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THE INTRODUCTION – Paul FitzGerald

Thank goodness that's all over!

It's an odd feeling for me this year – I could barely wait for the season to finish and now it has, I think I'm missing it (which is far too early - I don't normally start missing it until well into the school holidays!) Conflicting opinions, I think are the cause. Firstly, let's face it, the season could only best be described as mixed, but on the other hand I probably didn't have any expectations that we'd finish higher than 13th anyway.

Next season promises to be no easier a ride with some good teams coming up and coming down. However, Paul Sturrock will have had his pre-season and the players will have their fitness work and therefore no more excuses – let's see what (with hopefully a few signings) they're all made of. Personally, I think Paul did a good job this year under pretty tough conditions and I obviously hope that can be turned into something much better next season.

As for the players well.....not sorry to see a few go and not surprised at most, so to those that have re-signed "come on guys we're relying on you!" If perchance, anyone staying has a problem figuring out which is the stand and which is the pitch, I recommend a little research; it would certainly improve our viewing pleasure.

I am told that season ticket sales are down – not really surprising. However, what is perhaps more surprising, is that in a recent survey not one who was contacted blamed the increase in prices. A combination of other reasons were given and I'm sure you can guess what most were!

And as for next season.....hopefully all of you by now will know that the football club asked us to contribute 50% of the proposed costs of the pre-season tour to Scotland and that the committee's views on this were mixed. What we all agreed, however, was that we should ask our members – the result of that question is in the next section and we have informed the club that they can rely on our support accordingly

Needless to say this donation and the recent commitment to both the Youth and the Physio departments will leave funds down significantly, consequently we plan to redouble our efforts to raise funds. We'd welcome input from all members – any innovative ideas or offers would be warmly accepted. Gifts or donations for raffles/auctions are always very welcome and enable us to continue helping our club.

I hope you all, like me, are delighted that AFC Wimbledon will be playing us next season. What they have achieved there following THAT decision back in 2002 is nothing short of remarkable and is a lesson to us all on what can be achieved if enough fans get together and get organised

And finally - I am part of a group called the Southend Exiles – this motley crew is set up for occasional discussion and to sponsor a player(s). The idea is that those who no longer live in the borough (admittedly I'm only just outside) get together, pool a little cash and get involved with that player during the year. Last year it was/is our number one keeper Glenn. If you'd like to get involved in this (almost no effort - John does everything) and be part of the group and possibly meet Glen through the season then you'd be most welcome – contact John Walton at je.walton@virgin.net

As ever, if anyone ever wants to comment on any Trust matter or indeed, anything Southend United related, don't hesitate to contact me, I do try to reply to all e-mails. (pfitz666@aol.com)

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TRUST MEMBERS VOTE TO FUND SUFC TOUR TO SCOTLAND

The results of the Poll sent to members last week regarding the partial funding of the Scottish Tour are now in and approximately 67% of those who responded (307) were in favour.

We have informed the club that we are prepared to pay 50% of the costs to a maximum of 10K as per the vote.

As promised in our most recent press release, please find details of the break down of results.

Question: Should the Shrimpers Trust contribute 50% of the cost (to a maximum of £10 000) of SUFC's pre-season tour to Scotland ?

	Email		Post		Total	
Number Sent:	764		207		971	
Votes Returned:	236	30.89%	71	34.30%	307	31.62%
Answer:	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Response Count:	155	81	50	21	205	102
	65.68%	34.32%	70.42%	29.58%	66.78%	33.22%

Following the news given to the club, it has been announced that the tour will involve a two day tournament at Fife's Bayview stadium. Along with Fife, Raith Rovers and Dundee will also be participating.

We'd like to thank all those that did respond and look forward to maybe seeing some of you in Scotland!!!!

MEET THE BLUES DAY – SUFC LEGENDS v SHRIMPERS TRUST

Ever wondered what it would be like to play football against one of your SUFC heroes?
Well now's your chance.....

The Shrimpers Trust has been asked to field a team against an SUFC Legends XI at this year's Meet The Blues Day on **Sunday 31st July**.



The Legends team is being brought together by former SUFC striker, and now Match Day Host David Crown and includes (subject to availability) Frankie Banks, Paul Clark, David Cusack, Danny Greaves, Phil Dudley, Mickey Stead, Mark Stimson, Garry Nelson, Andy Ansah, Tony Hadley, Andy Edwards, Peter Taylor, Bill Garner and Glenn Pennyfather

The Trust team will be managed by Trevor Bashford and coached by SUFC's Head of Youth **Ricky Duncan**.

