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THE INTRODUCTION – Paul FitzGerald

No matter how many times we win (and let's face it our results have been nothing short of extraordinary over the last few weeks) that elusive play-off place just continues to be no more than a mirage. If the authorities hadn't fiddled with the league and introduced the playoffs – we could be spending our Saturdays chatting about last night's soap or planning our holidays....but oh no, here we are still believing it might be possible. Realistically, looking at the table we can't do it – but could we, you never know, if they lose and we win.....we could...we can....we might.....

I hope some of you have been enjoying Ron Martin's blog as much as I have although in recent weeks it appears to have morphed into a Q&A – it has given a good insight into some of the areas of the club that most of us would not know anything about. Of course, the same thing is not true about the Youth setup where the Trust is heavily involved in the funding and distribution of cash from the lottery. Sadly, Ron did not consider our contribution important enough to mention *c'est la vie*.

Later this month, representatives of the Trust are meeting with some of the players to discuss how our funding is affected by the support the players do or do not give. For us it's simple – if the players turn up for an event then the event is likely to be better attended, if it's better attended, more money is collected, that money is used to fund better facilities for the players and/or club – not a hard concept to grasp you'd hope!

Our intention is to find new ideas that help to increase our income – if you have any ideas that you think would help us we'd love to hear from you.

Our recent mailshot including our new merchandise range has certainly appealed to some, as we have had a raft of orders – thanks very much to all who have ordered recently and indeed at any time in the past.

It is with sadness that I report that David Stacey from the Football Programme Directory died last Friday in Basildon Hospital after a short illness. David was a staunch supporter of the Trust. He had been a member since 2002 and will be sadly missed.

On a personal front – I'd like to wish the Editor lots of luck in his first London Marathon and also Trust member Joe Elliott, in his third, both will be wearing Shrimpers Trust logos.

Finally back to the main event.....one last push, keep believing....keep cheering – Come on you blues!



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MERCHANDISE

LIMITED EDITION 30th ANNIVERSARY PRINT SUFC v LIVERPOOL



The photograph is 10" x 8" and either available unframed or framed with a commemorative silver plaque engraved with the following text

'When Men Were Men' Southend United battle to a 0-0 draw against European Champions Liverpool in the snow of Roots Hall, FA Cup Third Round 10th January 1979

The above piece of Southend United history is available for **£25** framed or **£8** unframed and is a must for any supporter of Southend United.

To order please visit our website www.shrimperstrust.co.uk or come and pay us a visit in the Shrimpers bar before any home match.

UP AND COMING TRUST EVENTS

*** Shrimpers Trust Player of the Year Awards and End of Season Review ***

Venue: The Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall | Date: Thursday 7th May 2009 | Time: 7:30 p.m. | Admission by Ticket Only (free) | Tickets available from the Trust Info Stand in the Shrimpers Bar or by post | Contact: Paul Yeomanson (01702 302373 or info@shrimperstrust.co.uk)

This Season the Annual Shrimpers Trust POTY Awards will also include the Trust Top Traveller Awards , Goal of the Season and the Shrimpers Trust Youth Team Player of the Year with the winner receiving the Tom Grace Memorial Shield, plus it's back !!!, after a year's absence we will once again be showing Kevin Feasey's End of Season Review.

(There is no charge for Admission this year, but as always please note that this is a Members Only Event)

And as Trust Members, you also have the chance within this newsletter to vote for your 1-2-3 for our Player of the Year Awards, and if once you have come up with those selections, choose the best goal of the campaign. All you need to do is complete the Voting Slip printed at the end of this Newsletter and return to the Trust Info Stand in the Shrimpers Bar or Post it to **POTY 08/09, Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5830, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 9FD**, alternatively you can vote for your 1-2-3 & Goal of the Season by email, including **POTY 08/09** in the Subject Box and send to info@shrimperstrust.co.uk.



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Votes must be received by 30th April 2009.

