

**ST. NEOTS TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
MATCH REPORT – TUESDAY 13/11/01**

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ST. NEOTS TOWN 2 - WOOTTON BLUE CROSS 1

With injuries, work commitments, holidays and suspensions Chris Howell had to make a number of changes to the side that successfully saw off Romford in the F A Vase the previous Saturday. Frank Atkins and Scott Grant both made their first appearances for the first team this season and new signing, from Amphill, Gareth Grant made his first team debut.

As we know games against Wootton are always competitive and we still can't believe we lost in the reverse fixture 0 –1 earlier in the season so a reverse of the result would be very welcome.

The players responded exceptionally well to the changes with Frank Atkins and Scott Grant playing like they had never been away while new signing Gareth Grant slotted into his midfield role with ease.

Eight minutes into the game Andy Grieve made a good run down the right flank and delivered a deep cross, a number of Wootton defenders attempted to clear the ball, and in the confusion Steve Kuhne stepped in and netted with a shot that took a late deflection.

Wootton mounted an immediate response but the Saints back three of Hicks, Grant and McCreanor held firm and on 27 minutes saints doubled their score. Frank Atkins hit a high ball into the visitor's penalty area and Kuhne timed his jump to perfection to get above Jack Rashid and head home.

After the break there was a brief Wootton rally and former Saint Darek Joswiak pulled a goal back despite keeper Steve Young getting a hand to his low shot. Although Wootton probably had the better of the remainder of the game Steve Young was never really tested and Saints went on to record a memorable victory.

Team: Young, Grieve, Bloss, Hicks, McCreanor, S Grant, Petty, Dear, Kuhne, Atkins, G Grant.

Subs: Linnell, Foster, Goodhall, McDonnell, Cavilla.

Subs Used: Linnell for Atkins

Goals: Saints: Kuhne (8 and 27minutes).