for the Hatters prior to joining Liverpool in May 1984. Helping to win the League Championship in 1985-86, he joined Tottenham Hotspur in February 1988 and was an FA Cup winner in 1991. He later played for Portsmouth and Manchester City until injury ended his career.

Hatters were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88, moving to Derby County in January 1990 and returning to Luton in September 1991. Joining Chelsea in August 1992, he then played for Sunderland, Coventry City and Wimbledon. He is now back at Luton as first-team coach.

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Nick Hart Takes A Look At The 12th November

The Blues first tasted competitive action on today's date 83 years ago and ironically against tonight's opponents Luton Town in a division three south fixture. Let's hope the result is not an omen for tonight as the Hatters triumphed on that occasion 1-0.

Six years later and again in division three south the Blues travelled to Devon to take on Plymouth Argyle. Unfortunately we were again defeated, this time 3-2, with both our goals coming from Billy Hick.

1932 saw a goal less draw at Northampton in front of 6,474 fans and six years later we at last enjoyed success when we beat Bristol City 2-0. Sid Bell scored both United's goals in front of 5,957 fans at the Stadium. The Blues did not taste action on today's date for another 11 years when again they were victorious. The 1949 visit of Torquay saw a 2-0 home success with another two-goal hero, this time Freddie Morris.

The run of wins continued in 1955, the Blues' first season at their new and current home Roots Hall. Southampton were the visitors and 14,000 fans saw United win 2-1 thanks to goals from Kevin Baron and John McGuigan in a division

three south encounter.

1960 saw United in action again this time in a division three game at Roots Hall against

a win. Six years later and a comfortable 3-0 win over Lincoln City was enjoyed at Roots Hall, Ray Smith (2) and Derek Woodley the scorers.

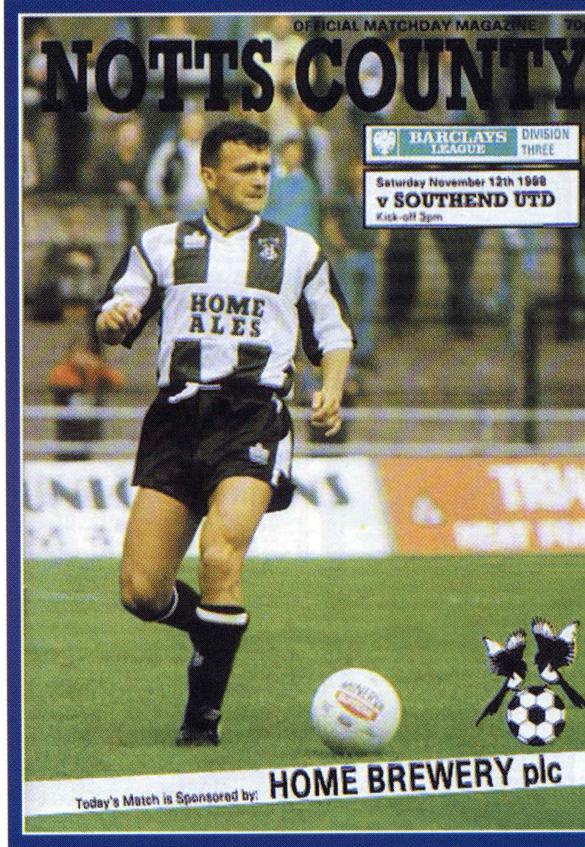
game in 1971 in a season that would see Southend promoted. Bill Garner (2) and Gary Moore scored in front of 10,107 fans at Roots Hall.

1976 and another emphatic home win. This time 4-1 against Bradford City with Stuart Parker grabbing a hat-trick and Steve Goodwin adding a fourth goal. A year later and our good run on today's date came to end when we lost 2-0 up at Darlington in front of only 2,337 fans at Feethams.

1988 and the Blues gained a valuable point in a 1-1 draw against Notts County at Meadow Lane. Gary Mills scored for the home side while David Crown scored our goal from the penalty spot though the season would end in relegation from division three. Six years later and we were in what is now known as the Championship. A visit to Vicarage Road saw Watford beat us 1-0 thanks to a Lee Nogan goal.

Our final action was five years ago when in a division three match the Blues, under Alan Little, lost 2-1 at home to Hull City with Mark Beard scoring our consolation. 4,940 fans saw the action.

NICK HART

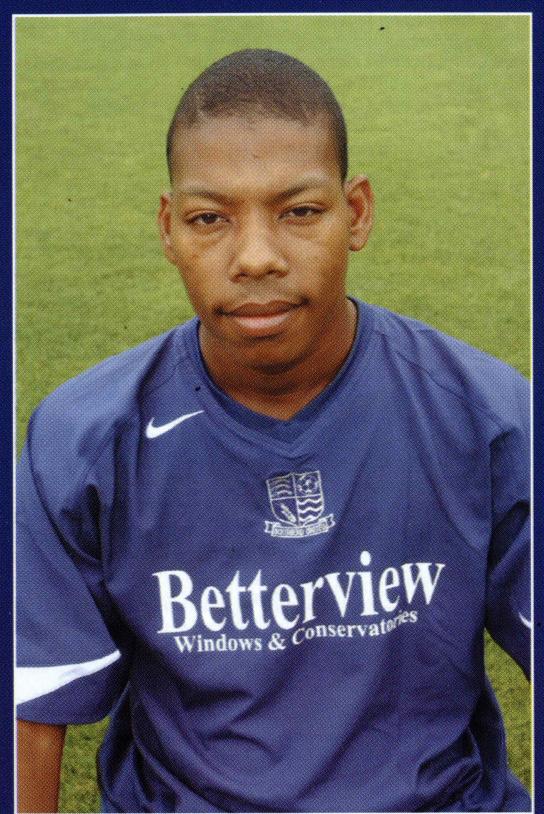


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Tes Bramble - a Blues international



**Southend United
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Back From
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BLUES striker Tes Bramble is the squad's only current international, this month the BLUES powerful front man played for the small Caribbean island of Montserrat. The island is in the Eastern part of the Caribbean and lies 43 km SW of Antigua and 64 km NW of Guadeloupe. This was the first time Tes has joined up

with his new team mates and we asked him what he made of his international career to date.

"It was a good experience to team up with Montserrat, I featured in the second match against St Kitts, and unfortunately we lost the match 5-4. To be honest I felt the standard was not the greatest. I am supposed to go back to Montserrat in January so we will see what happens; however I believe they need some better payers if they are to succeed."

Tes joined up with the national team having produced his heroics between the sticks against Boston United, he was instrumental in the 2-1 victory against the Pilgrims. However having returned from international duty he is now looking to cement a place in the first team and ensures that when

Tilly gives him the opportunity he intends to take with both hands.

"The injury I sustained against Boston United has healed, so now I am giving it my all in training and am trying to get back in the team. I am playing the waiting game to get back in the team and when I get my chance I have to take it. Competition for places is fierce, when you think Drewe could not get into the side so he went to Rushden and on his debut he scored a hat trick, it speaks volumes as to how difficult it is to get in the team. I feel that competition for places can only be good for the club."

Tonight's F.A Cup fixture will see two club's from different Leagues in rich veins of form, Mike Newell has assembled a squad which is sitting pretty at the top of Coca Cola League 1.

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Consequently Bramble expects a difficult tie for the BLUES but believes the squad are capable of reaching the next round of the cup.

"It is going to be a tough game against Luton they are playing really well, but if we continue to play how we have been then I believe we can do the job. We have been playing really well at Roots Hall and I don't think they will fancy the trip down here. Hopefully we will give them a good game."

The BLUES started the season without a win in their first six games, however are now playing some exciting football and last Saturday saw them win their sixth consecutive game at Roots Hall. We asked Tes if he knew why and how the turn-around has happened.

"I cannot put my fin-

ger on why we are playing so well, I suppose the team have taken some time to gel and now we are showing what we can do. Also in training the players have been putting in plenty of hard work and there is a great deal of togetherness in the squad. The lads get on really well and I feel it is starting to show on the pitch."

Like a number of first team players Tes' contract finishes at the end of the current season, so it is imperative he knuckles down and delivers the goods if he is to remain at Roots Hall next year.

"It's a big year for me as my contract expires at the end of the season so I want to show what I can do, and as a team, we want to win promotion."

Hopefully Bramble is correct about his aspirations regarding tonight's F.A

Cup fixture
against the Hatters and the remainder of the season.



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Welcome

The combination of Friday night football and the magic of the FA Cup has ensured a bumper attendance here at The Hall for tonight's match against League 1 high-flyers Luton Town. Add to that the first visit of the SKY TV cameras for almost 10 years and we should be in for a very exciting evening. Roots Hall is getting used to big occasions following last year's exploits in the cup competitions but the FA Cup brings with it that little bit of extra magic. The buzz around the town has been amazing and the noise levels will reach fever pitch before, during and after the match as the Blues strive for a place in the 2nd round. The Hatters will be difficult opponents however with the backing of the Blues faithful anything is possible. As we said the cameras haven't been here for a while so let's show them just what they have been missing. Get right behind the lads tonight and make the Hall a cauldron of noise-it does make a difference!

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The Platinum Suite has become very popular with our corporate guests during recent years and the 2004/05 season is no exception. The suite is almost sold out for the entire season with only limited space available on a match-by-match basis.