So we are looking for 16 Trust Members who think they would be able to match the skills of the SUFC Legends over 90 minutes.

But there is a catch, the Trust are going to use the match as a fundraiser and this is how it works.

If you are interested in playing please complete the form below stating your Name, Membership Number, Telephone Number, Date of Birth, Favoured Position and most importantly how much you are bidding to play.

The starting 11 will be chosen from the highest bidders for each position, with the 5 substitutes being the next 5 highest bidders overall.

Also the highest overall bidder will receive a 2011/12 Season SUFC Shirt signed by all the Legends playing in the match plus the Trust Team Coach Ricky Duncan.

Bids close on Saturday July 10th and should be posted to: MTBD Football Match, The Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5830, Southend on Sea, Essex, SS1 9FD. Alternatively you can email your bid to info@shrimperstrust.co.uk.

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The winning bidders will be contacted shortly after the 10th July when further details will be given and arrangements made for payment.

Please note that due to FA Regulations the competition is open to Male Trust Members Only, Minimum Age 18.

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I wish to make a bid to play in the SUFC Legends v Shrimpers Trust Football Match at MTBD on Sunday 31st July 2011.

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Membership Number:

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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 Jon-Paul FitzGerald, Andy Thorne, Philip Conway, Steve Stone, Teresa Perry, Richard Cunningham, Valerie Fane and Paul FitzGerald each winning around £29.00.

The nature of the 100 Club means 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 476458 and put yourself in with a chance of winning the weekly prize. Remember, the more people that sign up to the scheme, then the higher that prize will be. By setting up a standing order for just £5 a month (or just £60 a year), you put yourself in with a chance of winning around £28.00 per week at the present time.

Quid-a-Goal

The Quid A Goal scheme is now finished for the season and we raised a total of £1681.00.

We would like to thank all those that took part and hope that you will do so again next season.

Once again for the 2011/12 season part 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 is delivered to young children of both Infant and Junior school age to help them get 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 completing the enclosed QAG Entry Form and returning it to the address provided.



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

IT'S TIME TO SAY GOOD BYE....

Not only is the football season over for another year and we say goodbye to Roots Hall for the summer, it's that time of year where we also wave goodbye to several players who have been released by the club.

Rhys Evans, Johnny Herd, Adam Bouzid, Miguel Comminges and Louie Soares have all been released by Paul Sturrock this summer and some of these will be more disappointing than others for the Blues faithful. Johnny Herd was the longest serving member of the Blues squad having come through the youth ranks, he is a lovely lad and hopefully he will find a suitable club sharpish.

The Shrimpers Trust would like to wish the guys good luck in finding new clubs so long as they don't score against us next season!

SHRIMPERS TRUST PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2010/11

The Shrimpers' Trust annual End of Season Awards and Player of the Year presentation took place in the Shrimpers Bar on the evening of Tuesday, 3rd May and was hosted by Trevor Bashford and compered by BBC Essex's Nick Alliker.

It was attended by some 70 Trust members, Paul Sturrock and his whole first team squad, Ricky Duncan and the youth team squad and Ben Clarkson, Lawrence Bloom and others involved with the team.

The first award of the night was the final Player of the Month award for the season and April's award was given to goalkeeper, Glenn Morris. The presentation was made by SJS member Luke Chitticks.

All the Youth Team Players of the month then received copies of their award presentations, before the announcement of the winner of the Tom Grace Memorial Shield Youth Team Player of the Year Award. This was won by Kane Ferdinand, with Teddy Nesbitt in 2nd and Jamie Stevens in 3rd and was presented by Nick Grace.

Youth Team Manager Ricky Duncan said a few words in appreciation of the support of the Trust in their continued support of the Youth Team, and congratulated the Youth Team on their successes this year, particularly in their extended cup run.

The newly created Martin Cranmer Memorial Shield for the Goal of the Season, presented by Zoe Cranmer, was awarded to Ryan Hall for his cracking free kick against Gillingham. During his interview, he quipped that there are plenty more like that to come. Ryan also won the SJS Player of the Year award which was presented by SJS member Daniel March.

There was a special award presented to Richard 'Dickie' Spooner by Trevor Bashford. This was in recognition and with sincere gratitude for all his dedication and effort, working with and for the supporters of Southend United FC.



