

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

UCL Reserve Divisions One
St Neots Town res. 1 Desborough res. 2
(at Eynesbury Rovers FC)

The original match between these two sides at Rowley Park was abandoned when a district power cut extinguished the floodlights after 83 minutes with the visitors leading 2-0. In this rematch third in the table Desborough maintained their slender hopes of the runners-up medals thanks to a very solid first half performance. St Neots were hampered by having to play an outfield player in goal after Ryan Rayner had injured his back in the pre-match warm up but they failed to perform in the first half with more than half of their side made up from their U18 squad. However the second half was a different story and the visitors were glad to hold on to claim all three points.

The low key first half saw the visitors in control and they went ahead after nine minutes when John Creighton split the defence to find Chris Caine overlapping on the left and his precise cross set up Daniel Rogers for a crisp low shot past Andy Wale. Seventeen minutes later the lead was doubled as Curtis Jacob-Taylor beat his marker and sent a through ball to the edge of the area. Wale seemed slow to leave his line and Daniel Rogers produced a burst of pace to beat his to the ball and claim his second goal of the match. Having not tested visiting keeper Michael Pozerskis once in the first half St Neots were quickly into their game upon the restart with Kevan Shotter curling their first effort just wide of the far post. They were then denied what looked a certain penalty when Anthony Davis was sandwiched in the area but after 52 minutes Davis made up for his disappointment with a superb curling lob that beat the keeper to pull back a goal and give his side the initiative. Nathan Field then shot across the face of goal but in a Desborough breakaway attack Rogers was denied a hat trick when his rasping shot rebounded off the crossbar. Towards the end Desborough came back into the match and Wale produced two excellent saves to deny Rogers and Paul Docherty. However St Neots could have stolen a point as the match moved into added time as Andy Sincock went clear but Pozerskis made a full length save to preserve all three points for the Northamptonshire side.

Reserves: Wale, Green, Duckett, Bellchamber, Webb, Stannard, Shotter, Field, Fox, Davis & Sincock.

Subs: Pink (for Fox 65 mins), Clark (for Shotter 78 mins), & Cole.

Man of the match: Michael Stannard