Our guests this evening are as follows:-

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Matchday Guests

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The Blues Lounge with David Crown

Our regular host, the legendary David Crown welcomes you all to tonight's match as the Blues turn their attentions to the FA Cup. 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. In fact the lounge is sold out for our forthcoming game against Grimsby Town however there is some space available for the Chester City match which has now been change to Friday the 17th of December. 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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Sportsman's Dinner with Tony Cottee

Only 6 days to go until our next Sportsman's Dinner which takes place on Thursday the 18th of November at Boots and Laces in Eastern Avenue and although tickets are selling extremely well, we do have some space available!

Our guest speaker on the night will be former West Ham United, Everton, Leicester City and England footballer Tony Cottee. Tony is now a top panellist and co-commentator on SKY Sports and his knowledge of the current game is second to none.

During his long career Tony played for some of the countries leading managers including Celtic's favourite son Martin O'Neil, as well as scoring goals a plenty wherever he played.

As well as recalling football stories from his long career, Tony will answer questions from the floor giving you all the inside information on the game we all know and love.

Tables of 10 are available priced at £450 or individual tickets can be purchased for £45 including a four-course dinner.

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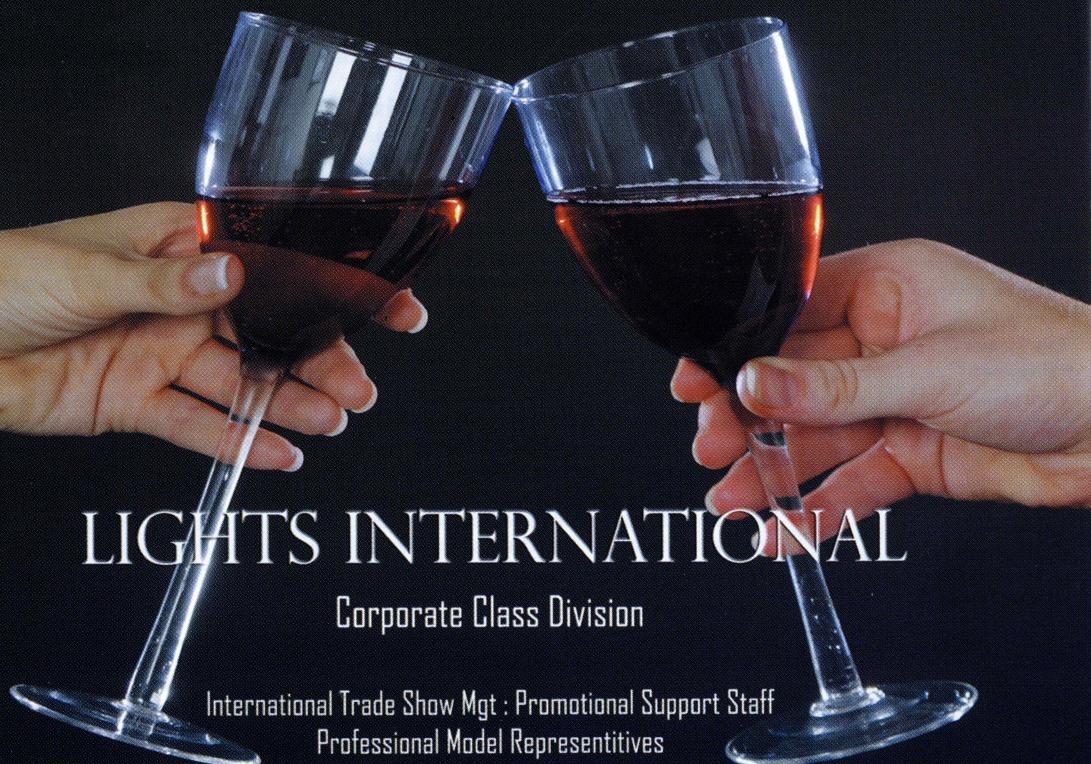


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RESERVES

A look at the Blues Second string

Southend United were left without a fixture this week as the build-up to the Essex Senior Cup third round tie withy Brentwood Town continues.

The Shrimpers face the Essex Senior League outfit, who have battled their way through two rounds, including a hard-fought win over Saffron Walden Town in round two, at Roots Hall on Monday night, and just two days later tackle Crawley Town in a rearranged fixture, also in southeast Essex.

Two days ago you may have been expecting to see Blues facing Reading at Roots Hall, but a complete deluge of encounters on the hallowed turf, including the FA Youth Cup first round game, has meant that this Pontin's Holidays Combination fixture has had to be postponed for the time being. News of the new date will appear in this column as and when it

is announced.

You may remember that the last second-string fixture was over a fortnight ago, and it was a first win in the Combination for over eighteen months. The game was also important as it saw Jay Smith's first appearance in a Southend shirt for nearly nine months. Smith completed 84 minutes, but will be hoping to go six better against Town in three days time.

This is as good a time as any to appraise the role of reserve team football in what has so far been a highly successful campaign for the Seasiders as a whole. Che Wilson and Darryl Flahavan have possibly been the most high profile transfers from second-string to first eleven, with both commanding a League Two spot since earning their chance in the team.

However, it is two other players that have made less than a handful of appear-

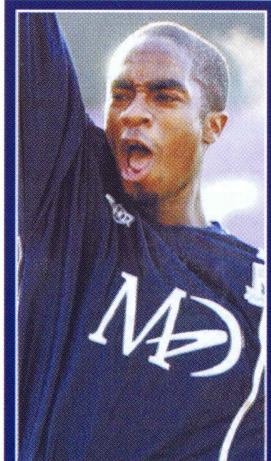
ances in the Combination that have had the greatest success. Adam Barrett was imperious at Worthing in a 1-1 draw with Brighton & Hove Albion, and it was enough to get him a stab at the big time - and boy did he take it! Six goals since then and a strong presence at the heart of the defence have inspired United up to fifth in the table.

But it is the seven strikes in just six games from Freddy Eastwood that have really caught the headlines. Just three Shrimpers supporters saw his first appearance for a Blues representative side, though, against Millwall Reserves at the New Den. He looked sharp then, and scored the predictable goal in a 2-1 before again netting in the match against Hornchurch in a behind closed doors friendly.

The Senior Cup should see the likes of Smith, Nicky Nicolau, Andy

Edwards, Jimmy Corbett, Lawrie Dufield and Tesfaye Bramble have a chance to shine, as well as the goalkeeper that Tilson chooses to leave out today. Let's hope that whoever plays helps Blues battle through to the fourth round.

NEXT MATCH
The Blues v Brentwood
Essex Senior Cup
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Jay Smith on the way back

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entrance to Asda, take the next left for the ground. There is a car-park at the ground (charge: nowt) and plenty of street-parking. Distance: 145 miles - allow 3 hours.

BY RAIL: Services run by South West Trains Ltd. leave London Waterloo for Yeovil Junction and take about 2 hours. Both stations - Yeovil Junction and Pen Mill Junction - are on the opposite side of town and it's best to get a taxi.

WHERE TO DRINK: A large marquee outside of the ground has been set up as a make shift beer

tent. Away fans in colours are not allowed in but if you are in plain clothes you should be OK.

There are three pubs within about 10-15 minutes walk of the ground, 'The Bell', 'The Arrow' and 'Brewsters'. The Arrow Pub is located in quite a spacious estate, to find this pub, from the ground car park, walk back up the road past the ground to the top of it and turn right. At the end of this road, turn left onto the main road and after a short distance take the first right. Go straight down this road through the new looking residential area and after

about ten minutes of walking, you will see a clearing on your right and just beyond this there are some shops and the Arrow pub in the middle.

WHAT'S IT LIKE: Away fans are situated in the Copse Road open terrace at one end of the ground. This is uncovered, so hope for a dry day. Up to 1,750 supporters can be housed in this area. Additionally around 300 seats are allocated to away fans in the Bartlett Stand. As this stand is covered, this may be a better bet, especially if the weather is bad.

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The Elms	09:05
Thames Drive	09:08
Hadleigh Church	09:10
Tarpots	09:15
Pitsea/McDonalds	09:20
Watermill PH	09:23
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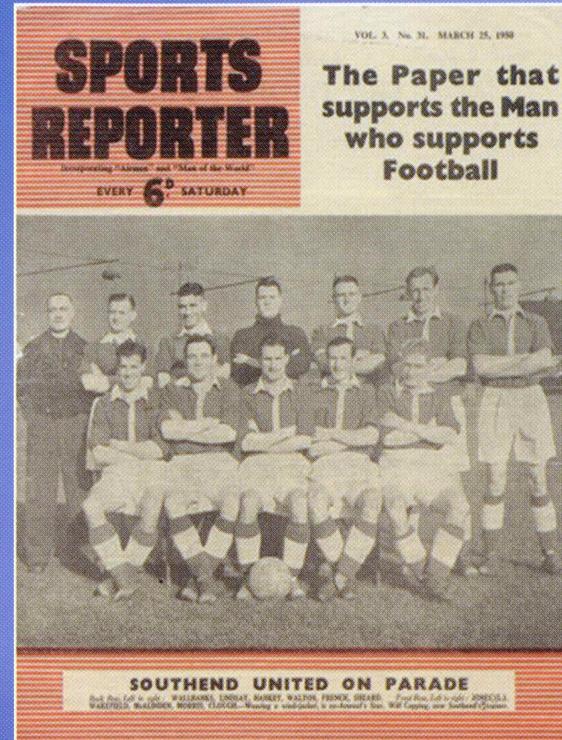
100 years of

Blues historian Dave Goody

Although Southend United's Centenary Year is not until 2006, there are already many plans being formulated to celebrate the 100 years the club has been in existence. Just one of these plans is the production

of a book detailing the complete history our club - "The Official Centenary History of Southend United".

