



50 YEARS

1973 - 2023

# ***Lea Sports PSG Football Club***

## **THE FIRST 50 YEARS 1973 – 2023**

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## INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to this brief potted history of five decades of Lea Sports.

The Club is unrecognisable now from the single team that a group of teachers put together in Luton in 1973 – we now have 15 teams from Under 7 to Veterans and there is every prospect that the Club will continue to grow, providing we can find more pitches to play on!

From its original base in Leagrave Park in Luton, the Club has moved home over the years to Barnfield College and Stopsley Recreation Centre in Luton, before moving lock, stock and barrel to Pirton in 1995. The Club has now been based at the Rec for more than a quarter of a century and it is now very much home.

The name too has changed over the years.

The original title was **L.E.A. Sports**, to show that it represented the Local Education Authority – nothing to do with the river! After a merger with Stopsley Boys' Club in 1992, which saw the first Lea Sports youth teams, the name became **Lea Sports Stopsley**. The 'L.E.A.' became just 'Lea' as the connections with the teaching profession slowly waned. The move to Pirton in 1995 saw the name change again, to **Lea Sports Pirton**, until, finally, after the merger with mini-soccer club S & G United (Shillington & Gravenhurst United) in 2008 the name became '**Lea Sports PSG**' (nothing to do with a similar club in the French capital!).



The owl first appeared on the club badge sometime in the late 1980s, based on a design created by former player Mick Marsh. The idea was that the owl's wisdom was a nod to the teaching profession – most of us think that the real reason was that Mick was a Sheffield Wednesday fan...

Almost 2,300 players have now appeared in Lea Sports shirts of various colours and hues over the years. It has of course not been possible to mention them all, so I have had to be selective and there are bound to be people who are well-worthy of a mention, but whose names do not appear in this brief reflection of around 8,000 matches. My apologies to them.

There have been many sponsors as well – again, too many to mention – but a special word must go to Hugh Byrne, whose company Form I.T. Solutions (formerly Premier Computer Supplies) has been with us since the 1980s. Hugh will get his own mention later, but massive thanks to him for his support for the club for more than 40 years.

I wish the Club the very best of luck for the future. I certainly won't be around for the eightieth anniversary, but with a bit of luck and a following wind I might be around for the sixtieth. Who knows? I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

**Steve Smith – President, Lea Sports PSG Football Club**



## **THE CHAIRMAN'S VIEW**

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50 Years of Lea Sports PSG. What a fantastic achievement!

Season 2022/23 sees Lea Sports PSG celebrate our Golden Anniversary... yes, fifty years achieved as a grassroots Football Club. As a relative newcomer of 15 years I am not really qualified to comment on all the details surrounding the start-up of the Club - but I do know somebody who is.

A comprehensive set of facts and figures alongside a full history of the Club will follow, courtesy of Club President Steve Smith. Steve has been instrumental in the Club achieving its 50 years anniversary status. His dedication and hard work has ensured so many footballers have been able to enjoy their time at a well-run and friendly Club over the years. Such is his knowledge, he could tell any player their appearances and goal scoring record within minutes!

As previously mentioned, my time at Pirton began officially in 2008. There were a couple of my youth sides already playing at The Recreation Ground when I decided to approach Lea Sports to see if we at S&G Utd (Shillington and Gravenhurst) could partner up and form an exciting new version of the established Club over the border!

After some cordial discussions, Lea Sports PSG was founded and a new Football Club full of ambition to become a community-based asset was underway.

Steve and I kicked things off on Saturday mornings, armed with the now famous biscuit tin, determined to grow the youth section. Just how successful we have been can be seen most weekends during the football season.

Offering organised matches and coaching to children as young as five and then all the way through the age bands to our Veterans team is testament to all the hard work all our excellent back room staff have contributed recently.

We have achieved honours over the years and our Girls Section even won a national award. Yes we like to win, but not at all costs – we are proud to be seen as a friendly, well-run Club seeking to be more and more inclusive in the future. Now as an FA Level Two accredited Club, we are an established and ambitious Club aiming to build on our rich history.

We are determined to be a village asset and have recently, for example, been instrumental in improving the pitches whilst working with The Football Association - which in turn helps the quality of the grass at The Rec and hopefully local residents see this as a positive. Many of you know we are an integral part in the quest for a new pavilion at Pirton Recreation Ground, which would be a fantastic achievement and a fabulous addition to village facilities. This once again demonstrates our aim to be an integral and useful part of the local community.

So, to briefly sum up the last 50 years, much has been achieved, so I say thank you to all of you who came before me and worked diligently while doing the ground work (no pun intended!) and of course a massive thanks to all who have helped me as Chairman see my vision for a vibrant and ambitious Football Club with an exciting future become a reality.

Here's to the next 50 years – Up The Sports!

**Phil Toyer**  
**Chairman Lea Sports PSG**

## OVERALL CLUB RECORD

ELEVEN-A-SIDE	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
First XI	1,294	555	181	558	3,310	3,214	49.9
Second XI	1,031	452	141	438	2,478	2,456	50.7
Third XI	684	259	88	337	1,805	2,014	44.3
Fourth XI	209	113	21	75	685	479	59.1
Saturday XI	593	299	91	203	1,596	1,226	58.1
Saturday Res.	150	53	15	82	298	413	40.3
Tours	8	2	2	4	16	33	37.5
Veterans	113	52	14	47	354	310	52.2
Ladies	23	3	1	19	45	155	15.2
Under 18	150	70	19	61	432	412	53.0
Under 17	104	56	4	44	306	330	55.8
Under 16	162	68	17	77	434	517	47.2
Under 15	240	83	26	131	569	737	40.0
Under 14	393	152	42	199	1,001	1,290	44.0
Under 13	427	161	52	214	1,164	1,419	43.8
Under 12	211	101	26	84	661	519	54.0
Under 11	111	64	14	33	364	273	64.0
Under 10	30	21	0	9	112	61	70.0
	<b>5,933</b>	<b>2,564</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>2,615</b>	<b>15,634</b>	<b>15,858</b>	<b>49.6</b>

### Mini Soccer

NINE-A-SIDE	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Under 12	252	90	24	138	574	797	40.5
Under 11	294	142	30	122	956	855	53.4
	<b>546</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>1,652</b>	<b>47.4</b>

SEVEN-A-SIDE	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Under 11	37	15	5	17	62	92	47.3
Under 10	411	221	44	146	1,289	1,088	59.1
Under 9	399	187	51	161	1,245	1,162	53.3
Under 8	115	63	11	41	288	233	59.6
Under 7	44	11	9	24	73	118	35.2
Under 6	2	0	0	2	1	3	0.0
Girls Under 12	3	1	0	2	14	8	33.3
	<b>1,011</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>2,972</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>55.2</b>

FIVE-A-SIDE	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Under 8	296	118	22	156	1,212	1,296	43.6
Under 7	274	141	19	114	1,332	1,188	54.9
	<b>570</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>2,484</b>	<b>49.0</b>

GRAND TOTAL	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
	<b>8,060</b>	<b>3,553</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>3,538</b>	<b>22,680</b>	<b>22,698</b>	<b>50.1</b>

# LEA SPORTS PSG FC - THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS

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## **The Seventies and Eighties**

The football world in 1973 was not such a different place: Liverpool won the league, with Arsenal as runners-up. In the FA Cup, Luton Town reached the sixth round before losing to eventual winners Sunderland (despite doing the double over them in the league).



Off the field, life was quite different however: mobile phones were just beginning to appear (although still the size of bricks); computers had been invented, but were enormous and clunky and usually only owned by companies for their accounts; standard ways of networking computers were only just starting to be invented and the World Wide Web was at least 15 years away. The music scene was vibrant: Dark Side of the Moon and Tubular Bells were released.

It was over a few pints in this primitive age that a group of junior school teachers in Luton got together and decided to form a football team, probably in response to the League Secretary Alan Hardacre's plea for football to 'entertain and excite' to counter falling attendances. They came up with the snappy name of L.E.A. Sports (the L.E.A. stood for Local Education Authority) and in a short time the yellow and black stripes of the new team were buzzing around the pitches of Luton. From their home base at Luton Regional Sports Centre, it is debatable whether they 'entertained and excited' and indeed little is known of that first season. We do know that the first County Cup campaign ended in September, with a 2-1 defeat to Brookhurst (Kelvin Callow with the goal), but few other detailed records from 1973-74 survive.

The standard gradually improved and 1975 saw an appearance in the Bedfordshire Lower Junior Cup semi-final (which we lost 5-0 to Greyhound). Indeed, the following year we went one better and reached the final, only for a missed penalty by Micky Briggs to prove costly as we lost 2-1 to United Counties ([http://www.leasports.com/Cup\\_Finals.htm#4th April 1976](http://www.leasports.com/Cup_Finals.htm#4th_April_1976)).

By the 1977-78 season, not only was a Reserve team formed, but yours truly made his début (for the Reserves vs. Globe Sports on 4<sup>th</sup> December 1977 – a stunning 0-0 draw). The club had moved to a new home, Leagrave Park, near the source of the River Lea, and were playing in all red, hoping that some of the Shankly magic would wear off on them, although there was still no sign that anything other than Division 4 of the North Home Counties would be achieved.

## **A Turnaround in Fortunes in the Eighties**

Everyone hoped that the new decade of the Eighties would bring success, but in truth things got worse: the First Team were relegated in 1981 to Division 5, finishing 12<sup>th</sup> of 13 teams, while the Reserves finished 12<sup>th</sup> in Division 7 with just 2 teams below them. In 1983, for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, I put together a magazine for the end-of-season celebration, which saw ex-Wales International Paul Price present the awards at the Moat House in Luton. The idea caught on and I have produced a magazine every year since.

In 1984-85, with the team struggling in Division 5, two things happened: my constant knee problems made me give up playing and take on the position of First Team Manager, and striker Mark Doyle

joined the Club. Doyle was an instant success and brought the touch of class to the team that was needed to turn around its fortunes. In 1985-6 he scored 33 goals and took the team to third place and promotion back to Division 4; the following year saw another third place and promotion to the dizzy heights of Division 3. By this time Rick Vipers had taken the Reserves up to Division 6 and in 1987 they won their first ever cup match, after six seasons of trying!

The final years of the eighties saw some great football from the Firsts: a Whitbread Cup win over Division One rivals Hexton and Phil Thompson and Alan Dawson scoring for fun. In the 1988-89 season Phil scored 7 in a 17-0 win over Holy Ghost, but was still pipped for top scorer by Alan Dawson with 29. The final season of the eighties, 1989-90, was my last as Manager, with the Firsts playing in Division 2, but the team struggled and needed a draw from their final fixture to avoid relegation. Unfortunately, they were playing Harvest Home who needed a win to be Champions. A tight game was all-square until the last 2 minutes, when tired legs allowed a ball to be scrambled home from short range for Harvest Home to win 2-1. The decade had ended as it had started, with relegation. The season also was the first league campaign for the Third Team, playing in the South Beds Division 3, but this too went badly and the team finished second-to-bottom conceding 109 league goals.

## **The Nineties and Noughties**

### **Expansion and Success in the Nineties – Before the Crash**

The First Team had been too good to go down and proved the fact in 1990-91 when it won the Division 3 Championship, although the points total of 28 from 20 games was the lowest for many years – they were just 7 points ahead of the 8<sup>th</sup> placed team. The Reserves were by now in Division 5, where they established themselves as a steady mid-table team, and John Pawley's Third Team tried their hand at the Luton Sunday League, but with much the same result, finishing second-to-bottom again.

By 1993-94, however, fortunes had changed: the First Team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Division 2 for the second season running, with Phil Thompson scoring 37 goals; the Reserves finished in their best-ever position, 4<sup>th</sup> in Division 5, becoming the first-ever Lea Sports team to win over 20 games in one season; I took over as Third Team Manager and we were pipped for the Championship of the Luton Sunday League by one point (thanks to a late penalty for Purley Tavern given by Bernie Thompson. Am I still bitter? You bet!). Even the Fourth Team were playing league football and many former players will remember the trip to St. Albans City's ground to see them play in the Invitation Cup Final: a great night out, despite a 1-0 defeat. The first Saturday team also put in an appearance, finishing a creditable 4<sup>th</sup> in the Luton & District Division 1 and the season also marked the second campaign of youth football for the Club, following a merger with Stopsley Boys' Club in 1992.

The 1994-95 season was the Club's last in Luton, following the decision to move lock, stock and barrel to Pirton. The final game – a midweek encounter with the notorious Strawplaiters – was a violent affair which nearly ended in a riot. Strawplaiters needed to win to stand any chance of being Champions and when Phil Thompson equalised in a 4-4 draw they wanted to fight everyone, including the referee and me as linesman.

The 1995-96 season was Laurence Freed's first as First XI Manager and the Club's first in Pirton, although Bedfordshire County Cup matches still had to be played within the county boundary because of the Association's archaic rules. Despite having to settle in to our new home, the season brought three cup finals: the Fourth Team brought the first cup silverware, winning against



Woodlands Social in the Invitation cup, and whereas the Thirds lost their final against Chalton Strollers in Pirton, the organisation on the day showed what could be achieved with the facilities available to us. Our third final was for our netballers, who lost to the renowned Vauxhall Golds, but brought great credit to the club in the process.

By 1998-99 the First Team had achieved its goal of a place in the Premier Division, but it was not to be a happy experience. The team won just 3 of its 20 matches and although it retained its place in the top flight by the skin of its teeth, the playing squad was not a happy one. By October of the 1999-2000 season the team had collapsed and the Club was left with no alternative but to withdraw the team from the league.

The seventies and eighties had both finished with relegation and now the nineties had finished in disaster. The Reserves, now in Division 3, took over as the First Team and we prepared to start again. The Thirds and Fourths both played in the South Beds League and both finished in third place in Division 1 and 2 respectively, but the relationship with the league administration was not a happy one and the following year saw us back in the Luton Sunday League again. Meanwhile, Hitchin Reds had joined the Club as its Saturday side, but a poor disciplinary record saw them expelled from the Club after disgraceful scenes at the Club's own 4-a-side tournament. With the Under 13 Reds finishing halfway down Division 2 and the Blues finishing joint bottom of Division 3, it was left to the Under 10s to restore some pride to the Club as they finished runners-up in the Chiltern Youth league Division 2.

### **Steady Improvement Through the Noughties**

With the First Team back in Division 3 and Steve Baggett taking charge, hopes were high of success in the 2000-01 season, but Mother Nature took over and in the wettest winter on record the league was abandoned after 14 league matches. The Reserves too, back in Division 5, played just 14 games. The Thirds also were washed out, while the Fourths, after 8 great seasons which saw them achieve a record of over 60%, folded after just 2 games.

Baggy was not to be deterred, however, and despite taking just one point from the first 4 matches of 2001-02, a run of ten games unbeaten in January and February brought the Division 3 title. The Reserves relied on experience, with Rick Vipers and Archie Conway having over 1,000 games under their belts as they marshalled the defence in Division 5.

A new third team was created, playing in the Hitchin Sunday League, but most players were strangers to the Club and the experiment failed, with the team finishing second-to-bottom.

Apart from the Division 3 title, the other highpoint of the season was the Under Sixteens' appearance in the Royston Crow League Cup Final vs. county cup winners Stevenage Borough. Despite taking the lead in extra time, the lads were pegged back by a very late equaliser, before an agonising 2-3 defeat on penalties, with top scorer Ben L'Honoré missing his crucial kick.

By the middle of the decade, the youth teams were well-established: in 2003-04 the Under 12s scored 141 goals, 122 in the league, while the Under 13s banged in 89 and only lost the championship because of an administrative mix-up in the first match, which saw them docked 3 points. Bob Smith's



Under 15s reached a low point, however: having lost prolific scorer Matt Kenneford to Luton Town, the team had some discipline problems and Bob pulled them out of the league after Christmas. The following season saw the Under 11s sweep all before them in the Chiltern Youth Division 3 and reach the semi-finals of the County Cup, before being pipped in extra time by eventual winners Letchworth Garden City Eagles.

The following year a new Under 11 side, under Greg Nunn, finished as runners-up in Division 1 and won the Chiltern Youth league cup, conceding just one goal in the process as they crushed St. Josephs 6-1 in the final. Meanwhile, the Under 14s took the Chiltern Youth Division 3 title, scoring 100 league goals, although they conceded 3 or more goals in no fewer than 13 games. The Club also achieved the F.A.'s Charter Standard status for the first time and after ten years in Pirton were now regarded as a well-run, established Club.

The final part of the jigsaw came in 2008 when Lea Sports Pirton, as the Club was then known, merged with Shillington & Gravenhurst United (S & G), who also, by a happy coincidence, played in red and black stripes. This allowed the Club, now named Lea Sports PSG, to achieve Charter Standard Development status and, with qualified FA coaches, to offer football to players from four years old to Veterans. By the end of their fourth decade, the First Team were back in Division 1, where they beat all of the four sides who finished above them in the table. The Reserves had fought their way back to Division 3, where they finished mid-table, despite an 8-1 thrashing of Champions Markyate. The Third, Fourth and Saturday teams had all gone by the wayside, but the youth section was well represented, with teams at four age groups, and there were mini-soccer teams at Under 8, 9 and 10.

### **The Twenty Tens**

The early twenty-tens saw the Sunday First eleven reach its best standard since the season in the North Home Counties Premier Division in 1998-99. A solid squad of players progressed to third place in Division One in 2011-12 and reached the semi-finals of the Hertfordshire Sunday Intermediate Cup – this team was probably the best Sunday First team in Lea Sports history. But the following 3 or 4 seasons saw the team become increasingly fragmented, finishing in the bottom half of the table for 3 seasons before collapsing altogether in 2015-16. This meant that the team was relegated and the Reserves took over as the new First team, finishing bottom of Division 2 in 2016-17. By this time, the North Home Counties League – at one time one of the strongest Sunday leagues in the country with 9 divisions at its peak – was also in trouble, with many teams leaving or folding. The First XI finished in second place in two consecutive seasons, but the standard was becoming increasingly poor and in 2019 the decision was taken to move to the Hitchin Sunday League. 2018-19 was our last season in the North Home Counties – a season in which we scored 136 goals, including 50 in the 2 league games vs. Wheelwrights Arms.

Saturday football looked to be flourishing in 2010-11, as Paul 'Cheesy' Collins led the Saturday XI to the Championship of the Beds County Division 2, also winning the Bedfordshire Junior Cup. But, the team only managed 8<sup>th</sup> place in Division 1 in the following season and some players were unhappy with a mid-table position. By 2012-13 the situation had become worse and the team folded during that season.

A new Saturday team arose in 2014-15 and finished runners-up in Division 3 in their first season. Promoted to Division 2, Joe Hennem started to find his shooting boots, and within 2 years the team were 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division 2 and promoted to Division 1. Two solid, but unspectacular, seasons in Division 1 followed, before the pandemic hit.

By 2013-14, our first nine-a-side teams appeared, although it wasn't until the end of the decade that we finally got to grips with the format, with the Lions and Pumas sides all having successful seasons. Although the Lions, now playing at Under 12, dipped below the 50% win rate in 2019-20, the Lynx, in their second season, won more than they lost, while all three Under 11 Pumas teams recorded very strong seasons.

It was at the seven-a-side format that we showed our strength, beginning with 2 Under 10 teams in 2010-11 both recording win rates of over 60% and Louis Lomas banging in 38 goals. The next 3 seasons were very successful, with 4 teams playing at Under 10 in 2013-14 and all having great seasons. There was a dip mid-decade as these teams moved up to the 9v9 format, but by the end of the decade once again we had a plethora of successful Under 9 and Under 10 teams.



The five-a-side format also appeared in 2012-13, with the appearance of the Under 7 Jaguars. It was these teams that were to produce the most prolific scorers, with Samuel Bayley scoring 79 goals in his first 2 seasons with the Jags. Jamie Williams then came along and scored 76 in his first two seasons with the Lions at Under 7 and Under 8. The goals continued to flow and in 2016-17, with 3 teams at Under 7 and 3 at Under 8, we scored a total of 868 goals in 145 games, with Jake Murray scoring 62 for the Under 7 Leopards.