Paul Sturrock was then called upon to present the Player of the Year Award. Barry Corr and Ryan Hall were presented with the 2nd and 3rd place awards respectively, and to the overwhelming approval of all present, Chris Barker was announced as the winner, completing the double of the Supporters' and the Trusts' Player of the Year. Hopefully he will overcome the jinx that has been attached to it in recent years!

Finally, Paul thanked everyone for their support, saying how much it was appreciated by the players. He said that the team have done really well considering the state the Club was in when he took over and confirmed the dates for the planned pre-season tour of Scotland.

The Trust would like to thank Nick Alliker for compeering the evening, Kevin Feasey for setting up the sound and for Scott Barber for videoing the event. We would also like to thank those who attended on the night, for their continued support, and also to all those who voted.

Video highlights of the Awards Evening can be found on the Trust Website www.shrimperstrust.co.uk

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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to New Life Members (Total 196)

Stewart Pooley, Stewart Till and John Wilmot.



Life Membership of the Trust currently costs £75.00 if you have an email account or £100.00 if you prefer to receive Trust Mailings by post.

And if you become a Life Member now you have the chance to win a 'Blues Lounge' Package for two at a home game of your choice next season.

The winning Life Member will be drawn when our Life Membership reaches 200.

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 at **Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5830, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 9FD.**

Welcome to New Members since the last Newsletter

Chris Cave, Marion Cave, Edward Findlay, Samantha March, Michael March, Chas Matthew, Daniel Parker, Stewart Pooley, Martin Rutter, Arthur Strong, Francis Strong, Stewart Till and John Wilmot.

**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 5830, 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 **

ALAN BUSHELL – R.I.P.



It is with great sadness that we have to advise you that Alan Bushell, maker of the film 'The Team We Call United', died suddenly on Maundy Thursday 21st April 2011 in Glasgow.

Alan was involved with the Southend United Supporters Club in it's early days and was a match day regular at Roots Hall right up until last season.

He was cremated at Glasgow Crematorium, Maryhill on Thursday 28th April.

A Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance will be held at Chalkwell Park Methodist Church, Eastwood Lane South, Westcliff on Sea on Wednesday 22nd June at 2.30pm.

His ashes will be scattered from the decks of paddle steamer Waverley during her autumn visit to the Thames.

BARBER'S BLURB – TERRACE TALK MATCH REPORTS

Saturday 2nd April 2011



Southend United 0
Hereford United 0

How We Started: (4-3-3)

Glenn Morris, Sean Clohessy, Bilel Mohsni Graham Coughlan, Chris Barker ©, Anthony Grant, Alex Woodyard, Kane Ferdinand, Ryan Hall, Barry Corr and Harry Crawford.

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Southend United and Aldershot Town played out a bore 0-0 draw at Roots Hall. Both sides were denied by the post in the second half in what was a very dull game, which had an end-of-season feel about it, to be fair. Barry Corr wasted two good chances for the Blues who stay in 14th position, 9 points out side of the play-offs with a game in hand and match against Port Vale to come.

Blues were boosted by the return of fans favourite Bilel Mohsni in the back four and he was joined in the starting line up by the returning Barry Corr and Kane Ferdinand. They replaced Louie Soares, James Stevens and Blair Sturrock respectively.

From the opening exchanges in the game you could tell that there was something missing from the midfielder that would really turn the game into Southend United's favour. The endeavour was there but there wasn't any cutting edge in the Blues forward thinking.

Aldershot had the first real attack of the game, which didn't come to anything, and then Barry Corr missed a golden opportunity for the hosts. Winger Ryan Hall saw his free-kick cleared into the path of Corr but the striker blazed over the bar when he should have added to his 18 goals this season.

Former Southend midfielder Luke Guttridge could only shoot straight at Morris when given enough space to do better and Graham Coughlan nearly netted an own goal but he diverted a cross out for a corner. Barry Corr then wasted another good chance when he headed over the North Bank goal from 6 yards out. The Irish forward then sliced horribly wide after being put through by Kane Ferdinand.

Both sides searched for a winner and both came mighty close through Corr and Guttridge respectively, both smashing against the woodwork, in what was a poor game of football if the truth were told.