Southend United Historians Dave Goody and Peter Miles are the men who are writing



the book, and it certainly promises to be an epic volume, chronicling the rise of the club from the Southern League in 1906 to the position it will be in during our 100th season. It is currently planned that the book will

be a hardback with approximately 600 pages, with full statistical coverage including all the line-ups from those Southern League days, a task that Peter is currently undertaking by spending many hours in Southend

THE BLUES

looks forward to celebrating 100 years of Southend United



spending many hours in Southend Library. There will also be pictures, biographies and full career details of every player to have worn the colours of

Southend United, plus many hundreds of photographs and illustrations and further biographies of managers and other famous people who have been associated with the club.

To ensure the book

contains as much detail as possible, and also has as varied a selection of photographs and illustrations that may never have been previously seen by the fans of the club, Dave and Peter are asking for the assistance of all Blues fans. If you have, or know of any relative that may have any interesting programme, photograph, letter, autograph, document, shirt or any other

item relating to our great club that could be bought, loaned or just borrowed by Dave and Peter, please get in touch with them. The older and more unusual the better, but if you are not sure, please contact them anyway. Anyone who provides anything that is included in the book will have their name included in the book, which is due for release during the 2006/07 season.

This is your chance to help with the recording of the first 100 years in the life of Southend United Football Club - don't miss your chance!

To contact Dave and Peter, please phone (01702) 201286 or email david.goody@virgin.net



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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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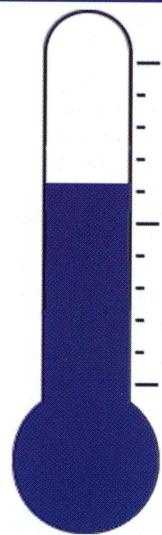
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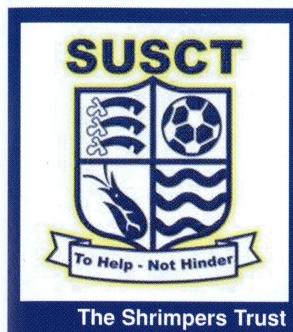
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Last Saturday saw auction winner Graham Smith co-commentate on BBC Essex on our fabulous 4-0 win against Oxford which saw three ex-Shrimpers line up against us.

Graham was amongst three major contenders for the slot, bidding for the chance to line up alongside Stuart Smith in the commentary box. Graham successfully bid £180 by midday on Thursday to earn the right to join the BBC Essex team on Saturday for Southend United's vital League Two encounter with Oxford United.

Commenting on his experience in the Roots Hall Commentary Box, Graham said that although he was a little apprehensive to start with, he would do it again tomorrow if he could. The chance to meet the players and managers from both sides and to have pictures taken with them is something he will always remember. He would also like to thank the Trust for the fantastic day. More details on the Shrimpers Trust website www.shrimperstrust.co.uk

Now that we have welcomed new signing Freddy Eastwood into the team as a permanent signing, our Quid A Goal will surely be on the up now! All of a sudden we are surging to the upper echelons of the division - confidence is at a high and supporters are coming

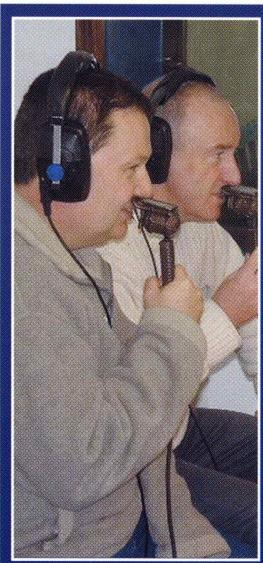
back in droves. Now is a good time to be a Southend fan!

Also, last Saturday saw three ex-players/legends (Tony Bentley, Peter Goy and Ron Pountney) in the Shrimpers Bar before the match mingling with the supporters. Tony picked the winner of the 100 Club, who was none other than Kathy Jeffreys!

Congratulations must go to first-team player Spencer Prior who recently played in his 500th career appearance.

It is also six months since Ron Martin announced we would have the new plans submitted for Fossets Farm - let's hope an announcement is sooner rather than later.

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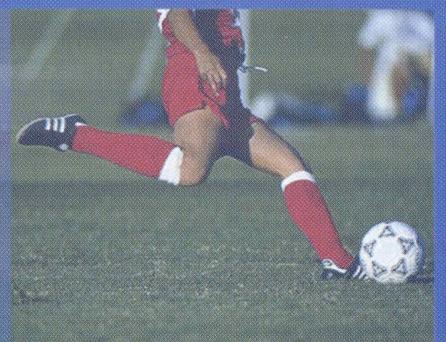
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Ross Hill looks at the Blues cashback offer

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With this in mind we would like to help the finances of our local

football clubs by offering a ticket cashback scheme. This entails the local football club selling tickets for a Southend United match and in return a percentage of the ticket sales to help club funds. The more tickets the local football club sell the bigger the cash return leading to an increase in the club's profits. In addition Southend United are offering bonus incentives for the number of tickets sold, for example if the club sells 40 tickets (per match) they will receive a FREE match ball for their league games. The club that sells the most tickets overall for the matches selected below will receive 4 FREE seats in Southend United's Blues Lounge for our home match against Bristol Rovers on Friday 1st April 2005.

Local football Clubs will be able to see where they are in the ticket sales table, as we will be publishing

the League table on our weekly Newsletter: BLUES NEWS.

Cashback Matches at Roots Hall

Fri 26 Nov, SUFC Vs Grimsby Town

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Fri, 11 Feb SUFC Vs Scunthorpe United

Tues, 22 Feb SUFC Vs Shrewsbury Town

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Rules of the cash back scheme

- Orders for tickets must be placed no later than 3 days before the match
- You must have proved that you are a registered football club
- Clubs must sell 10 or more tickets to take part

- All the tickets purchased must be in the same stand
- For every 6 children attending the match there must be 1 adult
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Robert Craven Takes A Look At The Man In The Middle's Career

An old friend is back amongst the officials for this FA Cup first round clash with Luton Town, but Mr. T. Kettle has been left 'on the bench' as he acts as the fourth official, with Mr. R. Beeby the main man with the whistle.

Kettle, you may remember, was the man charged with refereeing the First Round encounter with Canvey Island last season, and he was roundly criticised as he sent Mark Warren off for a second bookable offence in a fractious replay at Park Lane. Blues still fought through though, Jay Smith hitting a double, including a last-minute winner, in a 2-1 win.

Beeby, from Northamptonshire, is now in his sixth season as part of the Football League panel, and has booked 35 and sent off six so far this season in just thirteen matches. It will be his second visit to a League Two ground, having booked five in

Yeovil Town's 5-1 win over Chester City. His last match was more mundane a week ago on Tuesday as he went through the game without booking a soul as Cardiff City thrashed West Ham United 4-1 at Ninian Park.

Brighton & Hove Albion's 1-0 triumph over Leeds United was a much more tempestuous affair. Clark Carlisle's own goal gave the hosts at the Withdean Stadium the three points against the fallen giants, for whom both Matthew Kilgallon and Paul Butler were dismissed in the last two minutes for second bookable offences.

Southend supporters will have fond memories of Mr. Beeby's last trip to the south-east Essex coastline.

Leon Constantine and Duncan Jupp were both placed in the book, but that was no consolation for visitors Queens Park Rangers in the area semi-final of the LDV Vans Trophy in January. Constantine, a Steven

Clark wonder-goal and a Drewe Broughton double handed United an incredible 4-0 win over the Second Division pace-setters. In the year as a whole, 35 matches yielded a round hundred bookings and ten red cards.

Beeby came under intense pressure at the Fitness First Stadium (or Dean Court to older readers) as AFC Bournemouth claimed for handball every time the ball struck a Blues hand in the Third Division match there two seasons ago. Stephen Purches' eighteen-yard header won the game for the Cherries, Gavin Strachan was given his only Shrimpers caution in the game.

And the Northamptonshire FA-affiliated ref has not always been a lucky charm at Roots Hall either. In that same 2002/3 campaign, against another one of the promoted sides come May, Beeby presided over a

1-0 defeat to Wrexham thanks to Stephen Thomas' only goal of the game. Stephen Broad and Carlos Edwards were the one man on either side to be booked.

Leon Constantine was also involved in perhaps Beeby's most notorious match involving Blues - scoring the winner in a 2-1 win for Leyton Orient. Dave McGhee was sent off in another bad-tempered match on the day that England beat Germany 5-1. Beeby will be assisted today by one man who is a regular with the flag at the Hall, Mr. D. Cann, and one man who is not quite so familiar in Mr. T. Pollard.