By the end of the decade, there was just one team (the Under 8 Jaguars) still playing 5v5, but a decade of successful teams and scorers had mostly stayed with the Club and were progressing through the age groups.

### **The Twenty Twenties**

The first 2 seasons of the 2020s were, of course, blighted by the global COVID pandemic. The 2020-21 season was particularly badly hit, with most games cancelled, or played with sides hit by illness. Only the Veterans managed to complete a full campaign, finishing runners-up in Division 1 of the Mid-Herts Veterans League.

Things began to recover in 2021-22, with the Saturday Reserves taking the Championship of the Beds County Division 4 and the Saturday First XI reaching the final of the Beds Centenary Cup, losing in the final to Cranfield United Reserves. The numbers of games played across the age ranges slowly increased, although the shadow of COVID still hung over us.

It was not until 2022-23 that things felt 'normal' again and we saw a full set of fixtures. In summary, the adults did well (although the Saturday Reserves performed poorly), whereas the youth teams were not so good (although the Under 15 Lions won Division 2). Teenage teams continue to pose challenges of player retainment, but new teams and new forms of the game are still coming through.

A few memories of some foreign tours.

## 1. Paris 1990

In May 1990, Lea Sports embarked on their first foreign tour. A mixture of Sunday First, Second and Third team players set off to play two friendly matches in Paris. At about 2 pm on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 1990 we were driving round some Parisian suburbs in our coach looking for the ground of a club called USM Gagny. After two or three trips round the block, we realised with some trepidation that the 2,000-seater stadium which we had dismissed a couple of times was actually the venue for the game.



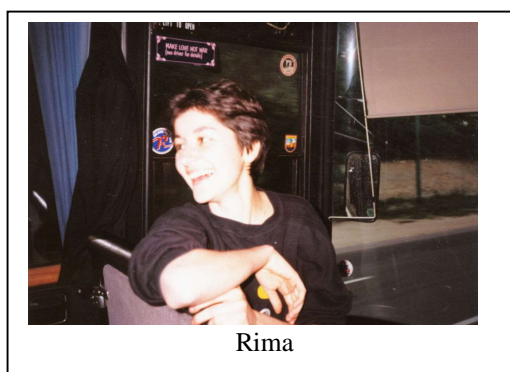
As the 1991 Magazine puts it: “There we were with no recognised keeper and a mixture of our three teams against a side who had reached the last 32 of the French FA Cup. I thought we did very well to keep the score down to 10-2 – and we did score 2 very good goals. I remember afterwards talking to the French captain and asking him if they had played any other English teams. He replied ‘Yes, last season. What were they called ... Ah, yes! ... Nottingham Forest.’”. Apparently, they had beaten the Forest colts side (with 2 first teamers) 2-0. So perhaps we didn’t do too badly.”



One of the main memories is Hugh Byrne leading the singing at the after-match party – in fact, the celebrations went on so well that our hosts went out and bought another barrel of beer to keep the festivities going until well into the night.

One other strange coincidence from that Tour concerned our tour guide. The main guide was a lady called Rima Nouri, originally from Damascus, for whom I would have happily walked across a football pitch of hot coals – she was lovely!

Anyway, on our second day Rima was unavailable and sent a friend of hers along as a replacement for our trip to the Eiffel Tower. When the replacement turned up, he mentioned something about having played for a schoolteachers’ team about a decade earlier. He was totally amazed when we were able to show him his name, Mick Barnfather, in our records, including the match on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1981 when he appeared in a Third team match vs. Marshalswick School and scored a hat-trick in a 5-2 win with only 8 men!



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A few memories of some foreign tours.

## 2. Düsseldorf 1991

May 1991 saw our first foray onto German soil – or, more accurately, German gravel as our first friendly was played against SV Hilden-Ost on a gravel pitch. In a friendly match against a great group of lads, Phil Thompson scored his first overseas goal (despite playing the first half in goal) as we won the match 4-3.



After a day out in Cologne, where everyone got to enjoy the impressive cathedral with its fantastic pavement art on the adjoining square, plus quite a few of the local hostelrys, the squad was a bit jaded for the second match of the trip, which ended in a pretty uneventful 0-0 draw against Sparta Bilk.

Lea Sports remain to this day undefeated in Germany!

A few memories of some foreign tours.

3. Paris 1992

It was back to Paris for the 1992 tour. The decision was made to leave immediately after the Awards Evening at Luton Rugby Club, so many players turned up in pyjamas ready for the overnight ferry trip, although at least Steve Close wore a tie...



The games themselves were not particularly memorable – the first game brought a 5-1 defeat with Trev Taylor scoring a consolation header against UJA Alfortville and the second match was a 3-3 draw against Neuilly-sur-Marne, with Steve Bingham scoring one goal and Russell Sheppard scoring twice. I think it was Steve Bingham who also won the races around the athletics track before the game.

My main memories of the trip were a stunning tour of the Louvre and a visit by the lads to Disneyland – I can still see Andy Shiers walking back from the trip with a balloon in one hand and a pair of deely-boppers on his head! (Andy: if you're reading this is New Zealand, best wishes to you mate!).

My dear cousin Neil Wilkinson and his room-mate 'Strawman' Andy Sheridan decided it was a good idea to trash their hotel room – I had to pretend that I didn't speak French when the hotel manager sought me ought to have a moan.

At least the kit looked smart – take a look at those shorts!



A few memories of some foreign tours.

#### 4. Cologne 1994

After a year's break, for the continent to recover, the Club decided on a tour to Cologne. It is called the Cologne Tour because that's where we stayed, but the matches themselves were played just over the border in Holland.



The first match was on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 1994 against V.V. Stadbroek and was a great success with a 4-2 victory. Apparently, Stadbroek were not well-liked in the local area, but they did us proud after the game and didn't seem put off at all by the Lea Sports World Tour T-shirts, proclaiming 'Do I Not Like Orange' over a picture of Graham Taylor.

The lads were all set for a mammoth session on the Sunday night, but we told them that the following day's game, against V.V. Achilles, was a major event for the home side and was being treated as a testimonial game for one of their best players. A large crowd was expected and it was even being covered by local TV and radio. The team took it seriously and many of the lads kept to soft drinks on the evening before the big game.

Even the coach driver was in on it and when he asked for directions to the ground, we told him just to follow the crowd wearing blue and white scarves. In the event, of course, just one man and his dog turned up and we didn't play any better for being sober.



Best of all though was the scam after the game. We got the bus driver to announce that the German border guards were likely to check our passports because of recent IRA activity in the area. (We knew that Strawman Andy Sheridan had left his passport back in the hotel). We told Andy to go and hide in the bus's toilet (which was by now not in the best condition after 3 days of touring). Sure enough, the bus driver pulled over at the (deserted) border and Hugh Byrne stepped up with his best German accent and asked to inspect passports. He pretended to consult a list of players and asked "Ver iss ze Andrew Sheridan?".

At this point a very sheepish and grey-faced Strawman emerged from the toilet to howls of laughter from all on board. Priceless!

## PROBABLY THE BEST-EVER ADULT TEAMS 1.

### SUNDAY FIRST XI 2011-2012



Hertfordshire Intermediate Cup Semi-Finalists

**Back Row:** Gary Raymond, Richard Knock, Danny Davis, Scott Morgan, Ben Alderton, Matt Day, Simon Jackson, Steve Farkas

**Front Row:** Marek Diduszko, Ritchie Bevan, Richard Masters (Coach), Paul Brown, Richard Randall (Player/Manager), Michael McMaugh, Mark Brown

### SATURDAY FIRST XI 2022-2023



Bedfordshire County League Division 1 Runners-Up  
Centenary Cup Semi-Finalists  
East Bedfordshire Charity Cup Semi-Finalists

**Back Row:** Will Tyler (Player/Manager), Josh Straker, Joe Hennem, Cameron Davies, Ethan Wilson, Ryan Darby, Taylor Davies, Sean Dixon, Milton Tomlinson-Dennis, Jordan Yearwood

**Front Row:** Sean Morrison, Ethan McEvoy, Rob Hennem, Ryan Durrant, Rhys Cadger, Kian Devers



## FORTY FIVE YEARS AGO – 1977-78 SEASON

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### First XI

Ivan Lawrence began his fifth season in charge of Lea Sports First XI. In its four previous seasons the Club had hardly set the footballing world alight, finishing 11<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Division 4 of the North Home Counties League. The team was predominantly junior school teachers from Luton and with the new school intake in September came renewed hope. The season started well with a 3-2 win over Stoneygate, who were the senior school teachers' team – so something of a derby win. Phil Clarke, Mick Walter and Mick Morgan were the goalscorers.

The good start continued with a 6-3 Junior Cup win over Wells Star and two draws with Star, who would later go on to be Champions. However, a dip in form before Christmas saw the team take 2 points from 12 and crash out of both cups. New blood was needed and the Club made two major signings from Royal Oak: Charlie McNerney and, yes, Steve Smith! Yours truly made his debut for the First XI on 11<sup>th</sup> December 1977 in a 3-2 home win over Nesco United. I actually made my Club debut the week before for the Reserves – I felt bad about that as it was the only game Bruce Bonfield missed at full-back all season.

I don't remember the game against Nesco, but the records show that the sadly-missed Wojtek Gabrys scored twice and Phil Clarke, making one of his rare appearances as a substitute, got the third. A steady finish saw the team finish 8<sup>th</sup> of 12 teams, with Wojtek finishing as top scorer with 14 goals from 24 games. Ivan Lawrence was ever-present in goal, with Mick Briggs, Chris Castle, Ali Hearn, Don North and Andy Thompson all making over 20 appearances each.



### *From the Minutes of the First Lea Sports' Meeting:*

*"Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 1973. The inaugural meeting of L.E.A. Sports was made up of 13 persons representing 12 schools, who all took advantage of the well-stocked facilities of the bar at the Teachers' Centre..."*

### Second XI

1977 saw the debut of a Lea Sports Reserve side, playing in Division 7 of the North Home Counties League. Glen Pullen took charge as the team prepared for its first campaign. However, Division 7 came as a bit of a shock as the team lost its first seven matches, scoring just four goals and conceding 33.

Their first victory was a home game on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1977 against Linmeer, who were eventually to finish in bottom place. Barry Ainsworth (the 'offside king') and Andy Walker both scored twice in a 4-0 win.

This was not the start of a winning streak, however, with the team only managing a further four points before Christmas.

Things did improve slightly in the New Year and at least we scored a few goals, even if we didn't win that many games. In the end the team finished 10<sup>th</sup> of 14 teams. By the end of the season, despite an 8-1 win in the return vs. Linmeer, no-one had managed to score a hat-trick – indeed we had to wait until March 1980 for that when Wojtek Gabrys scored three against Electricity AFC.

Nevertheless, the team was up and running and only seven years later Rick Vipers took them to the dizzy heights of Division 6... Barry Ainsworth ran out as top scorer with 9 goals in 25 games, closely followed by Andy Walker with 7 in 17. No-one played in all 26 games, although Barry Ainsworth, Bruce Bonfield and Tony Riley all managed 25, with Phil Hudspeth playing 24 times in goal.

## FORTY YEARS AGO – 1982-83 SEASON

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### First XI

First team Captain Keith Lee felt that Lady Luck deserted the team in the 1982-83 season. The team, now in its second season in Division 5, had battled through to the quarter finals of the Luton News Cup, with 2-1 wins over FC Coral (now CSFC) and Hydrosteer and now faced Division 6 side Housing Social for a semi-final place. However, at this point the elements decided to play a part and the game took place in a howling gale at Barnfield College. The gale-force wind and torrential rain made the game a lottery and we ended up losing 2-0. One shot from Phil Clarke flew over the bar and fence and the ball disappeared down Old Bedford Road never to be seen again. Most games in the area were cancelled that day, but in one or two of those that did go ahead players were collapsing from what the Luton News described as 'hypothermia and exposure'!

As with the current season, that bad and unexpected cup defeat saw a change in the team's fortunes and all chances of promotion disappeared with an indifferent run after Christmas.

Phil Clarke topped the goalscoring charts with 28 in 25 games, ably assisted by Mick Meehan who scored a further 14.

### Second XI

In 1982-83 Wojtek Gabrys took on the role of Reserve Team Manager for the first and only time. The report for the magazine was written by his Captain Rick Vipers and began thus:

"It has been said that you can prove anything with statistics. If that is so, can you please tell me how to arrange the following to show that the Reserves have had a successful season...

P.26 W.9 D.4 L.13 F49 A.60 Pts.22"

Mind you, the team did use 41 players that season, including seven different goalkeepers. Before Christmas they took 16 points from a possible 22 (2 points for a win), while after Christmas they took just 6 from a possible 30.

Whatever the post-match reasons (excuses) the fact remains that the team just got very good at losing and once they started they forgot to stop.

Dave Pymont came up with a helpful suggestion to cope with the situation: "If we're going to lose, let's lose gracefully. Put Chris Castle at centre-forward!"

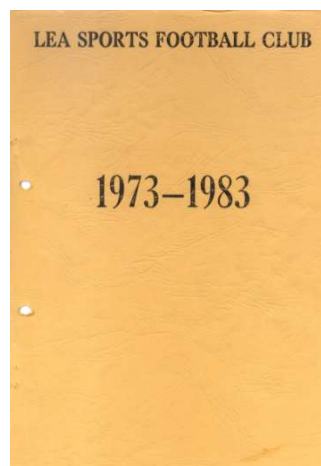
### Third XI

The Third Team were playing friendly matches against local Round Tables and colleges, etc. John Williams operated as 'Third Team Controller' (they didn't like the word 'Manager' for some reason!). His comments speak volumes: "the success of the Third Team has once again been measured not by the results on the field, but by the excellent team spirit throughout the side and the sheer enjoyment of playing football." Well said, John!

(By the way, they won one and drew two of their eighteen games that season.)

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At the end of the season a dinner was held at the Moat House in Luton to celebrate ten years of Lea Sports. With Welsh International Paul Price turning up to present the awards a good time was had by all and the future looked rosy for the Club.



Cover of the first Lea Sports magazine.  
(Imaginative, huh?)

**Sunday Second XI 1994-1995**



North Home Counties Division Five Champions  
Bedfordshire Centenary Cup Finalists  
"The Invincibles"

**Sunday Third XI 1997-1998**



Luton Sunday League Division One Champions

**Sunday Fourth XI 1994-1995**



Luton Sunday League Division Two Champions  
Luton Sunday League Invitation Cup Finalists

## 35 YEARS AGO – 1987-88 SEASON

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### First XI

Season 1987-88 saw Steve Smith start his fourth year as First Team Manager. The team had risen to the dizzy heights of Division Three for the first time and we couldn't wait to see what the Whitbread Cup would bring (no more Luton News Cup, that was now for the minnows!).

As it was, the First Round saw us drawn at home to First Division high-fliers Hexton. The master-stroke of playing Barry Pearce as a sweeper worked beautifully. Not only did he thwart the Hexton forwards time and again, but popped up to score the winner in a famous 2-1 victory.

We couldn't wait for Round Two – another home draw, this time against Premier Division runners-up Luton Way. Half-time came and we were trailing by a single goal and Will O'Leary had hit a post. Then the bubble burst and the final result of 1-10 was a bit of a reality check!

Never mind, we held our own in the division with 22 points from 22 games and did achieve a great 4-1 win away to runners-up SKF Social Reserves. Top scorer for the season was Will O'Leary with 23 goals, while striker Alan Dawson played in 28 of our 30 games.

### Second XI

The Reserves under Manager Bill Hind just managed to stave off relegation back to Division 7. Phil Thompson lent the team a hand at the end of the season, weighing in with 6 goals in 5 games, including a hat-trick in the final match – a 10-2 victory over Unit One, when even 'keeper Bryn Holmes got his name on the scoresheet.

The team's debut in the Luton News Cup ended in a win over Barbarians (3-2) with goals from Kev Boxall, Pete Conquest and Geoff Richardson, followed by a second-round defeat to Magnum Reserves (0-2).

Two or three first-teamers (including your editor!) played in a 2-2 draw against champions Old Moat House (who went unbeaten in 22 matches). Ali Hearn popped up with both goals in that game.

Kevin Boxall was the team's top scorer, managing 10 goals, whereas many team changes meant that in 28 matches only Kev Boxall made over 20 appearances, with Rick Vipers making 19 starts.

### Third XI

Maurice Dawson, Jim Gahagan and Geoff Richardson took joint stewardship of the Thirds, who were still playing friendly matches. The team enjoyed a full fixture list and played no fewer than 28 games in the season, using some 47 players.

There were 6 victories, of which the best was probably an 8-3 win over FSL in the final match, although a few first-team 'guests' did feature in the team that night. An attacking line-up featured Phil Clarke (who scored a hat-trick), Phil Thompson (1), Alan Dawson (1), Dave Pymont (1), Geoff Richardson (2) and Will O'Leary, who must have been sick as a parrot after not scoring!

The season was remarkable for a run of five games from December 1987 to February 1988 which all ended up as 5-2 defeats. The run was ended on 21<sup>st</sup> February with a 3-4 defeat to a team called 'Finishing Services'.

LEA SPORTS  
FOOTBALL CLUB

1987 88  
SEASON



## PROBABLY THE BEST-EVER YOUTH TEAM

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### Under Eighteen Firesharks 2012-2013

Back Row: Dominic Edwards, Matt Hill, Andy Munn, Joe Miley, Tom Marsh, Joe French, Remy Campbell

Front Row: Liam Brooks, Will Ridgway, Louis Bharwaney, George Marwaha, Steve Bryan, Ethan Rouget, Courtney Cendrecourt



**Royston Crow Under 18 Division 1 Champions  
Hertfordshire County Cup Semi-Finalists  
(and they did it again the following season...)**

## THE (EX-) CHAIRMAN'S VIEW

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I'm not quite sure how I became Chairman of Lea Sports, I seem to remember it was because of my great leadership qualities, my sharp wit, charm and dashing good looks or could it have been because I was the only one left in the room when they were asking.

I took over in 1989 as Chairman from the illustrious Al Mayman who lasted for a whole year. I lasted for 2 years in my first spell when I passed over the reins to the great Mark Turner. Obviously having a very short memory, I took up the post again in 1994 for two years and then again in 1999-2000. A glutton for punishment, I again became the Chair in 2001 for 5 years ending my reign in 2006 having served for 10 years as Chairman over a 17 year period.

But the reason we are here today is to celebrate 50 years of the club's existence, although I know of one member who used to disagree: Bill Hind, who always argued that the club was formed a year earlier, but then again Bill did always argue. Unfortunately Bill Hind died in 2012: a sad loss and there have been other great names that have sadly passed away in recent years: Ivan Lawrence, Kevin Scott, Wojtek Gabrys, Steve Moreton, Nigel Leek, Micky Justin and Maurice Dawson.

The club has always been evolving and this is one of the reasons that it has survived and thrived for so long - the committees over the years have not looked to just stay with the status quo, but have always tried to develop the club. This can be seen in the way the club has moved from different clubhouses starting in New Street in Luton town centre, then moving to St Thomas's Road, Stopsley and then to the current home at Pirton in 1995.

Over the years the type of sport offered by the club developed from just football for Adult men, to Women's Football, Youth Football and even running a Netball team; we have also competed in various other seasonal games including cricket. But one thing has stayed consistent and that has always been the organisation of the club, which has remained strong, with members giving up their time and energies to ensure the smooth running of the various teams and one person has featured more than anyone in my end-of-season reports over the years and that is Steve Smith, who has given and continues to give his time and energy freely to the betterment of the Club.

