

**St. Neots Town F.C.**  
Season 2005-06 Match Report

United Counties Premier League  
**Woodford 1 St Neots Town 2**

A resounding double over league leaders Woodford was marred by a serious injury to Saints defender Gary Watts. Watts suffered a bad brake to his leg midway through the second half after a challenge with a Woodford player, and will be sadly missed during the busy run in for the remainder of the season. At the time of the injury Saints were two goals ahead and looking quite comfortable with stand in keeper Steve Fox not having to make a save in anger. Player manager Steve Kuhne decided not to introduce substitute defender Damien Matthews to replace Gary Watts but dropped back to take up a defensive role and introduced Mark Franklin to play in an attacking wide position. Saints took the lead after 15 minutes after Ben Milner handled in the area and Steve Kuhne calmly sent, former Saints keeper Matt Finlay the wrong way to take his overall tally to 43 for the season. Danny Griggs should have doubled the score line, for the visitors, just after the half hour, but under hit his shot straight at Finlay, from close range. Woodford's first good chance came twelve minutes into the second half when Neil King had the goal at his mercy but headed wide. This proved to be a costly miss as just two minutes later Danny Griggs made it two goals in two games tapping in after Finlay had saved well from Gary Walker but the keeper could not stop the ball rebounding to Griggs for an easy tap in.

Woodford pulled one back just before the final whistle through Russ Dunkley who bundled the ball in from close range but it was too late to stop the Saints taking all three points and keep their sights well on a fourth place finish.

**Team:** Fox, Clarke (Grant), Endersby, Watts (Franklin), Hurst, Hoggett, Dear, Maltay (Duval), Kuhne, Walker, Griggs.

**Subs not used:** Matthews, Murray.

**Goals:** Kuhne ( 15 pen) Griggs (58)