

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

UCL Reserve Divisions KO Cup Semi-Final
Northampton Spencer res. 1 St Neots Town res. 2

St Neots Reserves' record in UCL Cup competition has been very unimpressive with their last success coming 42 years ago when they won the UCL Reserve Division Two Cup. However they will feature in this seasons UCL Reserve Divisions Final on 30th April when they take on Blackstones Reserves at the Rushden & Higham ground. This is their reward for a rather unexpected semi-final victory at Northampton Spencer Reserves in a match twice postponed by the flooded conditions at Kingsthorpe Mill. They had started the match as second favourites because just a month ago third in the table Spencer had won 3-0 in their league meeting at Rowley Park but on a very heavy pitch in difficult conditions St Neots always looked in control. They took the lead on 16 minutes when Jon Hall cut in to cross and find Andy Sincock whose first goal since 3rd January was to prove significant. Five minutes before the break the in-form Ben Cole added a second goal beating the home keeper at the near post after good work by John Bitting. They then let Spencer back into the match two minutes later when poor marking following a corner allowed Pickering in to reduce the arrears. Against the wind and in deteriorating weather conditions St Neots had to call on their defence to hold out against a wave of Spencer attacks but then with fifteen minutes remaining the home side were reduced to ten men when they had a player sent off for a dangerous tackle. St Neots held on and will now feature in their third Cup Final this season.

St Neots: Rayner, Bitting, Jon Hall, Wale, Webb, Bingham, Coles, West, Cole, Sincock, Swain.

Substitutes: Lane, Davis & Shotter.