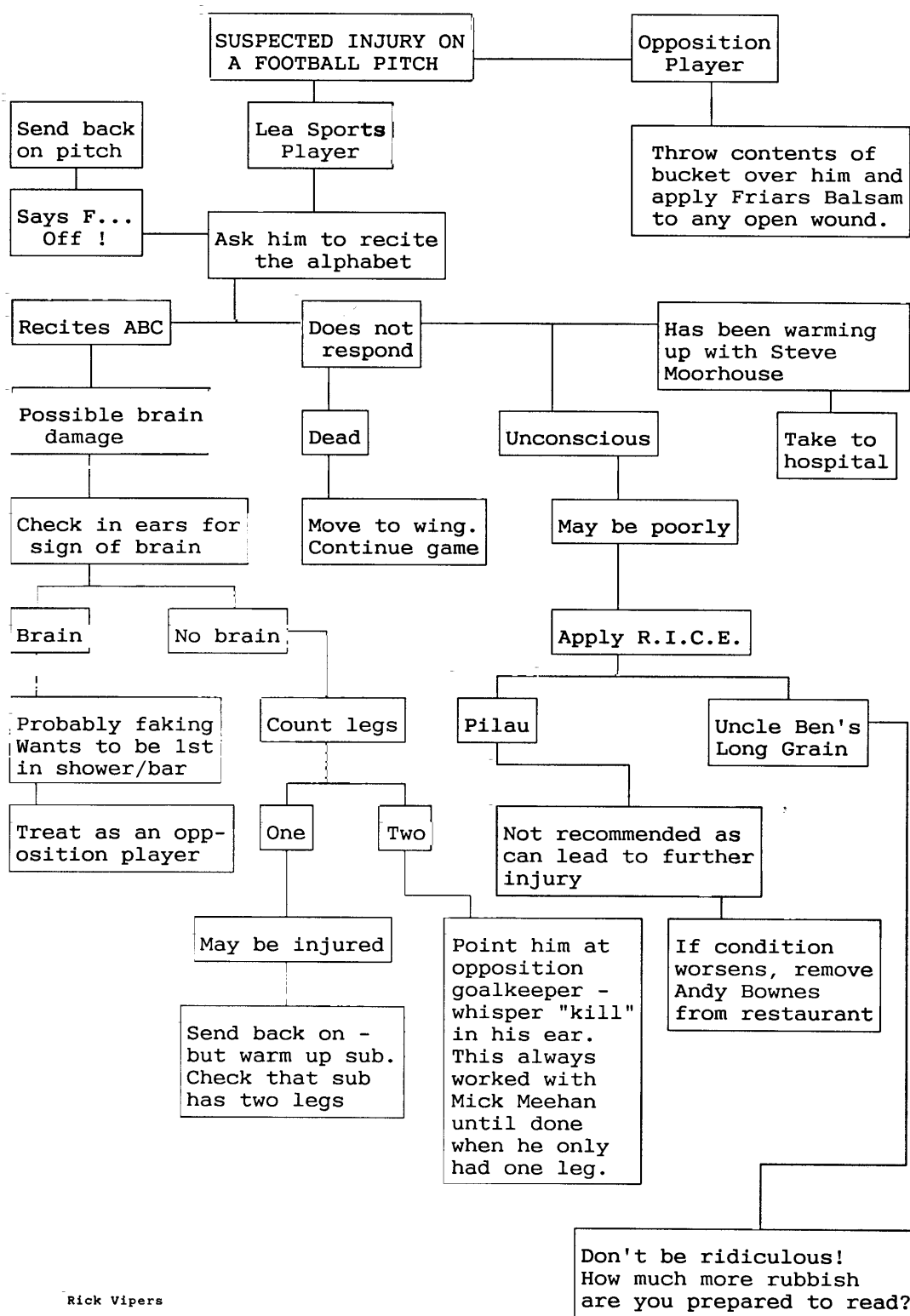
Some of the highlights for me over the years have been winning Division 3 of the North Home Counties as the manager of the first team, whilst Chairman of the Club, losing only two games all season. Playing a league match and five-a-side tournaments at Luton Town's ground on the artificial pitch. Organising and going on the Club's first tour abroad to Paris, when the coaches picked us up directly after the end-of-season do at the Luton Rugby Club. Being part of this Club, meeting and playing with so many players who have become great friends.

This is a great Club with strong sporting traditions and I hope everyone else has great memories to share of their own, so let's all enjoy celebrating the first 50 years of Lea Sports.

### **Keith Lee**

Chairman 1989-91, 1994-96, 1999-2000, 2001-06

# FOOTBALL INJURIES – AN IDIOT’S GUIDE



Rick Vipers

## THE GOLDEN BOOT



The Golden Boot Shield, for the highest goalscorer in an 11-a-side team, was introduced in the 2001-02 season, following Matt Kenneford's remarkable 74 goals for the Under 13s. That total has only been topped once since – by Matt Morton with 75 goals in 2016-17 when he was playing for both Under 13 teams. Since then, other awards have been introduced for the different formats of the game: the **Mini Golden Boot** was created in 2008-09 for the seven-a-side format, with Samuel Boggon taking the first award with 36 goals for the Under 9s. In 2012-13, the **Steve Smith Shield** was introduced for the top scorer in a five-a-side team – the first winner was Samuel Bayley, with 48 goals for the Under 7s. The following year saw the introduction of the **Nines Shield**, for the top scorer in the 9 vs. 9 format. Noah Nyoni took the first award with 9 goals for the Under 11s.

### GOLDEN BOOT WINNERS

	<b>Golden Boot (11-a-side)</b>	<b>Nines Shield (9-a-side)</b>	<b>Mini Golden Boot (7-a-side)</b>	<b>Steve Smith Shield (5-a-side)</b>
2001-02	Matt Kenneford (U13) 74			
2002-03	Matt Kenneford (U14) 56			
2003-04	Aaron Valentine (U12) 40			
2004-05	Connor Smith (U11) 51			
2005-06	Connor Smith (U12) 46			
2006-07	Lewis Smith (Sun.2 <sup>nd</sup> ) 29			
2007-08	Phil Thompson (Sun.2 <sup>nd</sup> ) 37			
2008-09	James Hirst (U12) 36		Samuel Boggon (U9) 36	
2009-10	Greg Whelan (Sun.1 <sup>st</sup> ) 17		Louis Lomas (U9) 29	
2010-11	James Awofisan (Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> ) 31		Ben Bayley (U7), Louis Lomas (U10) 38	
2011-12	Oliver Pitts (U14) 33		Ben Bayley (U8) 28	
2012-13	Liam Brooks (U18) 27		Ben Bayley, Alex Matsukatov (U9) 24	Samuel Bayley (U7) 48
2013-14	Oliver Pitts (U16), Liam Brooks (U18) 29	Noah Nyoni (U11) 9	Matthew Blake (U10) 45	Samuel Bayley (U8) 31
2014-15	Max Burrows (U17) 21	Ben Bayley (U11) 30	Samuel Bayley (U9) 29	Jamie Williams (U7) 38
2015-16	Joe Hennem (Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> ) 20	Matthew Morton (U12) 40	Samuel Bayley (U10) 11	Jamie Williams (U8) 38
2016-17	Matthew Morton (U13 Cougars/Panthers) 75	Oliver Rowe-Trelford (U11) 13	Jamie Williams (U9) 24	Jake Murray (U7) 86
2017-18	Joe Hennem (Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> ) 32	Luke Allen (U12) 11	Sam Robinson (U9) 31	Mason McCulloch (U8) 45
2018-19	Tom Newland (Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> ) 27	Noah Kirkham (U11) 24	Rory Williams (U9) 58	Zac Wright (U8) 37
2019-20	Liam Andrews, Milton Tomlinson-Dennis (Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> ) 11	Finley Ford (U11), Nonso Okenwa (U12) 17	Derick Ezeka (U10) 37	Solomon Burgess (U8) 26
2020-21	Joe Hennem (Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> ) 23	Derick Ezeka (U11) 45	Zac Wright (U10) 44	Ethan Whybrow (U7) 32
2021-22	Alfie New (U13) 21	Derick Ezeka (U12) 53	George Henry (U10) 21	Jude Wright (U7) 50
2022-23	Jonny Day (Sun.1 <sup>st</sup> ) 30	Dylan Thompson (U11) 22	Joseph Tyler (U9) 14	Alex Woodward (U7) 45



# Adult Teams

## TOP GOALSCORERS

	<b>Sunday 1st XI</b>	<b>Sunday 2nd XI</b>	<b>Sunday 3rd XI</b>	<b>Sunday 4th XI</b>	<b>Saturday 1st XI</b>	<b>Saturday 2nd XI</b>	<b>Veterans</b>	<b>Ladies</b>
1975-76	Mick Stead (26)							
1976-77	Dave Pymont, Mick Walter (13)							
1977-78	Ali Hearn (14)	Barry Ainsworth (9)						
1978-79	Phil Clarke (13)	Wojtek Gabrys (9)						
1979-80	Dave Pymont (15)	Wojtek Gabrys (16)	John Slater (7)					
1980-81	Phil Clarke (16)	Dave Pymont (20)	Geoff Richardson (8)					
1981-82	Phil Clarke (19)	Dave Pymont (20)	John Williams (7)					
1982-83	Phil Clarke (28)	Ali Hearn (13)	Geoff Richardson, Alan Dawson (4)					
1983-84	Phil Clarke (14)	Dave Pymont (14)	Keith Bannister (22)					
1984-85	Mark Doyle (22)	Chris Marshall (11)	Keith Bannister (18)					
1985-86	Mark Doyle (33)	Alan Palmer (11)	Ken Souster (30)					
1986-87	Alan Dawson (21)	Dave Kemp (10)	Geoff Richardson, Ken Souster (19)					
1987-88	Willy O'Leary (23)	Kevin Boxall (12)	Graham Davies (9)					
1988-89	Alan Dawson (29)	Phil Clarke (18)	Phil Thompson (14)					
1989-90	Phil Thompson (20)	Al Mayman (14)	Tony Ingram (15)					
1990-91	Phil Thompson (28)	Phil Clarke (18)	Kevin Doyle (9)					
1991-92	Kevin Boxall (15)	Phil Clarke (21)	Tony Ingram (14)					
1992-93	Steve Close (9)	Phil Clarke (14)	Willy O'Leary (21)	Steve Bingham (5)				
1993-94	Phil Thompson (37)	Trevor England (23)	Phil Clarke (24)	Sandy Muir (24)	Russell Sheppard (23)		Phil Clarke (5)	
1994-95	Phil Thompson (26)	Steve Bingham (25)	Phil Clarke (20)	Paul Dubal, Tony Fontanelle (16)	John Temple (28)		Gary Hooper (6)	Nina Bradbury (13)
1995-96	John Temple (21)	Lee Brown, Jeff Brown (10)	Phil Clarke (34)	Craig Brooke (24)	John Temple (17)		Phil Thompson (17)	
1996-97	Phil Thompson (16)	Darren Campbell (11)	Phil Clarke (21)	Craig Brooke (13)			Paul Gathern, Justin Raymond (3)	
1997-98	John Temple (19)	Trevor England (14)	Phil Thompson (28)	Craig Brooke (26)			Phil Clarke, Steve Mills (3)	
1998-99	Robert O'Dell (17)	Martyn Brown (11)	Phil Thompson (45)	Craig Brooke (9)	Roger Clarke (16)			
1999-00	Dave Flett (3)	Graham Lester (13)	Phil Thompson (24)	Craig Brooke (19)				
2000-01	Phil Thompson (25)	Paul Gathern (5)	Richard Sexton (10)					
2001-02	Phil Thompson (31)	Rory Stephens (8)	Jason Swingler (10)		Dwayne Grant (18)	Jamie McDade (14)		
2002-03	Phil Thompson (33)	Jamie Richards (9)	Shiblu Miah (15)		Dave Bonner (16)	Shiper Hussein (2)		

	<b>Sunday 1st XI</b>	<b>Sunday 2nd XI</b>	<b>Sunday 3rd XI</b>	<b>Sunday 4th XI</b>	<b>Saturday 1st XI</b>	<b>Saturday 2nd XI</b>	<b>Veterans</b>	<b>Ladies</b>
2003-04	Mark Williams (15)	Jamie Richards (23)	Shiblu Miah (19)		Lewis Smith (2)			
2004-05	Phil Thompson (23)	Jamie Richards (17)	Shiblu Miah (12)					
2005-06	Jamie Richards (14)	Ben Thomson (6)						
2006-07	Jamie Richards (20)	Lewis Smith (29)						
2007-08	Greg Whelan (14)	Phil Thompson (37)						
2008-09	Chris Littlejohn (19)	Phil Thompson (34)						
2009-10	Greg Whelan (17)	Tom Newland (15)						
2010-11	Gary Raymond (17)	Phil Thompson (21)			James Awofisan (31)	Ryan Durrant (7)		
2011-12	Gary Raymond (22)	Tom Newland (14)			Danny Hardacre (11)			
2012-13	Gary Raymond (14)	Tom Newland (17)			Danny Hardacre (13)		Phil Thompson (3)	
2013-14	Gary Raymond (14)	Tom Newland (8)					Phil Thompson (5)	
2014-15	Gary Raymond (11)	Tom Newland (17)			Ryan Darby (16)			
2015-16	Arkadiusz Ledwon (5)	Tom Newland (19)			Joe Hennem (20)			
2016-17	Tom Newland (11)				Joe Hennem (36)			
2017-18	Tom Newland (19)				Joe Hennem (32)			
2018-19	Tom Newland (27)				Warren Bell (16)			
2019-20	Dan Carter, Tom Newland (9)				Liam Andrews, Milton Tomlinson-Dennis (11)	Aaron Bean (10)		
2020-21	Tom Newland (10)				Joe Hennem (23)	George Calvert, James Lovett (5)	Barry Clarke (11)	
2021-22	Jonny Day (16)				Joe Hennem (13)	Warren Bell (20)	Mark Manangan (7)	
2022-23	Jonny Day (30)				Milton Tomlinson-Dennis (26)	Ryan Bean (7)	Charlie Oshunniyi (22)	

# Youth Teams – Eleven-a-Side

## TOP GOALSCORERS

	<b>Under 18</b>	<b>Under 17</b>	<b>Under 16</b>	<b>Under 15</b>	<b>Under 14</b>	<b>Under 13</b>	<b>Under 12</b>	<b>Under 11</b>	<b>Under 10</b>
1992-93	Stuart Straker (9)	Jonathan Connelly Darren Broome (4)		Tom Quick (17)		Robert O'Dell (22)			
1993-94			James Payne (28)		Robert O'Dell (44)				
1994-95		John King (28)		Robert O'Dell (45)					
1995-96	Sean Fahy (8)		Robert O'Dell (24)			Gyasi Ellis (16)			
1996-97					Gyasi Ellis (18)			Danny Duggan (2)	
1997-98							Danny Duggan (25)		
1998-99						A:Ben L'Honoré(38) B:Adam Cox (16)			Matt Kenneford (41)
1999-00					A:Ben L'Honoré (51) B:I.Hyde/C.Kehoe(8)			Matt Kenneford (29)	
2000-01				A:Dan Duggan(11) B:Matt Brennan (6)			Matt Kenneford (24)		
2001-02			A:Ben L'Honoré(25) B:Lee Squires (7)			Matt Kenneford(74)			
2002-03		Matt Brennan (8)			Matt Kenneford(56)		Callum Smith (38)		
2003-04				Scott Dixon (11)		Callum Smith (38)	Aaron Valentine(40)		
2004-05					Callum Smith (13)	Nat Boston (18)		Connor Smith (51)	
2005-06				Callum Smith (10)	Sam Tomkins (30)		Connor Smith (46)	Danny Butler (31)	
2006-07				Aaron Brannigan (9)			Adam Nunn (22)		
2007-08			Chris Goodrum (17)			Cam. Alexander Danny Butler Jack Mordecai Adam Nunn (9)			
2008-09	Sam Tompkins (10)				Matthew Baxter (11)		James Hirst (36)	Curties O'Connell (29)	
2009-10			Ben Morris (16)	Janayd Shan (10)		James Lovett (12)	Curties O'Connell (15)		
2010-11		Ben Morris (23)				James Hirst (14)			
2011-12	Warren Bell (32)				A: Fabian Brown-Johnson (14) B: Oliver Pitts (33)				
2012-13	Liam Brooks (27)			A: Josh Archer (9) B: Max Burrows, Oliver Pitts (14)					

	<b>Under 18</b>	<b>Under 17</b>	<b>Under 16</b>	<b>Under 15</b>	<b>Under 14</b>	<b>Under 13</b>	<b>Under 12</b>	<b>Under 11</b>	<b>Under 10</b>
2013-14	Liam Brooks (29)		Oliver Pitts (29)			Liam Hyde (20)			
2014-15		Max Burrows (21)			Bailey Summers (15)				
2015-16	Max Burrows (9)								
2016-17						Cougars: Matthew Morton (39) Panthers: Matthew Morton (36)			
2017-18					Cougars: Reuben Spanyol (7) Panthers: Matthew Morton (12)				
2018-19				Cougars: Oliver Scott (4)					
2019-20									
2020-21						Lions: Jake Cardy (9)			
2021-22					Lions: Alfie Welch (13)	Pumas Blacks: Alfie New (21) Reds: Finley Ford, Josh Skyers (10)			
2022-23				Lions: Alfie Welch (20)	Pumas: James Gibbens (8)	Cougars Blacks: George Speed, Leo Surrridge 6 Reds: Rory Williams 12 Whites: Theo Clawson 17			

## Mini-Soccer Teams

### TOP GOALSCORERS

	<b>Under 12</b>	<b>Under 11</b>	<b>Under 10</b>	<b>Under 9</b>	<b>Under 8</b>	<b>Under 7</b>
2005-06		Cameron Alexander (5)				
2007-08		Salvatore Digrado (13)				
2008-09			Thomas Cutler (13)	Samuel Boggon (36)	Louis Lomas (28)	
2009-10			Will Spain-O'Leary (28)	Louis Lomas (29)	Oscar Pryle (14)	
2010-11			A: Louis Lomas (38) B: Edward Clarke (23)		Tyger Cox, Ethan Wilson (11)	Panthers & Pumas: Ben Bayley (38)
2011-12					Panthers & Pumas: Ben Bayley (28) Cougars: Alex Matsukatov (20)	
2012-13			Henry Brown (17)	Panthers & Pumas: Ben Bayley (24) Cougars: Alex Matsukatov (24)		Samuel Bayley (48)

	<b><i>Under 12</i></b>	<b><i>Under 11</i></b>	<b><i>Under 10</i></b>	<b><i>Under 9</i></b>	<b><i>Under 8</i></b>	<b><i>Under 7</i></b>
2013-14		Noah Nyoni (9)	Panthers & Pumas: Ben Bayley, Matthew Blake (18) Fishercats: Matthew Blake (27) Cougars: Luke Woodward (20)		Samuel Bayley (31)	
2014-15	Noah Nyoni (7)	Fishercats: Ben Bayley, Matt Blake, Tom Brown (17) Cougars: Max Garthwaite (14)		Samuel Bayley (29)		Jamie Williams (38)
2015-16	Panthers: Matt. Morton (11) Cougars: Matt. Morton (29)		Samuel Bayley (11)		Jamie Williams (38)	Pumas Blacks: Harri Flinn, Nathan Morton (27) Reds: Frank Jennings (28)
2016-17		Olly Rowe-Trelford (13)		Jamie Williams (24)	Pumas Blacks: Harri Flinn (53) Reds: Jim Wiseman (17) Whites: Frank Jennings (50)	Leopards: Jake Murray (62) Tigers: Sam Robbins (52) Wildcats: Jake Murray (22)
2017-18	Luke Allen (12)		Lions: Noah Kirkham (19) Lynx: Jack Mackrell (6)	Pumas Blacks: Jasper Goodwin (27) Reds: Sam Robinson (30) Whites: Naresh Patel (22)	Leopards: Jake Murray (44) Tigers: Max Winfield (32) Wildcats: Mason McCulloch (33)	Bobcats: Thomas Flinn (42)
2018-19		Lions: Noah Kirkham (24) Lynx: Jack Mackrell (15)	Pumas Blacks: Tom Underwood (32) Reds: Sam Robinson (27) Whites: Kian Stimpson (20)	Leopards: Rory Williams (54) Tigers: Max Winfield (12) Panthers: Derick Ezeka (10)	Bobcats: Zac Wright (37)	Jaguars: Frank Stout (20)
2019-20	Lions: Jacob John (4) Lynx: Nonso Okenwa (17)	Pumas Blacks: Finley Ford(17) Reds: Josh Skyers (9) Whites: Kian Stimpson (15)	Leopards: Rory Williams (18) Tigers: Max Winfield (16) Panthers: Derick Ezeka (37)	Bobcats: Zac Wright (13)	Jaguars: Solomon Burgess (26)	
2020-21	Pumas Blacks: Finley Ford, Sam Robinson, Marley Watts (10) Reds: Rheon Maluka-Ryan (8)	Cougars Blacks: Ollie Morris (14) Reds: Rory Williams (28) Whites: Kian Stimpson (15)	Bobcats: Zac Wright (44)	Jaguars: Frank Stout (23)		Sabres: Ethan Whybrow (32)
2021-22	Cougars Blacks: Nathan Causebrook (17) Reds: Rory Williams (12) Whites: Derick Ezeka (53)	Bobcats: Zac Wright (34)	Jaguars: George Henry (21)		Sabres: Ethan Whybrow (28)	Tigers: Jude Wright (50)
2022-23	Bobcats: Teddy Clancy (14)	Jaguars: Dylan Thompson (22)		Sabres: Joseph Tyler (14)	Tigers Blacks: Charlie Kewell (19) Tigers Reds: Theo Clark (14)	Panthers: Alex Woodward (45)

# 30 YEARS AGO – 1992-93 SEASON

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*Steve Smith received a 'Long Service Award' from Luton Borough Council for his time with the Club! Kelvin Callow played his 500<sup>th</sup> game. The Netball Team won the League Division 1.*

## First XI

Kev Boxall took over as Manager from Keith Lee for the Club's second campaign in Division 2. A disappointing start saw two 3-3 draws and four defeats in the first 6 games, including exits from both Whitbread and Bedfordshire Junior Cups.

