

**ST. NEOTS TOWN FC  
MATCH REPORT – 21/8/04**

**DEEPING RANGERS 3 - 1 ST. NEOTS TOWN**

Another bad day at the office for Saints manager Jon Taylor beaten convincingly by a Deeping side, who were, reduced to ten men, having their captain sent off after 30 minutes. Now with only two points from three games Taylor will start to look to, not only, settle the side but to probably fill the gaps left from key players, who have moved on, such as Steve Wareham and Dwain Stuppel.

Although, one could argue that, the Saints side lacked shape and idea's, there is little doubt that, they should have come away from this game with all three points. Six minutes into the game Steve Jelley released Barry Dellar down the right flank his cross found Paul Bloss but his header was way over the bar. Deeping replied with a long range shot, from Dave Robertson, which Hurst collected comfortably. Dellar was back in the action, a few minutes later, Liam Harrold, dropping of the front line, picked up the ball in midfield and cleverly released Dellar. After all the good work his final effort on goal was not good enough for the impressive, Deeping keeper, John Feetham, who pushed Dellar's shot away for a corner. The deadlock was finally broken, on the half hour, after picking the ball up from a mella in the left hand corner, Mark Philips delivered a deep cross to the back of the penalty area, Dellar was first to the ball, and again forced keeper Feetham to make the save. Feetham could only parry the shot, which fell kindly to Steve Jelley, and before Jelly could shoot he was hauled to the ground by Deeping defender Dave Robertson. With the normal penalty taker, Steve Kuhne, on the bench, new boy Liam Harrold took responsibility and converted his third goal in as many games.

Dave Robertson was to find more controversy, four minutes later, after an off the ball incident with Saints Danny Griggs. The Referee, Andrew Johnson, had little hesitation in providing yellow cards for both players, unfortunately Robertson had already received a caution earlier in the game and his second was converted to red.

The visitors had most of the play for the remainder of the half and continued to make chances, but in time added on an innocuous challenge, by Jon Hoggett, some thirty yards from goal, was blown up for a foul by Referee Johnson. With little time remaining Ross Nichols shot for goal, the ball bounced in front of Hurst, bounced of his chest and into the path of Chris Garwell who could not believe his luck and tapped in the rebound.

The second half saw two goals, one from Chris Garwell, his second, and Gianna Santoro, on the 58<sup>th</sup> and 72 minute respectively, which ended any hopes for Saints. The two goals were very similar both from breaks down the Deeping left flank, producing a deep cross and both Garwell and Santoro finishing well from inside the penalty area.

Saints introduced Vince Petty, Simon Claridge and Scott Kingsbury into the action and both Petty and Claridge had shots blocked on the line. Mark Philips squandered a good chance with a one on one with the keeper 13 minutes into the second half but his shot was easily dealt with by Feetham.

Saints Team: Hurst, Lawes, Bloss, Hoggett, Trott, Cox, Dellar, Griggs, Harrold, Philips, Jelley,  
Subs: Kuhne, Petty, Claridge, Mathews, Kingbury.  
Subs Used: Claridge for Jelley, Kingsbury for Griggs, Petty for Philips.

Goals: Harrold (30) – St. Neots  
Garwell (48, 58) Santoro (72) - Deeping