

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

UCL Premier Division
St Neots Town 3, Buckingham 0

Following three indifferent performances, St Neots raised their game and came out 3 nil winners at home to Buckingham. Whilst Ryan Francis will take the plaudits for his fine hat-trick, the other players should take pride in their performance as well. Buckingham also played their part in an entertaining game which left them still fighting relegation at the end.

Ryan's first goal came after just 35 seconds when, as the Buckingham defence retreated, he bent a fine shot round the keeper and into the net. The away team were stunned but fought back well with Martyn Patching having to make an important save and another shot flying wide of the far post. Saints could have added to their lead when another effort from Francis just went past the post, much to John Coley's disbelief, and Ivan Finch hit two excellent shots on target.

Saints gradually picked up their game after the break with Bas Belgrave in particular to the fore. A second home goal always looked likely and arrived on 71 minutes when Ashley Deverell initiated a move down the right and Ryan Francis finished with aplomb. Eight minutes later, John Coley also broke free down the right and his unselfish pass allowed Francis to complete his hat trick.

Overall, a fine display with the added bonus of a clean sheet.

Saints: Patching, Lawes, Barry, Russell, Taylor, Finch, Deverell, Darvall, Belgrave, Coley, Francis

Subs: Franklin, Facey, Huckle, Richardson, Hunt (none used)

Saints MOM: The Whole Team