



NEWSLETTER – WEMBLEY 2015 ISSUE

INTRODUCTION

Hi to all our Junior Blues members and all young Southend United supporters travelling by official coach to our Play Off Final at Wembley!

Such massive excitement buzzing around the Club since that wonderful game against Stevenage just 10 days ago! The players are all keen to get out on that Wembley pitch this afternoon and to get the job done against Wycombe Wanderers to secure a place in League One next season.

Who would have thought we would be back at Wembley again so soon, and how many of you were there for the JPT final just two years ago? We're obviously all hoping for a much better result today and YOU can play your part in that by cheering your heroes on to victory. It's 10 years ago that we last reached the Play Off finals, that was against Lincoln City at the Cardiff Millennium Stadium. We won that day with two goals in extra time from Freddy Eastwood and Duncan Jupp, a match that lives on in older supporters' memories. Of course, we are all hoping for the same end result today

If you're not a member of the Junior Blues already, then why not use the application form in this newsletter and join up? It's just £10 to join, and that's the same fee whether you are a toddler or a 12 year old! Membership lasts until you are 16, and membership allows you some exclusive access to the players at Junior Blues events throughout the year, as well as some great deals from our partners and the chance to present the Player of the Month award on the pitch at Roots Hall each month.



Have a fab day and let's paint Wembley Southend United coloured (YeIIlllooowwwws!) today! UTB!

Sammy & Elvis



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AND THE PLAYERS AND MANAGEMENT SAY....



Dan Bentley

“Absolutely buzzing for Wembley! Let’s hope we all have a great day!”

John White

“Can’t believe I’ve got my first trip to Wembley to look forward to and the huge honour of leading the team out – what dreams are made of!”



Chief Executive Officer, Steve Kavanagh

“We all hope you have a great day out at Wembley, and don’t forget to get behind the team!”

Super-hero Michael Timlin

“Everybody is so excited for this game, I’ll be wearing my cap again and hoping we have the same luck!”



Jack Payne

“It’s been an amazing season and now we want to finish it off in the best way, by winning at Wembley!”

Manager, Phil Brown

“We’re keeping focused, there’s one more game to go and it’s a tough one. We need you all behind us!”



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PLAYER OF THE MONTH AND PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Player of the Month for March was won by striker **Barry Corr**, who was presented with his trophy on *Exiles Day* by **Junior Blues member, Louis Allen**, who is himself, an Exile.



For the first time, we had joint winners for April's Player of the Month, our central defensive duo, **Cian Bolger** and **Adam Barrett**. They received their awards at the Trust End of Season Awards Night from **Junior Blues members, brother and sister, Katie and Oliver Blogg**.



Our **Junior Blues' Player of the Year**, as voted by our members, was **Barry Corr**. He was presented with his trophy at the Awards Night by **Junior Blues member, Nathan Williams**.

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 10 differences between these two photos of us the last time we were at Wembley? *Answers on page 6*



WEMBLEY FACTS

We first played at Wembley on 6th December 1930, a match in Division 3 South, against Clapton (later Leyton) Orient – who played two “home” games at Wembley due to emergency work being required at their then home. For the record, Blues won 3-0 and there were 1,916 in attendance! Of course, more recently, just two years ago, we played Crewe Alexandra in the Johnstone’s Paint Trophy Final, which we lost 2-0.



The old Wembley stadium, also known as the Empire Stadium, with the iconic Twin Towers, was opened in 1923, with the first turf being cut by monarch of the time, King George V. It cost £750,000 and took exactly 300 days to build! The first football match to be played there was the FA Cup final between Bolton Wanderers and West Ham United on 28th April 1923. Wanderers won 2-0, with the 1st goal being scored by David Jack – who later went on to manage the Shrimpers, from 1934 to 1940. David, was also the son of Southend’s 1st ever manager Bob Jack.

The last competitive league game at “Old” Wembley was the 2000 1st Division Play Off final between Ipswich Town and Barnsley, resulting in a 4-2 win for Ipswich. England’s last game there was against Germany on 7th October 2000, with England losing 1-0, and the final goal at Wembley being scored by Dieter Hamann.

