



Saturday 14th November 2009
Yeovil Town 1-0 Southend United

Blues XI: **Steve Mildenhall, Simon Francis, Sean Morrison, Adam Barrett, Anthony Grant, Franck Moussa, Jean-Francois Christophe, Alan McCormack, Francis Laurent, Lee Barnard and Dougie Freedman.**

Journey: 7 out of 10.	Good journey down, but did face strong winds and heavy rain.
Stadium: 3 out of 10.	No atmosphere, no roof for away terrace. One word - Terrible.
Food Quality/Service:	N/A
Programme: 6 out of 10.	A decent programme filled with a lot of information and stats.
Performance: 6 out of 10.	Played ever so well with 10 men for over an hour, but yet again officials ruined our chances of getting anything from the game.

Southend United crashed to a late defeat in Yeovil thanks to the match officials. Their individual performances throughout the game were terrible and the decision to award a free kick for the winner from Bowditch was a disgrace.

The Blues were boosted by the news that they had signed a central defender on loan from Swindon Town. The 6 foot 4 centre-half was named in the Shrimpers starting line up at a wet and windy Huish Park.

Southend United had the first real chance of the game as they looked to bounce back from the Cup defeat last week. In the 12th minute, neat work from the Blues, lead to Francis Laurent poking the ball into the side netting at the near post. Yeovil then hit back and Stam powered above the Blues defence and headed powerfully goal-bound but Franck Moussa cleared his header off the line.

Steve Mildenhall, making his return to Huish Park, then made a great save to deny Murray and did ever so well to turn an Obika shot past the post. Disaster then struck for Southend when debutant Morrison got sent off for apparently pulling back Obika when clear through on goal, however, he was not the last man as Barrett was covering him. This did not sway the ref's mind and the youngster got sent for an early bath.

Just before the break Yeovil nearly took the lead. Welsh beat McCormack to the ball in midfield but blazed over the bar when clear through on goal with only Mildenhall to beat.

Just after the break Yeovil found themselves with a great chance to score. Scott Murray was clear through on goal but the ball got caught under his feet and Anthony Grant did well in getting back. Grant was at it again as he rushed back to deny Mason a shot on goal after a mistimed clearance from McCormack.

Steve Mildenhall then made another superb save, this time reacting well to a quick shot from Mason, as Southend looked to hang on.

The officials did their best to ruin Southend's chances of getting a point and their attempts proved successful in the 77th minute. Dougie Freedman has slipped over and Murray and Dougie walked in to each other, they started joking about it. The next thing we see is a free kick awarded and a yellow card for Dougie, absolute joke. The ball got delivered into the box, Blues players were being pushed around before Bowditch turned a shot past Mildenhall from close range with a hint of handball.

Francis Laurent did get a goal back for Southend but his effort was ruled out for offside as Lee Barnard was adjudged to have been in an offside position when the ball was played.