

ST. NEOTS TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Match Report – 2nd October 2004

St. Neots Town 7 Daventry 1

It always helps to get an early goal and that's just what St. Neots Captain, Ian Trott, did. With just 45 seconds on the clock Trott headed home from a Russell Lawes corner kick won almost immediately from the kick off. Liam Harrold, not to be out done netted 5 minutes later, with a first time shot, after a perfect delivery from Danny Griggs, from the right flank. Although Daventry tried to rally themselves and get back into the game St. Neots were rampant and Ozie Foster, on his debut, scored Saints third 12 minutes into the game. A long ball, played into the visitors half, was headed on by Harrold. for Foster who took the ball into the area and cleverly shot past, Nick Moss, the Daventry keeper. Another good cross in from Danny Griggs, led to Saints fourth, the Daventry defence failed to clear, and Paul Bloss was just ahead of Harrold and Foster to tap in from close range. Daventry's best spell of the first half came after to conceding a fourth goal. Gareth Jones, one of the Daventry forwards, worked hard to get the visitors back in the game and made John Chatfield make two good saves. Just after the half hour Scott Houghton won the ball, in the centre of the park, and played a defence splitting ball for Russell Lawes down the left flank. His first time cross was met perfectly by Harrold, just outside the goal area, and his finish and second of the day, gave the visitor's keeper no chance. Just before the break Daventry's Gareth Jones pulled one back for the visitors. A long ball played into the home teams penalty area was met by some sloppy defending and Jones took full advantage beating the Saints keeper, John Chatfield, from just outside the goal area,

Daventry looked a better team after the break and began to string a few good moves together. St. Neots first opportunity of the second half came after Liam Harrold was tripped just outside the visitor's penalty area. Paul Bloss lined up the shot and curled it into the top corner, for his second goal of the game. Daventry were awarded a penalty shortly afterwards when Michael Cox was adjudged to have tripped the ever present Gareth Jones. Jones elected to take the penalty himself, which he struck well into the corner, but Chatfield was equal to the shot and pushed the ball round the post for a corner. John Hoggett scored with a good header, five minutes before the final whistle, from just outside the goal area.

Team: Chatfield, Green, Lawes, Hoggett, Cox, Trott, Griggs, Houghton, Harrold, Foster, Bloss.

Subs: Philips, Fortune, Kingsbury, Chapman, Randall.

Subs Used: Philips for Foster, Kingsbury for Houghton.

Goals: St. Neots: Trott (1), Harrold (6,32), Foster (12), Bloss (17,60), Hoggett (85).

Daventry: Jones (43)