New Wembley, by comparison took 5 years to build, from 2002 to 2007 and cost £757 MILLION pounds! The first official match there involving professional players was on 24th March 2007, between England’s and Italy’s U21s. Italian striker, Giampaolo Pazzini scored the 1st goal after just 28 seconds and went on to score the stadium’s 1st hat-trick.

The Stadium holds 2,618 toilets – more than ANY other venue in the world...hopefully none of us will be queuing for long then! Win or lose, there are an awful lot of steps to be climbed to the Royal Box – 107! They must be a lot easier to climb if you’ve won! The old Wembley had just 39 steps by comparison.



The 1st competitive club game and cup final was held on 12th May 2007, between Stevenage Borough and Kidderminster Harriers in the FA Trophy Final, which Stevenage won 3-2, with former Blue (and sadly no longer with us) Mitchell Cole scoring their first. The 1st penalty save and red card were both during the same match, between Exeter City and Morecambe Town in the Conference National Play Off Final on 20th May 2007. The penalty was saved by Paul Jones of Exeter, and the red card given for a

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head butt by Exeter's Matthew Gill.

The 1st FA Cup Final to be played at the new stadium was between Chelsea and Manchester United on 19th May 2007. Chelsea won 1-0, thanks to a Didier Drogba goal.

England's 1st full International at Wembley was a friendly played against Brazil on 1 June 2007. England's captain, John Terry became the 1st England player to score in an International with his goal in the 68th minute. The match ended 1-1.

We'll be greeted by a friendly face when we arrive at Wembley, with the statue of former Southend manager, Bobby Moore gazing at us as we walk up Wembley Way – I'm sure someone will be adorning him with a Southend scarf at some point!



With grateful thanks to the excellent www.sufcdb.co.uk and Wikipedia

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE SOLUTION



With thanks to Saleemi Faisel

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JUNIOR BLUES MEMBERSHIP

If you're not already a member, then why not join up? The Junior Blues have several exclusive events during the year with the players, plus you get to take advantage of the offers from all our partners. Just £10 to join!

THE ALL NEW... Junior Blues




Junior Blues members will receive:

- Free membership card
- £2 discount for Cup matches
- Exclusive Christmas Party
- Exclusive Meet the Players Day
- Birthday & Christmas Cards
- Entry to a matchday mascot draw
- 10% off Soccer Schools with SUCET

Plus a range of discounts from our Junior Blues partners:

- **Kursaal Bowl:** £2.50 bowling and 10% off food and drink
- **Marsh Farm:** Peak Day Family Ticket for £24
- **Skirmish Paintball:** £2.50 off a half-day paintballing
- **Papa Johns:** 10% discount
- **Smyths Toy Shop:** 10% discount
- **Partyman:** Come & Play for £5 & 25% off Birthday Parties
- **Laser Kombat:** 10% off Parties
- **Playfootball.net:** £2.50 Pay & Play & £25 off Birthday Parties

+ More discounts & offers being added all the time +

GET MORE OUT OF SUPPORTING SOUTHEND UNITED FOR JUST £10



JOIN TODAY!

NAME

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

BOY GIRL DOB: DD / MM / YY

SCHOOL

EMAIL

PHONE

FAV PLAYER

PAYMENT DETAILS

MUST BE FILLED IN BY AN ADULT

PLEASE FIND £10 CASH ENCLOSED

I WISH TO PAY BY CARD (PLEASE FILL IN THE DETAILS BELOW)

I WISH TO PAY BY CHEQUE (PAYABLE TO THE SHRIMPERS TRUST)

CARD NO

START DATE EXPIRY DATE

SEC CODE ISSUE NO

NAME OF CARD HOLDER

SIGNATURE DATE

AMOUNT DUE: £10 - PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO: JUNIOR BLUES, THE SHRIMPERS TRUST, PO BOX 5830, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX, SS9 1FD

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