Tuesday 5th April 2011



**Accrington Stanley 3 (Craney 10, Gornell 80, Edwards 84 pen)
Southend United 1 (Hall 58)**

How We Started: (4-4-2)

Glenn Morris, Sean Clohessy, Bilel Mohsni, Chris Barker ©, Luke Prosser, Anthony Grant, Miguel Comminges, Kane Ferdinand, Ryan Hall, Barry Corr and Kyle Asante.

Southend United's slump in form continued as they were brushed aside by Accrington Stanley on Tuesday night. Their night of frustration and disappointment was completed when Bilel Mohsni was sent off for two bookable offences; this defeat leaves Southend in 14th position in League Two, well above the drop zone.

Right from the word go Southend looked second best, and with another host of changes to the team, a draw from this game would have been a great result. The hosts started on the front foot and saw a 25-yard effort drift wide of the far post.

The Shrimpers responded quickly and midfielder Miguel Comminges nearly netted his first goal for the club. Good work by Ferdinand lead to the ball being played to Comminges but the effort was blocked on the line.

In the 10th minute the hosts took the lead through Craney. A corner from the right was delivered into the box and Craney got away from his marker to glance home a header at the near post.

Accrington continued to attack Southend United's goal and went close on numerous occasions with one effort smashing off the top of the bar, which also happened later on in the second half, The Blues just couldn't get into the game.

At the start of the second half Southend looked livelier and they got their goal through Ryan Hall's 7th of the season. The midfielder lined up a 35 yard free-kick before hitting it hard and low into the bottom corner of the net to level the scores.

Just 10 minutes from time Stanley took the lead when a long throw into the box was headed out of Morris' hands by Barker and Gornell had the easiest of tasks of placing the ball into the goal from 6 yards, despite the best efforts of Bilel Mohsni.

Gornell then won a penalty which ultimately secured Accrington's rise into the play-off positions after he drew a foul from Mohsni, which looked debatable, the tackle saw Bilel get sent off and that left Edwards to step up to secure all three points.

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Port Vale 1 (*Taylor 25*)

Southend United 1 (*Prosser 90*)

How We Started: (4-4-2)

Glenn Morris, Miguel Comminges, Graham Coughlan, Chris Barker ©, Luke Prosser, Anthony Grant, Sean Clohessy, Kane Ferdinand, Ryan Hall, Barry Corr and Blair Sturrock.

Luke Prosser returned to haunt his former club with a fantastic finish in the last minute of the game. The defender found space at the back post to rifle home a right foot half-volley to grab a share of the points. A much better performance merited a point as Southend now look to finish the season on a high.

After a disappointing defeat and performance at Accrington in midweek, Southend returned to action, away at Port Vale. The Valiants who were flying high at the start of the season needed a victory to close the gap on the league 2 play-off positions were being backed by the highest crowd of the season at Vale Park.

The Blues, wearing claret/red, started the better of the two sides with Sean Clohessy playing in a more advanced role had a shot go wide of the target before the former Bath man went even closer. A fantastic Blues move lead with Clohessy smashing a low drive off the outside of the post and away for a goal kick.

Ryan Hall had several efforts go close for Southend before Port Vale finally opened the scoring. The Shrimpers did not clear a corner from the right and the ball fell to Taylor who controlled the ball superbly before smashing a left-footed effort into the roof of the Southend goal.

The goal sparked Blues on and they nearly equalised through top-scorer Barry Corr. The Irish centre-forward brilliantly controlled a cross with his chest before controlling it with his thigh. The set the ball up beautifully for an over-head kick that flashed just inches wide of the goal.

Port Vale had the better of the second half but in the dying seconds of the game Louie Soares flicked on a Hall free-kick which fell to Luke Prosser and the former Vale defender smashed home a shot into the roof of the net.

Friday 15th April 2011



Southend United 4 (*Corr 29 pen, Hall 43, 70, Ferdinand 66*)

Hereford United 0

How We Started: (4-3-3)

Glenn Morris, Sean Clohessy, Graham Coughlan, Chris Barker, Luke Prosser, Anthony Grant, Craig Easton ©, Kane Ferdinand, Ryan Hall, Barry Corr and Harry Crawford.

Southend United's great home form continued on Friday night with a comfortable victory against Bradford City. Barry Corr got the score rolling when he converted his 19th goal of the season from the spot and that was followed by two sensational goals from Man of the Match Ryan Hall. They were both joined on the score sheet by young midfielder Kane Ferdinand, who headed home his 2nd of the season.

