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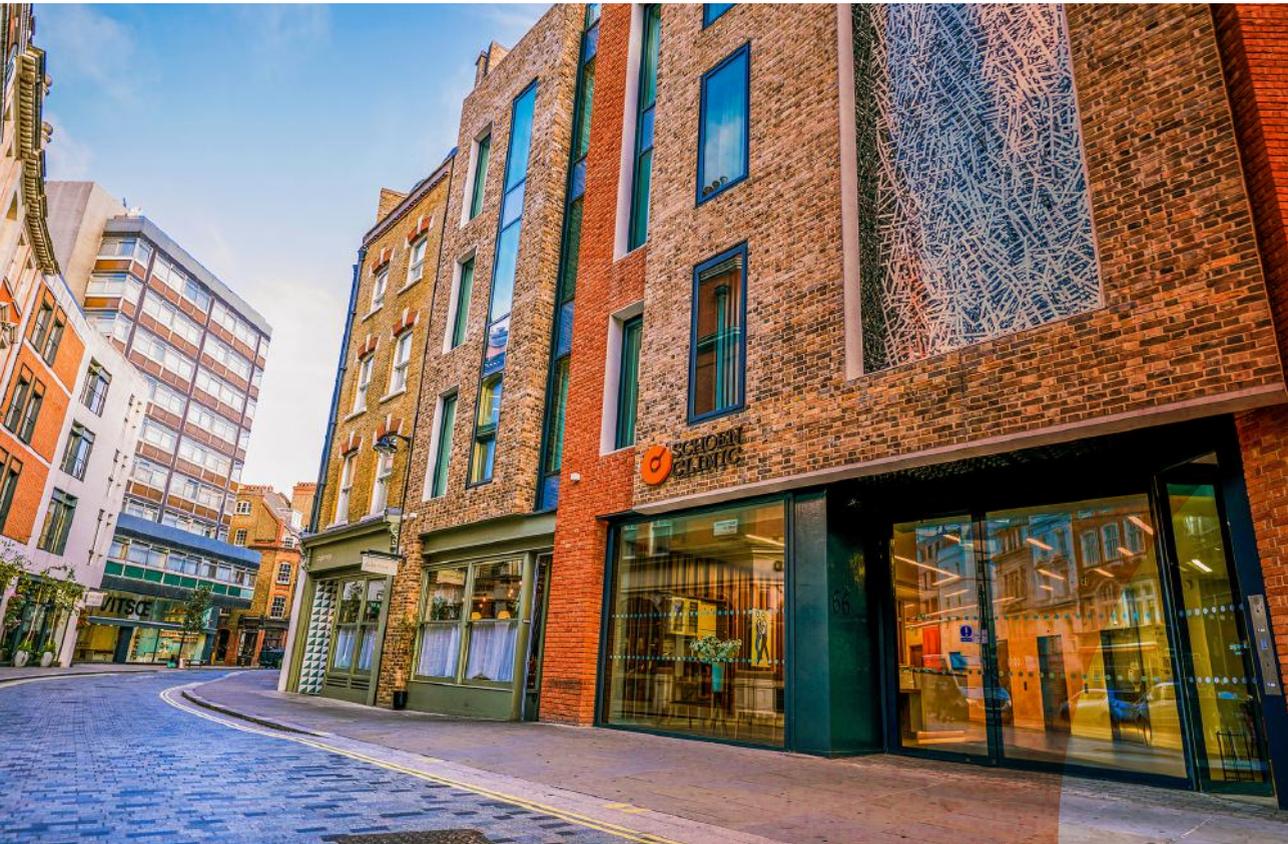


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HEAD COACH

DEAN BRENNAN

Dean, what has training been like ahead of Monday's match against Southend United?

"We have been training over the last couple of days and we will be looking to bring some pride back to our football club.

"The first-half at Dagenham & Redbridge was totally unacceptable and we need to bounce back from it with a lot of character."

Southend lost 1-0 against Wealdstone in their last game. What are you expecting from them as they come to The Hive London?

"Southend have got some good players and went on a brilliant run earlier on in the season.

"Their form has dipped recently and it just shows how difficult this division is.

"Both sides will be looking to bounce back from recent results and we need to make sure that we outrun the opposition.

"We must stick to the game plan as we did not do that against Dagenham.

"We have shown before that we are not a bad side when sticking to the game plan.

"The players will need to win their individual battles and take responsibility for their own performances."

I know how frustrating the injuries have been in recent weeks. Is it likely that we will see anyone back for Monday?

"It is unlikely that any of our injured players will be back but the ones that are fit must man up to the situation we are in.

"They cannot hide behind me and they need to be up for the challenge.

"We have had a really deep conversation with the players and I have told them some home truths.

"Our football club is in a better place than it was 12 months ago but it is not exactly where I want it to be.

"We are giving our all to rebuild, and at the moment we are not where we want to be.

"I will make sure we get to where we need to be."

Having struggled in front of goal lately, scoring three goals at Dagenham must give the lads some confidence heading into Easter Monday?

"I always say that clean sheets bring you success.

"We need to be defending from the front and we have not been doing that lately.





"The players need to be taking responsibility as they should be putting in a performance for themselves and their family.

"We cannot be having a blame culture here and we must dig deep and pull together.

"When things are not going right, you need to work harder."

You were self-critical after the Dagenham defeat. What will you be looking to change?

"I always question myself and I do not just blame everyone else.

"We just need to match the opposition and outrun them.

"I do not mind losing if you work your socks off but when we do not give our all, it is so frustrating.

"Dagenham did not do anything that they have not been doing in recent weeks and we went through how they play.

"We worked on it all and if the players are not good enough to execute what you want then something has to change."

How important is it that the fans, players and coaching staff can all stick together as one?

"There is no hiding place and the players have got to step up and perform.

"I know that confidence is low and we have not been scoring as many goals as we would like but we must show a response.

"The players have six games to change my mind about their future."

WALKING FOOTBALL

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BARNET WALKING FOOTBALL TEAM

Easter Egg Collection

After talking to CEO Gus Alston at OneStonegrove Food Bank it was decided to collect Easter eggs for distribution by the centre before the Easter break. At our Tuesday and Friday sessions, our players donated approximately 300 eggs in our "bring a smile to a child" collection which is amazing! This incredible haul is being shared out between St Peter's Church, FUSE Youth Project, Colindale Community Trust, and a couple of their partners. It will make an enormous difference to many families this Easter and we thank all those that donated.

