

**ST. NEOTS TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
MATCH REPORT – SATURDAY 17/11/01**

EAGLE BITTER UNITED COUNTIES PREMIER LEAGUE

BUGBROOKE 0 - ST. NEOTS TOWN 3

Saints top marksman, Steve Kuhne, added another goal to his tally after just 47 seconds. Andy Grieve swung in a corner, forced almost from the kick off, to the front post and the ever-present Kuhne at the back post headed the resultant back header by Simon Claridge home.

The visitors dominated the first half but could not break down the rear guard action of the Bugbrooke defenders who cleared off their goal line no less than four times during the first period.

With so much possession and creating so many chances it was inevitable that Saints would score again. Their second came courtesy of Jason Meeds, in time added on for the first period. Paul Bloss was the provider, laying the ball back for Meeds to curl into the top corner with pace.

The second period started much as the first half had finished with Saints dominating most of the play and a third goal was added on 55 minutes. Kuhne headed the ball out to Bloss on the left flank, the speedy wing – back passed his defender and crossed the ball along the goal line for Claridge to side foot home.

To be fair to Bugbrooke they never gave up and created several chances but produced nothing that Saints keeper, Steve Young, was not equal to.

The midfield trio of Ricky Dear, Simon Claridge and Jason Meeds worked well in midfield and Scott Grant, returning from a knee operation, marshalled the defence superbly. Another plus for Saints was the return, to the first team, of Mick McDonnell who again has recently undergone surgery, who came on for Andy Grieve.

Team: Young, Grieve, Bloss, Hicks, Chapman, Grant, Petty, Dear, Kuhne, Meeds, Claridge.

Subs: McCreanor, McDonnell, Goodhall.

Subs Used: Goodhall for Kuhne, McDonnell for Grieve.

Goals: Saints: Kuhne (47 Seconds), Meeds (45 mins), Claridge (55 mins).