Things improved dramatically, however, and a draw in the final game would have seen us finish third behind Lilley and Luton Way Reserves. Marshalled by Micky Justin, the team had the best of the game against AFC Wigmore, until a speculative shot in the dying minutes gave Wigmore a 1-0 win to leave us in fourth spot.

A 2-2 draw with Champions Lilley and a 3-0 thrashing of Luton Way Reserves were the best performances, while Steve Close was top scorer with 9 goals.

## Second XI

Al Mayman took over from Steve Smith as the Reserves' Manager, hoping to improve on the team's fourth spot in Division 5. However, there were only 2 wins pre-Christmas: 1-0 over Kenilworth Rangers and 4-0 over bottom-placed Luton British Rail.

Things picked up after the break with a 6-match unbeaten run, including a 4-0 win over Crescent Social and a 6-0 thrashing of Casa Bianca, before a dip in form brought just 2 wins from the last eight games and sixth place in the league. Phil Clarke scored 14 of the team's 53 goals, while Clarke, Archie Conway, Neil Hebron, Keith Lee, Al Mayman and Rick Vipers all played over 20 games.

## Third Team

John Pawley took charge for the team's third season in the Luton Sunday League Division 1. They managed to use 56 players in 18 games, finishing 8<sup>th</sup> of 10 teams. The best result was a 12-3 win over Meds, with Scott Carnegie-Brown scoring 4. Hugh Byrne, Horace Savage and Will O'Leary also scored that day.

The team did play in their first Cup Final – the Steve Smith Trophy (no relation!), played at Kingsway, where we lost 2-0 to Champions Norman King.

Will O'Leary was top scorer with 21 goals, while Steve Baggett played in 24 of the 26 games (and was second-top scorer with 9).

## Fourth Team

The Fourths played league football for the first time, in Division 2 of the Luton Sunday League, under the stewardship of Neil Wilkinson.

Like the Thirds, they won 6 of their 18 games and finished third from bottom, the title going to Purley Tavern. The team scored in every game, except a final friendly against Luton College and their tally of 57 goals was the best of the adult sides. Mind you, they shared the goals around and top scorer was Steve Bingham with 5 goals in just 3 games!

## Under Eighteens

1992-93 saw the merger between Lea Sports and Stopsley Boys Club, with the Club playing as 'Lea Sports Stopsley'. Four youth teams were in operation, with Jim Hughes in charge of the Under 18s in a tough Division 1 of the Chiltern Youth League.

The team managed just 2 wins and 2 draws from 12 games, finishing 6<sup>th</sup> of 7 teams. Then, as now!, goalscoring was the problem with only 14 goals scored in the league (Stuart Straker with 5 of those, plus a further 4 in cup games).

Jim Hughes was a well-known and well-respected Manager and the team won the Sportsmanship Award for the Under 18 section of the Chiltern Youth League.

## Under Seventeens

The Under 17s had a nightmare! The start wasn't too bad, with a 3-2 defeat vs. Wingrave, but in the next 6 games we scored 5 and conceded 62 goals. Attempts to bolster the team failed and it folded with 13 games of the season to go, having lost every match.

## Under Fifteens

The Under 15s under Kieran Dimambro had a good season finishing runners-up and imposing the only 2 defeats on champions Sundon Park Rangers in Chiltern Youth League Division 2. Tom Quick scored 17 goals in 18 games. Gary Morrell and Peter Cox also appeared in every match.

## Under Thirteens

Robert O'Dell scored 22 of the team's 47 goals, but they conceded 104 and finished 11<sup>th</sup> of 14 teams in CY Division 1. Rob would go on to score 160 goals in 136 games for the Club.

Only 20 players were used with O'Dell, Ross Carter and Steven Pugh ever-present.

# 25 YEARS AGO – 1997-98 SEASON

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## First XI

1997-98 was one of the best seasons in the First Team's history. Laurence Freed, who had taken the Reserves to the Division 5 title three years earlier, took charge and built a solid team in Division 1.

The team enjoyed a good couple of cup runs, losing in Round 4 of the Hertfordshire Intermediate Cup and 1-0 to FC Houghton in Round 3 of the Whitbread Cup. They dished out some good hammerings too, including 10-0 over Brewery ETV ('Escape To Victory!') and a 2-0 away win over champions Old Moat House.

'Serial Killer' Johnny Temple scored 19 of the team's 86 goals.

## Second XI

Dave Lindley took charge of the Reserves for the second time in Division 4, but the team was very inconsistent finishing fifth of 11 teams. They scored 45 and conceded 45 in winning 12 games.

The unluckiest player was Trevor England, who scored 5 in the first half vs. Moulders Utd in the Luton News Cup, before being taken off by Dave at half-time! (The team went on to win 12-1).

Champions AC Sportsman won all 20 games, scoring 104 goals and conceding 20. We didn't even come close!

## Third XI

Baggy had figured out how to win leagues!

The Thirds took Division 1 of the Luton Sunday League by storm, winning 14 of 16 games including the first 12 on the trot.

Phil Thompson played in every game but one and scored 28 goals. Only 27 players were used, with Paul Gathern ever-present.

## Fourth XI

Kev Knight's Fourth Team finished 4<sup>th</sup> of 9 teams in the Luton Sunday League Division 2, having been champions three years earlier. The Invitation Cup brought some great results, including 15-2 vs. Red Star Sylhet (Mark Booth scored 4 and Phil Clarke and Craig Brooke 3 each); 11-0 vs. Bramingham (Brooke 4); 16-1 vs. Finn McCouls (Brooke 5) and 2 further 9-1 wins against those teams.

The final of the competition brought a great 3-2 win vs. Dunstable Drivers at 61 FC, with Craig Bryant scoring twice and Craig Brooke the third.

## Saturday XI

Hitchin Reds had joined Lea Sports as their Saturday team under Manager Paul Long. This season passed off relatively peacefully and gave no hint of what was to come, with the team eventually being expelled from Lea Sports for their rowdy behaviour.

On their day, the team could play good football and top scorer Ben Kowalczyk scored 27 times in 22 games as the team finished runners-up in the North Herts Alliance Premier Division. They also played in the Greg Cup Final at Hitchin Town's ground, but played poorly on the night going down 1-0 to first division side Mallard.

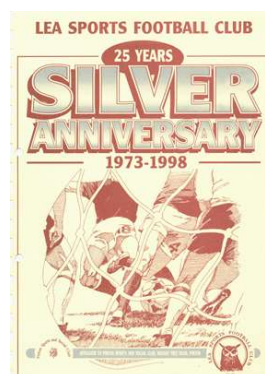
## Under Twelves

The Club had just one youth team for the 1997-98 season, with Godfrey Knock and Peter Skingley having put together an under 12 side.

Playing in Division 3 of the Chiltern League, the team got off to an awful start with just one draw in their first nine games. Steve Smith's son Lewis made his debut for the Club, as did his other son Chris, who was actually 14 in November 1997. Despite this slight 'oversight' on the managers' part, the goals kept on pouring into our net, the worst defeats being 8-0 away to Evergreen Youth in the County Cup and 10-3 at home to Markyate (both with Chris Shearer in goal).

The team had just one win before Christmas (a 7-1 thumping of Harlington, with Chris Smith scoring twice), although there was a gradual improvement as the season wore on, with 5 wins after Christmas and in the end the team finished 8<sup>th</sup> of 13.

Danny Duggan finished as top scorer with 25 goals, while Richard Knock, who was ever-present, picked up the award for Players' Player.



At the end of the season the Club celebrated its Silver Anniversary with a meal at the Vauxhall Brache, which everyone remembers mostly for the comedian, but also for the fact that halfway through there was a fire alarm and we all had to traipse outside in all our finery into the car park, until the Fire Brigade declared a false alarm.

## THE 200 CLUB (Players with 200 or more appearances) (82 Players)

Debut date & team			Debut date & team		
674	Phil Thompson	21.11.82 (3 <sup>rd</sup> XI)	260	Simon Jackson	09.08.00 (Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> XI)
645	Archie Conway	11.10.81 (3 <sup>rd</sup> XI)	259	Gavin Campbell	13.08.91 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)
605	Bobby McGrath	15.09.91 (3 <sup>rd</sup> XI)	257	Steve Moorhouse	22.11.81 (3 <sup>rd</sup> XI)
592	Kelvin Callow	1973 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)	256	Pete Mather	30.11.86 (3 <sup>rd</sup> XI)
572	Rick Vipers	26.10.80 (3 <sup>rd</sup> XI)	255	Geoff Richardson	04.09.77 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)
528	Phil Clarke	1974 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)	254	Dave Newman	06.11.83 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)
439	Paul Gathern	11.09.88 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)	253	Ryan Darby	24.07.10 (Sat.1 <sup>st</sup> XI)
432	Keith Lee	27.08.78 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)	243	Bruce Bonfield	1973 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)
430	Dave Blake	16.09.79 (3 <sup>rd</sup> XI)	249	Marek Diduszko	10.08.08 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)
429	Jamie Richards	26.01.97 (U/14)	246	Tom Newland	29.08.08 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)
416	Andy Shiers	15.09.91 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)	241	Chris Castle	1973 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)
407	Al Mayman	17.10.82 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)	241	Steve Moreton	04.09.77 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)
403	Alan Dawson	14.09.80 (3 <sup>rd</sup> XI)	241	Rob Hennem	23.08.14 (Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> XI)
393	Jonathan Whitehead	02.09.01 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)	240	Oliver Scott	11.09.10 (U/7)
389	Richard Randall	11.01.04 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)	240	Russell Sheppard	15.11.87 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)
381	Richard Knock	13.04.97 (U/11)	240	Mark Williams	25.04.99 (3 <sup>rd</sup> XI)
379	Matt Day	01.09.04 (U/13)	236	Kevin Connolly	15.10.89 (3 <sup>rd</sup> XI)
378	Neil Hebron	02.10.88 (3 <sup>rd</sup> XI)	236	Mark Turner	23.09.84 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)
365	Andy Thompson	1973 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)	235	Ashley Burgess	13.08.92 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)
351	Trevor Taylor	23.10.83 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)	231	Jim Gahagan	18.09.77 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)
350	Dave Pymont	1973 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)	230	Steve Goldsmith	23.09.90 (3 <sup>rd</sup> XI)
345	Greg Whelan	02.03.03 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)	229	Andy Bownes	07.04.88 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)
341	Alistair Hearn	1977 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)	228	Chris Gathern	25.10.92 (U/13)
332	Charlie Mc Nerney	04.12.77 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)	227	Bill Hind	16.10.77 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)
328	Ben Thomson	16.09.01 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)	226	Teddie Rowe-Trelford	11.09.10 (U/7)
327	Matthew Morton	11.09.10 (U/7)	225	Graham Carter	04.11.90 (3 <sup>rd</sup> XI)
318	Ed Thomson	27.08.00 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)	218	Henry Huxley	08.10.11 (U/8)
317	Tony Riley	1975 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)	217	Ben Bayley	11.09.10 (U/7)
306	Mick Marsh	01.02.81 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)	217	Oliver Palmer	07.09.08 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)
298	Gavin Bidgood	31.08.95 (U/18)	213	Phil Holmes	1973 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)
298	John Darley	18.09.77 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)	213	Felix Folbigg	08.01.17 (U/7)
298	Dan Little	17.10.12 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)	211	Steve Bingham	13.08.91 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)
295	Phil Hudspeth	1973 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)	211	Elijah Bean	10.09.16 (U/7)
293	Alan Palmer	25.11.84 (3 <sup>rd</sup> XI)	210	Liam Brooks	11.09.10 (U/7)
291	Mark Booth	13.10.96 (Vets)	207	Sam Tonge	11.09.10 (U/7)
289	Jack Baggett	05.09.02 (U/12)	207	Joe Hennem	09.04.14 (Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> XI)
283	Paul Maclennan	21.12.03 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)	206	Brian Langley	11.04.76 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)
276	John Temple	13.08.92 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)	201	Lewis Manning	11.09.10 (U/7)
266	Colin Bradley	10.04.88 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)	200	Simon Mayes	14.10.07 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)
263	Scott Morgan	30.07.00 (Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> XI)			
262	Steve Baggett	08.09.91 (3 <sup>rd</sup> XI)			
262	Steve Close	10.12.89 (2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)			
261	Ben Alderton	28.08.05 (1 <sup>st</sup> XI)			

### Long-Service Awards

*(Awarded to players who appeared in many second and third team matches in the mid-seventies for which no records can be found)*

John Darley, Maurice Dawson, Jim Gahagan, Steve Moreton, Geoff Richardson, John Scales



## 20 YEARS AGO – 2002-03 SEASON

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### First XI

An average start and an average finish in North Home Counties Division 2 saw the team finish in fourth place, three points behind champions Hexton Reserves.

A good run in the Hertfordshire Intermediate Cup ended with a narrow 2-3 defeat to William Morris Labour Club, despite a 2-0 half-time lead.

Manager Steve Baggett got the best out of Phil Thompson, who notched 33 goals to finish as the North Home Counties' top scorer.

### Second XI

The Reserves followed the previous season's tally of 17 points and a position fourth from bottom of Division 5 with... 17 points and a position fourth from bottom of Division 5, despite playing four more games during the season!

They managed to score 2 more goals than the previous year, but conceded 27 more as an ageing defence started to creak.

Player-Manager Archie Conway praised 'keeper Gavin Bidgood's contribution to the season, while Jamie Richards topped the goalscoring charts with 9.

### Third XI

The Thirds, managed by Aziz Miah, played in the Hitchin Sunday League Division 3 and generally had a fair season, finishing eighth of 12 teams.

The season included the spectacle towards the end of two 'six-point' matches as the league tried to make up for lost fixtures. In the end we won one of these 4-1 and lost the other 1-4, so all's fair in love and war.

In the end a young side managed a total of 50 goals, of which Shibli Miah scored 15 and Dilwar Miah 10.

Amazingly, ten different Miahs (and one Meah) turned out for the team at one time or other.

### Saturday XI

In 2003-03 Jim Betts was running a Saturday team in the Premier Division of the Luton District and South Beds League, but things did not go well...

They lost 18 of their 21 games, but nine by just the odd goal, so it wasn't all disaster. Halfway through the season Jim resigned and Steve Baggett took over, but even he couldn't work his magic with this squad and in the end it was a season to forget.

### Under Seventeens

The Under 17s struggled in a large division in the Chiltern league, in which teams played each other just once each. The oddities of the division meant that the team played just 4 home league games all season – and they won 2 of those! They finally finished 13<sup>th</sup> of 15.

### Under Fourteens

The Under 14s, under Manager Bob Smith, finished just below halfway in Chiltern Youth Division 1.

Thanks to Matt Kenneford's contribution of 56 goals, the team reached the semi-finals of the league cup before going down 5-3 to league runners-up Ridgway Wolves.

### Under Twelves

Callum Smith scored 38 times as the Under 12s finished halfway down the Chiltern Youth League Division 3. Jack Baggett made his Club debut, appearing 23 times and scoring twice for Graham Manton's team.

# 15 YEARS AGO – 2007-08 SEASON

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## First XI

Richard Randall's team showed a lack of consistency in their campaign in Division 2. This, coupled with defeats against the bottom four teams, resulted in a disappointing sixth-place finish as Saracens Head took first place.

Chairman Greg Whelan was the only player to play in all 27 games and he was also the top scorer with 14 goals.

## Second XI

Under manager Ed Thomson the Reserves were unlucky only to finish in third place in Division 4 – 4 points behind runners-up Bird and Bush. Home defeats to Bird & Bush (4-5), Magnum Res. (3-4) and Hexton (1-2) were to prove costly.

There was also a disappointing end to a good County Cup run when a December trip to AC Enfield brought a 6-0 defeat in round 4 of the Hertfordshire Junior Cup. Phil Thompson was top scorer with 35 goals, winning the Club's Golden Boot award.

## Under Sixteens

Mark Hill's Under Sixteen team also finished third: in the Chiltern Youth division 3, despite being a week away from folding in August due to a lack of players.

One of the high points of the season was achieving six wins on the trot, scoring 31 goals and conceding just 4.

Only Chris Goodrum started all 21 games, top-scoring with 17 goals, although Jack Baggett, Matthew Hill and Josh Pope all figured in 20 games and Matt Day made 19 appearances.

## Under Thirteens

The Under Thirteens, under Greg Nunn, lost players to bigger Clubs before the start of the season, leaving them with a small squad.

With valuable assistance from Coach Adrian Bell, Greg got the boys playing good football and a first league win over Warden Hill, coming from a goal down with ten men to win 2-1 showed the spirit in the side.

In the end a squad of just 15 players achieved fifth place in a tough Chiltern Youth division 1. Top scorers were Cameron Alexander, Danny Butler, Jack Mordecai and Adam Nunn all with nine goals. Surprisingly, only supporters' player Adam Nunn started in every one of the 21 matches.

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At the end of the season the Club entered into discussions with Shillington & Gravenhurst United with a view to a merger. S&G ran mini-soccer teams and by a stroke of luck shared the Club's colours of red and black striped shirts and black socks.

From the start of the 2008-09 season Lea Sports PSG was born with teams from Under Eight upwards.



## 10 YEARS AGO – 2012-13 SEASON



### Sunday First XI

Back Row: Matt Day, Lewis Smith, Jamie Richards, Richard Knock, Ben Alderton, Paul Brown, Richard Randall (Manager)  
Front Row: Ritchie Bevan, Gary Raymond, Chris Littlejohn, Scott Morgan, Michael McMaugh, Richard Masters (Coach)



### Sunday Second XI

Back Row: Simon Jackson, Pat McAneney, Ben Alderton, Daniel Little, Paul MacIennan (Manager), Scott Morgan, Jon Whitehead  
Front Row: Marek Diduszko, Ed Thomson, Andy Johnstone, Tom Newland, Jamie Richards



**Under Fifteens (Royston Crow) XI**

Back Row: Josh Archer, Jack Lammiman, Josh Coleman, Taylor Forde, Gianni Picone, Matt Emmerson, Matt Mills, Sam Webb, George Goldsmith

Front Row: Mehdi Paul, Callum Winters, Ollie Pitts, Tommy Waby, Karl McNab

(Missing: Sam French, Simon Gaitan, Baldeep Singh, Ben Whitehead)



**Under Fifteens (Chiltern Youth) XI**

Back Row: Baldeep Singh, Finn McKeown, Harry Burton, Josh Dell, Simon Gaitan, Liam Brennan, Jesse Bharwaney

Front Row: Ben Whitehead, Jake Cook, Joe Abbott, Will Mercer, Jake Rolt, Thowhid Sobhani

(Missing: Max Burrows, Sam French, Kallel Patience, Mehdi Paul, Ollie Pitts, Tommy Waby)



**Under Nines Cougars 2012-13**

## 5 YEARS AGO - 2017-18 SEASON

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By 2017-18, the North Home Counties Sunday League was in turmoil. This league, formerly one of the strongest in the country and at one time having nine divisions, was struggling to retain Clubs and the quality had gone through the floor. Two seasons earlier, in 2015-16, the Sunday First team had folded, so the Reserves stepped up to become the First XI. The following season, 2016-17, this new First XI had finished bottom of Division 2, so started life in Division 3 for the 2017-18 season.

