

## ST. NEOTS TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

MATCH REPORT – TUESDAY 21/8/01  
EAGLE BITTER UNITED COUNTIES PREMIER DIVISION

**ST. NEOTS TOWN 1 DESBOROUGH 0**

After two close defeats and draw manager Chris Howell decided to change the formation for this very important home fixture against joint leaders Desborough. Some of those within the club have been waiting a long time to see this change in tactics, away from the 5, 3, 2 formation to a more traditional 4, 4, 2.

Desborough are a good side and there was little to choose between the two sides although both defences had the better of the early encounters. As the first half progressed Saints began to press forward and start to produce some good attacking football. Both strikers, Steve Kuhne and Wes Byrne, had two good opportunities to put the Saints ahead but the opening goal was well taken by left back Paul Bloss. (Now known as Dave). A neat little exchange with Paul Carey gave Bloss the opening to blast the ball past the keeper, inside the near post, just before the interval.

During the second period the Saints back four looked well in command and but for a looping chip from Chong, halfway through the second period, Webster had very little to do. At the other end Saints continued to create chances and Kuhne was unlucky not to put Saints further ahead with a header, from a superb cross from Andy Grieve, who came on for Paul Carey.

Jason Meeds replaced the injured Wes Byrne, ten minutes before the final whistle, and started to open up the visitors defence, linking well with Kuhne, but that second goal remained elusive.

Although the scoreline was close Saints should have finished the game with at least two more goals but three points, from this game, was the order of the day and that was achieved

**Team:** Webster, Dear, Bloss, Chapman, McCreanor, Smith, Carey, Brown, Kuhne, Byrne, Claridge.

**Subs:** Buckland, Meeds, Hailstone, Grieve.

**Subs Used:** Meeds for Byrne, Grieve for Carey

**Goals:** St. Neots: Bloss (45mins).