

**ST. NEOTS TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
MATCH REPORT – SATURDAY 27/10/01**

EAGLE BITTER UNITED COUNTIES PREMIER LEAGUE

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Saints manager, Chris Howell, made three changes to the line up from the team that lost at rivals Eynesbury Rovers in midweek, Trevor Smith and Andy Chapman replaced Brett Fairholme and Mick McCreanor in the back three and Warren Brown replaced Nathan Buckland in midfield. Both McCreanor and Fairholme have been struggling with injuries lately and therefore McCreanor was given a rest from the squad and Fairholme took up a position on the bench as with Buckland who suffered double vision during Tuesdays game.

Long Buckby, arguably, started the better of the two teams and put some good passing moves together, whereas Saints struggled to put more than two passes together without giving the ball back to the visitors.

Buckby's Bobby Hill took advantage of a mix up between Simon Claridge and Justin Hicks, on 22 minutes, nipping the ball away from the two Saints players and firing home past Young.

Vince Petty bought Saints back on terms, 8 minutes later, firing home a low shot, from a low hard cross from Andy Grieve.

What ever was said, at half time, in the dressing room worked wonders as Saints started the second half looking like a new team. Three goals in seven minutes, two from Jason Meeds and one from Simon Claridge, demoralised Buckby and put Saints firmly in the driving seat.

Steve Kuhne weighed in with two more goals on 61 and 77 minutes, giving the saints top marksman a tally of 15 for the season and inflicting on Buckby their heaviest defeat of the current campaign.

This good win should give the team the confidence they need for Tuesday's clash with Bourne Town who suffered only their fourth defeat of the season away at Deeping Rangers.

Team: Young, Grieve, Bloss, Smith, Chapman, Hicks, Petty, Brown, Kuhne, Meeds, Claridge.

Subs: Fairholme, Dear, Buckland.

Subs Used: Dear for Bloss, Buckland for Grieve.

Goals: Saints: Petty (30), Claridge (53), Meeds (50 & 57), Kuhne (61 & 77)
Buckby: Hill (22)