In a division of just 6 teams, playing each other 3 times, the First XI finished runners-up, with Tom Newland top-scoring with 19 of their 67 goals.

Meanwhile, the Saturday XI, under Manager Paul Jones, was continuing its relentless rise in the Bedfordshire County League. Joe Hennem followed up his 36 goals in Division 2 in the previous season with another 32 in Division 1, as the team finished in sixth place of 14 teams. A good run in the Herts Junior County Cup took them through 3 rounds, before a 3-0 fourth-round defeat away at Cottered. The best result of the season was a 6-1 win away at Sandy in October 2017, with Joe Hennem, Ali Moyihaldeen and Nathan Prime each scoring twice.

Two Under 14 teams were playing the 11 vs. 11 format of the game, although both struggled to find any consistency. The Cougars played in Division 3 of the Chiltern Youth League, finishing third of 6 teams. The Panthers managed just 1 win and 1 draw from their 15 games and finished bottom of the Beds Youth Saturday Division 3. Matt Morton managed to top-score for the Panthers, scoring 12 of their 25 goals.

Just one team played the nine-a-side format of the game in 2017-18 – the Under 12 Jaguars, under Manager Alan Scott. Despite great commitment from a team in which Luke Allen top-scored with 12 goals, the team finished 8<sup>th</sup> of 10 teams in the Chiltern Youth Division 3.

It was in the 7-a-side format that the Club had most success. The Under 10 Lions were playing their fourth season together in the Beds Mini-Soccer League. Noah Kirkham scored 19 goals as the team achieved an overall 55% win rate. The Under 10 Lynx also made their debut in the 2017-18 season and, after a slow start, began to find their feet and put a few results together. The team went on to play a further two seasons at 9 v 9 before folding after just one game of the 2020-21 season.

Three Under 9 Pumas teams played 7 vs. 7 football in the 2017-18 season, with all of them recording impressive results. Top of the pile were the Reds, who won 22 of their 27 matches in the Royston Crow Azure Division, under Managers Guy Wiseman and Paul Ford (the same 2 Managers who took charge of the unified Pumas team at Under 14 in 2022-23). Sam Robinson scored 30 of the team's 153 goals. Close behind were the Blacks, playing in the Cherry and Damson Divisions of the Crow League. Jasper Goodwin scored 27 goals for the team run by Graham McNish and Dave Moore. The team won 19 of its 28 games, scoring 103 goals in the process. Last but not least were the Whites, under Pat Kelly and Nick Flinn, playing in the Emerald Division. Naresh Patel scored 22 of the team's 85 goals, as they finished with an overall win rate of 55%.

There were also three teams playing five-a-side football at the Under 8 age group. The Leopards, under Owen Williams and Lee Baxter, achieved a 61% win rate in the Royston Crow Azure Division, with Jake Murray scoring 44 of the team's 107 goals. Also in the Azure Division were the Tigers, under Matt Robbins and Jason Winfield, who achieved an even more impressive win rate of 71%. Max Winfield scored 32 of the team's 129 goals in a great season. The Wildcats played in the Beds Mini-Soccer League under Managers Greg Bartley and James Grey and won just under half of their fixtures, scoring 96 and conceding 100 goals.

Finally, the Bobcats made their first appearance, under Dave Wright and Haz Patel, playing at Under 7 in the Royston Crow Burgundy Division. Thomas Flinn scored 42 of the team's 119 goals, as they won 16 and drew 1 of their 25 fixtures.

## FIFTY YEARS ON - 2022-23 SEASON

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Fifty years after its formation in 1973, Lea Sports ran 15 teams, from Under Sevens to Veterans, in seven different leagues across Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

For the Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> XI it was probably the cruellest season of all, especially given that this was the best Saturday team ever to represent the Club. For most of the season, they led the way in the Beds County League Division 1, with only Totternhoe Reserves managing to hang on to their coat tails. In short, it was the 2 games against Totternhoe which decided the season – we lost both: 2-4 at home and 3-5 away, however, the circumstances in which the top spot changed hands was particularly hard to take.

As the season moved from April to May, the team was 8 points clear of Totternhoe, who had 4 games left. We knew that victories in the last 2 games – both at home – would ensure the title was ours. Unfortunately, the fixture planners decided that the penultimate game should take place just 3 days after a gruelling semi-final in the East Beds Charity Cup (which we lost on penalties). This game ended in a 0-0 draw after a tough match against a robust Buffs FC. Most of the lads then played for their Sunday sides, before facing in-form Clifton in the final match on Bank Holiday Monday. We battled hard and after 75 minutes were winning 2-1, but then the effort of 4 games in 6 days told, and we conceded two late goals to lose 3-2. It was a heartbreaking blow.

Even then, Totternhoe had to win 3 of their last 4 games to overhaul us. Just to rub salt in the wound, Totternhoe's first 2 opponents failed to put a team out against them, so they were gifted 6 points before winning the third fixture 1-0, with a 90<sup>th</sup>-minute goal, to take the title (They lost their final game 6-1). A depleted and dispirited Lea Sports team then had to play a tough Centenary Cup semi-final away to Cranfield and crashed out 3-0. It was ironic that Cranfield were the first team to halt our winning start to the season, coming back from 2-0 down to draw 2-2, and were then the team to administer the *coup de grâce*.

The Veterans XI, playing home games in Whitwell, also achieved a runners-up spot to seal promotion to the Premier Division of the Herts Vets Super League. In the end, they were the only team to beat runaway winners London Maccabi, so the lads could look back on the season with pride. The Sunday XI started their Hitchin Sunday League Division 2 campaign slowly, with many inconsistent performances. They improved through the season, however, and reached the Final of the George John Memorial Trophy, securing a safe mid-table position in the league.

The fourth of our adult sides – the Saturday Reserves – used no fewer than 48 players, but struggled to find any consistency and ended the season on a 9-game losing run in the Beds County League Division 3, finishing 11<sup>th</sup> of 13 teams.

In the Youth Section, the Under 15 Lions had a great season, winning the championship of the Royston Crow League Division 2. They only lost 2 league games and were unbeaten in their last 14 games, including four 4-1 wins in a row either side of Christmas 2022. Our Under 14 Pumas and Under 12 Bobcats – playing in the top division of their respective leagues (Beds Youth Saturday and Chiltern Junior Sevens) – both struggled to get a full squad out each week, as the pull of rugby, hockey, school and county fixtures all took their toll. Both teams could beat anyone on their day – but both finished at the foot of their divisions. There were 3 Under 13 Cougars teams in action, but they too struggled at times to get their full squads out. The Cougars Reds had the best season, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the Royston Crow Division 1. The Under 11 Jaguars, playing in the Chiltern Sevens League, continued to develop, winning over 60% of their games, while the Under 9 Sabres, playing 7 vs.7 won just under half their games.

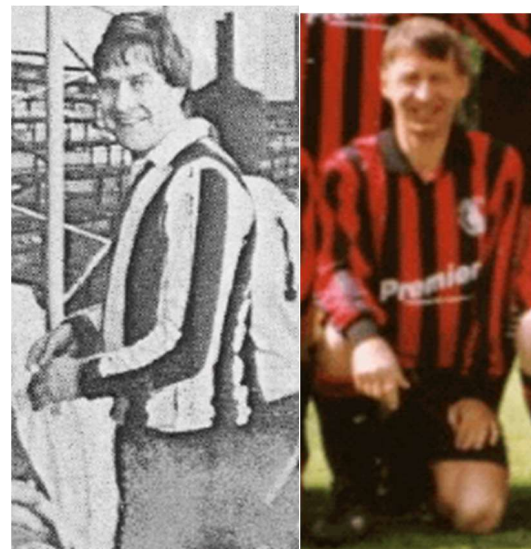
At 5 vs. 5, two Under 8 teams played – the Blacks (in their second season) and a new Reds team, both of which improved as the year went on. The Under 7 Panthers made their debut, with top-scorer Alex Woodward scoring a remarkable 45 goals in his first season.

## THE GOALSCORERS

If you mention the word 'goalscoring' to most people at Lea Sports, they will say 'Phil Thompson' and rightly so, but there were scorers before Phil, who didn't make his debut until 1982.

In those ten years before Phil Thompson, the scoring honours were shared between **Dave Pymont** and **Phil Clarke**. By the end of the 1982-83 season Dave had scored 161 goals in 237 appearances and Phil, who joined in 1974, had 138 goals in 181 games.

Dave went on to play 350 games altogether over 20 years and finished with 217 goals. Phil Clarke played in each of 26 seasons, making 528 appearances in all and scoring 427 goals.



Dave Pymont and Phil Clarke



### Phil Thompson – Goalscorer Extraordinaire

**Appearances: 631 (+ 36 as substitute); Goals: 680**

Phil made his debut for Lea Sports at the age of 17 on 21<sup>st</sup> November 1982 scoring for the Third Team in a 2-2 draw with Toddington Farmers. He would go on to score a further 679 goals including 347 for the First Team. He is 253 goals ahead of second top scorer Phil Clarke.

He has been top scorer for the First Team on nine occasions, beginning with 20 goals in 1989-90 and ending with 23 goals in 2004-05. He was also top scorer for the Reserves three times between 2007 and 2010, scoring 37 goals in the 2007-08 season to finish as the North Home Counties' top goalscorer. In 1988-89 he was the Third Team's top scorer with 14 – and again in 1997-98 with 28; in 1998-99 with 45 and again in 1999-2000 with 24. He was even top scorer for the Veterans in 1995-96 with 17.

Phil's scoring feats are well-documented, but I repeat a few here: his record in one match was seven on 6<sup>th</sup> November 1988 vs. Holy Ghost at Leagrave Park, in a match Lea Sports won 17-0. In the return fixture on 18<sup>th</sup> December, Phil scored his 100th goal for the Club.

Phil reached 500 goals in the 2002-03 season (the Club's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year) playing for Steve Baggett's First Team in Division 2, in a season when he was also voted as Players' Player.

On 30<sup>th</sup> March 2008, playing for the Reserves against Dynamo Old Boys at Lewsey Park, Phil needed one goal to reach 600—we needn't have worried as he scored the first of his 4 goals that evening within the first two minutes in a 6-0 win.

In 2012-13 Phil turned out once for the Vets in their County Cup match away to Hadley – but he still managed to score 3 times in that game.



## (THE OTHER GOALSCORERS!)

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Apart from the three extraordinary scorers mentioned above, there have been other players who have managed spectacular scoring feats – if maybe not over the length of time that Clarke, Pymont and Thompson managed.

The charts on the following pages will list all those players scoring more than 70 goals in the 11 vs. 11 format of the game and more than 60 in the other formats of the game, but I'll just mention a few of the best here. As in all these articles, I've tried to remember and mention the most worthy examples, but if I've missed someone along the way – my apologies!

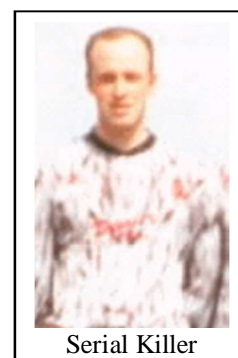
**Matt Kenneford** made his debut for the Under Ten team on 30<sup>th</sup> August 1998. He scored 41 goals that season, as the team finished as Runners-Up in the Chiltern Youth Division 2. Matt stayed with the Club for 5 seasons, scoring a total of 226 goals in 137 games, including 74 in the amazing 2001-02 season, when the Under Thirteens again finished as Runners-Up in the Chiltern Youth Division 2. After scoring 7 goals in a league game vs. Sacred Heart at the end of September, Matt scored 8 the following week in a 9-8 win over Albion Youth – after extra time! – in the Herts County Cup.

The 'Golden Boot' award for the top 11-a-side goalscorer was introduced in that season to recognise Matt Kenneford's amazing feat.

**Tom Newland** played his first match for the Sunday Reserves on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2008 and is still playing for that team now some 15 years later. (The Reserves became the First XI in 2016-17 after the collapse of the old First team). Tom has an incredibly consistent record over those years, only dipping below double figures of goals in two seasons; between 2009 and 2021 he was top scorer for every season bar one (when Phil Thompson played a season for the Reserves). In total, Tom has now scored 218 goals in 246 matches – a strike rate of 88.6%.

**Keith Bannister** played 3 seasons for the Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> team between 1983 and 1986, scoring 66 goals in 63 games. Despite many attempts to get Keith to play for the Second and First teams, he steadfastly refused, and all but 6 of his appearances were for the Thirds, where he enjoyed being the big fish in a relatively small pond!

In the 16 seasons between 1989 and 2005, Phil Thompson was top scorer for the Sunday First XI on nine occasions, but he didn't always have it his own way (although, don't forget that between 1997 and 2000 Phil was top scorer for the Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> XI...). In two of the other 7 seasons, **John Temple** (the 'Serial Killer') was top scorer notching 21 goals in 1995-96 and 19 two years later. In the end John Temple scored 167 goals, of which 67 were for the Saturday First XI, over 276 games between 1992 and 1999.



Despite joining the Club in 1982, Phil Thompson did not become top scorer for the Sunday First XI until 1989-90. This is mainly due to the appearance of 3 great scorers between 1984 and 1989: **Mark Doyle** was one of the most complete footballers ever to play for the Club, scoring 74 goals in 80 appearances over 3 seasons; **Alan Dawson** formed a great partnership with Phil up front and top scored in 1986-87 and 1988-89 – Al would eventually score 175 goals over 403 games in 18 seasons. Then there was **Willy O'Leary**, who got lost if he was outside the opposition's six-yard box. A great opportunist striker, Will scored 56 goals in 54 games in two spells for what was in effect his second club.

I'm going to give a mention here to my son **Lewis Smith**. Lewis made his club debut for the Under 12s in 1997 but only really played seriously for Lea Sports for one season, when, in 2006-07, he was top scorer and Players' Player for the Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. In that season he scored 29 goals in 23 games, including a great winning goal in a Reserve Cup match against AC Sportsman Reserves, who were two divisions higher at the time. Lewis won the Golden Boot that year.

Another player who maybe didn't score as many as he might have, was **Jamie Richards**. Jamie made his debut for the Under Fourteens in January 1997 and went on to make 429 appearances, of which 254 were for the Sunday First XI. He scored 186 goals in total, but only 29 in his last nine seasons with the Club. Jamie was First team top scorer for 2 consecutive seasons between 2005 and 2007 in the North Home Counties Division 2 in the team managed by Greg Whelan and Richard Randall.



Jamie



Joe Hennem after his hat-trick vs. Engineer Harpenden in Round 4 of the Herts Junior Cup on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

After making his *début* for the Saturday First XI on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2014 against Flitwick Town in a friendly in Pirton, **Joe Hennem** has gone on to score 169 goals in 207 appearances, joining the 200 Club this year. Joe has won the Golden Boot, for top 11 vs. 11 scorer, on three occasions, in 2015-16 with 20 goals, in 2017-18 with 32 and in 2020-21 with 23. Joe continues to score consistently at a high level in the Bedfordshire County League Division One. He scored another 23 goals this year, just a few less than top-scorer Milton Tomlinson-Dennis.

**Jon Whitehead:** Jon is a one-team man, who scored twice on his debut in a 3-3 draw away at Lilley Rangers in a Division 5 match for the Reserves on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2001. He went on to make a total of 393 appearances over 21 seasons, scoring 119 goals. All but 3 of Jon's appearances were for the Reserves (which later became the First XI) under Managers Archie Conway, Ed Thomson, Steve Baggett and Paul Maclennan. Although he only hit double figures in 2 of those seasons, Jon's consistency over the years has earned him a place in our list of goalscorers. Jon was Manager's Player for the Reserves in the 2007-08 season.



**Matt Morton:** Matt is included here, although most of his goals came for the youth teams, because he is still scoring! His *début* came in September 2010, playing for the Under Sevens. He scored double figures right up to 2016 and the Under 12s (111 goals in 232 appearances). In the 2016-17 season he switched to 11-a-side football, playing on Saturdays for the Under 13 Panthers and on Sundays for the Under 13 Cougars. That season brought a total of 75 games in 42 appearances, earning him the Golden Boot for that year. In all Matt has now scored 205 goals in 327 appearances.

**Robert O'Dell:** Rob's five seasons with the Club began in September 1992 at Under 13, when he scored 22 goals for a team that finished 11<sup>th</sup> of 13 teams in the Chiltern Youth League Division 1, playing for his dad Dave O'Dell. In 1998-99 he switched to the Sunday First XI, playing in the North Home Counties Premier Division, and top-scored again with 17 goals in a team which finished second-to-bottom. In his five seasons, Rob scored a total of 160 goals in 137 appearances – a strike rate of 116.8%. He stayed in the Premier Division with Old Moat House where he continued to bang in the goals!

# TOP GOALSCORERS 11-A-SIDE

	Club début		G O A L S.....								TOT	Games	Strike rate %
	date	team	1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI	4th XI	Sat. XI	Sat 2nd	Youth	Vets			
Phil Thompson	21.11.82	3rd	347	140	165	0	2	0	0	34	688	674	102.1
Phil Clarke	1974	1st	168	124	110	11	0	0	0	14	427	528	80.9
Matt Kenneford	30.08.98	U.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	226	0	226	137	165.0
Tom Newland	28.09.08	2nd	101	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	218	246	88.6
Dave Pymont	1973	1st	108	84	25	0	0	0	0	0	217	350	62.0
Jamie Richards	26.01.97	U.14	74	69	24	3	0	0	14	2	186	429	43.4
Alan Dawson	14.09.80	3rd	109	30	34	0	0	0	0	2	175	403	43.4
Joe Hennem	09.08.14	Sat.1	0	0	0	0	168	1	0	0	169	207	81.6
John Temple	13.08.92	1st	85	3	0	12	67	0	0	0	167	276	60.5
Robert O'Dell	13.09.92	U.13	17	8	0	0	0	0	135	0	160	137	116.8
Alan Palmer	25.11.84	3rd	27	36	31	42	1	0	0	0	137	293	46.8
Ben L'Honoré	26.04.98	U.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	0	135	92	146.7
Steve Bingham	13.08.91	2nd	22	69	26	5	3	0	0	0	125	211	59.2
Paul Gathern	11.09.88	2nd	20	53	41	4	0	0	0	4	122	439	27.8
Russ Sheppard	15.11.87	1st	55	10	11	3	40	0	0	0	119	240	49.6
Jon Whitehead	02.09.01	2nd	35	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	119	393	30.3
Mark Williams	25.04.99	3rd	76	24	9	0	0	0	0	3	112	240	46.7
Steve Close	10.12.89	2nd	33	38	2	4	31	1	0	0	109	262	41.6
Al Mayman	17.10.82	2nd	33	43	22	6	0	0	0	4	108	407	26.5
Warren Bell	11.03.07	U.12	0	0	0	0	22	30	51	0	103	183	56.3
Oliver Pitts	25.09.11	U.14B	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	0	101	110	91.8
Greg Whelan	02.03.03	2nd	57	31	0	0	3	0	0	10	101	345	29.3
Callum Smith	05.09.02	U.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	99	0	99	94	105.3
Connor Smith	12.09.04	U.11	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	0	97	52	186.5
Ben Thomson	16.09.01	2nd	19	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	328	29.6
Richard Knock	13.04.97	U.11	54	1	0	0	2	0	40	0	97	381	25.5
Lee Brown	Tour '94	1st	33	22	41	0	0	0	0	0	96	147	65.3
Matt Morton	11.09.10	U.7	0	0	0	0	3	4	87	0	94	95	98.9
Craig Brooke	17.09.95	4th	0	0	0	91	0	0	0	0	91	93	97.8
Gary Raymond	08.08.10	1st	78	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	89	112	79.5
Alistair Hearn	1977	1st	32	40	12	0	0	0	0	3	87	341	25.5
Geoff Rich'dson	04.09.77	2nd	0	4	76	0	0	0	0	5	85	255	33.3
Kevin Boxall	01.09.85	2nd	47	23	8	3	0	0	0	0	81	193	42.0
Mark Doyle	02.09.84	2nd	72	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	80	92.5
Bobby McGrath	15.09.91	3rd	9	15	28	10	9	0	0	3	74	605	12.2
Jack Baggett	05.09.02	U.12	10	29	0	0	0	0	34	0	73	288	25.3
Mark Booth	13.10.96	Vets.	40	18	0	4	9	0	0	2	73	290	25.2
Danny Duggan	13.04.97	U.11	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	72	128	56.3

**ALL OTHERS FEWER THAN 70.**

## YOUTH GOALSCORERS

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There have been a number of outstanding goalscorers in the youth and mini-soccer teams (probably too many to mention all of them.)