Our Cycling Group

Our cycling group had a fun ride out in the week and stopped at the new Wenzels in Uxbridge - where they met Mr Peter Wenzel and were treated to some food and hot drinks. We thank the Wenzel family for their hospitality and their amazing donation towards buying our Friday session defibrillator.

On the Pitch

On the pitch our sessions continue to grow in numbers which has been pleasing to see. Everyone is welcome to join us at our sessions which take place on Tuesdays 19:30-20:30 and Fridays 14:00-15:00.

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ADAM

MARRIOTT

Adam, there are six games remaining of the season. What are your main aims for them?

"First of all, we have to improve on Friday's performance at Dagenham & Redbridge.

"We are looking to get back on track by winning games again.

"We have had a dip in results lately and we must send the fans home happy as we head into the summer.

"Hopefully we will put in a good performance against Southend United on Monday which will help to build some confidence."

You are up to 13 league goals for the season now having been awarded for the ones at Chesterfield and Aldershot Town. How do you think you have done so far this season?

"I think that I have done alright but I am one of those people who always thinks that they can do better.

"I put pressure on myself to score more and as there are still a few games to go, I will be pushing to improve my goal tally.

We had a difficult afternoon at the Chigwell Construction Stadium on Friday. How will we be looking to bounce back from it as a collective?

"We have got to stick with eachother and we have been working hard in training to put things right.

"It is a frustrating result to take but it is down to us to put it right in our next few games.

"The team did respond well at the start of the second-half but it was too late by that point."

A few player's heads were down after the result. As a more senior player in the team, do you feel that you have a responsibility to lift morale?

"Yes, there are a few older lads in the team and that is part of football.

"We have to pick eachother up and move onto the next game quickly."

We have a great opportunity to bounce back when Southend United come to The Hive London on Easter Monday. What are your initial expectations of the match?

"It is going to be a tough game and they went on a good unbeaten run a few weeks ago.

"Southend are a solid team and they gave us a difficult time at their place earlier on in the season.

"We have got to give everything and look to threaten them as much as we can with the quality in our squad."

We have shown that we can perform well as we did at the start of the second half at Dagenham. How important is it that we can do that for larger spells this Monday?

"We know we have it in us to play well as shown by the Dover Athletic and Boreham Wood home games this year.

"We need to be starting games better as it gets the opposition's confidence up."

The fans have been right behind us through some tricky results recently and it is vital that they can continue to do so?

"It has been challenging for us but the team will always give their all for the badge.

"The fans have stuck with us through the season and we understand that it has not been easy to watch at times.

"We really appreciate the support and they always get behind us until the end.

"We will hope to give them something to sing about for the remainder of the season, starting with a positive result against Southend."

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TODAY'S OPPOSITION



Club History 2010-Present

New Manager, Paul Sturrock inherited a massively depleted squad with just four contracted players, but his impressive scouting network assembled a varied and experienced crop of players for the 2010/11 campaign. Gems from the non-league scene, Sean Clohessy and Ryan Hall also proved pivotal signings.

A mid table finish seven points adrift of the play-offs was a decent effort after the considerable turnover of personnel. For the 2011/12 season Blues mounted a serious challenge for promotion to League One being in an automatic promotion position as late as March.

However, indifferent form at a vital period, encapsulated by the eccentric performances of French import Bilel Mohsni, meant promotion would have to be achieved via the play-offs. Sadly the Shrimpers drew the in-form team in the semis and lost to a rampant Crewe Alexandra side.

Sturrock again shuffled his pack for the 2012/13 campaign bringing in promising strikers Gavin Tomlin and Britt Assombalonga. Freddy Eastwood, having returned on loan towards the end of the previous campaign, would sign a deal as well. Crowd favourite Barry Corr would also make a triumphant return to the game after 17 months out through injury.

Blues, however, never really mounted a serious promotion challenge with home form being the team's Achilles heel. Once again though, solace came in the shape of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, the latest incarnation of the much maligned Football League Trophy. The run included a penalty shootout win, late goalkeeper substitutions and a truly dramatic last gasp Area Final goal by Ben Reeves against Leyton Orient.

League form had remained indifferent however and Sturrock would be relieved of his duties in the weeks leading up to Southend's first ever Wembley final appearance.

Phil Brown was charged with overseeing the last few weeks of the campaign as Wembley fever gripped the town. A magnificent 32,000 tickets were sold as Wembley Stadium was well and truly painted blue. However, a crippling injury list saw Crewe Alexandra secure the trophy.

Phil Brown's first full season in charge saw the Blues come within touching distance of League One.

The Boss made many additions to his squad for the upcoming campaign including the likes of John White from neighbours Colchester United, Will Atkinson from Bradford City and Ben Coker following a successful trial.



A disappointing start to the season put pay to Southend making the automatic promotion spots as they won only three of their opening ten games, losing five.

Phil Brown's side rallied though and finished comfortably inside the play-offs by ten points in fifth position. Standing in the way of another trip to Wembley was Burton Albion, a side that Blues had beaten twice in the regular season.

But when it's the lottery of the play-offs anything can happen and after losing 1-0 in the first leg at the Pirelli Stadium it all came down to the second leg at Roots Hall. Sadly, a 2-2 draw meant the Blues fell short and it was back to the drawing board for the 14/15 season.

Phil Brown strengthened his squad yet again as Southend eyed automatic promotion in 14/15. Myles Weston, David Worrall and Gary Deegan were amongst those who came in for the new campaign.

After a slow start, Blues started to hit the ground running in September winning four consecutive games. Some poor form over the winter caused Manager, Phil Brown to strengthen yet again and it proved a masterstroke as 'Mr Southend', Adam Barrett returned to the club along with striker Joe Pigott who joined on loan from Charlton Athletic. As the season approached it's 'Business End' Southend were in inspired form going on a seven game winning run with Dan Bentley breaking a club record of 11 consecutive clean sheets at home.

Southend went to Morecambe on the last day of the season knowing that a win would see them automatically promoted to League One. It was not to be Blues day though as they lost 3-1 and were pipped to third place by Bury.

So it was to be the play-offs again for Southend, but the players weren't feeling sorry for themselves and professionally saw off Stevenage over two legs to seal a Wembley date with Wycombe Wanderers.

