

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

UCL Premier Division
St Neots A Blackstones A

It was still honours even between these two sides when Referee Gary Colby had no option but to abandon the match after 69 minutes with the scores level at 1-1. The most disappointed man will have been St Neots skipper Russell Lawes who had put his side in front after just three minutes with a stunning left foot shot from 35 yards that the visiting keeper never saw. It was a strike worthy of winning any match but by the break the St Neots lead had been cancelled out by a Richard Thompson equaliser from an Ashley Stevens cross. The start of the heavy rain coincided with the start of the match and it never let up. The match official tried hard to keep the game going but it became evident that it had descended into farce as the puddles on the pitch became ever deeper. St Neots great start saw them boss the first half hour with Byrne bringing a save from Ian Flavell and Richard Beckett having a shot cleared off the line. The pace of the Blackstones front pair then caused problems and Thompson squandered two chances either side of his goal. The first half finished with Kevin Ashby heading wide from a Mark Franklin corner. Blackstones looked the better side after the break and player/manager Steve Young making a rare appearance in goal because of the 'flu stricken Ryan Hunt had to produce two good saves from Ross Watson and Elton Holmes. However all the efforts were wasted when the abandonment took place and the two sides must meet again at Rowley Park later in the season.

Team: Steve Young, James Dillnut (Rory McKay 58 mins), Russell Lawes, Scott Grant, Kevin Ashby, Craig Reynolds (Joe Jordan 64 mins), Ben Singleton, Richard Beckett, Wes Byrne, John Coley, Mark Franklin.

Subs not used: Tom Moran, Tom Mallins, Shaun Cleaver.

Goal: Russell Lawes (3 minutes).

Man of the Match: John Coley