**Ben L'Honoré** played 4 full seasons between 1998 and 2002 for Godfrey Knock's teams from Under 13 through to Under 16. He scored 135 goals in 92 appearances, including 51 in the 1999-2000 season (two years before the Golden Boot was introduced). In the 2001-02 season, Ben's goals helped the Under 16 Reds to the final of the Royston Crow League Cup, where they came up against County Cup Winners and hot favourites Stevenage Borough. At half time the Reds were losing 2-1, but a Tai Kang header brought them level. Ben then scored with 15 minutes to go to give Lea Sports a 3-2 lead, which they managed to hold on to until deep in injury time, when Stevenage forced an equaliser to take the game into extra time. In the first period of extra time, Richard Knock was brought down in the penalty area. Adam Cox took his time and hit the back of the Colts' net. We were willing the side to hold on and all was going well, but the ref just kept playing. Two minutes into injury time in the second period of extra time Stevenage again drew level at 4-4 to take the match to penalties. With Chris Gear sidelined with a knee injury, Adam Cox took over in goal and the teams exchanged shots. It came down to the last two kicks – unfortunately Ben saw his kick saved and Stevenage lifted the trophy by 3 penalties to 2.

Under 16 Reds

Royston Crow League Cup Final

1<sup>st</sup> May 2002



**Jamie Williams** played from Under 7 to Under 11 between September 2014 and 2019 and scored 132 goals in 102 games, but even these exploits have been eclipsed by brother **Rory**, who made his début for the Under 7s in September 2016. Rory played at Under 13 this season and so far has scored a total of 278 goals in 170 games (264 of those goals in 149 mini-soccer matches).

Former players **Ben and Sam Bayley** both scored over 100 mini-soccer goals. Ben played from 2010 to 2016 and scored 165 goals in 192 games, including 38 goals in 2010-11; while Sam played between 2011 and 2017 scoring 122 goals in 81 games, including 48 in 2012-13. **Louis Lomas** scored 95 goals in 61 games between 2008 and 2010.

More recently, we have seen **Derek Ezeka** score 181 goals in 105 games between 2017 and 2022. **Ethan Whybrow** scored 60 goals in 37 games between 2022 and 2022 and **Zac Wright** scored 152 goals in 124 appearances – sadly all those players have now moved on, but new prospects are appearing: just this season **Alex Woodward** has begun his Lea Sports life with 45 goals in 17 matches for the Under 7 Panthers.

## TOP GOALSCORERS      MINI SOCCER

	Club début		G O A L S.....						TOTAL	Matches	Strike rate
	date	team	Under 12	Under 11	Under 10	Under 9	Under 8	Under 7			
Rory Williams	10.09.16	U7	19	42	28	58	37	80	<b>264</b>	149	177.2%
Derick Ezeka	10.09.17	U8	53	45	37	18	28		<b>181</b>	105	172.4%
Benjamin Bayley	11.09.10	U7	17	30	28	24	28	38	<b>165</b>	192	85.9%
Zac Wright	23.09.17	U7		34	44	13	37	24	<b>152</b>	124	122.6%
Jamie Williams	14.09.14	U7		19	13	24	38	38	<b>132</b>	102	129.4%
Jake Murray	10.09.16	U7					44	86	<b>130</b>	55	236.4%
Harri Flinn	12.09.15	U7	5	6	15	20	54	27	<b>127</b>	110	115.5%
Samuel Bayley	09.09.12	U7			11	29	31	49	<b>120</b>	76	157.9%
Felix Folbigg	08.01.17	U7	17	37	20	25	15	6	<b>120</b>	195	61.5%
Finley Ford	24.10.15	U7	11	17	17	23	47	1	<b>116</b>	110	105.5%
Frank Jennings	05.09.15	U7			10	26	50	28	<b>114</b>	84	135.7%
Max Winfield	17.09.16	U7	10	16	17	12	32	24	<b>111</b>	154	72.1%
Matthew Morton	11.09.10	U7	40	16	22	10	12	11	<b>111</b>	232	47.8%
Noah Kirkham	14.09.14	U7		24	19	14	17	23	<b>97</b>	105	92.4%
Sam Robinson	10.09.16	U8	10	14	30	31	11		<b>96</b>	95	101.1%
Nathan Morton	12.09.15	U7	2	3	9	12	43	27	<b>96</b>	116	82.8%
Louis Lomas	16.08.08	U8			38	29	28		<b>95</b>	61	155.7%
Sam Robbins	17.09.16	U7	2	7	4	8	21	52	<b>94</b>	132	71.2%
Frank Stout	09.09.18	U7		8	19	23	17	20	<b>87</b>	110	79.1%
Thomas Flinn	09.09.17	U7	8	16	8	4	8	42	<b>86</b>	126	68.3%
Ethan Smith	10.09.16	U7	8		15	13	22	25	<b>83</b>	108	76.9%
Mason McCulloch	17.09.16	U7				17	45	20	<b>82</b>	101	81.2%
Toby Easterbrook	17.09.16	U7	9	12	5	7	14	34	<b>81</b>	122	66.4%
Austin Wilshere	17.09.16	U7			6	11	21	41	<b>79</b>	77	102.6%
Jacob Mayes	09.09.18	U7		9	18	22	11	15	<b>75</b>	92	81.5%
Adam Kitchiner	12.09.15	U7	1	1	6	21	39	4	<b>72</b>	92	78.3%
Jim Wiseman	05.09.15	U7	3	14	7	19	17	10	<b>70</b>	124	56.5%
George Major	09.09.18	U7		13	19	18	6	11	<b>67</b>	98	68.4%
Jake Cardy	14.09.14	U7	2	10	7	10	18	19	<b>66</b>	117	56.4%
Thomas Brown	12.09.10	U8	6	17	10	16	15		<b>64</b>	117	54.7%
Matthew Blake	07.09.13	U10		17	45				<b>62</b>	83	74.7%
Naresh Patel	10.09.16	U8	6	10	18	23	4		<b>61</b>	93	65.6%
Ethan Whybrow	13.09.20	U7					28	32	<b>60</b>	37	162.2%

**ALL OTHERS FEWER THAN 60.**

## (NOT) THE GOALSCORERS!

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With over 2,300 players having appeared in a Lea Sports shirt, it's obviously a very difficult task to pick out just a few to mention. There are clearly lots of good players who have appeared for the Club, but I've tried below not just to list good players, but also those who stuck around for a long time!

We have our '200 Club', which is a list of players who have made 200 or more appearances – the full list is later in the magazine – but here (in no particular order) are a few excellent players:

**Russ Sheppard:** Russ made his first appearance as substitute for the Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> XI on 15<sup>th</sup> November 1987 in a home game in the North Home Counties Division 3 vs. Markyate. He played in most games for the rest of that season and was pivotal in the following season, when the team won promotion to Division 2. Quite skinny and light on his feet, it was always difficult to get the ball off him and his control of the midfield was great. Russ was First team Player's Player in 1989-90. In all, Russ scored 119 goals in 240 appearances over 8 seasons with the Club.



**Kev Connolly:** Irishman Kev Connolly was another talented midfielder who could take charge of a game when he was in the mood. Kev actually made his debut for the Club playing in a Third team friendly at home to Luton College in October 1989, and played most of the rest of that season for the Reserves in the NH Counties Division 5. However, in 1990-91 he played in all but 2 matches for Keith Lee's First XI which won the Division 3 championship. He might be best remembered for travelling on one of the foreign tours on his brother's out-of-date southern Irish passport! In all Kev made 236 appearances for the Club over 9 seasons, scoring 32 goals.

**Micky Justin:** Micky Justin played seven seasons for Lea Sports, with all but 3 of his 158 appearances being in the Sunday First XI – many of them as Captain. He made his debut for the Club in Division 2 of the NH Counties in 1991 and was still there when the team made its debut in Division 1 in the 1996-97 season. He was First team Players' Player in 1992-93. Micky was just one of the Justin brothers, with Keith, Steve and, notoriously, Ricky also making a handful of appearances for the Club. His football legacy continues, even after his sad passing in April 2020, with his son James playing at Leicester City. At the time I wrote: "Mick was not only one of the best players to wear a Lea Sports shirt, he was also one of the nicest guys you could hope to meet."





**Richard Randall:** Rich made his Club début for the Sunday First XI in a NH Counties Division 2 match vs. King William IV under Manager Steve Baggett in January 2004. He is still playing this season, having made 14 appearances for the Veterans in the Herts Vets Super League in a total of 389 appearances for the Club. (It's not true that we give him an appearance every time he walks his dog past a Sunday game!)

Always a solid defender, Rich has scored 30 goals in that time. He made most of his appearances for the Sunday First team (237 in all) and was First team Manager between 2006 and 2013 (2006-07 jointly with Greg Whelan), having been named as First team Manager's Player in 2004-05. He keeps telling us it's his last season, but we just don't believe it!



**Bobby McGrath:** Bobby was another of those players who you always wanted on your team and not the opposition. Strong, fearless and sometimes quite bonkers, Bobby just seems to have been around for ever. He is another of those players who made their Club début playing for the Third team. This time in a Luton Sunday League Division 1 match in September 1991 against Strawplaiters – just the sort of game Bobby would have relished! In the end, Bobby made 605 appearances for Lea Sports (and probably as many for St.Joes) between 1991 and his 9 appearances for the Veterans in 2021-22. In a 30-year career, having played with a hernia, broken arm and various other injuries. Bobby was Third team Players' Player and Manager's Player in 1993-94, Reserves Players' Player in 1995-96, First team Players' Player in 1998-99 and First team Manager's Player in 2001-02, notching up 74 goals over the years.

**Rick Vipers:** Probably not one of the certainly not as good up-front as he players who you definitely wanted team friendly away at St. Albans went on to play 572 games for the the Reserves and 121 for the First when Rick made his one and only mostly as a defender, Rick scored the Reserves in 1983-84, was their Manager's Player in 1986-87. He



most naturally-talented footballers – and always thought he was! – Rick was one of those on your team. Rick's first match was a Third Round Table in October 1980. After that he Club, including 170 in the Third team, 268 for XI, in a career that continued until August 2003, appearance in the Saturday First XI. Playing 58 goals in total. Rick was player/manager of Player's Player in 1981-82 and was their managed the Third team in 1994-95.

**Keith Lee:** Keith will get a mention later on as one of the Club's administrators over the years, but he fully deserves a mention as a player as well. He made his début for the Club in a Reserve fixture vs. Royal Oak Reserves in the NH Counties Division 7 in August 1978. Between then and his last appearance for Lea Sports – in a Veterans game vs. Pirton Casuals in September 2006, some 28 years later, he made a total of 432 appearances, of which 328 were for the Sunday First XI. He was First team Players' Player in 1978-79 and Manager's Player in 1984-85.





**Archie Conway:** Archie was already in his late twenties when he made his debut for the Club and scored in a 2-2 draw for the Third team vs. Luton Teachers' Club in October 1981. Even so, he was to play for another 32 years, making his final appearance in a Veterans' match vs. Harpenden Rovers in October 2013, alongside Phil Thompson and Bobby McGrath. Archie made 412 appearances for the Reserves alone, plus another 79 for the First team and 137 for the Thirds in an overall total of 645 games for the Club. Archie never quite made it to 50 goals, scoring his 49<sup>th</sup> and last goal for the Club in a 9-1 win for the Reserves in April 2007. He was player/manager of the Reserves between 2000 and 2002 and was Manager's Player for the Reserves in 1993-94 and for the Third team in 1997-98. Archie was First team Players' Player in 1985-86, Reserve team Players' Player in 1991-92 and 1993-94 and Third team Players' Player in 1995-96 and 1996-97.

Archie is an Honorary Vice-President of the Club.

**Rob Hennem:** Rob made his Club debut for the Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> team on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2014, coming on as a substitute in a 4-0 win over Clifton in the East Beds Junior Charity Cup. His 200<sup>th</sup> appearance came on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021 in an away fixture against Flitwick Town Reserves in the Beds County League Division 1. Rob has scored 29 goals in his total of 241 appearances so far and has led the team to the Final of the Beds County Centenary Cup in 2021-22 and runners-up spot in the Beds County League Division 1 this season.



**Kelvin Callow:** Kelv was one of the original cohort of junior schoolteachers who established Lea Sports in 1973. He played 45 times in the first 2 seasons, and went on to make a total of 592 appearances over 26 seasons, ending with an appearance for the Veterans, alongside Keith Lee and Phil Clarke, in 2000. A loyal servant to the Club, Kelv was the first player to reach the landmark of 500 appearances, fortunately on a day when both the First and Third teams were playing at Stopsley Regional Sports Centre on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1993 in the Club's Silver Anniversary season. Kelvin was First team Manager's Player in 1983-84, Second team Manager's Player in 1985-86 and 1987-88 and Third team Manager's Player in 1991-92 and 1992-93. He was First team Players' Player in 1979-80, and Second team Players' Player in 1985-86. Kelvin is an Honorary Vice-President of the Club.





## THE INDIVIDUALS

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**Steve Baggett:** What can you say about Steve Baggett (Baggie) except that he was a Winner?

Baggie was yet another Third team débutant, playing 23 times for them in the 1991-92 season in the Luton Sunday League Division 1, before taking over as team manager for the 1996-97 season, leading the team to 4<sup>th</sup> place and winning the league's CBS Cup. The following season they were Champions, winning 16 of their 22 league games. In 1998-99 they finished as runners-up, despite Phil Thompson scoring 45 goals, but they won the League's Challenge Cup and were finalists in the TT Trophy. His final season in charge of the Thirds saw them take 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the South Beds Division 1 and lose in the Division One Cup Final.



In 2000-01 Baggie began his first of five years as First team Manager, winning about half his games in a North Home Counties Division 3 season which was in the end washed away. The following year, another 31 goals from Phil Thompson took them to the Division 3 Championship, followed by 3 seasons in Division 2, when they finished 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Baggie took charge of the Reserves for one season in 2010-11, when his top scorer was – you guessed it – Phil Thompson, with 21 goals – the team finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place in Division 3.

Baggie also found time to play 262 games for the Club, scoring 59 goals, including one memorable equaliser in injury time for the Fourth team against the infamous Railway Tavern in a midweek game in April in Pirton, which deprived the Tavern of the Championship.

Steve Baggett is one of the Club's Honorary Vice-Presidents.

Steve's son Jack, who first played for the Club at Under 12 in 2002, has also made 289 appearances and scored 14 goals more than his dad. He played his last game as a sub for the Sunday First XI in April 2022, after over 20 years with the Club.



Hugh with the Johnstone's Paint Trophy after Luton Town's win in 2009.

**Hugh Byrne:** Hugh first played for the Club in a Reserves match towards the end of the 1987-88 season and made his final and 135<sup>th</sup> appearance in a Veterans match in April 2017 against Letchwoth Eagles, on a day which saw Richard Randall play in goal (we lost 8-2!).

It won't be as a footballer, however, that Hugh will be remembered – we always knew that he preferred the odd-shaped ball – but for his contribution to the Club, not only as chief entertainments officer on the foreign tours, but for his unstinting support for the Club for the last 40 years through his company Form I.T. Solutions (formerly Premier Computer Supplies).

Since the early eighties Hugh must have given many thousands of pounds to the Club and any number of teams have sported the 'Form IT' or 'Premier Computer Supplies' logos on their shirts. Even this season, Hugh made a contribution towards the Golden Anniversary coats given out to all officials and players.

Thanks for everything, Hugh!

**Greg Whelan:** Greg was no mean player, making 345 appearances and scoring 101 goals, over 16 seasons between 2002 and 2018. He was also extremely active, however, off the pitch, sharing the First team Manager's position with Richard Randall in the 2005-06 and 2006-07 seasons and leading the team to a top-half position in Division 2 on both occasions.

Not only that, but Greg was Club Chairman for four seasons between 2005 and 2009 – a period which culminated in the First team finishing as runners-up in Division 2 in the 2008-09 season. In that season, Greg also served as the Club's first ever Club Welfare Officer.



Greg receiving an award from the Herts FA to the Club in 2009 (I refused to attend as the award was at a Watford match!).

**Mark Turner:** Mark joined the Club in September 1984 and played 236 games in all, split fairly evenly between First, Second and Third teams. In 1989-90 Dave Blake chose him as his Manager's Player for the Second team. Although usually a defender, Mark was a utility player who would play wherever needed, including taking the keeper's gloves on many occasions. Mark was also Chairman of the Club for three seasons between 1991 and 1994, just before the Club moved to Pirton. Mark also served with Luton Rugby Club and as an officer on the Luton Sunday League Committee.



**Paul Macclennan:** Macca joined the Club in December 2003 and seems to be one of those people who has been around forever! Another 'one-team' man, he has started 168 games for the Sunday First team (formerly the Sunday Second team) and has appeared as a substitute no fewer than 115 times. For the 2011-12 season, Macca took over the Manager's role for the Sunday Reserves, then playing in the North Home Counties Division 3. Four more seasons were to follow in the NH Counties – 2 in Division 2 and 2 in Division 3 – until, in 2015-16, the First team folded and the Second team became the First team. Three more seasons in the NH Counties followed, including the mad season of 2018-19, when the team finished as runners-up despite scoring 136 goals (50 of them in 2 games against the hapless Wheelwrights Arms). The team then moved to the Hitchin Sunday League in 2019-20 (just in time for the pandemic!) and has played the last 3 seasons in that league, so Macca has now completed twelve seasons as team manager. Macca was Manager's Player for the Second team in 2006-07 and 2008-09.

**Ed Thomson:** Before Macca took over as Second team Manager, Baggie took charge for a season, but before that the team was managed for seven seasons by Ed Thomson, who joined the Club in August 2000. Ed was also really a 'one-team' man, making all but 11 of his 318 appearances for the Second team, scoring 21 times in total. Ed took over a team that was struggling in Division 5 of the NH Counties, but took them to 4<sup>th</sup> place in his first season, with Jamie Richards top-scoring with 23 goals. Jamie again top-scored in 2004-05 and the team finished third, which earned them promotion to Division 4. A tough first season in Division 4 followed with brother Ben top-scoring with just 6 goals, but the following year the team finished 4<sup>th</sup>, with Lewis Smith scoring 28, and the year after improved again to 3<sup>rd</sup> place, with Phil Thompson scoring 35 times. In 2008-09, Phil banged in another 34 goals as the team scored 100 goals in taking the Division 4 championship. They also reached the Final of the League Challenge Cup that season. Ed's final season in charge (2009-10) saw a steady finish in Division 3, with Tom Newland appearing as top scorer for the first time. Ed was Second team Manager's Player in 2010-11, with brother Ben taking the accolade in 2001-02 and ten years later in 2011-12. Brother Jim Thomson was also Manager's Player in 2004-05. Ed was Players' Player in 2004-05, with Ben taking the honour in 2003-04, 2005-06 and 2008-09.



