

St. Neots Town Football Club  
Season 2007-08 Match Reports

UCL Premier Division  
**AFC Kempston 0 St Neots Town 7**

St Neots powered their way to their biggest ever away Premier Division victory at the expense of a poor Kempston side. Four goals in the first 20 minutes of the second half swamped the home side after a first half in which St Neots scored twice but never looked fully on song. It was a game to remember for midfielder Chris Garwell making his debut as a substitute for the injured David Fisk for he scored twice and looked a very useful addition to the squad. Kempston were poorly organised and mounted little threat to a well drilled St Neots defence managing only a couple of serious attempts on goal in the full ninety minutes.

From the start it looked like being a fairly comfortable evening for the visitors. Inside the first two minutes Arin Fehmi shot wide and Ryan Francis had a header tipped away by Lewis Rust at full stretch and then Ivan Finch had a well placed header diverted on to the cross bar. The first goal came on the quarter hour when a challenge by John Clarke was deemed dangerous and Ryan Francis appeared to miss hit his penalty kick but it was pushed into the net by the unfortunate Kempston keeper. Kempston's best effort of the match came after 22 minutes when Gary Higgins burst past the last defender and brought a good save low at his near post by Martyn Patching. The pressure continued on the Kempston goal and after 28 minutes a shot by Barrington Belgrave was blocked but Arin Fehmi followed up to claim his first goal for St Neots. A careless back pass by Kevin Ashby almost let in James Cooper but Patching saved well and then St Neots had to make a first half change five minutes before the break introducing Chris Garwell for the injured David Fisk.

The second half exploded into life when from an Ashley Deverall corner Ashby had a fierce shot blocked by a defender and Tony Russell followed up to score from close range. Kempston brought on two substitutes in a bid to stem the tide but just before the hour the unlucky Belgrave saw a shot hit a post but Ryan Francis was on hand to tuck away the rebound and extend the lead to 4-0. He was then denied a hat trick when another shot rebounded from the woodwork but St Neots were now relentless and with the Kempston defence becoming more and more ragged Chris Garwell struck twice in as many minutes scoring first with a volley and then with a simple tap in when a Francis shot rebounded from a defender. At that stage a cricket score looked likely but just one more goal came three minutes from time when a cross from the overlapping Mark Barry was diverted into his own net by John Clarke.

**Saints:** Patching, Hoggett, Barry, Russell, Ashby, Finch, Fisk, Deverall, Belgrave, Francis, Fehmi.

**Subs:** Garwell (for Fisk 40 mins), Kuhne (for Fehmi 61 mins), Watts (for Russell 67 mins), Lawes & Osborne.

**Scorers:** Ryan Francis 2 (15 & 58 mins), Chris Garwell 2 (66 & 68 mins), Arin Fehmi (28 mins), Tony Russell (47 mins), John Clarke **OG** (87 mins).

**MOM:** Barrington Belgrave