

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

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Match Report – 12/2/05 – Eagle Bitter United Counties League

Cogenhoe 5 St. Neots Town 0

The current league leaders Cogenhoe inflicted on St. Neots their heaviest league defeat of the season on Saturday at Compton Park. Still smarting from an early departure from the Premier Cup, the previous Tuesday, at the hands of Langford Utd, this was not the result the small band of travelling supporters wanted to see. St. Neots won the home fixture, earlier in the season, by the odd goal in three, and a repeat of that result would be unlikely to be repeated at present. Unfortunately two very indifferent decisions, from the referee and linesman, contributed largely to the first two Cogenhoe goals. A deliberate push from behind, on Simon Claridge, was enough to make him miss an important header and allowed the ball to fall to Cogenhoe's Dan Burke for an easy strike at goal that beat Steve Corry, the St. Neots keeper, at the near post, after just 4 minutes of play. St. Neots replied with two good chances both from Simon Claridge, the first from a Russell Lawes free kick, from just outside the penalty area, which Claridge headed just over the bar. The second was the result of a good interpassing move that put Claridge free but his shot was blocked on the line. Cogenhoe's second was clearly off – side and Roy Anderson's goal on 31 minutes infuriated the St. Neots defenders who remonstrated with the Referee's assistant to no avail. These two decisions took their toll on the St. Neots players and culminated in Russell Lawes retaliating to an elbow in the face by tripping Richard Turner, from behind, as he moved away with the ball. Although a caution would and should have been the punishment the referee decided to administer a straight red card to Lawes even though the initial elbow was directly in front of the assistant referee. Trailing by two goals and now down to ten men, against the league leaders, would require a miracle to get back on terms. Although St. Neots pushed hard to get back on terms, during the second half, little went their way and at times found themselves stretched when pushing forward. The game was put beyond reach when Richard Turner found himself free on the left flank and cut inside to deliver a curling shot into the far corner which gave Corry little chance. Two further goals within the last five minutes of play from Brian Page and a second for Roy Anderson gave Cogenhoe the points and retained their pole position in the league table.

Team: Corry, Cox, Lawes, Taylor, Matthews, Claridge, Mannion, Woodland, Saunders, Jordan, Griggs.

Subs: Atkins, Jenner, Bryant, Cavilla.

Subs Used: Jenner for Mannion.

Goals: Cogenhoe:- Burke (3), Anderson (31, 90), Turner (75), Page (85).