

St. Neots Town F.C - Match Report 2004/05

Match Report – 8th February 2005
Hunts Premier Cup – First Round

Langford 1 St. Neots Town 1
(After Extra time)
Lanford won 5 – 4 on penalty kicks

St. Neots bowed out of the Premier Cup on Tuesday evening after the game finished 1-1 after extra time and Langford won the penalty shoot out by 5-4. Craig Errington, the Langford keeper, saved from Andy Taylor, who took Saints fifth penalty, leaving Tawhid Juneja to convert their last penalty and a place in the next round away to Needingworth. The final score after ninety minutes was all square at 1-1 and extra time saw both teams both create good chances but without result.

St. Neots started the better of the two sides and should have been ahead after 5 minutes when Clive Woodland went one on one with the Langford keeper. His inability to get the ball under control gave the initiative to Craig Errington who stole the ball away from Woodland before he could get a shot at goal. The early pressure, from the visitors, paid off when St. Neots forced a corner and Lawes kick found Nicky Hurst who powerfully head over the stranded keeper. Hurst was unlucky not to double his tally 10 minutes later when his header from Lawes free kick glanced over the cross bar. Simon Claridge headed just wide, on the half hour, from the visitors sixth corner of the half. St. Neots last chance to double their score line came just before the break after being awarded a direct free kick just outside the area. Russell Lawes elected to take the kick and saw his powerful shot clear the wall and just skim the cross bar. The second half became a scrappy affair with three Langford and one St. Neots player being cautioned. Steve Corry, the St. Neots keeper, had little to do during the second period and it was against the run of play that Langford got their equalizer 10 minutes before the final whistle. A long ball into the Saint's area eluded everyone but fell kindly to Nick Steelwell who allowed the ball to bounce over his head and volley the ball past Corry. St. Neots had the better chances during the extra time period but Pete Saunders, Joe Jordan and Simon Claridge all squandered good opportunities to wrap the game up. The penalty shoot out started with St. Neots taking the first penalty kick with Pete Saunders who converted well followed by Clive Woodland, Russell Lawes and Simon Claridge who all scored. Andy Taylor took the last kick which was well saved by Craig Errington.

Team: Corry, Clark, Lawes, Taylor, Hurst, Claridge, Mannion, Jenner, Saunders, Griggs, Woodland.

Subs: Matthews, Cavilla, Woodhead, Jordan, Hobbs.

Subs Used: Jordan for Griggs, Hobbs for Mannion.

Goals: St. Neots: Hurst. Langford: Stillwell.