Daniel Bentley was hero as Blues defeated beat Wycombe on penalties to win the Sky Bet League 2 Play-Off Final on the hallowed Wembley turf.

Cometh the hour, cometh the man as Bentley stepped up to deny Sam Wood's effort to complete the League One march under the arch.

It had all looked so different in extra time as it looked for all the world that Joe Jacobson's 25-yard free-kick had given Wycombe the win.

As time ticked on and went into stoppage time, up stepped Joe Pigott to slot home in the 122nd minute to take it to the lottery of penalties. This was to be Blues first return to the third-tier in five years.

Phil Brown made some additions to his attacking line ahead of Southend's first season in League One in 2015/16, adding the goalscoring experience of Noel Hunt and David Mooney.

After taking time to adjust to stepping up a division Blues got their first win of the campaign in front of the TV cameras against Peterborough United at Roots Hall. Goals from Adam Barrett and summer signing, Hunt secured a first class victory over Posh.

Towards the end of September, Blues were thrown into the Lion's den at Millwall, and came out triumphant after goals from Barrett and another new boy, David Mooney gave Phil Brown's side all three points.

The league was now having to sit up and take notice of Southend; a team who had stepped up a division, but was also stepping up a gear or two. A four goal demolition of Bury put supporters in the Christmas spirit, and the 2-0 Essex derby win took them to dreamland with goals from Captain John White and David Mooney.

The New Year began with a bump as successive defeats brought Southend back down to earth.

The squad pulled their socks up, and a last gasp penalty save from Dan Bentley at Peterborough United galvanised the team to finish January with an impressive 3-0 over Coventry City; Tyrone Barnett bagging two on his home debut!

The first week of February brought about two games, six points and another comprehensive victory in the 'Battle of Essex'.

Goals from Anthony Wordsworth on his return from injury, Mr Southend Barrett and Saints loanee Sam McQueen saw Blues ease past Colchester United.

Inconsistency put pay to Southend's hopes of making the League One play-offs however, as they finished the season in 15th position on 59 points.

The following season started slowly, and 12 games in Blues were facing a season fighting relegation. But when players such as Anthony Wordsworth and Anton Ferdinand found their fitness, and players like Simon Cox, who joined in the summer of 2016, found their form, Blues pushed for promotion.

Unfortunately, the season finished with Blues missing out on the play-offs by one point to Millwall on the final day of the season, leaving Blues to finish in 7th.



HEAD COACH

KEVIN MAHER

Kevin Maher returned to Southend United to take over as Head Coach in October 2021.

Kevin twice skippered the Club to promotion as a player, making over 450 appearances for Blues.

A midfield technician in his playing days, he started his career in Tottenham Hotspur's Academy before moving to south Essex in 1998.

Having got off to a difficult start to life at Roots Hall, Maher quickly established himself as an ever-present in the side. Two visits to the Millennium Stadium for Football League Trophy finals signified it was to be the start of an exciting time for the club with Steve Tilson at the helm, and Maher played a vital role that.

Third time lucky in the Welsh capital for the League Two Play-Off saw Kevin lead the club to glory, and the following season he and Blues went one better by winning the League One title at the expense of bitter rivals Colchester United.

After a hugely successful period, when Kevin's opportunities became more limited and he was no longer an automatic first choice, he departed the club for game time elsewhere and Maher would go on to play for Gillingham, Oldham, Dagenham & Redbridge before seeing out his career at Bray Wanderers, Whitehawk and Chelmsford City.

His move into coaching saw him manage Chelmsford City and then Blues' U23 side. Kevin would move on in search of a first team position which came with Bristol Rovers, working with four different managers in that time before his homecoming when offered the Head Coach role at Blues in October 2021.







STEVE ARNOLD

ARNOLD JOINED BLUES FROM NORTHAMPTON TOWN

Arnold joined Blues after leaving Northampton Town and put pen to paper on a two-year deal in south Essex.

The 6ft 5in stopper started his professional career with Norwich City and has gone on to play over 230 games.

Arnold twice previously helped Forest Green Rovers to the National League play-offs before joining Dover Athletic. He also had spells in the Football League with Wycombe, Stevenage, Shrewsbury before he joined the Cobblers.

ABU OGOGO

ABU OGOGO IS A MIDFIELDER FOR THE BLUES

The midfielder arrives in Essex after two and a half years at Bristol Rovers.

Like his fellow midfielder James Dunne, Ogogo is a former Wimbledon and Arsenal trainee.

Ogogo previously enjoyed six years with Dagenham & Redbridge between 2009 and 2015, making over 250 appearances, before joining Shrewsbury Town and then Coventry City three years later.

The 31-year-old is another addition with a wealth of experience, having made over 450 career appearances, and adds defensive and organisational qualities to Phil Brown's squad.





NOOR HUSIN

NOOR HUSIN JOINED SOUTHEND IN JANUARY 2022

The former Reading, Crystal Palace, Notts County and Stevenage midfielder arrives at Roots Hall on a two-and-a-half-year deal after Blues agreed an undisclosed fee with the National League South club.

Husin, 24, is an Afghanistan international, appearing 14 times for his country since his debut in 2018.

JAMES DUNNE

JAMES DUNNE WAS THE BLUES' FIRST SIGNING OF SUMMER 2021

The 31-year-old came through the ranks at Wimbledon and then Arsenal's Academy, and he's since gone on to make 450 career appearances.

His senior professional debut came for Exeter City in 2009 and in three seasons Dunne played 127 games for the Grecians in League One.

He moved to Stevenage in 2012 and won their player of the year in his first season at the club, before joining Scottish Premiership side St Johnstone on loan in his second season.

Spells at Portsmouth, Dagenham & Redbridge, Cambridge United and Swindon Town in League Two followed before his signed for the Bees in 2019.





BARNET FC SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION

BFCSA March Update

Player of the Month

Thank you to everyone who voted for the Player of the Month award. We are pleased to say Harry Taylor was given the award for February's POTM presented by member of the Executive Committee Carla Devine. March's POTM will be awarded today.

Gabriel Aitonje

You may remember that we were planning an applause during our Boxing Day match, which was postponed due to Covid-19. We are planning on celebrating Gabriel's life during today's game so it would be great to see everyone remember a brilliant young man.