(Please note that in the event of Southend United making the Play Offs the POTY Year Awards and End of Season Review will be postponed to a later date)

Shrimpers Trust Quiz Night

Venue: The Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall | Date: Saturday 18th April 2009 | Time: 7:30 p.m. for an 8.00 p.m. start | Contact: Alan Perry (01702 476458 or alanperry4@hotmail.com)

The Shrimpers Trust will be holding their Final Quiz Night of the 2008/09 Season in the Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall on Saturday 18th April 2009.

The doors open at 7.30 pm with commencement of the quiz at 8 pm sharp. The cost will be £8 for an adult and £5 for a child.

Included in the price will be a choice of 5 Meals (*Chicken & Chips, Chicken Nuggets & Chips, Sausage & Chips, Fish & Chips or Vegetarian Spring Roll & Chips*) delivered by the Fish House, which will be served at around 9 pm.

As a fundraising event for the Trust we will also be holding a Raffle

Programme Fair

Venue: The Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall | Date: Sunday 19th April 2009 | Time: 11.00 a.m. | Admission 50p on the door

The Shrimpers Trust will have a stand at the Annual Southend United Football Memorabilia & Programme Fair on **Sunday 19th April** in the Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall, where we will be selling our normal range of Trust Merchandise including the Limited Edition SUFC v Liverpool Print, Pin Badges, Books, Shirts, Coffee Mugs, Car Stickers and items from the **NEW** Southend Shrimpers range of Merchandise.

35 YEARS OF FPD

COLLECTORS DON'T MISS

THE FOOTBALL PROGRAMME DIRECTORY

THE ANNUAL SOUTHEND UNITED FOOTBALL MEMORABILIA & PROGRAMME FAIR

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2009

11am to 2pm

The New Shrimpers Club

Southend United F.C.

Light Refreshments & Bar Facilities

Ample Free Parking

Admission 50p

Includes a free draw for a new F.P.D. member

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE FOOTBALL PROGRAMME DIRECTORY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FOOTBALL CLUB AND THE NEW SHRIMPERS CLUB

We will also be selling from our Stand '**The Southend United Miscellany**' by Dave Goody & Peter Miles.

The book is a 100-page, A5 paperback, featuring hundreds of interesting facts and snippets about Southend United. The book has over 200 photos/illustrations, 173 in black/white and 34 in colour and priced at just **£7.99**

Also available will be the new book by Trust Member Brian Jeeves, '**Whatever Happened to Tina Fillery**'.

This annual event, organised by The Football Programme Directory is a must visit for those wishing to add to their Programme Collection or wanting to buy Football Memorabilia in general. Admission is just **50p** and there will be several Programme/Memorabilia Vendors in attendance.



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A Night At The Races

Venue: Newmarket Racecourse | Date: Friday 24th July 2009 | Time: Pick Ups from 13.00 p.m. | Cost: £40 including Return Coach Fare, Racecourse Entry & Race Card and Concert | Contact: Paul Yeomanson (01702 302373 or info@shrimperstrust.co.uk)



The Shrimpers Trust are organising a trip to Newmarket Racecourse on Friday 24th July 2009 for one of their 'Newmarket Nights' Race and Concert Nights.

Not only will you get to see an evening of Horse Racing on the July Course, but you will also be entertained after the racing by the legendary rock band *Status Quo*, at a cost of just £40.00.

The price includes return Coach Travel from the Southend/Basildon Area, entrance to the Grandstand and Paddock, with access to the Parade Ring and the excitement of the Winners Circle, and once the last Race has been run you will also be allowed entry to the Premier Enclosure where the 'Newmarket Nights' Stage is situated. Also included will be your Race Card plus the evening's entertainment provided by *Status Quo*.

There is plenty to see and do as the bookmakers operate in this area and there are various bars and catering outlets for you to sample.

Food and drink cannot be taken into the Premier Enclosure or the Grandstand & Paddock Enclosure, but picnics may be taken into the public car park and The Rowley/ Garden Enclosure when open.

