

St. Neots Town Football Club  
Season 2006-07 Match Reports

UCL Premier Division  
**Bourne Town 0 St Neots 4**

On Wednesday at Bourne, St Neots recorded their biggest away league victory since October 2005 when they scored seven goals at Harrowby. It was an excellent all round performance that featured solid defending and delightful finishing and it will have been a real confidence booster despite the absence of several first choice players. Most recent signing Martin Williams scored on his debut and Cameron Facey also appeared on the score list for the second time after coming on as a second half substitute. However the most significant team change saw the return after injury of skipper Russell Lawes and he knitted the defence together meaning that goalkeeper Martyn Patching had a relatively comfortable evening. It was St Neots' fourth league victory in five outings and they now have a relatively comfortable gap of eleven points above the relegation places in the Premier Division.

St Neots dominated the first twenty minutes of the match and made their possession count with two early goals. After an Ashley Deverall cross was just inches too high for John Coley St Neots took the lead after 12 minutes when a Craig Reynolds corner was not cleared and Martin Williams forced the ball in from close range. Two minutes later the lead was doubled thanks to a brilliant through pass from Ryan Francis who received the ball with his back to goal but his flick found John Coley who scored with a well placed shot. Bourne managed their first shot at goal after 21 minutes when a cross from Tim Quy found James Baxter but his fierce volley was close enough to Patching to be parried away. St Neots had a let off after 26 minutes when following a corner a Miles Mason header was cleared off the line by Deverall but as the ball bobbed around the penalty area Tom Moran was judged to have handled and a harsh penalty awarded. Bourne's prolific leading scorer Miles Mason struck the crossbar with his spot kick and the ball was scrambled clear.

St Neots began the second half as they had the first creating more chances. An Ivan Finch volley from 30 yards was touched over the bar by Ben Derbyshire and Ashley Deverall was only a foot too high with a shot that had the keeper beaten. Bourne then moved up a gear and Baxter brought a good save from Patching and Mason was only denied by a late ditch well times tackle by Moran. With fifteen minutes left a great run from his own half by John Coley saw him leave the defence in his wake and when the keeper blocked his first effort he followed up to claim his second goal of the match and put the result beyond doubt. Cameron Facey had replaced Francis up front and he tied up the rout collecting a Coley pass to outpace two defenders and score with a low shot.

**St Neots:** Martyn Patching, Jason Darvall (Stuart Richardson 86 mins), Jimmy Dillnut, Tom Moran, Russell Lawes, Ivan Finch, Ashley Deverall (David Daniels 77 mins), Martin Williams, John Coley, Ryan Francis (Cameron Facey 63 mins), Craig Reynolds.

**Goals:** John Coley (2) 14 & 75 mins, Martin Williams 12 mins, Cameron Facey 79 mins.

**Subs not used:** Mark Franklin & Ryan Hunt

**Saints MOM:** Martin Williams