Our members

All the members of the Executive Committee have now been introduced through programmes throughout this season, so we hope you are now familiar with us all. Please don't hesitate to come and speak to us at games or online about Barnet related ideas and issues. As we move forward, we may start to look a bit different but we will always keep you updated about who is representing you.

End of the Season

As we approach the end of the season, the association we will have a number of things to think about and look forward to. We are in regular contact with one another and the club, but we will need to hear the voices of you all so please keep an eye on your emails and our social media channels for upcoming things.

Become a Member

We cannot urge enough to become a member. If you haven't already, head to www.bfcsa1926.com where you can sign up. If you have any questions, suggestions or issues you wish to raise with us - you can contact us via social media (@BFCSA1926) or via email (hello@bfcsa1926.com).

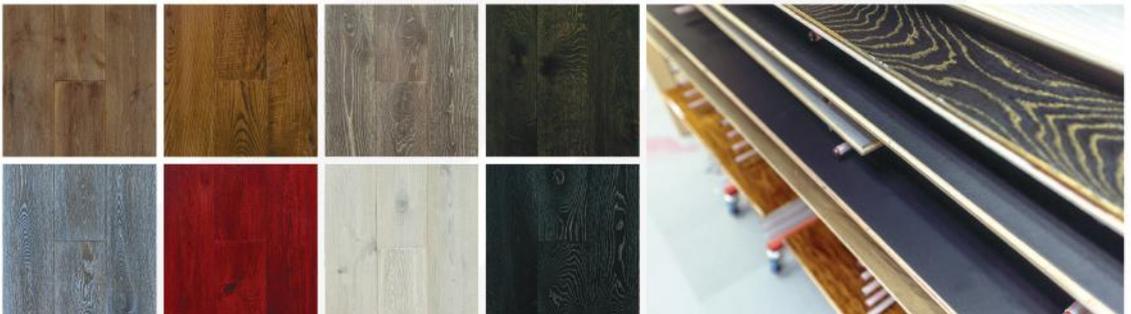


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DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE POSTCARD

After our Middlesex FA Senior Challenge Cup win on Tuesday, we travelled to Dagenham & Redbridge on Good Friday for league action. Mum and Dad travelled down to London the night before so on Friday morning we set off on the tube, meeting James and Janice en route to East London. Despite ridiculous tube delays, we finally made it to Dagenham just before 14:00, which gave us time for a quick pint before heading to Victoria Road. As I walked in, the afternoon got off to a good start when I got hit in the face with a ball! Thankfully I was fine and we then took our place behind the goal for the action.

The game didn't get off to a great start as Dagenham went ahead in the 14th minute through Junior Morias. Just ten minutes later the hosts doubled their advantage and then added a third two minutes after that. The hosts continued to dominate the first-half and made it 4-0 in the 44th minute through ex-Bee Paul McCallum before Myles Weston made it five by half-time. I don't think I've gone into the break feeling so bamboozled as I did then! As we came out for the second-half, I had no idea what was to come, but I was worried! However, we came out with fight and got a goal back in the 54th minute through Daniel Powell. Then a minute later Powell scored again to make it 5-2! I said "it couldn't, could it?" and in the 63rd minute I really thought the comeback was on when Ryan De Havilland's corner was turned into the goal through a Callum Reynolds deflection. We had some brilliant chances with Wes Fonguck and Ephron Mason-Clark coming close moments later, however, it was Dagenham who scored next on 83 minutes and on 90 minutes to put the game out of sight. I couldn't quite believe what I'd just watched.

My parents and I headed back to the pub near the ground for a much-needed drink with Jeanette and some other Barnet fans as well. Eventually we headed back into London where we all went for a few more drinks in Tower Hill before heading home. We were home just before midnight and as I went to sleep, part of me was convinced I had been concussed all day and was living in a dream!

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HEAD-TO-HEAD WITH THE SHRIMPERS

Barnet have met Southend United on 18 occasions in competitive matches. The first meeting was in December 1946 when the Bees, then an amateur team in the Athenian League, lost 9-2 to the Blues. It was the Bees' first ever appearance in the Second Round proper of the FA Cup. At the time, Southend were in the Football League, Division Three South. The sides did not meet again for 47 years, when the teams played in the Football League Cup First Round over two legs - with the Bees winning 3-1 on aggregate in 1993.

There was one earlier meeting when Barnet Alston lost 2-5 to Southend in 1909 in the FA Cup Fifth Qualifying Round. Southend were then in the Southern League and Barnet Alston in the London League. Barnet Alston played at Underhill and were the strongest team in Barnet. Barnet and Barnet Alston merged in 2012. That game is not included in the statistics though.

The sides have met 12 times in the fourth tier, but the game between the two at Roots Hall in February was the first meeting in the Vanarama National League. Today is the first home game for Barnet against the Shrimpers in that league and the first game against them at The Hive London. Overall, Barnet have won six games against the Blues, drawn two and lost 10. Of the 10 games at home, the record for the Bees is won three, drawn one, lost six. There has yet to be a scoreless draw, home or away. Clovis Kamdjo has appeared for Barnet on seven occasions in this fixture, more than anyone else. Danny Brown is the only player to have scored three times in this game for the Bees.

The biggest crowd for matches between the two was for the very first game in 1946 at Underhill. The attendance was 8,065 (there is a photograph on the Southend United club website). Harry Lane got a hat-trick for the Blues. The largest attendance at Roots Hall was 6,036 for the Vanarama National League this season.

When the Bees met the Blues in February, which was the first meeting for nearly nine years, Southend ran out 2-1 winners thanks to two first-half goals from Matthew Dennis. Barnet scored, also in the first half, through Adam Marriott. The Bees team was: Aston Oxborough, Jordan Thomas, Reiss Greenidge, Ben Richards-Everton, Teddy Howe, Sam Woods, Wes Fonguck (Josh Payne), Rob Hall

(Mason Bloomfield), Daniel Powell, Ephron Mason-Clark (Kian Flanagan), Adam Marriott.

Barnet's Louis Walsh signed from the Shrimpers in February. James Dunne (with Barnet 2019-21) is currently at Southend and came on as a substitute in the game at Roots Hall recently. Simeon Akinola (Barnet 2017-20) is also with the Blues at present. In addition, John Still and Darren Currie, both former Bees managers, are currently on the Shrimpers' staff.

