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Southend United
ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP, QUALIFYING ROUND

Tuesday, September 7, 1993

Kick-off 7.45pm

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The pros and cons of the Anglo-Italian Cup



ON THE BALL WITH DAVID PLEAT

Welcome to the supporters, players and officials of Southend United this evening.

There are many different views on the Anglo-Italian competition. It has been suggested that, last season, clubs in the competition did not lose money. Certainly, Brentford and Derby County, who progressed to the latter stages, did gain some reward. One may recall Derby lost at Wembley in the final, but took many supporters with them and the spin-offs were considerable.

Also Brentford, who played Derby for the right to play in the final, got a very good crowd at Griffin Park for their second-leg match against The Rams.

However, it is clearly the view of most people within the football side of the game that although the competition can only be good for relationships and experience of players playing against foreign opposition, it is also

a burden to play more games than the Premier Division, who are already voicing their fears forcibly regarding 'over play'.

Since the start of the season, we will have played something like nine games in six weeks. With our imbalance of away games to home games, this can be quite a burden. When Wayne Turner sat down to look at his team for a reserve game with Watford last week, he was ruing the injuries of the younger element. Jamie Campbell and Jason Rees were missing and longer-term injuries denied us Tony Thorpe, Aaron Skelton and Richard Harvey. It is vital that we keep as clean a bill of health as possible in the early stages of the season.

Our visitors have been spending some of the valu-

able money that Stan Collymore brought them and I am sure my old inside-forward colleague Barry Fry will be bouncing them along to good things this season. We wish him well and hope we can have an enjoyable Anglo-Italian game this evening.

With respect to Watford, our finishing has enabled them to look forward more confidently to two or three trips to Italy later this season. I was, however, heartened by our football and our team play, and I know the dividing line is getting thinner.

Enjoy the game

Tonight's visitors



WELCOME TO SOUTHEND UNITED F.C. 1993-94

PAUL SANSOME (goalkeeper) - Paul started his career with Millwall in 1980 and went on to make nearly 200 appearances for the south London club. He joined Southend in 1988 and almost immediately became first-choice between the posts.

ANDY EDWARDS (defender) - Andy is a former trainee at Roots Hall. He established himself at right-back last season after spending two seasons in the reserve set-up. Nicknamed 'The Eagle', he can also operate in the centre of defence.

CHRIS POWELL (defender) - Chris started his career with Crystal Palace in 1989, but after making only brief appearances for the Eagles, he joined Southend. He has been a regular at left-back for the past two years and was last season's Soccerline Player of the Year.

PAT SCULLY (defender) - Pat started his career at Arsenal but unable to break into the first-team, he was sold to Southend three years ago for £250,000. He has since blossomed at Roots Hall, prompting a call-up to the full Eire international squad and has signed a new contract with the club.

GRAHAM BRESSINGTON (defender) - A close-season signing from Lincoln City for £50,000, Graham can play at centre-back or in midfield. He started his career with Wycombe Wanderers before joining the Imps for £10,000.

KEITH JONES (midfield) - Keith joined Southend in 1991 from Brentford for £175,000. He started his career at Chelsea in 1983 but never really established himself as a first-team regular, prompting his departure to Brentford in 1987. His presence at Roots Hall has been rewarded with the Blues' captaincy.

DEREK PAYNE (midfield) - Derek is a pint-sized midfielder who has followed manager Barry Fry from Barnet. He moved to Roots Hall during the summer on a free transfer, after helping the Bees to promotion from the Third Division.

ADAM LOCKE (midfield) - Adam started his career with Crystal Palace but has established himself since moving to Roots Hall 18 months ago. Another versatile performer, Adam can be used as a wing attacker. He suffered with a knee injury last season but has now fully recovered.

JONATHAN HUNT (midfield) - Another former Barnet player, Jon is a utility player who can also operate in attack or at full-back. He was Barry Fry's final pre-season signing.

GARY JONES (forward) - Gary started his career with Doncaster Rovers, but his career took off at non-league Boston United. He scored 27 goals last season before joining Southend during the summer.

ANDY ANSAH (forward) - A player who suffered with injury

last season, Andy made his league debut with Brentford in 1989. He moved to Southend two years later and has established himself as a pacy wide-man and a crowd favourite.

RICKY OTTO (forward) - Ricky was a close-season signing from Leyton Orient for £100,000. He started his career with the O's as a trainee, and signed professional in 1991.

BRETT ANGELL (forward) - Andy started his career with Portsmouth before dropping out of the league with Cheltenham Town. He joined Derby County in 1988 before moving to Stockport County, where he scored 33 goals in 74 appearances. He joined Southend in March 1990 for £100,000.

CLUB HISTORY

The leading club in Southend around the turn of the century was Southend Athletic, but they were an amateur concern. Southend United was a more ambitious professional club when they were founded in 1906, employing Bob Jack as secretary-manager and immediately joining the Second Division of the Southern League. The club took their place in the Football League in August 1920, and won their first game 2-0 at Brighton & Hove Albion.

Team Check

Luton Town

Colours: White/Blue Shirts,
Blue/White Shorts

Manager: David Pleat

13. Juergen Sommer
4. Julian James
3. Marvin Johnson
5. Trevor Peake
6. John Dreyer
7. Paul Telfer
12. Ceri Hughes
10. David Preece
26. Scott Houghton
22. Kerry Dixon
14. John Hartson

Southend United

Colours: Yellow Shirts,
Yellow Shorts

Manager: Barry Fry

1. Paul Sansome
2. Adam Locke
3. Chris Powell
4. Michael Bodley
5. Andy Edwards
6. Andy Sussex
7. Andy Ansah
8. Derek Payne
9. Jason Lee
10. Ricky Otto
11. Brett Angell

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We welcome our guests from Progressive Printing, who are sponsoring tonight's match.
We hope you all have an enjoyable evening with us at Kenilworth Road.

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

REFEREE: Paul Vanes (Warley, West Midlands) - A manager in an electrical drawing office, Paul is married with two children. He commenced refereeing in 1972 and progressed via the West Midland League to the Football League list in 1984. He lists his hobbies as marathon running and gardening.

LINESMEN:

G.K. Hegley (yellow trim), W.M. Jordan (red/yellow trim)

FOURTH OFFICIAL:

G. Walker

NEXT FIRST TEAM GAME AT KENILWORTH ROAD

The next Luton Town first-team fixture at Kenilworth Road Stadium will take place this Saturday (September 11), when Bolton Wanderers are the visitors for an Endsleigh Insurance League Division One match, kick-off 3.00 pm.