**Laurence Freed:** Although playing just 50 games for the Club, between August 1991 and an appearance for the Veterans in 2000, Laurence Freed was an important figure off the pitch. His managerial career started inauspiciously in the 1993-94 season, when, as leader of the Sunday Fourth team, he finished 7<sup>th</sup> of 9 teams in the Luton Sunday League Division 2. The season ended well, however, as the team made it through to the Final of the League's Invitation Cup. This was held at St. Albans City's ground on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1994 and the Club hired a mini-bus to mark the occasion! Top scorer Sandy Muir got stuck on the M25 (I think it was) and never made it to the game. In the end the team lost 1-0, but it was a brilliant night!



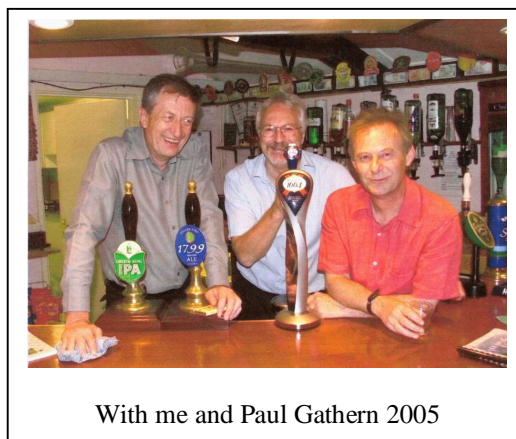
The following season, 1994-95, Lol took over as Second team Manager and 'The Invincibles' were born! Not only did they finish top of Division 5, winning 16 and drawing 1 of their 20 matches, but they also reached the Final of the Bedfordshire Centenary Cup, which was played at Cranfield United's ground on St. George's Day, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1995. The whole squad turned up in shirts and ties, sporting Red Roses to mark the day. It had been a tough run-in to the Final, however. Many of the lads also played for the Saturday side and were playing midweek fixtures to get the season finished. The Saturday team had fixtures on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April! Despite being almost dead on their feet, the team played out a 0-0 draw after extra time against Potton and the game went to penalties. Both teams scored 4 of their 5 penalties and it went to sudden death. Potton scored first and as student Alex Houghton walked out to take his penalty I asked him how he normally took penalties – did he blast them or place them? He replied that he'd never taken one before – and then put his kick over the bar.



Bedfordshire Centenary Cup Final. 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1995

In 1995-96, Lol began the first of 3 seasons as First team Manager in the North Home Counties Division 2. Three seasons later they won promotion to the Premier Division for the first time in their history and Laurence Freed's legacy was complete. Straight after the Club's move to Pirton, Lol took over as Chairman, for 3 seasons from 1996-1999. He is one of the Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Club.

**Keith Lee:** As well as his distinguished playing career for the Club (described above), Keith Lee was a major player off the field. He was Chairman on four separate occasions: from 1989-1991, from 1994-1996, in 1999-2000, and from 2001-2005 – a total of 9 years altogether. He was also Club Secretary for 2 years, between 1983 and 1985. Keith was joint First team Manager between 1979 and 1983 – firstly with Elwyn Owen, then Phil Holmes, then John Forsyth, and was sole manager for 2 seasons, between 1990 and 1992, winning the Division 3 championship in his first season in charge. Keith is an Honorary Vice-President of the Club, as is his wife Sue for her services to the Netball team.



With me and Paul Gathern 2005



A Saturday Soccer session from 2008

**Phil Toyer:** Phil has been involved with Lea Sports for nigh on 15 years now and has been the Club Chairman since 2009. He also managed our Under 13 team in the Chiltern Youth League Division 1 in the 2009-10 season. Even prior to that, however, he and I used to run Saturday Soccer sessions for 5 and 6 year-olds to get them started on playing football. Phil coached the kids, while I made the teas and dished out biscuits from the now-famous biscuit tin! We hoped each year to be able to start a new Under 7 team from these sessions and most seasons we succeeded.

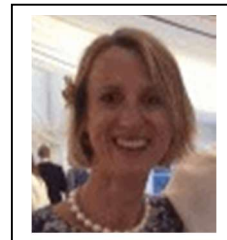
Apart from his Chairmanship, his main involvement, of course, is as the Head of Youth Football, which means he has overall responsibility for the coaching and development of all the players in our youth teams. Much of the Club's current ethos and approach to playing football is because of Phil's philosophy for young players. Phil is just completing his 14<sup>th</sup> season as Chairman, making him the longest-serving Chairman in the Club's history.



**Nathan Moorhouse:** Nathan joined the Club in September 2014 when the current Saturday First team squad formed, and has been a part of the fixtures and fittings ever since. Ryan Durrant was team Manager for the first season (2014-15), and took the team to the runners-up spot in Division 3 of the Bedfordshire County League. Nathan took over from Ryan the next season as the team tried its luck in Division 2. The team finished a creditable 7<sup>th</sup> in its first season, with Joe Hennem winning his first Golden Boot with 20 goals. The following season (2017-18) Joe increased his tally to 36 goals (although not enough to win the Golden Boot as Matt Morton had his 75-goal season) and Nathan led the team to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the table and promotion to Division 1. Two steady mid-table finishes followed, with Joe winning his second Golden Boot with 32 goals in 2017-18. A couple of pandemic-hit seasons were followed in 2021-22 by a top five finish, with Joe Hennem again leading the scoring with 13 goals. In 2022-23, Nathan gave up the managerial role, but the foundations had been laid for a serious assault on the Division 1 Championship.

Nathan has always taken an active part in every aspect of the Club, including an important role in the pitch maintenance program the Club has been involved in for the last 4 years. He was elected as an Honorary Vice-President of the Club in May 2023.

**Catherine Cardy:** The Club appointed its first Welfare Officer, Greg Whelan, in 2008, but the role was not clearly defined in those days. In recent years, not only have the responsibilities of the Club Welfare Officer (CWO) become better defined, but they have also become more arduous as the football authorities have placed increasing importance on DBS checks, safeguarding and first-aid rules. Catherine has committed fully to the position for the last seven years and is an extremely valuable member of the executive team.



**Steve Smith:** I suppose that, since this is a record of the Club, I should give a mention to myself – something I don’t often do. Most people believe that I have been with the Club since the year dot, but that’s not true. In fact, as the Club was being established in 1973 I was away at Uni. After my graduation in the long, hot summer of 1976, I moved to Cheltenham where I worked for GCHQ as a linguist for some time. It was here in Cheltenham that I probably reached the pinnacle of my football fame. Each week the local rag, the Cheltenham Chronicle, would print team lists for every club in the top 2 divisions of the local league. So, there I was: S.Smith, No.2, Smith’s Industries FC. Cheltenham and District League Division 2. The height of fame!

Homesickness brought me back to Luton in 1977, where I joined Royal Oak FC. I don’t remember anything about the football, just that we used to meet up in a back room of the George II pub in Bute Street, Luton. Every time it rained, the water would come through the roof and sparks would fly from the jukebox! Happy days (if a little dangerous!)

Towards the end of the year, my schoolteacher mates persuaded me to transfer to Lea Sports and I played my first match for the Sunday Reserves on 4<sup>th</sup> December 1977 against Globe Sports in the NH Counties Division 7. I can’t have done that badly, as we drew 0-0 against a team that had walloped us 5-0 a fortnight before. They put me in the First team and I never really looked back. I always had problems with my knees and as time went on I had to miss more and more games, although I did manage 178 in total (over 100 for the First team). In the summer of 1991 during pre-season training, trying for another comeback at the age of 37, I ruptured the anterior cruciate ligament in my left knee and my playing days were over.

I had already been involved in the Club administration, having served as Club Secretary for 4 seasons from 1979 to 1983 (the latter 2 as treasurer as well), but now I concentrated on the off-the-field activities in the Club. My second stint as Secretary lasted 12 seasons, from 1989 to 2000, then Baggie took over for 2 years, before I resumed the role for the 2002-03 season. In all, I have been Club Secretary for 37 of the Club’s 50 seasons. As I said, I was treasurer for 2 seasons in the 1980s, but took over again in 2002-03 and have done that job since then – 23 seasons in all. The Club elected me as its President in 1991 and, apart from one season when Brian Swain from the Luton News was elected to the honorary position, I have held that position ever since (31 seasons in all).



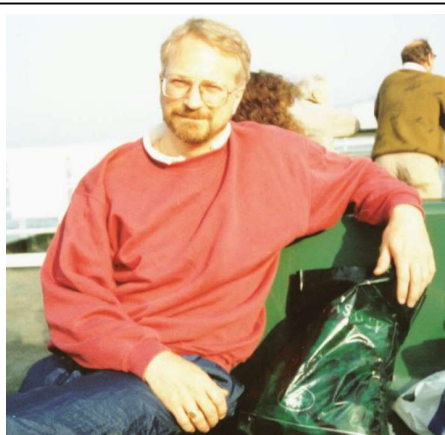
Pitch marking in Pirton with Lol Freed and Kev Boxall – late 1990s

I won the ‘Ivan Lawrence Clubman’ award for 12 seasons between 1982 and 1999 – then they stopped awarding it!

I took over as First team Manager in 1984-85, with the team in Division 5 of the North Home Counties. We finished fifth in that first season, but moved up to third in the following year (with Mark Doyle scoring 55 goals over the 2 seasons), which earned us promotion to Division 4.

In 1986-87, we repeated the feat, finishing third and securing promotion to the dizzy heights of Division 3 for the first time. In those days, it was quite a step up: not only were there better teams, but you switched from playing in the lower divisions’ cup – the Luton News Cup – to playing in the cup for the top 4 divisions – the Whitbread Cup.

Our first cup tie was at home to Hexton, then in Division 1. I remember that Alan Dawson brought along his mate Barry Pearce who played as sweeper: he was outstanding at the back, and even got forward to score the winner in a great 2-1 win. In Round 2 we faced an even greater challenge as we were drawn at home to Luton Way, who were a good Premier Division side at the time. I put five across the back and just Will O'Leary up in the opposition box. By half-time we were doing pretty well – we were just 1-0 down and Will had hit the post. As the game went on, however, the gap in class and fitness became more and more apparent, and we eventually lost 10-1. Nevertheless, we achieved 22 points and a respectable 7<sup>th</sup> place in the league. The following year, 1988-89 we battled our way to 4<sup>th</sup> place, with Alan Dawson top-scoring.



On the ferry – Paris Tour 1992

In my sixth season in charge, 1989-90, we struggled for consistency, and although Phil Thompson top-scored, we found ourselves in a relegation battle. It all came down to the last game: we needed a point from our last game at home to Harvest Home to stay up. Harvest Home, however, needed to win to take the Championship. It was an incredibly tense game – we went 1-0 down, but then equalised through Kev Boxall in the second half. The players were dead on their feet, but kept repelling attack after attack. In the end, with 2 minutes to go, we failed to clear a corner, the ball ricocheted around the six yard box and was poked into the corner of the net. We lost 2-1 and were relegated. I decided it was enough for me and resigned as Manager – Keith Lee took over and promptly won the Division 3 championship the next season!

In 1991-92, I took over from Dave Blake as Manager of the Second team for one season, back in Division 5. We had a pretty good season, finishing 4<sup>th</sup>, with Phil Clarke top scorer with 21 goals. Two years later, in 1993-94, I had an eventful season as Manager of the Third team. We got off to a great start with 3 wins from 3, then met Dunstable First & Last, who were in second place in the league. Unfortunately, the referee failed to turn up and we agreed that a Dunstable official could take charge. Big mistake! Half-way through the second half, with the score at 0-0, Neil 'Geordie' Hebron went on a run from deep in his own half and ended up in the opposition penalty area, where he was unceremoniously hacked down. 'No penalty. Play on', waved the referee and the game finished 0-0. In the end, those 2 points lost cost us the Championship. You live and learn!

Apart from a season helping to manage the Under 18s with Micky Justin in 1995-96, that was the end of my managerial career. I'm very proud of the fact that the Club has won many awards for good administration and fair play – they can mean as much as success on the field. And there have been a few personal awards along the way: 1982-83 and 1988-89 Luton Parks Adult Members' Trophy; 1992-93 my first Long Service Award, from Luton Borough Council; 1993-94 the Ron Cox (Secretary's) Award from the North Home Counties; 2011-12 Long Service Award from Hertfordshire FA and 2012-13 League Administration Award from the Beds Mini Soccer League.

The time seems to have gone by so quickly – it really is hard to believe that the Club is 50 years old. So, I guess the next milestone is whether I can stick around until 2027 to celebrate my own Golden Anniversary with the Club. We'll just have to see ...



## LADIES

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Season 1994-95 saw the appearance of **Lea Sports Ladies** who played in Division 2 of the Eastern Region Women's Football League. Without a designated Manager and lacking proper coaching, this dedicated group played for one season in a league which stretched across the whole of East Anglia. The pre-season preparations weren't great: a 12-0 home defeat against Dunstable, followed in late August 1994 by a friendly against a touring Sheffield Wednesday Ladies team at Stopsley Sports Centre in Luton. Oddly, this game was played across 3 thirds of 30 minutes each, but it didn't help, as the Ladies were lucky to come second in a 16-0 defeat.

Undaunted, they began their league campaign, which included trips to Huntingdon, Cambridge, Milton Keynes, Colchester, Clacton and Gorleston on the Norfolk Coast. To be sure, there were some heavy defeats, but one match which sticks in the memory was a trip to Gorleston in October 1994 on a wet and miserable Sunday afternoon, which resulted in a 9-0 victory!

My overriding memory of the season was attendance at a League Meeting held at Cambridge City FC. It was held in one of the smokiest rooms I've ever been in and consisted mainly of a group of large women berating everyone present for their poor administration and reporting of results. I felt duty-bound at the end of this tirade to point out that the League Tables which they had distributed were wrong – the 'goals for' did not add up to the same total as the 'goals against'. I think I was lucky to escape without getting beaten up by 6 very burly female Committee Members!



More successful was the **Lea Sports Netball Team** which ran for eight seasons between 1989 and 1997. The ladies were in fact the first Lea Sports team to win a Championship, taking the Luton & Dunstable Netball Alliance Division 2 title in their first season, with a win rate of 93%. Three successful seasons in Division 1 then followed, until in 1992-93 they went unbeaten in taking the title and winning promotion to the Premier Division. Despite folding after 2 games of their Premier campaign in 1993-94, the team reformed in 1995 and played 2 more seasons in the Premier League. One of the highlights of the netball era was the League Cup Final in June 1996 against Vauxhall Golds, one of the strongest teams in the league. The Golds were too strong for us on the day, but everyone was amazed when we turned up with flags and scarves to support the girls. They may have won the match, but we certainly won the competition for best supporters!

## CLUB OFFICIALS

	<i>President</i>	<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Club Welfare Officer</i>	<i>Netball Secretary</i>
1973	-	Jeff Taylor	Chris Castle	Bob Kett	-	-
1973-74	-	Jeff Taylor	Alan Wirdnam	Bob Kett	-	-
1974-75	-	Jeff Taylor	Chris Castle	Bob Kett	-	-
1975-76	-	Jeff Taylor	Mick Love	Bob Kett	-	-
1976-77	-	Jeff Taylor	Rowan Brown	Bob Kett	-	-
1977-78	-	Jeff Taylor	Phil Holmes	Bob Kett	-	-
1978-79	-	Jeff Taylor	Phil Holmes	Bob Kett	-	-
1979-80	Jeff Taylor	Phil Holmes	Steve Smith	Bob Kett	-	-
1980-81	Jeff Taylor	Steve Moreton	Steve Smith	Bob Kett	-	-
1981-82	Phil Holmes	Steve Moreton	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	-	-
1982-83	Phil Holmes	Steve Moreton	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	-	-
1983-84	Phil Holmes	Dave Pymont	Keith Lee	Adrian Duke	-	-
1984-85	Phil Holmes	Dave Pymont	Keith Lee	Adrian Duke	-	-
1985-86	Maurice Dawson	Dave Pymont	Al Mayman	Steve Moreton	-	-
1986-87	Dave Pymont	Dave Pymont	Al Mayman	Steve Moreton	-	-
1987-88	Maurice Dawson	Dave Pymont	Rick Vipers	Phil Thompson	-	-
1988-89	Dave Pymont	Al Mayman	Steve Smith	Phil Thompson	-	-
1989-90	Dave Pymont	Keith Lee	Steve Smith	Phil Thompson	-	Janice Allen
1990-91	Dave Pymont	Keith Lee	Steve Smith	Phil Thompson	-	Sue Lee
1991-92	Steve Smith	Mark Turner	Steve Smith	Graham Hunt	-	Sue Lee
1992-93	Brian Swain	Mark Turner	Steve Smith	Graham Hunt	-	Sue Lee
1993-94	Steve Smith	Mark Turner	Steve Smith	Graham Hunt	-	Deb Allen
1994-95	Steve Smith	Keith Lee	Steve Smith	Graham Hunt	-	-
1995-96	Steve Smith	Keith Lee	Steve Smith	Graham Hunt	-	Diana Freeman
1996-97	Steve Smith	Laurence Freed	Steve Smith	Paul Gathern	-	Diana Freeman
1997-98	Steve Smith	Laurence Freed	Steve Smith	Paul Gathern	-	Diana Freeman
1998-99	Steve Smith	Laurence Freed	Steve Smith	Paul Gathern	-	-
1999-00	Steve Smith	Keith Lee	Steve Smith	Paul Gathern	-	-
2000-01	Steve Smith	Dave Lindley	Steve Baggett	Paul Gathern	-	-
2001-02	Steve Smith	Keith Lee	Steve Baggett	Paul Gathern	-	-
2002-03	Steve Smith	Keith Lee	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	-	-
2003-04	Steve Smith	Keith Lee	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	-	-
2004-05	Steve Smith	Keith Lee	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	-	-
2005-06	Steve Smith	Greg Whelan	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	-	-
2006-07	Steve Smith	Greg Whelan	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	-	-
2007-08	Steve Smith	Greg Whelan	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	-	-
2008-09	Steve Smith	Greg Whelan	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	Greg Whelan	-
2009-10	Steve Smith	Phil Toyer	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	Sam Monk	-
2010-11	Steve Smith	Phil Toyer	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	Sam Monk	-
2011-12	Steve Smith	Phil Toyer	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	Sam Monk	-
2012-13	Steve Smith	Phil Toyer	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	Anne Horn	-



	<i>President</i>	<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Club Welfare Officer</i>	<i>Netball Secretary</i>
<b>2013-14</b>	Steve Smith	Phil Toyer	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	Anne Horn	-
<b>2014-15</b>	Steve Smith	Phil Toyer	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	Karen French	-
<b>2015-16</b>	Steve Smith	Phil Toyer	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	Karen French	-
<b>2016-17</b>	Steve Smith	Phil Toyer	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	Catherine Cardy	-
<b>2017-18</b>	Steve Smith	Phil Toyer	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	Catherine Cardy	-
<b>2018-19</b>	Steve Smith	Phil Toyer	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	Catherine Cardy	-
<b>2019-20</b>	Steve Smith	Phil Toyer	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	Catherine Cardy	-
<b>2020-21</b>	Steve Smith	Phil Toyer	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	Catherine Cardy	
<b>2021-22</b>	Steve Smith	Phil Toyer	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	Catherine Cardy	
<b>2022-23</b>	Steve Smith	Phil Toyer	Steve Smith	Steve Smith	Catherine Cardy	