Bilel Mohsni, who played three games for the Bees last season, represented Southend four times against Barnet and scored four goals in those games, more than anyone else on either side in fixtures between the two. Mark Stimson played for both clubs and was in a Southend team against Barnet; he later went on to manage the Bees. Louie Soares (Barnet 2005-06) and Harry Crawford (2013-14) also both played for Southend against the Bees and Soares scored. Peter Beadle, who managed Barnet at the start of last season, played for both sides.

Others to play for both (with dates at Barnet) include: Mick Bodley (1989-93), Jamal Campbell-Ryce (2016-18), Ken Charlery (1997-2000), Robert Codner (1985-88 and 1996), Shaq Coulthirst (2017-20), Colin Flatt (1971-75), Dougie Freedman (1995-96), Paul Furlong (2009-10), Mark Gower (2001-03), Phil Gridelet (1989-90), Ricky Holmes (2010-13), Dave Howell (1990-93), Charlie MacDonald (2014-15), Nicky Nicolau (2006-09), Dave Regis (1989-90), Barry Silkman (1973-74), Roger Willis (1990-92), Anthony Wordsworth (2020-21) and Josh Wright (2007-08).





CLASSIC ENCOUNTER WITH THE SHRIMPERS

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The Bees beat Southend United 2-1 at Underhill on March 17th 2001 in a fourth-tier match, a much-needed victory. Following the departure of Tony Cottee, who was player-manager and equal top scorer, the day before, John Still took over the managerial reins again from this game onwards.

The Bees' winning goal was scored by Darren Currie. Still and Currie are both currently with the Shrimpers, the former as Head of Football and the latter as Assistant Head Coach.

Barnet went into the game in 18th position and on the back of seven games without a win and just one draw, as they slipped down the table. Southend were 11th and within reach of a play-off place.

The Bees took the lead after 25 minutes. A cross from Currie was met by wing back Lee Flynn, who unleashed a powerful shot that Daryl Flahavan in the Southend goal did very well to parry. Ben Strevens pounced on the loose ball and shot through a crowded box to get the opener. Despite great play from Flynn and the Bees' other wing back Sam Stockley, as well as from central defender Warren Goodhind and midfielder John Doolan, Barnet were unable to increase their lead before the break.

Southend had the better of the exchanges at the start of the second-half and their pressure told when they found the equaliser after 62 minutes. The Bees' defence were unable to deal with a cross by Scott Forbes and Rob Newman was well placed at the far post to make the score one apiece.

A minute later Newman had a hand in the next goal, but at the other end. Newman brought down Ben Strevens about 25-yards out. Currie's fierce free-kick beat Flahavan, with the aid of a deflection to make it 2-1.

The Shrimpers had the opportunity to take a share of spoils when a chance fell to substitute Martin Carruthers, but he shot wide.

Given the hiatus with Cottee's departure the day before the game and the Bees' recent form, it was a victory to savour. However, for the rest of the season things did not go well for either side. Southend drew five of their remaining 10 games and finished 11th. Barnet secured only one more win in their last nine games and were relegated back to the Vanarama National League for the first time, after losing on the final day to Torquay United.

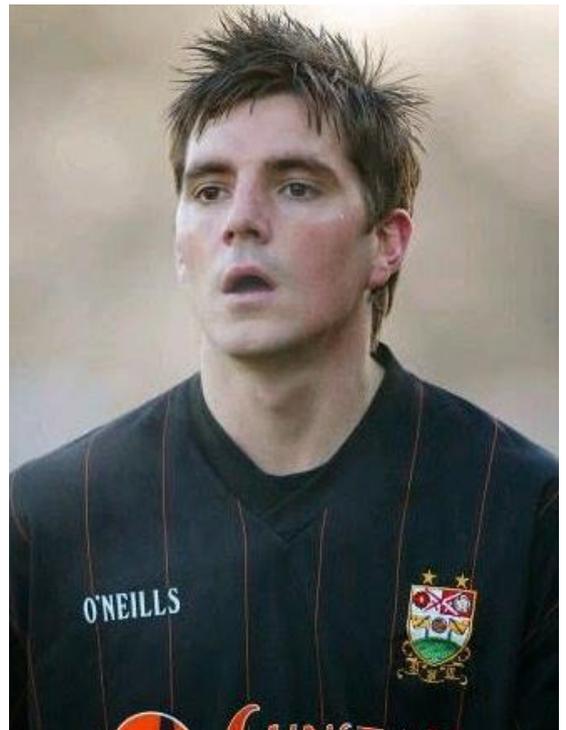
Teams:

Bees: Lee Harrison, Sam Stockley, Warren Goodhind, Mark Arber, Kevin Dawson, Lee Flynn, Rob Sawyers (Mark Gower), Darren Currie, John Doolan, Tony Richards (Frazer Toms), Ben Strevens.

Southend:

Darryl Flahavan, Martyn Booty, Phil Whelan, Rob Newman, Leon Johnson, Damon Searle, Michael Black (Stuart Thurgood), David Lee, Kevin Maher, Russell Williamson (Scott Forbes), Ben Abbey (Martin Carruthers).

Attendance: 2,654.



ON THIS DAY

SEVEN YEARS AGO (2015)

Barnet drew away at Kidderminster Harriers 1-1 in the Vanarama National League. Having gone one behind in the first-half, the Bees equalised through Luisma Villa in the second. The attendance was 2,540. On the same day, Dover Athletic equalised against Bristol Rovers in the 88th minute, leaving Barnet one point ahead of Rovers at the top of the table with one game to go, so their fate was in their own hands. As almost every Barnet supporter knows, the Bees beat Gateshead a week later to clinch the championship.

13 YEARS AGO (2009)

The Bees drew 1-1 with Luton Town at home in the fourth tier. Adam Birchall scored the Barnet goal with 2,808 supporters watching. Luton's goal came courtesy of Rossi Jarvis, who played for the Bees two seasons later. The Hatters had 30 points deducted at the start of the season for transfer irregularities and for the way in which they exited administration and, as a result, finished bottom.

24 YEARS AGO (1998)

Barnet and Scarborough scored a goal apiece at Underhill in the fourth tier. The Bees' goal was scored by Sean Devine and the crowd was 2,353. Both sides made the play-offs, but neither were promoted.