Racegoers in the Grandstand & Paddock Enclosure usually dress smartly. Smart shorts and jeans are acceptable but no bare tops or sleeveless vests

The Coach will be leaving **Roots Hall** at **13.00**, with further pick ups at **The Elms** (13.15), **Tarpots** (13.20) and the **Watermill** – Basildon at 13.30.

We will be due to arrive at Newmarket at around 15.30, with the first Race due off at 17.50, and the concert starting at around 21.20.

It is anticipated that we should arrive back at Roots Hall by around 1.00 am on the Saturday Morning.

Space is limited, so if you wish to join us on this unique day out you need to hurry.





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FUNDRAISING

100 Club

The latest winners in the scheme, pulled out of the hat during weekly draws since the last newsletter were: Simon Rayner, Linda Strachan, Peter Everett, Graham Hilder, Teresa Perry and John Cornwell each collecting around **£35.00**.

The nature of the 100 Club means that the more people that sign up, then the bigger the weekly prize. To register your interest, you can still contact Alan Perry at alanperry4@hotmail.com or by calling 01702 476 458 to give yourself a chance of winning the weekly prize. By setting up a standing order for just £5 a month (or just £60 a year), you have the chance of winning over £30 per week at the present time.

Quid-a-Goal

This Season's Quid A Goal scheme has received numerous pledges and the current running total, following the Huddersfield game, is **£2,080.90**.

For this season, a portion of the funds raised from the QAG scheme will be given to the Southend United Community & Educational Trust (SUCET) to help fund their Bodycare Programme. This programme delivers young children, of both Infant and Junior school age help in getting a healthy start in life with the benefits of physical activity and healthy eating being covered as well as mental and social health.

If you would like to help raise funds for this worthy cause you can do so by visiting the Trust Info Stand in the Shrimpers Bar prior to any Home Game or by completing the form printed in this season's SUFC Match Day Programmes.

Application forms are also available for download from the Trust Website www.shrimperstrust.co.uk

MEMBERSHIP

New Life Members (Total 163)

We would like to welcome two new Life Members, **Steven Berry** and **David Brabbing**.

If you are interested in joining this group please contact our Membership Secretary, Paul Yeomanson via email at membership@shrimperstrust.co.uk. You can also join up as a Life Member in the Membership Section of the Trust Website www.shrimperstrust.co.uk, and postal applications will also be accepted via **Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5830, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 9FD**.



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Welcome to New Members since the last Newsletter

Gary Bell, Gary Collinson, Fiona Gordon, Gregory Gordon, Chris Hoskin, Niki Johnson, Daniel McEvoy, Kevin McEvoy, Kelly Moss, Nick Pullen, Tom Ross and Robert Russell.

****Please note that the Shrimpers Trust would like to know if any of its members' addresses change, or if they have a new email address so that newsletters and other correspondence can be sent to the correct address. Please send any change of address details to The Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5380, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 9FD, or alternatively fill in our on-line contact details form which can be found in the Membership Section of the Trust Website, www.shrimperstrust.co.uk ****

YOUTH TEAM UPDATE

As we move past the Easter weekend, Southend United currently sit proudly atop the Puma Football League Youth Alliance with just four matches remaining in the 2008/9 campaign.

There was another massive fillip for the Centre of Excellence when Craig Calver was awarded a one-year development contract to retain his services into 2009/10. Calver could be the next name to hit the professional ranks at Roots Hall after fellow second-year scholar Stuart O'Keefe signed until the end of the 2010/11 season late last year.

Unfortunately, during the spring, clubs do have to make tough decisions on those scholars approaching the end of their second year, and that has meant the release of goalkeeper Nathan McDonald, defenders Ricky Byrne, Ronnie Jones and Jack Morris and forwards Tashan Adeyinka and Fredrik Ljungström. Under-18s captain Davis Abbey has been given until the end of the term to impress enough to earn his own development deal.