The Blues started well and with the play-offs virtually out of reach, some fans may have thought the players wouldn't have put that effort in, but that wasn't the case. Centre half Graham Coughlan came closest to opening the scoring but his close range header was saved expertly from the Bantams keeper.

However in the 29th minute Southend United did take the lead. A fantastic flowing move involving Prosser, Hall and Crawford, lead to the latter in being hurled down in the penalty area. That left top scorer Barry Corr to step up to tuck it away brilliantly into the bottom corner for his 19th goal of the season.

Just as half-time was approaching Southend doubled their lead, which obviously gave everybody a boost, through winger Ryan Hall. The midfielder raced onto Grant's free-kick to fire home a low drive which took a slight deflection on its way into the back of the net.

The visitors started the better of the two sides in the second half with Morris making a good save to tip the ball over the bar. The Blues gathered well at the feet of former Premiership striker Scott Dobie when he rounded the Blues backline.

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Young midfielder Kane Ferdinand did extend the hosts advantage when he powered home a header from 12 yards. Lively winger Ryan Hall picked out a peach of a cross which was met powerfully by Ferdinand for his second goal of the season.

Just four minutes later and Southend were at it again. A long ball over the top by Anthony Grant was raced onto by Hall who knocked the ball past the goalkeeper before slotting home from a tight angle for his 9th goal of the season.

Anthony Grant saw his fierce drive tipped onto the crossbar but Southend dominated and dictated the game for large periods.

Friday 22nd April 2011



**Southend United 1 (Corr 81)
Stevenage 0**

How We Started: (4-3-3)

Glenn Morris, Sean Clohessy, Graham Coughlan, Chris Barker, Luke Prosser, Anthony Grant, Craig Easton ©, Kane Ferdinand, Ryan Hall, Barry Corr and Harry Crawford.

Barry Corr's 20th goal of the season ten minutes from time proved to be the winner as Southend put a slight dent in Stevenage's play-off hopes. The big striker powered home a header from 12 yards after a stunning cross from Ryan Hall in the 81st minute after Glenn Morris had produced a penalty save to deny Stevenage earlier in the half.

With Stevenage pushing for a play-off position come the end of the season Paul Sturrock knew his team would be up against a very strong 'bullying' side rather than a footballing side. It was Southend who went the closest inside the first 10 minutes when Ryan Hall saw his shot deflect wide, as he was looking for his tenth of the campaign.

The Shrimpers were still the better side and went very close through young striker Harry Crawford. Luke Prosser set up the striker who controlled well but his strike was weak and it allowed Chris Day to get down well to save. Winger Ryan Hall also went close but his strike went over the bar.

The game sparked to life with a melee involving Grant and Bostwick, which resulted in both players getting booked. Just minute's later Stevenage were reduced to ten men when Winn lunged in with a high foot which knocked Clohessy to the floor. The tackle resulted in Clohessy needing stitches just below his eye.

Luke Prosser went close for Southend in the second half with a 25 yard free-kick which was tipped over the crossbar. That was followed by Prosser setting up Crawford who could only hit his volley into the ground and over the bar.

In the 76th minute substitute Bilel Mohsni tripped Harrison in the box and the referee pointed to the penalty spot. Up stepped Mousinho but his penalty was saved by the elbow of Glenn Morris.

The penalty save proved to be vital as just 5 minutes later Blues took the lead. Ryan Hall's ball into the box was met by the head of Barry Corr which got everybody in Roots Hall out of their seats to congratulate to Irish forwards great goal scoring achievements.

Ryan Hall nearly scored his 10th of the season but he snatched at his shot which was tipped around the post by Day.

Monday 25th April 2011



**Macclesfield Town 0
Southend United 0**

How We Started: (4-3-3)

Glenn Morris, Sean Clohessy, Bilel Mohsni, Chris Barker, Luke Prosser, Anthony Grant, Craig Easton ©, Lee Sawyer, Ryan Hall, Barry Corr and Harry Crawford.

It was a drab game when Southend United met Macclesfield Town in League Two where The Blues were held to a 0-0 draw at Moss Rose. Blues now sit eight points off 7th place and with only six points available, a top 10 finish is the best the Shrimpers can hope for.

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Southend manager Paul Sturrock made one-change two changes to the side that beat Stevenage on Friday with Bilel Mohsni and Lee Sawyer coming in for Graham Coughlan and Kane Ferdinand respectively. With a top 10 finish still available to Blues, Sturrock was determined to get a decent result.

