



**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009**  
**MK Dons 2-0 Southend United**  
**Johnstone's Paint Trophy Round 2**

Blues XI: **Steve Mildenhall, Simon Francis, Adam Barrett, Osei Sankofa, Johnny Herd, Franck Moussa, Lee Sawyer, Jean-Francois Christophe, Francis Laurent, Lee Barnard and Roy O'Donovan.**

**Journey: 8 out of 10.** Arrived 2 hours before kick off and made good time getting home.  
**Stadium: 8 out of 10.** My second visit to this ground and I am still impressed.  
**Food Quality/Service: 5 out of 10:** Over priced beer and the chips weren't great.  
**Programme: 6 out of 10.** Fewer pages than usual due to the fixture but a nice quality magazine.  
**Performance: 4 out of 10.** A very lacklustre performance and showed very little desire.

**Southend United's hope of getting to Wembley soon faded at stadium:mk after a terrible performance. Goals from Aaron Doran and Mark Carrington made sure of the victory for the Milton Keynes outfit.**

In the opening stages of the Shrimpers really struggled to get a grip on the game and they soon had Steve Mildenhall to thank. The Blues number 1 tipped a Jemal Johnson's shot around the post.

The Blues were still not at the races and went behind in the 18<sup>th</sup> minute. Johnny Herd was out of position and Aaron Wilbraham put a great through ball for debut boy Aaron Doran and he placed it past Mildenhall.

Southend's only real chance came from Franck Moussa but his shot flew past the left hand post. Lee Sawyer, making his first start of the season, looked busy as he tried to carve out a chance for the Blue Army, but nothing materialised.

However, just before half time, the home side doubled their lead. It was another delightful move from MK Dons that led to Wilbraham putting another good ball through for Mark Carrington to smash home, yet again Johnny Herd was out of position.

After the break, Southend still didn't look interested, and Steve Mildenhall continued to produce world-class saves. He denied Jemal Johnson twice as well as Dean Lewington. Striker Wilbraham also struck the bar as the home side continued to rally forward.

Johnson was the main threat all night and he had five or six shots saved well by Mildenhall.

Southend's only real threat came with a flurry of corners on the 70-minute mark, but the Blues were really off the pace throughout the whole 90 minutes.