

Potton United 3, St Neots Town 0

St Neots disappointing start to the league season continued midweek at local rivals Potton, where a rather disjointed display allowed the hosts to dominate open play and impose their strength around the pitch. So much so the Saints were pretty much on the back foot throughout, and Pottons' Brad Gilham never had a serious save to make throughout the entire 90 minutes.

The Royals close season capture from Biggleswade United Barry Sells continued his early promise netting himself a hat trick, opening the scoring on 28 minutes. A long ball out to the left eluded Stuart Richardson, which allowed Sells to cut in before steering his weighted lob into the far left hand corner.

Matt Endersby had a snap shot deflected for a corner on 40 minutes, this after Steve Kuhne had won an aerial challenge to set him up. However this just re ignited the home side and within a minute Sells had added his and Pottons second with almost a carbon copy of his first strike, reacting quickest to Bucklands blocked shot.

The second period was little better for the Saints, as Potton had the ball in the net after just two minutes, fortunately wiped out for an infringement, however Saints relief was short lived when Sells completed his hat trick on 65 minutes rifling his shot in off the underside of the cross bar, this after Patching had kept the ball out with three saves in succession.

This prompted a triple substitution by the Saints, yet still Potton pushed forward and but for a goal line clearance from Nick Hurst Sells would have added his fourth

As the clock ran down John Hoggett saw his long range effort go wide, and when the final whistle sounded, the large away following wondered just how the side can begin to rebuild the confidence that they are so obviously short on.

Team: M.Patching, S.Richardson(S.Claridge 71), R.Lawes, R.Sommers (S.Grant 76), N.Hurst, J.Hoggett, M.Franklyn (G.Walker 71), R.Dear, S.Kuhne, A.Deverall, M.Endersby.