

**ST. NEOTS TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
EAGLE BITTER UNITED COUNTIES PREMIER LEAGUE**

MATCH REPORT – SATURDAY 13/10/01

FORD SPORTS 3 - ST. NEOTS TOWN 1

Not so much a disappointing performance but a disappointing result was the verdict from Mike Brooks after a 3 – 1 defeat at Fords Sports. Saints created much of their own demise with a combination of rash defending and giving the ball away too casually to gift Ford with their three goals. Andy Chapman's rash challenge on the edge of his own box resulted in Ford being awarded a free kick, just over the half hour mark, which resulted in their first goal. The kick hit the defensive wall but Ford were quicker to re-act and found themselves one up on 38mins.

Ford took advantage of a poor pass from Vince Petty for their second just two minutes after the break. His pass was easily intercepted played wide cut back into the box and dispatched into the back of the net before the Saints defence could get back on terms.

To make matters worse Wes Byrne was also guilty of the same mistake as his team mate Petty on 58 mins. His miss-hit pass completely wrong footed the Saints defence and was again dispatched into the back of the net.

Vince Petty gave Saints a little hope, 15 minutes before the final whistle; his first attempt was parried by the keeper but made no mistake when striking the rebound into the top of the net. Paul Bloss had a good chance to reduce the deficit, before the final whistle, but could only fire his hot wide of the post.

Chris Howell was not at the game electing instead to watch Saints next opponents in the FA Vase, Wembley loose 4 –1 at Arlsey Town.

Team: Young, Grieve, Bloss, Chapman, McCreanor, Smith, Petty, Claridge, Byrne, Brown, Meeds.

Subs: Buckland, Kuhne, Carey.

Subs Used: Kuhne for Byrne, Carey for Claridge.

Goals: Saints: Petty (75min)