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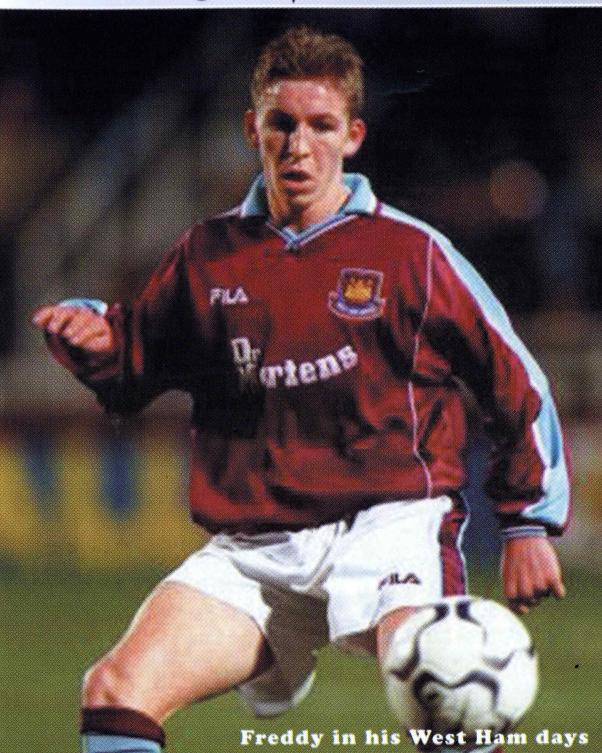
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theFREDDYfactor

The Evening Echo's Chris Phillips talks to new signing Freddy Eastwood



Freddy in his West Ham days

SOUTHEND United continued their recent run of fine form with a resounding 4-0 victory over Oxford at Roots Hall last Saturday. A series of fine second half strikes secured another three points for the spirited Shrimpers but it was again the sublime skills of striker Freddy Eastwood which helped Steve Tilson's

side climb even higher up the League Two standings.

The former Grays Athletic goal-getter has transformed the Seasiders into serious contenders for promotion with his awesome abilities in attack - scoring seven goals in six games. And his latest excellent effort secured victory for a Blues

side who are simply buzzing at the moment. Gone are the days of the coastal club failing to convert their chances as, in Eastwood, the Essex outfit currently boast potentially the best striker at this level.

The Basildon based hot-shot continually carves out opportunities of his own in a mesmeric manner which has not been seen in a Southend shirt for many, many seasons.

But, even more encouragingly, it is not just Eastwood who is on song for the Shrimpers right now as Messrs Gower, Maher, Gray and Barrett have produced a succession of stylish and superb performances. Gower and Barrett also worked their way onto the score-sheet against the luckless U's, who twice hit the woodwork, but it was the latter's display at the centre of the Southend defence which played a huge part in helping the home-side keep their first clean sheet for

eight games.

Now the Seasiders must consistently display that solidity as they face a challenging run of fixtures which will sternly examine their chances of finishing inside the top seven sides.

On current form though, Blues are capable of brushing aside any team at League Two level as they boast that something special up their sleeves - the Freddy factor!

Following the match against Oxford Echo reporter Chris Phillips spoke to the man creating all the excitement at Roots Hall at the moment.

"I really wanted to get a goal after sorting out my transfer just a couple of days before the match," said Eastwood who has now netted seven goals in six games for the Essex outfit. "So when I scored it was great to see it go in and I'd have to say it was one of the best I've ever got."

theFREDDYfactor

Freddy signs for the Blues

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And Eastwood added he was thrilled his excellent effort had again helped the resurgent Seasiders secure another three points and a sixth successive home victory.

"The first half was quite tight but the gaffer gave us confidence to play at half-

time and that showed after the break," said the 21-year-old. "We got the first goal quite early but when the second went in we were all over them and could have had a few more. It was great to get a win of any kind though and hopefully we can keep this run going now for the supporters."

The former Grays forward has already

become a firm fans favourite with the Shrimpers faithful and again received a vociferous standing ovation as he left the field.

"The crowd here at Southend are unbelievable," said Eastwood. "They're chanting my name and they seem to like me - at the minute anyway!"

Blues boss Steve Tilson was also quick

to praise Eastwood's performance as the goal-getter immediately began to repay his five figure transfer fee against a U's side who had defender Jon Ashton sent off in stoppage time for a second bookable offence.

"Freddy's goal was absolutely unbelievable," said Tilson. "But that's the type of thing he's capable of and that's why he is a great signing for us. He helped us get a good result - even though we did start the game a bit edgy but we deserved it in the end."

And the Wickford born chief added he was chuffed to have kept a clean sheet - the coastal club's first since late September.

"That was another big bonus for us and that's why I was shouting for the defenders to stay back for the free kicks we were getting at the end," he said.

CHRIS PHILLIPS
THE EVENING ECHO



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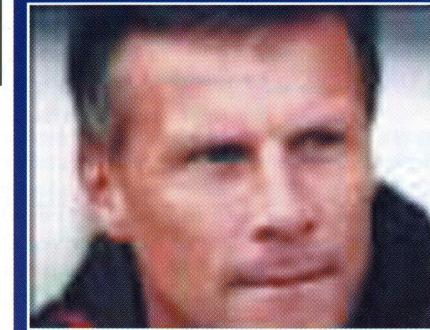
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A Selection Of Quotes From Our League Two Rivals This Week....

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*A selection of quotes from
our League Two rivals...*

Cheltenham Town Boss
John Ward following his
1-0 victory against Bury
last weekend
“I don't set targets on
games or points because
if you miss it you think
you've failed. We've got
24 points, we're in a
decent league position
and there will be some
good clubs above us.
They're the ones we're
chasing. Nothing's hap-
pened yet apart from we
are getting better and I
will be impressing on
the team that we want
to get even better and
we will see where that
takes us. I won't pres-
surise my players by say-
ing they've got to do
stuff because we are
very much in our infan-
cy and I want to develop
this football club with
these people that want
to play for Cheltenham
Town. There is long time
ahead of us to achieve
something good and a
lot of hard work to get
under our belts.”

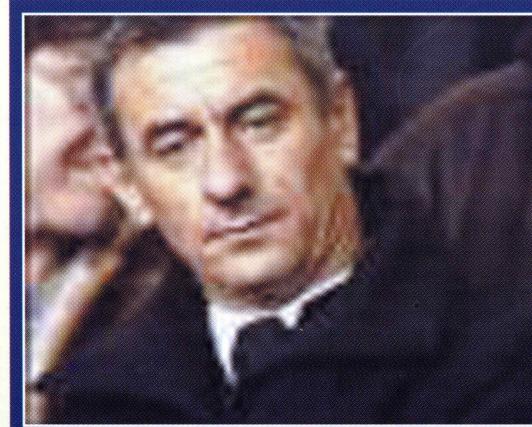


John Ward - Cheltenham



Martin Ling - Orient

Orient boss Martin Ling on his sides LDV
draw against Paul Merson's Walsall
“It's an interesting draw and game I am
looking forward to, I am pleased we are at
home and even though they are a League
above us they are not having the best of
times so we've got a good chance.”
They've got a big name manager and will be
a decent side, but we are always confident
in any match we go in to.”



Ian Rush - Chester

Chester City boss Ian
Rush on being linked
to the vacant Wales
manager's position
“Leading your
national side is the
highest possible hon-
our and, as a proud
Welshman, I was
flattered that the
FAW had placed me
on the shortlist and
was extremely
tempted by the possi-
bility of being able to
lead Wales into the
next era. This is not
the right time for me
to move into interna-
tional management. I
would love to do the
job one day but this
opportunity is too
soon for me.”

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PLAYEDFORBoth

Leigh Edwards Looks At Two Former Southend and Luton Players

Appearances/Goals

Southend:

1990-94
League: 73 (4)
FA Cup: 3
League Cup: 5
Total: 81 (4)

Luton:

1999-02
League: 62 (5)
FA Cup: 7
League Cup: 2
Total: 71 (5)

ADAM LOCKE

Fiery, versatile midfielder Adam Locke made a significant contribution as Southend United won promotion in 1990-91.

A former Crystal Palace junior, he signed professional in June 1988 but failed to secure a first-team slot at Selhurst Park and joined Southend in August 1990. He made his League debut in the 1-0 victory at Mansfield Town the following month and regularly featured as a substitute, scoring twice in the 4-1 win at Swansea City in March 1991. Helping Southend to reach the FA Cup fifth round in 1991-92, he netted four goals in 73 League outings prior to joining Colchester United in September 1994 after a loan spell.

He helped Colchester to qualify for the Third Division play-offs in 1995-96 and moved to Bristol City in July 1997. An influential figure in their 1997-98 promotion success, he joined Luton Town in August 1999 but was unable to prevent relegation in 2000-01 and injury problems forced him to miss almost the entire 2001-02 promotion campaign. He scored five times in 62 League outings for today's opponents before moving to Hornchurch in September 2002.

CHRIS TURNER

Central defender Chris Turner was one of several experienced players signed during Peter Morris' reign at Roots Hall.

Signing professional for Peterborough United in November 1969, he was a key figure as they won the Fourth Division title in 1973-74 and was three times ever-present. He also skippered successive Cup runs and moved to Luton Town in July 1978, making a significant contribution as the Hatters reached the League Cup fifth round in 1978-79. Netting five goals in 30 Second Division games for today's opponents, he joined New England Teamen in May 1979.

He returned from the United States for loan spells at Cambridge United and Swindon Town, rejoining Cambridge in October 1980. Moving to Southend in October 1983, he scored twice in 22 Third Division outings while at Roots Hall. He was appointed manager of Cambridge United in January 1986 and laid the foundations for their meteoric rise under John Beck before resigning in January 1990. Becoming manager of Peterborough United in January 1991, he plotted two promotion campaigns and then had a spell as their chief executive.

Appearances/Goals

Luton:

1978-79
League: 30 (5)
League Cup: 4
Total: 34 (5)

Southend:

1983-84
League: 22 (2)
FA Cup: 2
Total: 24 (2)

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

**Southend United 3
Exeter City 0
Football League
Division Four
Friday
12th November, 1971**

By the time the Grecians visited Roots Hall for this Friday night encounter 33 years ago the Blues ultimately successful promotion campaign was gathering speed. We went into the game against 17th placed Exeter fourth in the league having won six of the eight league games played at Roots Hall. The most recent of these was a narrow 1-0 victory over Barrow in front of 12,426 fans though our most recent game had seen us lose 3-1 at Workington..