30 YEARS AGO (1992)

Gillingham were beaten 2-0 at Underhill in the fourth tier. Mark Carter and Derek Payne (who later played for Southend) scored the goals with 4,049 fans watching. It was the Bees' first season in the Football League, and they made the play-offs, but lost at the first hurdle.

35 YEARS AGO (1987)

The Bees beat Gateshead 3-1 at home in what is now the Vanarama National League. The Barnet goals came from Steve Cox, David Sansom and Nicky Evans. The attendance was 2,022. Barnet finished the season second, but at that time only the champions went up. Gateshead were relegated.

40 YEARS AGO (1982)

Barnet beat old adversaries Enfield at home 4-1 in the Vanarama National League. Steve Foody, Colin Barnes, Stewart Atkins and Danny Westwood scored the Bees' goals, and the crowd was 1,404. Despite this result, Enfield finished second and Barnet 18th out of 22 teams.

50 YEARS AGO (1972)

Nuneaton Borough beat Barnet 1-0 at Underhill in the Southern League Premier Division. The attendance was 1,094.

AND CURRENTLY

Last Tuesday, the Bees won the Middlesex FA Senior Challenge Cup for the third time. Barnet have reached the semi-final on 14 occasions and the final five times. They competed in this cup from 1896/97 till 1937/38 (but not every year), and then again from 2015/16 onwards after the move to The Hive London (but not in 2020/21). The results of the five final appearances have been:

- 1921/22: Barnet 1-2 RAF Uxbridge
- 1925/26: Barnet 1-2 Botwell Mission
- 1931/32: Barnet 4-3 Park Royal, in a replay
- 1932/33: Barnet 3-1 Staines Town, in a replay
- 2021/22: Barnet 1-1 Brentford B, Bees won on penalties.

Incidentally, Botwell Mission changed their name to Hayes three years after the final with Barnet. In 2007, Hayes merged with Yeading to form Hayes & Yeading United, a team Barnet beat on the way to this season's final.

Ex-Bee Roy Sylva came on as a substitute for Brentford B in last week's final. He took one of the penalties in the shoot-out, but unfortunately for him did not score. Sylva did not make a first team appearance for Barnet.

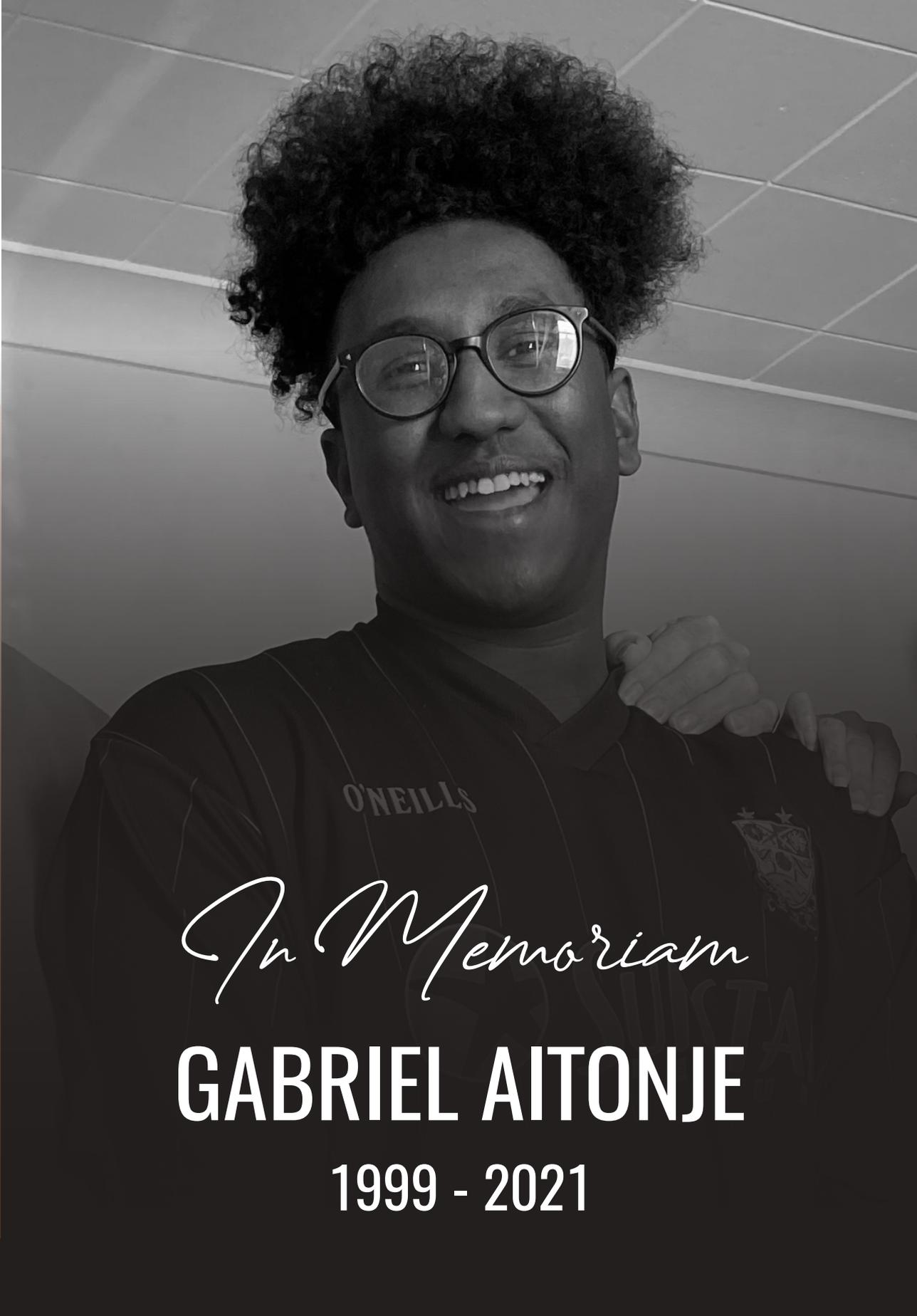
Ben Richards-Everton and Ephron Mason-Clark have made most appearances for the Bees this season (35), one ahead of Harry Taylor, but Taylor has made most starts.

In their last six home games the Bees have won two, drawn two and lost two. In their most recent six games away, Southend have won one, drawn two and lost three.

Barnet have not lost on 18 April for 44 years; not since 1978.

