

**ST. NEOTS TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
MATCH REPORT – TUESDAY MARCH 12th 2002**

EAGLE BITTER UNITED COUNTIES PREMIER LEAGUE

ST. NEOTS TOWN 3 NORTHAMPTON SPENCER 2

Most games with Spencer at Rowley Park are usually a well contested encounter with plenty of goals, and this game lived up to that reputation.

Saints were first on the score sheet through Steve Kuhne on thirteen minutes, his powerful header from an Andy Grieve cross giving Wayne Hamill, the Spencer keeper little chance. Simon McCarthy came close to equalising for the visitors nine minutes later but his free header flashed over the Saints cross bar.

Just before half time Kaafi Bile did what Hamill had the chance of doing earlier on in the game, this time he took advantage of Ben Webster's indecision, and directed his header past the Saints keeper into the corner, to level the scores at the break.

Steve Kuhne was on target again, for the Saints, nine minutes after the interval, again with a powerful header, from a Paul Bloss corner. Arguably the best goal of the game came just four minutes later when Steve Kuhne played a delightful one, two with Andy Grieve to release the speedy wingback on a run into the visitors penalty area. Grieve took full advantage of the space and took time to powerfully curve his shot into the far corner.

With a two goal advantage Saints must have thought game was over but as with previous games with Spencer they were not prepared to give up the fight until the final whistle. True to script Simon Underwood pulled one back for Spencer with 15 minutes still on the clock. Underwood received the ball wide on the right just inside the Saints half and made a direct run towards goal, shadowed by Nathan Buckland. Ben Webster, came out to close down the space and Underwood took full advantage by lobbing the stranded keeper from at least 25 yards.

The last 15 minutes of the game still remained closely contested with both sides pushing forward for another goal, giving the supporters true value for their money. Saints were pleased to hear the final whistle and on reflection probably deserved the three points

Team: Webster, Grieve, Bloss, Smith, Buckland, Hicks, Grant, Meeds, Kuhne, Byrne, Brown.

Subs: Petty, Johnson, Bell, Finney, Claridge.

Subs Used: No Substitutions.

Goals: Saints: Kuhne (13 & 54 mins), Grieve (71 mins)

Spencer: Bile (43 min), Underwood (75 mins)