Whilst those young talents move on, a host of Under-16s have been given scholarships that will give them 24 months to earn a professional deal with the Shrimpers. Profiles of all the youngsters will be available via our website, www.shrimperstrust.co.uk, over the summer.

On the pitch, the tension surrounding contract decisions and the expectation to get results as they chased top spot took their toll on results during March. Craig Calver and Kyle Asante netted in a 2-0 win over Wycombe Wanderers to ensure that Blues' Youths recorded a calendar year unbeaten in League football, but that run came to an end the following week in a 2-0 defeat at Luton Town.

Ricky Duncan's charges immediately responded with a home win against Northampton Town, Justin Hazell scoring the only goal of the game after 20 minutes. Although initially Southend showed no signs of the loss of key members of the squad in a 5-2 home victory over Aldershot Town - Calver netting a hat-trick and Hazell bagging a brace - the next two results, in matches that could have seen United go top of the table, suggested otherwise.

Twice in the space of a week the Shrimpers succumbed to sucker-punches in the final five minutes of matches; firstly when Harry Crawford's effort was cancelled out by a last-minute header at Barnet, then when Calver's close-range conversion at Peterborough United was not enough to see off the Posh.



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That left a match-up with Queens Park Rangers on 4th April as a must-win fixture against title rivals. Nathan McDonald, who decided to stay at Boots & Laces in order to keep himself in the eye of opposing clubs, took the opportunity with aplomb by making two magnificent first-half saves before Jamie Dennis put Blues ahead with a sumptuous free-kick.

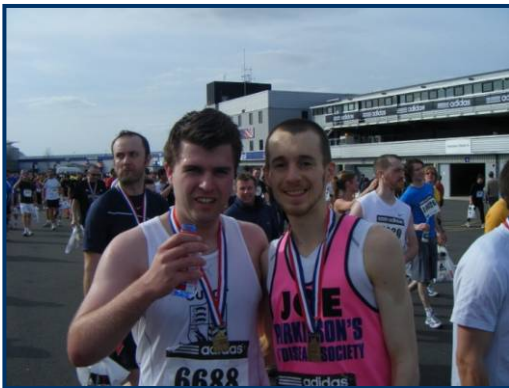
A set-piece of their own, deflected in off of Hazell, gave QPR an equaliser, but Calver scored his 20th goal of the season at all levels with a well-struck effort from the right flank that the keeper dropped over his line to spark scenes of mass jubilation.

48 hours later, Southend had to be patient again at Leyton Orient, the first of five consecutive away matches at the end of the season. Chances kept coming, with Merrick James-Lewis wasting the best of them in the first half, but Crawford's spectacular finish two minutes after the break ensured a 1-0 win that leaves the Shrimpers three points clear at the top before the Easter fixtures.

During April and early May, Blues' Youths will travel to Rushden & Diamonds, Brighton & Hove Albion, Gillingham and Millwall in four games that will define their 2008/9 campaign. You can read what happens in all of those encounters on www.shrimperstrust.co.uk.

Shrimpers Trust representation at the Silverstone Half marathon

The Adidas Half Marathon took place on 15th March 2009, at the historic Silverstone motor racing circuit. The event is organised by the same team that puts together the world famous Flora London Marathon.



This was the first organised run for committee member, Jon-Paul FitzGerald and was a rare half-marathon for full marathon regular, Joe Elliott.

Both runners wore the Shrimpers Trust's name proudly on their running tops throughout the run, promoting the ever growing Shrimpers Trust brand.

The event was used as a training event by the duo in preparation for the Flora London Marathon which will take place on 26th April 2009.

Jon-Paul FitzGerald is running the Marathon for SIA (Spinal Injuries Association) and you can sponsor him by visiting www.justgiving.com/jonpaulfitzgerald.

Joe Elliott is also running the marathon for charity, and you can support him by making a pledge to support Parkinsons at www.justgiving.com/joemarathonmanelliott

Any help that you can provide to the individuals involved would be greatly received.



20th March 1993 - Southend draw at home 3-3 to Millwall. Attendance : 3,840.

