

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

UCL Reserve Divisions One  
**St Neots Town res. 0 S & L Corby res. 1**  
*(at Eynesbury Rovers FC)*

Whether St Neots Reserves had their two upcoming Cup Finals on their mind is not clear but they will not be happy with their performance against S/L Corby Reserves at Eynesbury. The visitors did include some first team players but that was not an excuse for a below par performance by the home side who never created enough chances to compete with the side who will finish sixth - just one place below them in the league table.

The visitors looked the more positive side in the early stages with the experienced Michael Sneddon a constant threat to the home side. He almost opened the scoring with a header over the keeper but Ricky Green cleared off the line and then he sent a free kick just the wrong side of a post. At the other end Geoghan saved from Ant Davis and Dave Lindsay got back quickly to rob Davis of a second chance after good work by Shane Fox. Andy Wilson should have scored for the visitors when a clever flick on by Sneddon played him clear of the defence but his miss hit shot was wide of an unprotected goal. As half time approached both Davis and Luke Swain had efforts that were either well saved or just wide but the visitors had failed to capitalise on the better of the first half possession.

St Neots made two half time substitutions introducing leading scorer Ben Cole for Fox and Nathan Fielding for Simon Lane and for a while they began to take the game to their visitors. However the match quickly became a midfield stalemate with few clear chances although substitute Field should have done better with a free header that he sent high over the bar. John Bitting who was one of the better St Neots players sent a shot just wide and then home keeper Ryan Rayner did well to save bravely at the feet of Dave Trimble after an error by Andy Wale. The game seemed to be heading for a stalemate but with 13 minutes left one of the best moves of the second half produced the winning goal. Trimble began it with a pass to find Greig McIlwain and his shrewd through pass played Andy Wilson clear of the defence and his fierce shot gave Rayner no chance.

**Reserves:** Rayner, Green, Lane, Lain, Ashby, Swain, Wale, Clark, Davis, Fox & Bitting.

**Subs:** Cole (for Fox 46 mins), Field (for Lane 46 mins), Pink (for Davis 62 mins) & Shotter

**Man of the match:** Kevin Ashby