

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

UNITED COUNTIES PREMIER LEAGUE  
**St. Neots Town 3 Bourne Town 2**

A Wes Byrne strike in time added on gave Saints another valuable three points as they strive to re-build their season. There was little between the two teams throughout the game although Saints strong finish and passion to win the game tipped the balance. Bourne came to Rowley Park on the back of a comfortable defeat of Potton the previous Saturday and with games in hand on their hosts. With Nicky Hurst still injured, after receiving a bad foot injury the previous Saturday, Richard Becket was a timely signing from fellow UCL outfit Stotfold Utd. Two other players also making their Rowley Park debuts were James Dillnutt from Arlesey Town and John Coley from Langford two very good signings for Steve Young.

The hosts started brightly and could have gone ahead in the first few minutes through John Coley although his effort just curled wide of the post. It took some time for the visitors to play their way into the game and start to create chances. Their reward was a well taken near post strike by Aaron Rideout, converting from a corner, just before the break. Wes Byrne replied for the Saints, after the break, levelling the score on 52 minutes but the celebrations only lasted a few minutes. Another corner was the undoing of the hosts as Keith Gray was allowed a free header, just five minutes later, which he converted with authority to edge the visitors ahead once more. Saints pressed hard for the equaliser and forced a number of corners. It was from one of these corners that Mark Franklin curled in an un-stoppable kick that, Lee Flynn, the Bourne keeper, completely miss-judged and the ball flew into the back of the net. With the equaliser in hand Steve Young, the Saints manager, asked his players to press on for the winner, his players duly responded and Wes Byrne finished of a good move, from the back post, in time added on to give Saints maximum points.

**Team:** Ryan Hunt, James Dillnutt, Russell Lawes, Scott Grant, Richard Beckett, Rory McKay, (Joe Jordon) Ben Singleton, Ashley Deverall, Wes Byrne, John Coley, Mark Franklin.

**Subs not used:** Tom Moran and Steve Young.

**Goals:** Wes Byrne (52 & 92) Mark Franklin (88)

**Saints Man of the Match:** Wes Byrne.