



**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2009**  
**Carling Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Round**  
**Hull City 3-1 Southend United**

Blues XI: **Steve Mildenhall, Simon Francis, Matt Heath, Jean-Yves M'Voto, Adam Barrett, Franck Moussa, Alan McCormack, Jean-Francois Christophe, Anthony Grant, Alex Revell and Lee Barnard.**

<b>Journey: 8 out of 10.</b>	Great journey, no hold ups and got there in plenty of time after a comfortable 30 minute stop at Grantham.
<b>Stadium: 8 out of 10.</b>	By far the best grounded attended so far this season, wonderful arena for the Premier League
<b>Food Quality/Service:</b>	N/A. Didn't purchase food from the ground.
<b>Programme: 6 out of 10.</b>	For these games the programmes are not as full as they normally would be on a League or FA Cup game, but included some decent interviews.
<b>Performance: 8 out of 10.</b>	Dominated the game for most of the match, with a bit of luck, we would have won the game.

**Southend United's Carling Cup run came to an end in Yorkshire against Premier League outfit Hull City, but with a bit of luck Southend would have joined the big boys in round three.**

A great journey up with followed by witnessing one of the best rainbows ever scene. A rainbow split up into 2 separate parts, before we drove by the end of the rainbow, which got many of us taking pictures on our phones. Unfortunately Southend United or we didn't find the pot of gold.

Hull made 11 changes but still boasted a very strong squad, whereas Blues made 2 changes, John White (rested) had his place taken by strong defender Jean-Yves M'Voto whilst Dougie Freedman was swapped with Alex Revell in attack.

Blues took a little while to get going and just before half-time Hull City took the lead thanks to academy graduate Tom Cairney's wonderful left-foot curling effort.

That seemed to spark the Blues on and Alex Revell had a shot go well wide of the target after good work from Simon Francis. Southend continued to impress as they had most of the ball. However, despite their dominance they nearly fell further behind when Barmby put a through ball for USA star Jozy Altidore but Matt Heath came across with a superb sliding challenge.

However, Hull City did extend their lead on 42 minutes, when the referee awarded a free kick that never was 25 yards out and Altidore drove a low shot beyond Mildenhall. Steve would be wondering how he didn't get down to it, but to be honest he saw it late.

The Shrimpers continued to impress and did get a goal back on 45 minutes when young Belgian star Franck Moussa hit a superb volley past Warner and good work by Revell.

The second half was all Southend United and Hull had Warner to thank after he denied Grant, Revell and Barnard as Blues looked for an equaliser. Simon Francis got up and down the wing all night and he delivered another Beckham like ball and Lee Barnard was centimetres away from getting his 5<sup>th</sup> of the season.

Hull brought on Brazilian star Geovanni and he smashed home a half-volley past Mildenhall to end the game, but everyone who witnessed that game could see that Hull City did not have a shot inside the 18 yard box and that Southend ran them all the way and could have and maybe should have put their name into the draw for Round Three.