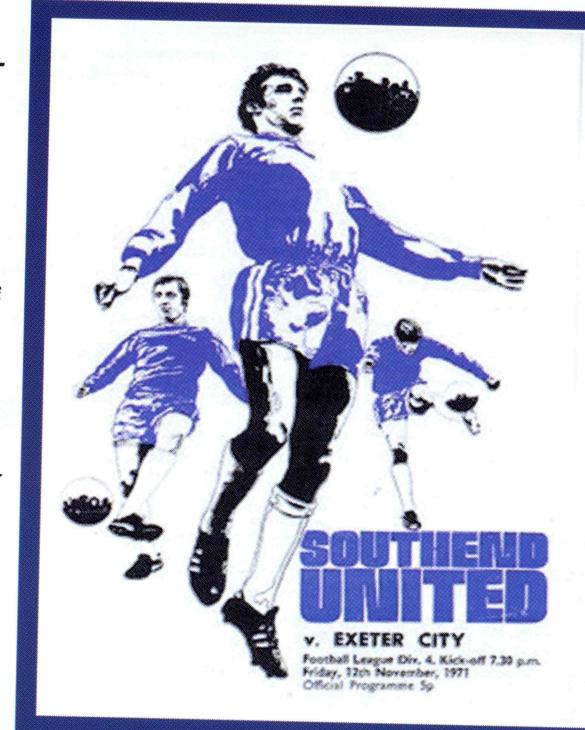
Manager Arthur Rowley picked the following team for the game:- John Roberts, Ray Ternent, Alex Smith, Dave Elliot, Brian Albeson, Joe Jacques, Terry Johnson, Billy Best, Bill Garner, Gary Moore and Bernie Lewis. Sub: Peter Taylor.

Exeter, who were managed at the time by player manager John Newman, arrived in Essex having only won once on their travels a 1-0 win at Cambridge and had leaked 30 goals

in their 16 league games to date.

A crowd of over 10,000 were inside the ground and the majority were celebrating after just 11 minutes when Gary

was no addition to the score before the break but already it seemed the points would be destined for Southend. Despite a number of near misses Blues' fans



Moore opened the scoring for Southend. The lead was doubled 10 minutes later when following a near miss from Billy Best the ball fell kindly to Bill Garner who slammed the ball in from 10 yards. There had to wait until the 77th minute for the home team to seal the victory when Garner scored his second of the night and 10th league goal of the season. So a comfortable 3-0 success for the Blues though we

had to settle for a point in the return fixture at St James' Park in March when the game ended goal less. That match was followed by a run of six successive league victories during a spell of just two defeats in 20 games. At one point it looked like the championship would be won but a crucial 2-1 home defeat to Cambridge when 'keeper Derek Bellotti broke his collarbone and was replaced in goal by Peter Taylor meant we had to settle for runners-up spot behind Grimsby.

However, the achievement was Southend's first promotion in any league since elevation to the first division of the southern league in 1912-13. Garner hit 25 league goals and Billy Best 19 as we won 18 home league games scoring 56 goals in the process. Aston Villa, who we had knocked out of the F.A. Cup, won the third division title while Derby County were first division champions. Tonight's opponents, Luton Town, finished the season in 13th place in division two.

NICK HART



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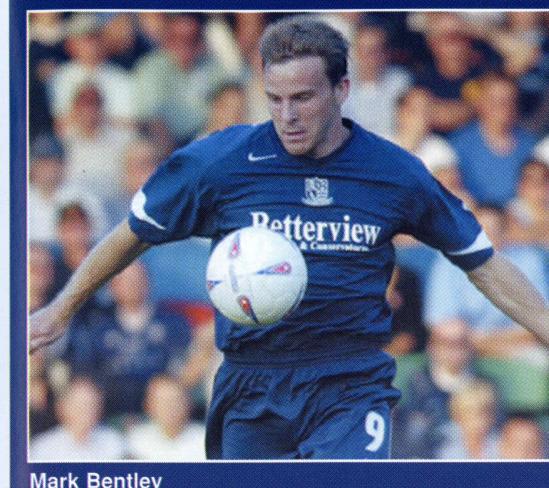
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Jai Forsyth Profiles Captain Kevin Maher



Mark Bentley

Jai Forsyth Profiles Blues
Box to Box Midfielder
Mark Bentley

Steve Tilson's signing of Mark Bentley in January came as a surprise to most Southend fans. The Shrimpers boss paid out a nominal fee to Dagenham & Redbridge, but with Kevin Maher, Jay Smith (although the diminutive midfielder was carrying a knock) and Lewis Hunt all in decent form at the time, many supporters felt that cover in the middle of the park was not as urgently needed as other areas of the pitch.

Indeed, despite making his debut immediately against Doncaster Rovers, Bentley's first few performances in a Southend shirt were fair-

ly ordinary, and before long the former Aldershot midfielder was on the substitutes bench. As it turned out, it appeared that the adaptation to full time football was the reason. When Bentley won his place back in the team following a nasty injury to Smith in February, it slowly became apparent that the energetic Hertford-born man was brought in to do more than just warm the substitutes bench.

Standing at 6ft 2ins, Bentley possessed a physical presence that offered something different to the midfield. It soon became clear that Bentley's game was based around hard running from box to box, and his bursts into the area to

join the attack were a factor in an upturn in form by the Seasiders over the last few months of the season.

The 26-year-old had gained a reputation at his former clubs for getting on the scoresheet, and a priceless headed goal against Boston United in early March helped Southend to a crucial win as they pulled themselves away from the drop zone. By the end of the season, Bentley had won the fans over and had cemented his place in the centre of the park alongside captain Kevin Maher.

The only surprise was

that he failed to score more often, his willingness to burst forward from midfield adds another attacking dimension to the Southend attack, and this became more evident still at the start of the current campaign.

Surprisingly left on the bench for the opening day after sustaining a knock in pre-season, he came back into the side for the trip to Lincoln and was the pick of the visiting side as they earned a 1-1 draw. Bentley's performance in the Carling Cup defeat against West Ham was amongst his finest for the club thus far, and he came within inches of scoring what would have been a sensational equal-

ising goal when his shot struck the side netting in front of the massed Southend support behind the goal.

His second goal for Southend followed shortly against Wycombe, a glancing header from a right wing cross, but a sending off against Colchester, which remains one of the most mystifying decisions I have ever seen, was incredibly upheld, and he was forced to miss the matches against Boston, Swansea and Scunthorpe, two of which ended in victory and all of which saw Lewis Hunt adapt seamlessly into a midfield position.

Hence, rather unfortunately for Bentley, the number 9 has been on the bench ever since. Even a fine sidefooted strike against Shrewsbury in the LDV Vans Trophy last week was not enough to win his place back from Hunt, who has grabbed the opportunity with both hands.

It is testament to the strength of the Southend squad that a player of Bentley's ability is being kept on the bench. What Steve Tilson will do when Jay Smith returns is anyone's guess, but as the manager himself will admit, it is a nice problem to have.

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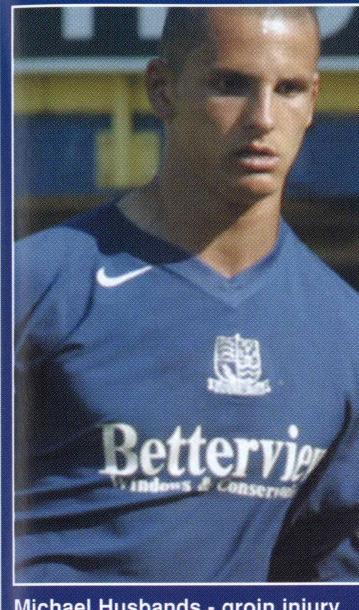
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Club Physio John Stannard Talks About The Teams Injuries



Michael Husbands - groin injury

Its been all quiet on the treatment front this week with only a few niggles for Blues Physio John Stannard to deal with, which is, of course, good news.

Last Saturday's match against Oxford was not only a great day from a result perspective but also it

gave a couple of players recently on the injury list, the opportunity to gain some much needed match experience. Tes Bramble and Lawrie Dudfield both came off the bench for the last 10 minutes and neither have felt any re-occurrence of the knocks

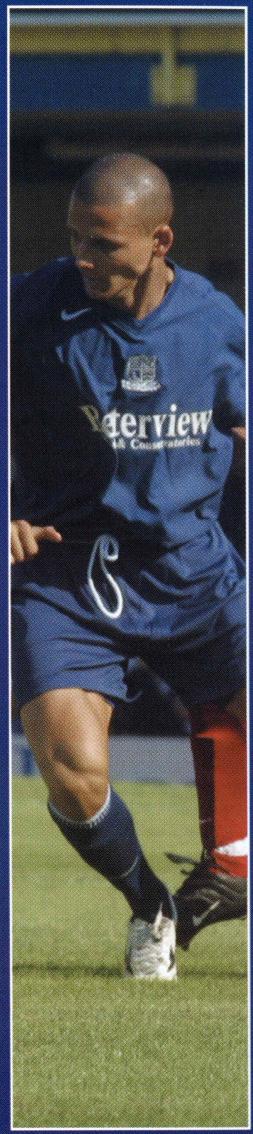
that have kept them side-lined.

The only concern last week was with Darryl Flahavan who suffered a bruised heel during the midweek clash with Shrewsbury in the LDV Vans Trophy. As a precaution it was decided not to play Flavs especially as

Bart Greimink was available following his spell on the treatment table. Bart also came through the match with no problems.