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In Memoriam

GABRIEL AITONJE

1999 - 2021

Today we pay a heartfelt tribute to a cherished young member of the Bee Army, the late Gabriel Aitonje, who has tragically and unexpectedly passed away at just 22 years of age.

After moving into the Underhill area almost a decade ago, it was his dad James who thoughtfully bought him his first Barnet FC season ticket for Christmas.

From that moment, he was hooked.

A regular at both Underhill and The Hive, Gabriel followed Barnet through thick and thin, proudly donning his vintage Bees jersey for all occasions, displaying an admirable loyalty that truly defined him as a person.

A loving son, diligent student and a caring friend to so many - including this writer! - Gabriel was effortlessly popular and full of wisdom beyond his years. Whether it was his trademark banter, remarkable intelligence or, on the subject of 'Barnet', his majestic Afro, he made a lasting impression on everyone he met.

Dubbed 'the little professor' from a young age, he accomplished so much in his short life, attaining a degree in Politics and International Relations from the prestigious Exeter University, earning a reputation there as a highly analytical mind - something he had already applied to his passion for football on a regular basis, providing insightful (often fiery) punditry to family and friends, and making rather 'bold' scoreline predictions!

Charitable and selfless by nature, Gabriel passionately stood up for the marginalised and was a staunch advocate for change. He gave money to the homeless, donated blood, and had even recently taken to brushing his teeth with a bamboo toothbrush because it was more eco-friendly.

He truly was one-of-a-kind; a unique, eccentric, brilliant, memorable character, and he will be profoundly missed more than words could ever express.

Our hearts go out to his two siblings, Luke and Lily-Ella, his dad James, and his mum Melissa.

Forever in our hearts. Forever a Bee.



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WHAT'S THE BUZZ



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Several groups of Crawley Town supporters have voiced their concerns over the recent takeover of the club.

The League Two side were taken over last week by WAGMI United, the cryptocurrency investors who had failed in a bid to take over Bradford City last year. Many fans see the takeover as potentially an "experiment which goes wrong", destroying the club.

Preston Johnson and Eben Smith, the founders of WAGMI, said after their takeover that they promise to get the club promoted to League One within two seasons, and will stand for re-election as directors if this is not achieved.

With the business end of the season now upon us, several clubs have now been either promoted, relegated, or secured play-off positions.

In the Premier League, Manchester City and Liverpool are the only sides to have confirmed European football through their league positions, although if results go their way this weekend, they will secure their places in the Champions League.

In the Championship, Fulham are guaranteed at least a play-off spot. In League One, Wigan Athletic are also guaranteed at least a play-off spot despite going into this weekend in first place, whilst Crewe Alexandra have been confirmed relegated to League Two.

In the fourth tier, Scunthorpe United have been relegated into the Vanarama National League after losing against Leyton Orient, whilst Dover Athletic will be playing National League South football next season.





33-year-old Lloyd Kerry has revealed this week that he is going to be retiring at the end of the season.

Having come through the academy at Sheffield United, he later played for Torquay United, Chesterfield, Alfreton Town, Kidderminster Harriers, Hinckley United and Tamworth, before arriving at Harrogate Town in 2014.

After initially being loaned out to Hednesford Town, he has since gone on to play almost 230 times for the club, scoring 17 times - as well as helping the club to promotions from the Vanarama National League North and Vanarama National League to reach League Two.

His last match will be at home against Sutton United on 7th May, when he will step up and become the club's Head of Recruitment.

The FA have fined both Tranmere Rovers and Carlisle United for their parts in failing to control their players and ensure they conducted themselves in an orderly fashion.

This came after a fight which broke out between the players at Prenton Park on 2nd April. The hosts were 1-0 up after 15 minutes, but the fight started after Rovers' Calum MacDonald received a straight red card for a late challenge on a Carlisle player.

The fight saw many players partake, with six more yellow cards being handed out, including to both managers for failing to contain their players.

Carlisle equalised early in the second-half, before Tranmere went ahead again 15 minutes from time.

Kieron Morris was then sent off for Tranmere in added time, taking them down to nine men before Tobi Sho Silva netted an equaliser moments later.



TODAY'S
MATCHDAY
MASCOT

BERT
HAYES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
BERT!

MATCH REPORT

BARNET FC TEAM:

JAKE ASKEW
 JORDAN THOMAS
 BEN RICHARDS-EVERTON
 ROB HALL (DANIEL POWELL 75')
 ROSS MARSHALL
 EPHRON MASON-CLARK © (LOUIS WALSH 90+3)
 ADAM MARRIOTT
 REISS GREENIDGE
 WES FONGUCK
 RYAN DE HAVILLAND
 REECE GREGO-COX

SUBS (NOT USED):

AYMEN AZAZE
 TEDDY HOWE
 SAM GRANVILLE

BRENTFORD B:

MATTHEW COX
 LEWIS GORDON
 VALENTINO ADEDOKUN (MYLES PEART-HARRIS 70')
 NICO JONES
 TRISTAN GRAMA
 BEN HOCKENHULL
 DOM JEFFERIES (ROY SYLA 88')
 JAAKO OKSANEN (PARIS MAGHOMA 77')
 ALEX GILBERT
 RYAN TREVITT
 NATHAN YOUNG-COOMBES

SUBS (NOT USED):

ROCO REES
 HANS MPONGO



PENALTIES 4-2



GOALS:

1

DE HAVILLAND (51')

GOALS:

1

YOUNG-COOMBES (23')



MATCH REPORT

THE BEES LIFTED THE MIDDLESEX FA SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP AT THE BEVEREE STADIUM — BEATING BRENTFORD B 4-2 ON PENALTIES AFTER THE GAME FINISHED 1-1 IN 90 MINUTES.

Dean Brennan's side didn't let their opponents settle in the opening stages as they searched for an early goal through Rob Hall's two curling free-kicks into the centre of the box which failed to be turned in.

Brentford B's first effort at goal came in the 19th minute as Valentino Adedokun crossed in from the left flank to Nathan Young-Coombes who headed past the near post.

Neil MacFarlane's side took the lead four minutes later when Adedokun played the ball to Nathan Young-Coombes on the edge of the box for him to curl it into the top right corner.

Ben Richards-Everton started a quick break in the 33rd minute which saw Ephron Mason-Clark cross low towards Adam Marriott who had his effort blocked away as they went in search of a leveller.