Tilson in TV tonic for Blues

Steve Tilson helped himself to two second half goals to walk away with ITV's Man of the Match accolade – but was in no mood to celebrate after Southend United had clawed their way back in yesterday's 3-3 thriller against Millwall at Roots Hall.

"This result has to go down as a huge disappointment" was the honest reaction of the midfielder. "We were on top for the greater part of the game but once again failed to collect victory through being our own worst enemies".

"After taking an early lead and never looking in the slightest trouble, we went to sleep and conceded three goals in 10 horrendous minutes before half time. Two of them came from set pieces and there can be no excuses for that".

"We were guilty of terrible defending - and not for the first time this season. We seem to make a habit of gifting goals to the opposition through our own incompetence and there isn't much time to put things right as we seek to avoid being relegated".

"It's all so frustrating. This afternoon finished with us being grateful for getting out of jail and escaping with a draw. But it was two points lost rather than one gained. In our position we simply can't afford to keep dropping points at home the way we have been doing".

Tilson's analysis was shared by manager Colin Murphy. "It was deplorable defending on our part" he said. "We paid the penalty for 10 minutes of lunacy in those minutes leading up to half time".

It can also be argued that Millwall, or Colin Cooper to be more precise, were also guilty for an act of lunacy which cost them a victory that would have added greater impetus to their promotion challenge.

In the seconds leading up to the break the central defender was given his marching orders by Suffolk referee Kelvin Morton for what the official later described as 'violent conduct'. After being penalised for a reckless tackle on Stan Collymore, Cooper then appeared to strike out at Tilson in the ensuing skirmish that followed.

In front of millions of viewers and top scouts from Notts Forest, Collymore had taken only 11 minutes to come up with the sort of goal, his 13th in 22 games, which reportedly has several other Premier Division clubs also monitoring his progress.

Picking up a Keith Jones pass a few yards inside the Millwall half, he skipped around a Cooper challenge before speeding forward and beating goalkeeper Kasey Keller with a stunning low drive from about 12 yards.

With Jones conducting things superbly in midfield together with Tilson and the impressive Paul Smith, Millwall needed all their resolve not to fall further behind in the next 20 minutes or so.

That they succeeded was due in part to the rough treatment handed out to Collymore by Keith Stevens and Ken Cunningham, both of whom were somewhat fortunate to escape at least a booking from Mr Morton.

Apart from coming to meet the occasional back pass or cross, Blues keeper Paul Sansome rarely touched the ball in the first 35 minutes. But then came those 10 minutes of madness which, although no doubt lapped up by the neutrals in front of the TV, put years on Murphy and his coaching staff.

There seemed a suspicion of offside when Phil Barber turned up near the far post to provide the finishing touch after Andy Roberts had touched on a Jon Goodman cross from the left, but Southend were left with no excuses for the next couple of goals.

Sixty seconds later, they were standing around like statues when Stevens was left unmarked to head in Barber's corner, and the Blues were again caught in the 'Land of Nod' in the 44th minute when the visitors were awarded a freekick wide out on the right.

Once more Barber was the provider as he pumped the ball into the box for Goodman, completely unmarked, to head beyond the reach of a despairing Sansome.

Immediately afterwards, Cooper was dismissed and that paved the way for a second half onslaught as Blues made their extra man count and were rescued by Tilson.

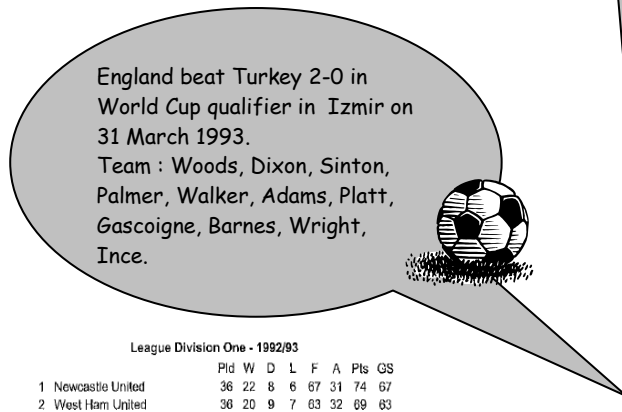
In the 52nd minute he reduced the arrears with an absolute blinder, a stunning hooked volley after Adam Locke had crossed from the right. Salvation came four minutes from time when Tilson, this time supplied by Jones, managed to find enough space in a crowded box to stab low into the net.