Michael Husbands has now returned from his loan period at Forest Green and unfortunately he has a slight groin strain which shouldn't keep him out for too long. Jay Smith is continuing to improve each day but will need to get some games under his belt before he can force his way into the first team reckoning.

Overall I am happy with the way its all going and hopefully we can keep it that way for the rest of the season-fingers crossed.



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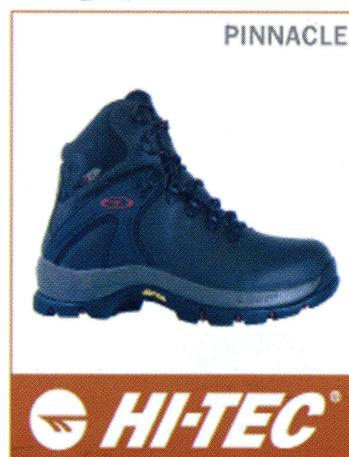
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A week at Roots Hall

2/11/04: CHE SPURRED ON BY FINAL DREAM

CHE Wilson aims to help Southend edge closer to a return visit to the Millennium Stadium tonight - by beating Shrewsbury Town in the second round of the LDV Vans Trophy at Roots Hall. Steve Tilson's side reached the final of last season's competition, losing 2-0 to Blackpool in front of nearly 35,000 supporters. And left back Wilson is desperate to see the Blues reach the Welsh capital again this time around. "It was a wonderful day and to come out of the tunnel to see 20,000 Southend fans there with flags and banners all singing away was very hard to take in, it was all a little overwhelming," said the former Norwich City trainee. "It was a day I will never forget and it would be fantastic if we could get there again."

3/11/04: FREDDY'S CLOSE TO BLUES DEAL

SOUTHEND United striker Freddy Eastwood is hoping to join the Shrimpers on a permanent basis in the next few days. The highly rated hot-shot bagged a brace for Blues in a convincing 4-1 victory over Shrewsbury Town last night as Steve Tilson's side easily progressed to the next stage of the LDV Vans Trophy. And the Basildon based forward, who is currently on loan from Grays Athletic, is now looking to lengthen his spell with the Shrimpers. "It's the last game of my loan this Saturday against

Oxford and I hope that by this time next week I will be a Southend player," said Eastwood. "I'm enjoying it here and things have gone well for me."

4/11/04: EASTWOOD SET

since arriving on loan from Grays Athletic, is set for further transfer talks with Blues boss Steve Tilson this afternoon. And Eastwood revealed he was close to completing a move to Roots

THREE YEAR DEAL

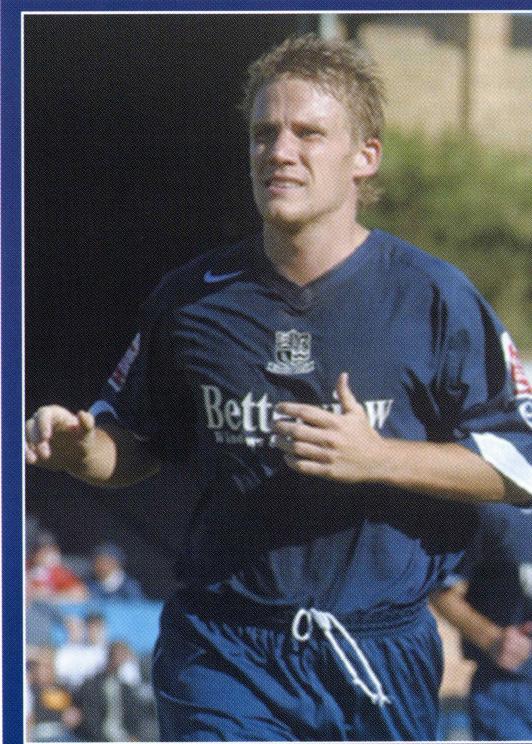
SOUTHEND United have completed the signing of star striker Freddy Eastwood for an undisclosed five figure sum. The 21-year-old hot shot, who had been on loan from Grays Athletic, has agreed a three year deal to stay at Roots Hall having already scored six

goals in five games for the League Two side. And Blues boss Steve Tilson revealed he was delighted with the deal. "I think it's a great coup for the club," said the former Southend midfielder.

5/11/04: FOR A FEW DOLLARS SCORE!

SOUTHEND United striker Freddy Eastwood celebrated signing a three year deal with the Shrimpers by inspiring Steve Tilson's side to a convincing 4-0 victory over Oxford on Saturday. The prolific marksman hit home a stunning individual strike and was joined on the score-sheet by Mark Gower, Adam Barrett and Lawrie Dudfield as Blues ran riot during the second half at Roots Hall to climb to fifth in the League Two standings.

"I really wanted to get a goal after sorting out my transfer just a couple of days before the match," said Eastwood who has now netted seven goals in six games for the Essex outfit. "So when I scored it was great to see it go in and I'd have to say it was one of the best I've ever got."



Gower opens the scoring v Oxford

TO SIGN TODAY

SOUTHEND United striker Freddy Eastwood is expecting to finalise his permanent switch to the Shrimpers today. The 21-year-old, who has banged home six goals in five games

Hall. "There is a good chance that everything can be completed today and I will sign for Southend," he said.

5/11/04: FREDDY SIGNS

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How we got to Round 1

Aldershot set up a date with Southend United's local rivals Canvey Island in the FA Cup First Round with a 2-1 victory over Maidenhead United in the fourth qualifying round. Aldershot opened the scoring after just twelve minutes as Crittenden slotted home. The Shots extended their lead fifteen minutes from full-time as Tim Sills netted their second before visitors netted a late consolation goal from Cook in front of the 2,110 spectators in attendance. This result set up a date with Canvey Island who progressed to the FA Cup First Round with an impressive 4-1 thrashing of Hallen in front of just 422 supporters. The Essex side took the lead through Jeff Midgley in the thirty-third minute, but this lead was short-lived as Beecham put the visitors level on the stroke of half-time. Second-half goals from Berquez, Neil Gregory and Junior McDougald confirmed that victory for the

Gulls.

Another Essex side, Billericay Town face a home tie for the First Round of the FA Cup as Conference side Stevenage make the trip to South East Essex. Billericay progressed to the First Round of the competition by convincingly defeating Flackwell Heath 3-0 in the fourth qualifying round. Stevenage also completed their route to the First Round of the competition in fine form as they discarded of Hendon 5-0 at Broadhall Way.

League Two side Blackpool will play hosts to Tamworth in their first round tie as the Conference league side attempt to continue from their 2-1 victory over Burscough. Tamworth will be hoping that former West Bromwich Albion front-man Bob Taylor can recreate the fine form he has shown recently to aid his side in defeating the League Opposition. The ageing forward scored a second-half hat-trick

within the space of ten minutes to help his side to a 3-2 victory over Leigh RMI in league action last week.

Hornchurch FC are another club who will be visiting League opposition as they make the journey to Boston United. The supporters will be hoping for a continuation of their FA Cup dream in what has been a very bad week for the club. It was announced on Thursday 4th November that there would no longer be the funds available to sustain the football club and although the club will continue to participate in both the FA Cup and the FA Trophy the future looks bleak for Honchurch.

Cambridge City were drawn at home to Leigh RMI for their first round clash. The Nationwide South side have enjoyed some fine form in the qualifying stages of the competition as they have disposed of Worcester City 3-1, Tooting and Mitcham



4-2 and finally Bromley 3-0. Dale Binns netted twice to seal the victory either side of a headed goal from Richard Scott. Leigh RMI progressed through the final qualifying stage with 2-0 victory over Accrington Stanley.

Forest Green Rovers will play host to League opposition in the form of Bournemouth who visit the Lawn on Saturday 13th November. Rovers progressed to the First Round of the competition in fine style as they demolished Thame United away from home 5-0. Goals from

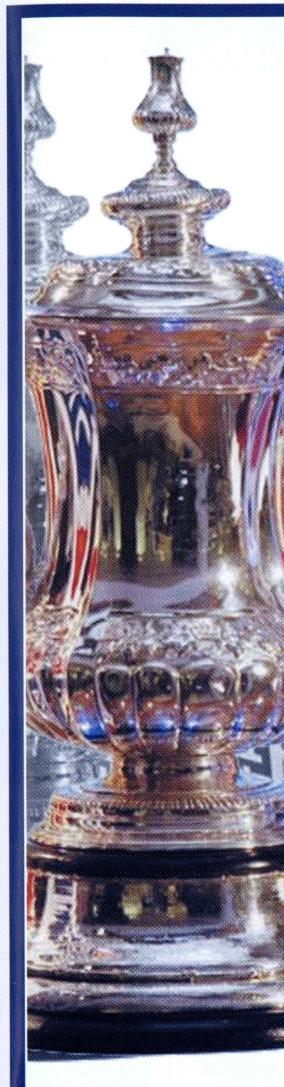
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demolished Thame United away from home 5-0. Goals from Richardson, Louis and Griffin combined with a brace from Beesley secured the First Round tie for Rovers, who are currently twentieth in the Conference League table.

Other sides who have secured the home advantage against League sides in the FA Cup First Round include Hayes, who stormed past Ashford Town 4-0, Hinckley United, who could only muster a draw with Burton Albion before a 1-1 draw in the replay ended with Hinckley 4-1 victors from a penalty shoot-out, and Histon.