The Bees rattled the woodwork shortly after when Jake Askew's free-kick from the halfway line was flicked onto Ross Marshall whose first-time attempt came back off the crossbar.

Young-Coombes looked to score his second of the evening before the interval when he raced through on goal following a Bees attack, but Wes Fonguck tracked back well to make the vital challenge.

Dean Brennan's side equalised just after the break when a low cross into the area from Rob Hall eventually came to Ryan De Havilland who fired it home.

Brentford B responded with a chance of their own when Alex Gilbert played the ball forward to Young-Coombes whose effort was comfortable for Askew in the Bees' goal.

Reece Grego-Cox went close to putting his side ahead for the first time on the night in the 71st when his low strike rolled narrowly wide of the post after he had been picked out by Marriott.

Grego-Cox looked to turn provider moments later when his cross into the area found Mason-Clark who lashed the ball over the bar whilst on the turn.

Brentford B were awarded a penalty in the 87th minute after De Havilland brought Young-Coombes down in the box.

Young-Coombes took the resulting spot kick and saw his effort towards the bottom corner beaten away by Askew to keep the score at 1-1.

In the final minute of normal time the Bees had a clear opportunity to win the tie as Mason-Clark threaded the ball through to Daniel Powell who side-footed the ball wide of the post.

As neither team could find a winner in an entertaining 90 minutes, the final went straight to a penalty shootout.

Powell scored the first penalty for the Bees before Ryan Trevitt levelled the score. Marriott found the top corner with the second penalty whilst Roy Syla sent his attempt over the crossbar. Both Grego-Cox and Gilbert missed leaving the score at 2-1 after three penalties each.

Richards-Everton's kick crept in off the post before Peart-Harris pulled one back with his effort. De Havilland was next up for Dean Brennan's side whose low strike found the net to seal the Middlesex FA Senior Challenge Cup for the first time since 1933.



2021/22 APPEARANCES & GOALS

		LEAGUE				CUP				TOTALS			
		STARTS	SUBS	UNUSED	GOALS	STARTS	SUBS	UNUSED	GOALS	STARTS	SUBS	UNUSED	GOALS
1	SAM SARGEANT	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
2	JORDAN THOMAS	17	6	2	0	6	0	0	0	23	6	2	0
3	JOSH DOHERTY	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0
3	TEDDY HOWE	8	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	8	3	2	0
4	JOSH PAYNE	5	7	4	0	3	2	0	0	8	9	4	0
5	JAMIE TURLEY	12	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	13	1	1	0
6	BEN RICHARDS-EVERTON	26	4	3	3	7	0	0	0	33	4	3	3
7	ROB HALL	19	5	2	3	7	0	0	1	26	5	2	4
8	MITCH BRUNDLE	22	0	0	3	4	0	0	1	26	0	0	4
8	ROSS MARSHALL	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
9	MASON BLOOMFIELD	12	8	2	2	1	2	0	0	13	10	2	2
9	LOUIS WALSH	1	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	5	3	0
10	DANIEL POWELL	11	7	0	2	1	2	0	0	12	9	0	2
11	EPHRON MASON-CLARK	26	5	0	5	3	0	1	0	29	5	1	5
12	JAMES CALLAN	0	0	9	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	9	0
14	ADAM MARRIOTT	21	5	2	10	5	1	0	0	26	6	2	10
15	REISS GREENIDGE	17	2	1	2	5	0	1	0	22	2	2	2
16	KIAN FLANAGAN	19	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	20	3	2	1
17	SAM GRANVILLE	4	5	7	1	2	0	2	0	6	5	9	1
18	WES FONGUNK	16	7	4	0	4	2	1	1	20	10	4	1
19	HARRY TAYLOR	28	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	33	0	0	0
20	SERHAT TASDEMIR	8	10	4	2	2	3	1	0	10	13	5	2
21	JOE WIDDOWSON	8	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	9	1	0	2
22	ANTONIS VASILIOU	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
23	SAM BEARD	21	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	24	2	1	0
24	JAKE ASKEW	2	0	14	0	2	0	1	0	4	0	15	0
25	AYMEN AZAZE	1	0	6	0	1	0	4	0	2	0	10	0
26	DAVID SESAY	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	0
27	ASTON OXBOROUGH	22	0	4	0	3	0	2	0	25	0	5	0
28	SAM WOODS	18	1	1	1	4	1	0	0	22	2	1	1
31	BEN NUGENT	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0
33	RYAN DE HAVILLAND	6	3	4	0	3	0	0	1	9	3	4	1
39	REECE GREGO-COX	7	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	9	0	0	3





TEAM NEWS

Team News - Bees vs Southend United

Harry Taylor started in Good Friday's game at Dagenham & Redbridge after recovering from a knock at Northwood in the Middlesex FA Senior Challenge Cup semi-final.

The Bees will be without Kian Flanagan and Sam Woods for the rest of the season as both are carrying ankle injuries.

Joe Widdowson has been continuing with his recovery process since Stockport County away in October last year, although he won't return for any more games in the 2021/22 campaign.

Aston Oxborough also remains on the sidelines after being concussed in training in March.





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- 25 AYMEN AZAZE
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- 28 SAM WOODS
- 33 RYAN DE HAVILLAND
- 39 REECE GREGO-COX



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HEAD COACH
Kevin Maher

- 1 STEVE ARNOLD
- 3 NATHAN RALPH
- 4 ABU OGOGO
- 5 SHAUN HOBSON
- 7 JACK BRIDGE
- 8 JAMES DUNNE
- 9 RHYS MURPHY
- 10 SAM DALBY
- 11 CALLUM POWELL
- 12 TOM CLIFFORD
- 15 LEWIS GARD
- 16 HARRY PHILLIPS
- 17 JOE GUBBINS
- 19 SIMEON AKINOLA
- 20 WILL ATKINSON
- 21 HARRISON NEAL
- 22 KENNY CLARK
- 23 COLLIN ANDENG NDI
- 24 JASON DEMETRIOU ©
- 25 JACK WOOD
- 27 LEON DAVIES
- 30 MATTHEW DENNIS
- 35 OLLIE KENSDALE
- 38 NOOR HUSIN
- 39 HARRY CARDWELL

MATCH
Officials



REFEREE:
Elliott Swallow



ASSISTANT:
Jack Clench



ASSISTANT:
Grzegorz Kornasiewicz



FOURTH OFFICIAL:
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