

St. Neots Town Football Club
Season 2006-07 Match Reports

SATURDAY 12/8/06
EAGLE BITTER UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE
ST. NEOTS TOWN 0 NEWPORT PAGNELL 0

Arguably a disappointing start to the season for player manager Steve Kuhne who's team created the chances but were unable to turn the chances into goals against a side that is being rebuilt around its Youth programme. With several players unavailable Kuhne reshuffled and elected to play with a back three of Jon Hoggett, Nick Hurst and Russell Lawes and it must be said that this combination looked strong and gave little away during the game. New signing Martyn Patching had a good debut game in goal having to make only one good save during the game. Unfortunately moving Jon Hogget into the back three left the midfield woefully short of bite and idea's with Scott Grant looking a long way from match fitness.

Gary Walker mounted the first serious challenge on the visitor's goal and did well to weave his way to the by-line only to incense his fellow players by electing to go for goal on a tight angle instead of an easy lay back. Matt Endersby almost broke the deadlock with a superbly taken free kick, after fifteen minutes, his curling shot just scrapping the outside of the post with the visitors keeper stranded. Endersby had another good chance, not many minutes later, when he latched on a long ball to the back post, delivered by Jon Hoggett, but his shot was wide of the back post. Walker also came agonisingly close when he just failed to connect with an Ashley Deverall cross stuck low and hard across the face of the goal. Steve Kuhne, who was playing behind the front two, probably had the best chance of the half, just before the break, when he found himself in a good position just some fifteen yards out, but his side foot effort was easily collected by the visitor's keeper.

The second half was dour and only two things of note to mention was a cast iron shout for a penalty as a Matt Endersby shot was parried down by a visitor's defender in the area and a very good save from Martin Patching to keep a share of the points for the Saints towards the end of the game.

Team: Patching, Grant, Lawes, Dear, Hurst, Hoggett, Franklin, Deverall, Kuhne, Walker (Richardson), Endersby.

Subs not used: Ashby, Currington, Hunt (GK).

Saints man of the match: Jon Hoggett