Slough will be preparing for the visit of Walsall. It took an eighty-eighth minute goal to give Slough a 3-2 victory over Salisbury. Tiverton are another non-league side, they play in the Southern League Premier Division, to face a home cup tie against League One opposi-



The FA Cup

tion. Tiverton face last year's Third Division, now League Two, champions Doncaster Rovers. Tiverton also progressed through their final qualifying match in style as they breezed past Newport County in a 4-1 victory with Kezie Ibe netting a hat-trick.

Coalville Town will make the journey to Wycombe to face League Two opposition minus the departed Arsenal legend Tony Adams' who resigned in mid-week. Coalville will be hoping for a cup upset as they visit Wycombe who are currently seventeenth in the League Two table after an impressive start to the campaign. Coalville set up the clash with Wanderers after defeating Liversedge in a fourth qualifying round replay.

Thurrock FC booked a lucrative home tie with Oldham Athletic in style as they discarded of Spalding United with ease in their final qualifying

match. Thurrock ended the match 6-0 victors as they dominated from the off at Ship Lane. After nineteen minutes Tresor Kandol slotted home a left-footed effort, before Cliff Akurang superbly netted four goals within fifteen minutes (goals coming in the forty-third, fifty-third, fifty-sixth and fifty-eighth minute). The result was capped by a final goal twelve minutes from time as Kris Lee bundled home a Marc Goodfellow cross.

Other sides hoping to benefit from the magic of the FA Cup include Morecambe, who face Hull City at the KC Stadium, Stafford Rangers, who will play Ian Rush's Chester City, Halifax Town, who travel to Cambridge United, and Vauxhall Motors, whose opponents are Bury, among others.

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20 Questions

with Che Wilson

Che Wilson answers our 20 questions feature.

You're stranded on a desert island and you can take three things with you. What are they and why?
Mobile phone - CD Player - Sienna Miller

On the island you have no contact with anyone. What things would you miss the most? (not people)
Music - Decent Takeaways

What's the most embarrassing thing to ever happen to you?
Nothing major, touch wood!

What's the funniest thing that's ever happened to you on a date?
She asked me to pay the bill - cheek!!

What's the worst item of clothing you've ever bought?
A pair of black lycra shiny trousers, as worn by the Village People

You are splashed over the front pages of the daily papers, footballing reasons aside, what do the headlines say?
Wilson says no to Sienna Miller "Got better offer"!

If you were on Stars in Their Eyes who would you be and why?
Danny Zucho/John Travolta from Grease

The team is in the Big Brother house. You have to nominate two people for eviction. Who and why?
Adam Barrett - Nobody should look 44 when only 24 and Nicky Nicolau (Tango) for moaning about lack of Sun beds

If they made a film of your life who would play the lead role?
Tom Cruise

In no more than five words describe yourself as a person?
Friendly, Single and Looking - Optimistic!

It's Christmas and the team are having a fancy dress themed night out. What do you go as and why?
Indiana Jones - Childhood hero

You want to break up with a girlfriend how do you do it?
Face to face

If you could invent your own law what would it be?
No Pre Season

The team have a Royal Rumble wrestling match. Who would win and what would your wrestling name be?
Drewe Broughton - The Cheminator

What's the worst chat up line you've ever used and was it successful?
Never needed one!

If you were Batman who'd be your Robin?
Rodney Trotter

You're with a lady when you accidentally break wind, what do you do?
Try to make a joke out of it

If you could have a one-to-one with anyone who would it be and why?
Muhammad Ali, because he is the greatest

You could change places with one person for one day. Who and why?
Brad Pitt - for obvious reasons



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UNBREAKmyHEART

Matt Walker looks back fondly

I will let you into a secret of mine, a brief chapter of my private life: namely, Southend United have mended my broken heart.

Friday 16th November 2001 is not one of my happier days. Although I had been dating a young lady for a month, it had been a turbulent relationship at best. Whilst there was lots of chemistry between us, our personalities were poles apart. And so, that fateful Friday, we met in pub and agreed to call it a day.

Thus, with a heavy heart, I trudged off to Roots Hall in the vain pursuit, so I thought, of something to take my mind off the previous night. The game in question was the first round of the FA Cup, which saw us entertain league high-fliers, Luton Town.

Roots Hall was filled with the sort of crackling atmosphere that one often associates with the Cup and, as referee Barry Knight blew for kick-off, a crescendo of noise rose from all ends of the ground – and promptly stayed at an elevated level throughout the match.

The first incident happened on 36 minutes when, following a fluent

Luton move, Adrian Forbes put the Hatters ahead. The North Bank bellowed its approval; however, the other three stands retorted with a salvo of singing for the Blues – and sure enough, on the stroke of half-time, Mark Rawle pulled us level.

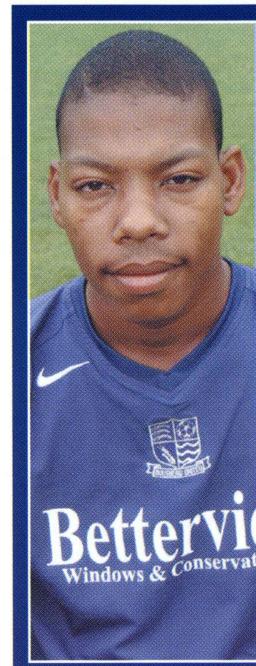
The second half saw Southend attacking the South Bank. Rawle and Bramble were in inspired form and, as so often that season, linked up on 56 minutes for Tes to put the Blues ahead. Although the goal was met with the customary Roots Hall roar, it was clear that Luton were not out of it.

However, Luton's equaliser – through Brkovic – remains one of the most contentious goals I have ever witnessed at Southend. The ball was floated into the area. The 5' 8" Brkovic and the 6' 4" Leon Cort watched the ball sail overhead... until Brkovic placed both hands firmly into Cort's back, pushed him over, and popped the ball into the net. "It is OK," I thought, "he will never get away with that." Alas, in utter disbelief, I saw the referee point to the centre circle. The goal stood.

Suddenly, the emotions of the previous night rushed into my head, as if a dam of reason had broken. With tear-filled eyes, I stared at the ground and (wrongly, I admit) beseeched the good Lord to intervene: "If you are a just God, you will not compound last night's misery by letting them get away with that."

Perhaps He was wearing Blue that day. With 4 minutes left, Southend were awarded a corner. The ball was swung in, it bobbed around, and then it fell to Tes Bramble in space. In what seemed like slow-motion, Tes dropped to the ground, hooked the ball over his head... and it was in the net.

Cue pandemonium. The Luton players wilted, Tes looked heavenwards... and I went bananas, punching the air like a lunatic, screaming myself hoarse. Of course, we held on for a famous victory; but best of all, as I walked out of the ground, I realised that the Blues had mended my broken heart – and that, no matter how glum I had felt when I had arrived at Roots Hall that day, I now felt on top of the world.



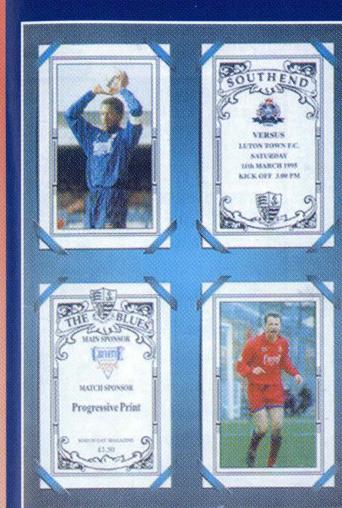
Tes Bramble unbreaks Matts heart

I am happy to report that my heart has now been permanently fixed... but that will not stop me wishing for another taste of Cup glory this Friday night!

UP THE BLUES!
Matt Walker

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Programmes Past From Another Luton Match With Mark Wallis



Southend United v Luton Town 1994-5

SEASON 1994-5 brought United's fourth season in the second flight of English football, and this comprehensive victory over Luton Town was a vital one for the Shrimpers.

Southend had made a decent start to the season, and impressive away victories arrived at Sunderland, and eventual Champions Middlesbrough, as Peter Taylor's side reached

the highest position of 8th spot.

However, following victory over West Bromwich Albion two days after Christmas, Blues went eleven games without a win, and the 2-0 defeat against Reading at Elm Park ultimately cost Taylor, who is currently divided between roles with Hull City and England Under 21's, his job as he was sacked in February.

Steve Thompson took control, and despite defeats in his first two games, guided United comfortably into fifteenth place and quashed relegation worries.

This victory over the Hatters followed that elusive first victory, a 2-0 win over Oldham Athletic at Boundary Park, with Gary Jones, Andy Thomson and makeshift striker Keith Middlesbrough, as Peter

Dublin finding themselves on the scoresheet.

Impressive victories at Tranmere Rovers and Derby County followed as United surged towards safety and Jones, along with goalkeeper Simon Royce, both of whom were recalled to the side by Thompson excelled as his side comfortably kept their Division One status.

Southend's FA Cup exploits had finished at Southampton in Round Three, Neil Hreane scoring only ten seconds after kick-off before Matt Le Tissier finished things off whilst a League Cup exit arrived, 0-1 on aggregate, against Watford in the first stage.

SOUTHEND United's healthy 48-page programme cost £1.50 during 1994-95 and was almost full colour throughout, with the rest containing spot blue, white and yellow print.

The well-designed cover was made to look like an old scrapbook, and when possible used a photo from a home and

away match. In this instance Chris Powell is pictured against Sunderland at Roots Hall and Mark Hone against Bolton Wanderers at Burnden Park.