From the opening exchanges you could tell that it was not going to be a classic and that proved to be the case. The hosts had a few half chances but nothing that really tested Glenn Morris in the Southend United goal.

It took until the 35th minute before Southend got their first attempt on target. Barry Corr was fouled 25 yards out from goal, which resulted in a free-kick to the visitors. Ryan Hall stepped up but goalkeeper Jose Veiga gathered his hard drive.

Moments later a good Southend move ended with Easton putting Lee Sawyer through on goal but the former Chelsea man saw his powerful shot tipped over the crossbar by Veiga. Barry Corr also went close at the start of the second half but his effort drifted over the bar.

Bilel Mohsni blocked well when Daniel was close to pulling the trigger on the edge of the box and there was just enough time for Veiga to deny both Sawyer and Hall once again as the game ended in a drab 0-0 draw.

Saturday 30th April 2011



Southend United 1 (Corr 3)
Burton Albion 1 (Malone 28)

How We Started: (4-3-3)

Glenn Morris, Sean Clohessy, Bilel Mohsni, Chris Barker, Luke Prosser, Anthony Grant, Craig Easton ©, Kane Ferdinand, Ryan Hall, Barry Corr and Harry Crawford.

In the final home game of the 2010/2011 season Southend finished off with a 1-1 draw against Burton Albion. Southend took the lead early on through striker Barry Corr's 21st goal of the season, but that was cancelled out by former Blues loanee Scott Malone's neat run and finish.

Before the game Chris Barker was announced as the Player of The Season and he took his place in the back four along with Clohessy, Mohsni and Prosser. Southend were looking to end the season on a high after the torrid March period ruined any chance of a play-off position.

They started superbly and within 3 minutes they were in front. The impressive winger Ryan Hall delivered a superb corner into the box which was powered into the bottom corner of the goal by Barry Corr, who took his tally to 21 goals for the season.

The lead was almost doubled after good work from Blair Sturrock, the ball was controlled well by Easton, but his over-head kick was tipped around the post by the goalkeeper.

Burton started to get back into the game but Glenn Morris was in fine form to deny Webster, however, the goalkeeper was soon beaten after 460 minutes of not conceding a goal at Roots Hall.

Former Blues loanee Scott Malone collected the ball on the half-way line and he was given so much room to waltz his way through the defence before placing a lovely finish into the far corner of the net.

Southend huffed and puffed in the second half but Legzdins denied Bilel Mohsni with a stunning save and twice saved superbly from Barry Corr.

Saturday 7th May 2011



Wycombe Wanderers 3 (Donnelly 20, Strevens 26, Rendell 53)
Southend United 1 (Grant 15)

How We Started: (4-3-3)

Glenn Morris, Sean Clohessy, Graham Coughlan, Chris Barker, Luke Prosser, Anthony Grant, Craig Easton ©, Kane Ferdinand, Ryan Hall, Blair Sturrock and Bilel Mohsni.

The season ended in defeat for Southend as they saw Wycombe promoted to League One after a 3-1 reverse at Adams Park. Blues, donning their pink shirts, took the lead through Anthony Grant's eight strike of the season, but two goals in quick succession got the hosts back in front before Scott Rendell sealed the victory, and promotion.

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Southend started the better of the two sides with the lively Ryan Hall causing most of the damage. The former Bromley man cutting inside on numerous occasions and seeing his first effort deflect inches wide of the goal. The Shrimpers continued to dominate and went even closer to opening the scoring when Bilel Mohsni saw his header rebound off the crossbar.

However in the 15th minute Southend did take the lead. The goal scorer was former Wycombe loanee Anthony Grant who raced onto a superb pass from Ryan Hall before turning the two defenders and firing past Bull in the hosts net.

The goal seemed to liven Wycombe up and they equalised just five minutes later. Scott Donnelly tucked the ball past Glenn Morris after a great through ball from Stuart Lewis, however, Donnelly did look a few yards offside.

Former Dagenham striker Ben Strevens added another goal just six minutes after the leveler as Glenn Morris failed to deal with a cross and that left Strevens with the easiest of tasks to slip it into an empty net.

Wycombe continued to charge forward in the second half and without Glenn Morris' superb saves and Craig Easton's clearance off the line the score-line would have been worse. Scott Rendell wrapped up the scoring when he coolly slotted home from the edge of the area to seal Wycombe's return to League One.

31st May 2011