

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

UCL Premier Division
St Neots 0 Boston 4

A surprisingly inept second half display saw Saints, who were a goal behind at the interval, concede three further goals to high flying Boston Town. The visitors hero was 45 year old striker Dave Scotney who helped himself to a hat trick although the home side contributed to their own downfall with some poor defending.

On a bright but windy afternoon, Saints started the match well when Jason Darvall burst through the middle after three minutes but pulled his shot just wide of the target. Boston came back strongly with a Gary Bull effort and almost scored after eight minutes when Scotney lobbed the ball onto the roof of the net when he probably should have scored. The visitors came even closer a couple of minutes later when Ryan Hunt was unable to deal with an awkward corner and the ball was hacked off the line. Boston continued to press with another effort from Bull but Saints fought back when a Craig Reynolds free kick was blocked. On nineteen minutes, some neat play by Francis put Belgrave free on the right hand side of the area. His cross shot was met by Reynolds who was narrowly wide of the post with his effort. Four minutes later, Boston took the lead in somewhat bizarre circumstances. Scotney went through the centre of the defence and beat Hunt with his shot. The ball appeared to cross the line but Moran cleared the ball away with the referee playing on. A couple of the Boston players then appealed to the Assistant, who had failed to indicate a goal and, after consultation with the referee a goal was awarded. Saints struggled to recover from this somewhat strange turn of events but were very close to an equaliser when, following a good pass from Belgrave, Darvall's quick cross from the right was headed just past the post by Francis. On the stroke of half time, Moran also had a header from a corner just off target.

St Neots started the second half steadily but were rocked by a second Boston goal after fifty four minutes when sloppy defending Taylor allowed the ball to be crossed to Scotney who scored from close range. This seemed to demoralise the home team completely and the game then went into a very scrappy phase with Boston happy to sit on their lead although Bull shot into the side netting on the hour. Despite two substitutions, the Saints couldn't raise their game and it was no surprise when Laszlo Laslos, set free on the left hand side of the box, scored a third goal for the visitors with a fine right foot shot on seventy eight minutes. Nine minutes later, Scotney completed his hat trick when Hunt fumbled a shot and the striker was on hand to put the ball home.

So, a disappointing result and, from the sidelines, there seemed to be a lack of pride and passion in wearing the Saints shirt which was disturbing for the loyal fans.

Saints: Hunt, Russell, Dillnutt, Moran, Taylor, Finch, Deverell, Darvall, Belgrave, Francis, Reynolds

Subs: Franklin (for Darvall), Richardson (for Deverell), Facey (for Francis)

Not Used: Bowskill, Parr

Saints MOM: Moran