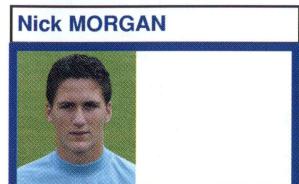
Regular features in the programme were 'About the Hall' (which featured a picture of the brand new Frank Walton South Stand), 'On This Day', 'Past Matches', 'Views On 1' and Buxton's Memories.

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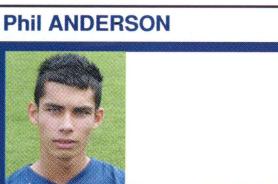
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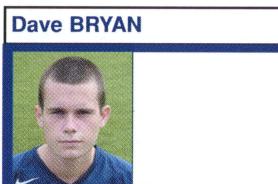
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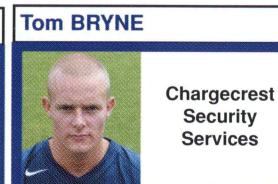
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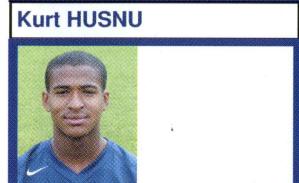


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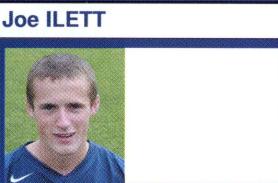


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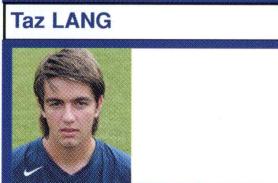
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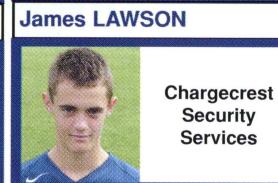
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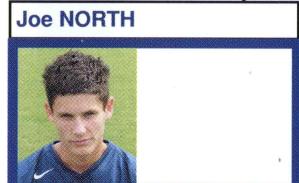


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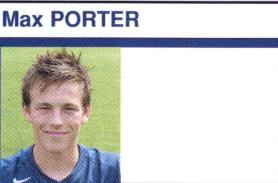


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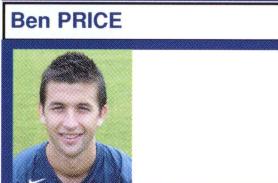
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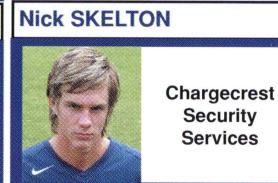
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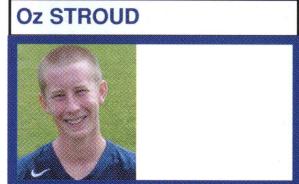


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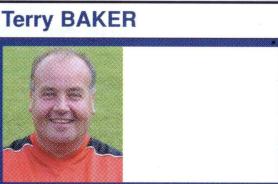


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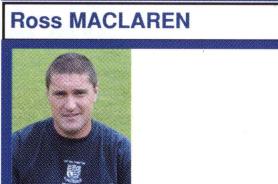
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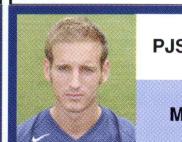
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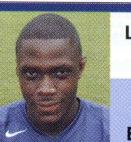
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All This Seasons Fixtures



DAY	DATE	RES	OPPOSITION/VENUE	DAY	DATE	RES	OPPOSITION/VENUE
Sat	Aug 7	0-2	Cheltenham Town (h)	Sat	Jan 1		Rushden & Diamonds (h)
Tue	Aug 10	1-1	Lincoln City (a)	Mon	Jan 3		Kidderminster H' (a)
Sat	Aug 14	0-2	Rochdale (a)	Sat	Jan 8		Boston United (a)
Sat	Aug 21	0-0	Cambridge United (h)	Sat	Jan 8		FA Cup RD3
Wed	Aug 25	0-2	West Ham United (CCRDI)				
Fri	Aug 27	1-2	Bristol Rovers (a)	Sat	Jan 15		Notts. County (h)
Mon	Aug 30	2-1	Macclesfield Town (h)	Sat	Jan 22		Mansfield Town (a)
Sat	Sep 4	4-1	Rushden & Diamonds (a)	Wed	Jan 26		Carling Cup Semi Final
Sat	Sep 11	1-2	Wycombe Wanderers (h)	Sat	Jan 29		Darlington (h)
Sat	Sep 18	2-1	Notts. County (a)	Sat	Jan 29		FA Cup RD4
Sat	Sep 25	1-0	Kidderminster H' (h)				
Wed	Sep 28	1-1	Colchester (LDV RD1) (a)	Fri	Feb 4		Swansea City (a)
		(5-3 pens)		Fri	Feb 11		Scunthorpe United (h)
Sat	Oct 2	0-4	Darlington (a)	Sat	Feb 19		Northampton Town (a)
Fri	Oct 8	2-1	Boston United (h)	Tue	Feb 22		FA Cup RD5
Sat	Oct 16	4-2	Swansea City (h)	Sat	Feb 26		Shrewsbury Town (h)
Tue	Oct 19	2-3	Scunthorpe United (a)				Bury (h)
Sat	Oct 23	1-1	Shrewsbury Town (a)	Sat	Mar 5		Chester City (a)
Sat	Oct 30	2-1	Northampton Town (h)	Sat	Mar 12		Lincoln City (h)
				Sat	Mar 12		FA Cup RD6
Tue	Nov 2	4-1	Shrewsbury (LDV RD2) (h)	Sat	Mar 19		Cheltenham Town (a)
Sat	Nov 6	4-0	Oxford United (h)	Fri	Mar 25		Rochdale (h)
Fri	Nov 12		Luton Town (FAC1) (H)	Mon	Mar 28		Cambridge United (a)
Sat	Nov 20		Yeovil Town (a)				
Fri	Nov 26		Grimsby Town (h)	Fri	Apr 1		Bristol Rovers (h)
Tues	Nov 30		Northampton (LDV3) (a)	Sat	Apr 9		Macclesfield Town (a)
Sat	Dec 4		FA Cup RD2	Sat	Apr 16		Leyton Orient (h)
Tue	Dec 7		Leyton Orient (a)	Sat	Apr 16		FA Cup Semi-Final
Sat	Dec 11		Bury (a)	Sat	Apr 23		Oxford United (a)
Fri	Dec 17		Chester City (h)	Sat	Apr 30		Yeovil Town (h)
Sun	Dec 26		Wycombe Wanderers (a)	Sat	May 7		Grimsby Town (a)
Tue	Dec 28		Mansfield Town (h)	Sat	May 21		FA Cup Final

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All The Player and League Stats

FULL APPEARANCES			
NAME	04/05	CLUB	CAREER
BART GRIEMINK	9	9	238
DUNCAN JUPP	19	67	237
NICKY NICOLAU	7	16	16
LEWIS HUNT	9	40	48
ANDY EDWARDS	6	165	580
ADAM BARRETT	16	16	212
MARK GOWER	19	72	158
KEVIN MAHER	19	290	290
MARK BENTLEY	14	29	90
CARL PETTEFER	20	32	69
LAWRIE DUDFIELD	9	22	98
DREWE BROUGHTON	5	37	167
DARRYL FLAHAVAN	10	193	227
WAYNE GRAY	13	13	76
SPENCER PRIOR	18	174	505
JIM CORBETT	1	19	36
MICHAEL HUSBANDS	0	4	4
CHE WILSON	13	29	138
TES BRAMBLE	9	123	123
MICHAEL KIGHTLY	0	5	5
STUART WILLIAMS	0	0	0
JAY SMITH	0	59	59
FREDDY EASTWOOD	6	6	6
RYAN CLARKE	1	1	5

TOP GOAL SCORERS		
	LEAGUE CUP	TOTAL
FREDDY EASTWOOD	5	2
ADAM BARRETT	6	0
WAYNE GRAY	4	1
MARK GOWER	4	0
LAWRIE DUDFIELD	3	0
TES BRAMBLE	1	1
MARK BENTLEY	1	1
SPENCER PRIOR	1	0
JIM CORBETT	1	0
DREWE BROUGHTON	0	0
MICHAEL HUSBANDS	0	0
CARL PETTEFER	0	0
KEVIN MAHER	0	0

FA CUP ROUND 1 OTHER GAMES

Tiverton T. v Doncaster R.
 Wycombe W. v Coalville T.
 Hull C. v Morecambe
 Boston U. v Hornchurch
 Cambridge C. v Leigh RMI
 Mansfield T. v Colchester U.
 Hayes v Wrexham
 Yeading v Halesowen T.
 Barnet v Bath C.
 Aldershot T. v Canvey Island
 Blackpool v Tamworth
 Billericay T. v Stevenage B.
 Slough T. v Walsall
 Darlington v Yeovil T.
 Bury v Vauxhall Motors
 Hinckley U. v Torquay U.
 Alfreton T. v Macclesfield T.
 Scunthorpe U. v Chesterfield
 Forest Green R. v AFC Bournemouth
 Stafford R. v Chester C.
 Swindon T. v Sheffield Wed.
 Leyton Orient v Dagenham & Redbridge
 Southport v Hereford U.
 Bristol R. v Carlisle U.
 Exeter C. v Grimsby T.
 Bradford C. v Rushden & D.
 Peterborough U. v Tranmere R.
 Notts County v Woking
 MK Dons v Lancaster C.
 Northampton T. v Barnsley
 Histon v Shrewsbury T.
 Hartlepool U. v Lincoln C.
 Stockport C. v Huddersfield T.
 Halifax T. v Cambridge U.

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