

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

HUNTS SENIOR CUP
AFC Fletton 2 St Neots 0

A woefully inept display from the Saints saw them quietly exit this season's Hunts Senior Cup Competition when they lost 2 - 0 to AFC Fletton.

The tone of the Saints display was set after three minutes when Jay Thomas was slow to react to a cross from the right hand side which enabled Glen Boulden to shoot past Martyn Patching. After this initial shock, Saints started to put their passing game together but having worked themselves into useful positions, the final ball let them down. Jay Thomas nearly made up for his earlier error after seven minutes and Kevin Ashby, one of only a few players to do themselves justice on the day, headed over the bar from a Ben Singleton cross. On twenty five minutes a fine cut back by John Coley, who had an outstanding game, saw Jason Darvall fire a shot into the net only for the effort to be ruled out by the Assistants flag for offside. This controversial decision seemed to deflate the team for a while and Martyn Patching had to make a very sharp save after 34 minutes to prevent Fletton from going further ahead.

The beginning of the second half saw the introduction of Joe Jordan for Ben Singleton and this seemed to inspire the Saints as Tom Malins couldn't quite reach a John Coley cross. This was followed by a fine run and cross by Nick Linford which resulted in a shot being blocked. The pressure began to mount on the Fletton defence but, ten minutes into the half, a breakaway and some sloppy defending saw Sean Bingham put the home team further ahead. Saints never really got into the match after this although Bas Belgrave had a shot saved at point blank range on the hour and the match drifted away from them.

St Neots: Patching, Richardson, Lawes (C), Thomas, Ashby, Singleton, Darvall, Linford, Coley, Belgrave, Malins

Subs: Moran (for Richardson, 80), Hunt, Christie, McKay, Jordan (for Singleton, 45)

Saints MOM - John Coley