But at the end of the day Blues still found themselves firmly embedded in the bottom three – and that's where they are likely to remain unless they get their defensive act together.

Southend United : Sansome, Edwards (Hall 77 mins), Powell, Locke, Scully, Prior, Jones, Smith, Ansa, Collymore, Tilson. Sub (not used) Brown.

Millwall : Keller, Cunningham, Dawes, Holsgrove, Cooper, Stevens, Roberts, Bogie (McCarthy 55 mins), Goodman (Byrne 55 mins), Moralee, Barber.

22 Mar 1993 – Reproduced by Paul Smith



League Division One - 1992/93

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GS
1 Newcastle United	36	22	8	6	67	31	74	67
2 West Ham United	36	20	9	7	63	32	69	63
3 Portsmouth	36	18	9	9	59	39	63	59
4 Swindon Town	36	17	10	9	60	45	61	60
5 Millwall	36	16	13	7	58	38	61	58
6 Leicester City	35	17	7	11	54	46	58	54
7 Tranmere Rovers	35	16	7	12	56	47	55	56
8 Grimsby Town	36	15	7	14	51	48	52	51
9 Derby County	35	15	6	14	55	44	51	55
10 Charlton Athletic	36	13	12	11	42	35	51	42
11 Barnsley	36	14	8	14	48	41	50	48
12 Peterborough United	35	13	10	12	46	51	49	46
13 Wolverhampton Wanderers	36	12	12	12	49	45	48	49
14 Watford	36	11	9	16	51	64	42	51
15 Sunderland	35	11	9	15	38	45	42	38
16 Oxford United	35	9	13	13	43	44	40	43
17 Luton Town	36	8	16	12	39	54	40	39
18 Cambridge United	36	9	13	14	39	55	40	39
19 Notts. County	36	9	12	15	42	59	39	42
20 Bristol City	35	10	9	16	39	60	39	39
21 Birmingham City	36	10	8	18	33	56	38	33
22 Brentford	36	10	7	19	40	55	37	40
23 Southend United	35	8	12	15	39	45	36	39
24 Bristol Rovers	36	8	8	20	41	71	32	41





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PLAYER OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY



The player of the month for February was Franck Mousssssssssa!

The product of our ever improving youth set-up picked up the award for a second time in February as his form seems to get better and better!!

One memory of Moussa over the month for the Southend faithful will be his winner at Colchester. Who put the ball in the COL U Net?????

WELL DONE FRANCK – ANOTHER CRACKING MONTH IT SURELY CAN NOT BE LONG UNTIL A MUCH DESERVED BELGIUM CALL UP!!!!

As a result of Francks performances a £50.00 Donation as been made in his honour to The Southend Hospital Strokebusters Appeal.

Presented by SJS Member OLIVER BROOKS

MATCH REPORTS – Bashford’s Banter

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances we are unable to provide match reports for the past month, however, we are hopeful that Bashford’s banter will be back for next months edition.

The Shimpers Trust once again apologise for the inconvenience caused as a result of the above.

11th April 200



SHRIMPERS TRUST PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2008/09 VOTING FORM

A) My vote for the 2008/09 Shrimpers Trust Player of the Year goes to:

- 1.....;
- 2.....;
- 3.....;

B) My Shrimpers Trust Goal of the Season for 2008/09 was scored by:

.....VS.....

Please return as soon as possible but no later than 30th April 2009 to:
POTY 08/09, Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5830, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 9FD
 or email your vote to info@shrimperstrust.co.uk