

**ST. NEOTS TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
MATCH REPORT – TUESDAY APRIL 9th 2002**

EAGLE BITTER UNITED COUNTIES PREMIER LEAGUE

RAUNDS TOWN 2 ST. NEOTS TOWN 0

Saints needed to get back to winning ways, to keep a top three challenge alive, after loosing to Boston the previous Saturday. The visitors started well and pushed Raunds back into their own half for much of the first twenty minutes and came agonisingly close on 10 minutes when Jason Meeds had his shot cleared off the line. Wes Byrne missed a really good chance on 30 minutes after bursting into the box could only put his shot wide of the target, with only the keeper to beat.

This miss proved to be crucial for just eight minutes later Wayne Richards broke down the left and after passing his defender drove his shot inside Young to put Raunds one up. Raunds should have doubled the score, just before the break, but were denied by a spectacular diving header, off the line, by Nathan Buckland, after a mix up between Smith and Young.

Raunds edged the second period and but for Buckland's brilliantly timed challenge to deny Scott Coleman, a shooting chance, could have gone further behind. Saints were denied a good penalty shout 15 minutes before the final whistle when Byrne was up ended in the box but Saints appeals went unheeded.

Raunds second came not long before the final whistle when Scott Coleman received a good ball cut back into the middle from Scott Goodacre on the left, and unmarked put the ball wide of Young.

Team: Young, Grieve, Bloss, Hicks, Smith, Buckland, Dear, Meeds, Kuhne, Byrne, Bell.

Subs: Bell, Johnson, McCreanor.

Subs Used: Brown for Bell, Johnson for Meeds, McCreanor for Smith.

Goals: Raunds: Richards (38 mins), Coleman (85mins)