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## PLAYING AWARDS

### Bedfordshire County Cup Competitions (Adults)

<b>1974-75</b>	Sun.1 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday Lower Junior Cup Semi-Finalists
<b>1975-76</b>	Sun.1 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday Lower Junior Cup Finalists
<b>1991-92</b>	Sun.1 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday Junior Cup Quarter Finalists
<b>1993-94</b>	Sun.2 <sup>nd</sup>	Centenary Cup Quarter Finalists
<b>1994-95</b>	Sun.2 <sup>nd</sup>	Centenary Cup Finalists
<b>2009-10</b>	Sun.2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday Lower Junior Cup Semi-Finalists
<b>2010-11</b>	Sat.1 <sup>st</sup>	Junior Challenge Cup Winners

### East Bedfordshire Junior Charity Cup (Adults)

<b>2014-15</b>	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	Finalists
<b>2015-16</b>	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	Finalists
<b>2022-23</b>	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	Semi-Finalists

### Hertfordshire County Cup Competitions (Adults)

<b>2011-12</b>	Sun.1 <sup>st</sup>	Intermediate Cup Semi-Finalists
<b>2016-17</b>	Sat.1 <sup>st</sup>	Junior Cup Semi-Finalists
<b>2017-18</b>	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	Junior Cup Semi-Finalists

### North Home Counties Sunday League

<b>1982-83</b>	Sun.1 <sup>st</sup>	Luton News Cup Quarter Finalists
<b>1990-91</b>	Sun.1 <sup>st</sup>	Division 3 Champions
<b>1994-95</b>	Sun.2 <sup>nd</sup>	Luton News Cup Semi-Finalists
	Sun.2 <sup>nd</sup>	Division 5 Champions
<b>2001-02</b>	Sun.1 <sup>st</sup>	Division 3 Champions
<b>2003-04</b>	Sun.2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reserve Cup Semi-Finalists
<b>2004-05</b>	Sun.2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reserve Cup Semi-Finalists
<b>2008-09</b>	Sun.2 <sup>nd</sup>	Division 4 Champions
		Challenge Cup Finalists
	Sun.1 <sup>st</sup>	Division 2 Runners-Up
<b>2009-10</b>	Sun.2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reserve Cup Semi-Finalists
<b>2010-11</b>	Sun.2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jack Coyle Trophy (Res.Cup) Finalists
<b>2014-15</b>	Sun.2 <sup>nd</sup>	Challenge Cup Finalists
<b>2017-18</b>	Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	Challenge Cup Semi-Finalists
<b>2018-19</b>	Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	Division 3 Runners-Up
		Division 2 Runners-Up

### Luton Sunday League

<b>1990-91</b>	Sun.3 <sup>rd</sup>	Invitation Cup Semi-Finalists
<b>1991-92</b>	Sun.3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steve Smith Trophy Semi-Finalists
<b>1992-93</b>	Sun.3 <sup>rd</sup>	League Cup Semi-Finalists
	Sun.3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steve Smith Trophy Finalists
<b>1993-94</b>	Sun.3 <sup>rd</sup>	Division 1 Runners-Up
	Sun.4 <sup>th</sup>	Invitation Cup Finalists
<b>1994-95</b>	Sun.4 <sup>th</sup>	Division 2 Champions
	Sun.4 <sup>th</sup>	Invitation Cup Finalists
<b>1995-96</b>	Sun.3 <sup>rd</sup>	Division 1 Runners-Up
	Sun.3 <sup>rd</sup>	CBS Challenge Cup Finalists
	Sun.4 <sup>th</sup>	Invitation Cup Winners
<b>1996-97</b>	Sun.3 <sup>rd</sup>	CBS Challenge Cup Winners
	Sun.4 <sup>th</sup>	Invitation Cup Semi-Finalists
<b>1997-98</b>	Sun.3 <sup>rd</sup>	Division 1 Champions
	Sun.4 <sup>th</sup>	Invitation Cup Winners
<b>1998-99</b>	Sun.3 <sup>rd</sup>	Icknield Tournament Winners
	Sun.3 <sup>rd</sup>	Division 1 Runners-Up
	Sun.3 <sup>rd</sup>	T.T.Trophy Finalists
	Sun.3 <sup>rd</sup>	Challenge Cup Winners
	Sun.4 <sup>th</sup>	Invitation Cup Semi-Finalists
<b>2000-01</b>	Sun.3 <sup>rd</sup>	Challenge Cup Semi-Finalists

### South Beds.Sunday League

<b>1999-00</b>	Sun.3 <sup>rd</sup>	Division 1 Cup Finalists
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### Hitchin Sunday League

<b>2022-23</b>	Sun.1 <sup>st</sup>	George John Cup Finalists
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### North Hertfordshire Football Association

<b>1997-98</b>	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	Premier Division Runners-Up
	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	Greg Cup Finalists

### Luton District & South Beds. League

<b>2001-02</b>	Sat.1 <sup>st</sup>	Invitation Subsidiary Cup Winners
	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reserve Cup Semi-Finalists

### Bedfordshire County League

<b>2010-11</b>	Sat.1 <sup>st</sup>	Jubilee Cup Finalists ( <i>expelled for ineligible player in semi-final</i> ).
	Sat.1 <sup>st</sup>	Division 2 Champions
<b>2014-15</b>	Sat.1 <sup>st</sup>	Division 3 Runners-Up
<b>2021-22</b>	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	Centenary Cup Finalists
	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Division 4 Champions
<b>2022-23</b>	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	Division 1 Runners-Up
		Centenary Cup semi-finalists

### Mid-Herts Veterans League (Veterans Super League)

<b>2019-20</b>	Veterans	League Cup Finalists
<b>2022-23</b>	Veterans	Championship Runners-Up

### Premier Computer Supplies Invitation Cup

<b>1989</b>	Sun.1 <sup>st</sup>	Cup Winners
<b>1995</b>	Sun.1 <sup>st</sup>	Cup Winners
<b>2008</b>	Sun.1 <sup>st</sup>	Cup Winners
<b>2011</b>	Sun.1 <sup>st</sup>	Cup Winners
<b>2012</b>	Sun.1 <sup>st</sup>	Cup Winners
<b>2014</b>	Sun.1 <sup>st</sup>	Cup Winners

### County Cup Competitions (Youth)

<b>1993-94</b>	Under 16	Beds.County Cup Quarter-Finalists
<b>2004-05</b>	Under 11	Herts.County Cup Semi-Finalists
<b>2005-06</b>	Under 11	Herts.County Cup Quarter-Finalists
<b>2010-11</b>	Under 17	Finalists
<b>2012-13</b>	Under 18	Beds.U18 County Cup Qtr-Finalists
<b>2013-14</b>	Under 18	Finalists
		Herts.U18 County Cup Semi-Finalists
		Herts.U18 County Cup Semi-Finalists

### Chiltern Youth League

<b>1992-93</b>	Under 15	Division 2 Runners-Up
<b>1998-99</b>	Under 10	Division 2 Runners-Up
<b>1999-00</b>	Under 14A	Division 2 Champions
		League Cup Semi-Finalists
<b>2001-02</b>	Under 13	Division 2 Runners-Up
<b>2002-03</b>	Under 14	League Cup Semi-finalists
<b>2003-04</b>	Under 13	Division 3 Runners-Up
<b>2004-05</b>	Under 11	Division 3 Champions
<b>2005-06</b>	Under 14	Division 3 Champions
	Under 11	Division 1 Runners-Up
		League Cup Winners
<b>2006-07</b>	Under 12	Division 1 Runners-Up
<b>2008-09</b>	Under 11	Division 2 Champions
	Under 12	Division 2 Runners-Up
<b>2010-11</b>	Under 17	Division 2 Champions
<b>2011-12</b>	Under 14	Division 5 Runners-Up
<b>2013-14</b>	Under 16	Division 3 Runners-Up
<b>2014-15</b>	Under 17	League Cup Semi-Finalists
	Under 11	Division 4 Runners-Up

### Bedford Colts League

<b>1994-95</b>	Under 17	Division 1 Champions
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### Royston Crow League

<b>2001-02</b>	Under 16A	League Cup Finalists
<b>2012-13</b>	Under 18	Division 1 Champions
<b>2013-14</b>	Under 18	Division 1 Champions
<b>2022-23</b>	U13 Reds	Meads Cup semi-finalists
	U15 Lions	Division 2 Champions

### Bedfordshire Mini-Soccer League

<b>2007-08</b>	Under 11	League Cup Winners
<b>2012-13</b>	Under 10	Division 3 Champions
	Under 9	League Cup Semi-finalists

### Chiltern Junior Sevens League

<b>2013-14</b>	Under 10	Division 3 Runners-Ups League Trophy Finalists
<b>2015-16</b>	U7 Pumas	Spring Cup Finalists
<b>2020-21</b>	U9 Jaguars	Autumn Cup Winners

### Beds Saturday Youth League

<b>2016-17</b>	U13 Panthers	Plate Semi-Finalists
<b>2021-22</b>	U13 Pumas Blacks	Division 1 Runners-Up

### Other Youth Competitions

<b>1992-93</b>	Under 13 Under 15 Under 15	Willen 'World Cup' Plate Winners Willen 'World Cup' Semi-Finalists Willen 'World Cup' Fair Play Award
<b>2006-07</b>	Under 12	Flitwick Tournament Winners Luton Town Tournament Winners
<b>2008-09</b>	Under 14	Flitwick Tournament Winners

### Netball

<b>1989-90</b>	Luton & Dunstable Assoc.	Division 2 Champions
<b>1992-93</b>	Luton & Dunstable Assoc.	Division 1 Champions
<b>1995-96</b>	Luton & Dunstable Assoc.	League Cup Finalists (L & D Netball Assoc.)

### Five-a-Side

<b>1986-87</b>	Luton Parks Adult Plate Winners
<b>1990-91</b>	Stopsley Regional League Division 2 Runners-Up
<b>1991-92</b>	Luton Parks Ladies Plate Winners Stopsley Regional Summer Tournament Winners
<b>1992-93</b>	Stopsley Regional League Cup Finalists Luton Parks Adult Semi-Finalists (6th) Luton Parks Under 16 Semi-Finalists (3rd) Luton Parks Ladies Winners Stopsley Regional Summer Tournament Winners
<b>1993-94</b>	Stopsley Reg. Lge. Division 1 Champions Stopsley Regional Summer Tournament Winners Luton Parks U/12 Runners-Up
<b>1994-95</b>	Stopsley Regional League Cup Winners Luton Irish Tournament Winners
<b>1995-96</b>	Stopsley Regional Lge. Division 1 Champions Stopsley Regional Summer Tournament Winners
<b>2001-02</b>	Leighton Foxes Plate Winners (Under 13)
<b>2004-05</b>	Amphill Boys 6-a-side Winners (Under 14)

## NON-PLAYING AWARDS

### Bedfordshire F.A. Disciplinary Awards

<b>1<sup>st</sup> XI</b>	1981-82 1985-86	1982-83 1988-89	1983-84 1989-90	1984-85 1990-91
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> XI</b>	1982-83 1989-90	1983-84 1990-91	1986-87	1987-88
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> XI</b>	1989-90	1994-95	1995-96	
<b>Youth</b>	1991-92			

### Fair Play & Administration Awards

<b>1989-90</b>	North Home Counties Fair-Play League Winners
<b>1990-91</b>	Luton Sunday League Award (Division 1)
<b>1991-92</b>	Luton Sunday League – Best Run Club
<b>1992-93</b>	Luton Sunday League Award (Division 2) Chiltern Youth Sportsmanship Award (Under 18)
<b>1993-94</b>	Luton Sunday League – Best Run Club
<b>1994-95</b>	Chairman's Award (Luton & District League) Finalists Luton Sports Club of the Year
<b>1995-96</b>	Luton Sunday League Fair Play Award Luton Sunday League – Best Run Club
<b>1999-00</b>	North Home Counties Fair-Play League Winners
<b>2001-02</b>	Hitchin Sunday League Runners-Up (3 <sup>rd</sup> XI)
<b>2002-03</b>	Chiltern Youth Sportsmanship Award Chiltern Youth Sportsmanship Award (Under 17)
<b>2008-09</b>	Chiltern Youth Sportsmanship Award (Under 12)
<b>2012-13</b>	North Home Counties Kitson Sportsman's Cup Nomination for Hitchin Comet Team of the Year (Under 18 Firesharks)
<b>2013-14</b>	Chiltern Youth Sportsmanship Award (Under 16)
<b>2015-16</b>	Beds Mini-Soccer Sportsmanship Award (U10,U8)
<b>2016-17</b>	Chiltern Youth Sportsmanship Award (Under 18)
<b>2017-18</b>	Beds Mini-Soccer Fair-Play Award (U10) Beds Mini-Soccer Fair-Play Runners Up (U7) Chiltern Youth Administration Award Chiltern Youth Sportsmanship (U14 Cougars)

### Individual Awards

<b>1982-83</b>	Luton Parks Adult Members' Trophy (Steve Smith)
<b>1988-89</b>	Luton Parks Adult Members' Trophy (Steve Smith)
<b>1992-93</b>	Luton Council Long Service Award (Steve Smith)
<b>1993-94</b>	Ron Cox Trophy (Secretary's Award) (Steve Smith)
<b>2008-09</b>	N.H.C. Ron Cox Memorial Cup (Phil Thompson) N.H.C. League Top Scorer (Phil Thompson)
<b>2011-12</b>	Herts FA Long-Service Award (Steve Smith)
<b>2012-13</b>	Beds Mini-Soccer League Admin Award (S.Smith)

## AND FINALLY .....

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*From Rick Vipers' 1990-91 Second Team Report*

## PLAYING RECORD ELEVEN-A-SIDE TEAMS

1973-74	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	25	7	1	17	47	86	30.0	Ivan Lawrence		NH Counties Div.4	11 <sup>th</sup> /13

1974-75	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	28	14	1	13	83	76	51.8	Ivan Lawrence		NH Counties Div.4	6 <sup>th</sup> /13

1975-76	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	35	16	5	14	100	63	52.9	Ivan Lawrence	Mick Stead 26	NH Counties Div.4	10 <sup>th</sup> /13

### Bedfordshire Lower Junior Cup Finalists – 4<sup>th</sup> April 1976

1976-77	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	28	14	4	10	92	58	57.1	Ivan Lawrence	Dave Pymont, Mick Walter 13	NH Counties Div.4	5 <sup>th</sup> /12

1977-78	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	26	10	5	11	54	67	48.1	Ivan Lawrence	Ali Hearn 14	NH Counties Div.4	8 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	26	7	3	16	38	82	32.7	Glen Pullen	Barry Ainsworth 9	NH Counties Div.7	10 <sup>th</sup> /14
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	23	1	1	21	?	?	6.5	-	-	-	
	<b>75</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>30.0</b>				

1978-79	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	24	9	4	11	44	61	45.8	Ivan Lawrence	Phil Clarke 13	NH Counties Div.4	7 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	26	12	4	10	57	70	53.8	Glen Pullen	Wojtek Gabrys 9	NH Counties Div.7	10 <sup>th</sup> /14
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	17	2	3	12	25	81	20.6	Steve Moreton	-	-	
	<b>67</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>42.5</b>				

1979-80	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	29	10	5	14	56	60	43.1	Elwyn Owen, Keith Lee	Dave Pymont 15	NH Counties Div.4	8 <sup>th</sup> /13
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	26	9	7	10	63	66	48.1	Ivan Lawrence	Wojtek Gabrys 16	NH Counties Div.7	10 <sup>th</sup> /14
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	18	6	6	6	49	52	50.0	Steve Moreton	John Slater 7	-	
	<b>73</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>46.6</b>				

1980-81	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	26	7	1	18	49	73	28.8	Phil Holmes, Keith Lee	Phil Clarke 16	NH Counties Div.4	12 <sup>th</sup> /13
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	26	6	5	15	62	83	32.7	Bruce Bonfield	Dave Pymont 20	NH Counties Div.7	12 <sup>th</sup> /14
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	21	2	2	17	32	98	14.3	Barry Ainsworth	Geoff Richardson 8	-	
	<b>73</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>26.0</b>				

1981-82	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	24	9	3	12	60	80	43.8	-	Phil Clarke 19	NH Counties Div.5	6 <sup>th</sup> /11
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	26	10	4	12	59	74	46.2	-	Dave Pymont 20	NH Counties Div.7	8 <sup>th</sup> /14
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	21	4	7	10	39	55	35.7	Ali Hearn, John Williams	John Williams 7	-	
	<b>71</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>42.3</b>				

1982-83	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	28	15	1	12	83	68	55.4	John Forsyth, Keith Lee	Phil Clarke 28	NH Counties Div.5	7 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	27	9	4	14	51	64	40.7	Wojtek Gabrys	Ali Hearn 13	NH Counties Div.7	9 <sup>th</sup> /14
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	18	1	2	15	30	64	11.1	Maurice Dawson, John Scales	Geoff Richardson/ Alan Dawson 4	-	
	<b>73</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>39.0</b>				

1983-84	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	24	10	2	12	59	52	45.8	Dave Lloyd	Phil Clarke 14	NH Counties Div.5	7 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	26	13	4	9	45	43	57.6	Rick Vipers	Dave Pymont 14	NH Counties Div.7	9 <sup>th</sup> /14
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	31	11	9	11	90	79	50.0	Maurice Dawson, John Scales	Keith Bannister 22	-	
	<b>81</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>51.2</b>				

1984-85	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	32	19	4	9	90	55	65.6	Steve Smith	Mark Doyle 22	NH Counties Div.5	5 <sup>th</sup> /13
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	26	10	2	14	54	70	42.3	Bill Hind	Chris Marshall 11	NH Counties Div.6	8 <sup>th</sup> /14
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	25	12	5	8	80	68	58.0	Maurice Dawson, John Scales	Keith Bannister 18	-	
	<b>83</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>56.0</b>				

1985-86	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	28	14	6	8	94	61	60.7	Steve Smith	Mark Doyle 33	NH Counties Div.5	3 <sup>rd</sup> /13
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	27	12	5	10	76	62	53.7	Bill Hind	Alan Palmer 11	NH Counties Div.6	6 <sup>th</sup> /14
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	31	19	5	7	124	79	69.4	Maurice Dawson, John Scales	Ken Souster 31	-	
	<b>86</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>61.6</b>				

1986-87	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	25	14	4	7	77	39	64.0	Steve Smith	Alan Dawson 21	NH Counties Div.4	3 <sup>rd</sup> /11
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	27	9	4	14	55	72	40.7	Bill Hind, Mick Marsh	Dave Kemp 10	NH Counties Div.6	9 <sup>th</sup> /14
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	29	16	3	10	102	78	60.3	Maurice Dawson, John Scales	Geoff Richardson/ Ken Souster 19	-	
	<b>81</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>54.9</b>				

1987-88	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	30	12	4	14	70	92	46.7	Steve Smith	Will O'Leary 23	NH Counties Div.3	7 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	28	9	4	15	60	80	39.3	Bill Hind	Kevin Boxall 12	NH Counties Div.6	10 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	28	6	2	20	62	116	25.0	Maurice Dawson, Jim Gahagan, Geoff Richardson	Graham Davies 9	-	
	<b>86</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>37.2</b>				

1988-89	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	25	13	2	10	95	69	56.0	Steve Smith	Alan Dawson 29	NH Counties Div.3	4 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	26	13	4	9	69	64	57.7	Dave Blake, Bryn Holmes	Phil Clarke 18	NH Counties Div.6	6 <sup>th</sup> /11
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	31	7	0	24	78	166	22.6	Bill Hind, Jim Gahagan, Geoff Richardson	Phil Thompson 14	South Beds Div.3	11 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	4	1	0	3	14	22	25.0				
	<b>86</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>43.0</b>				

1989-90	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	29	13	1	15	74	71	46.6	Steve Smith	Phil Thompson 20	NH Counties Div.2	10 <sup>th</sup> /11
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	31	14	7	10	75	62	56.5	Dave Blake	Al Mayman 14	NH Counties Div.5	5 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	26	3	9	14	50	88	28.8	Andy Bignell, Ali Hearn	Tony Ingram 15	South Beds.	9 <sup>th</sup> /10
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	1	0	0	1	2	3	0.0	-			
Paris Tour	2	0	0	2	2	16	0.0	-			
	<b>89</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>43.3</b>				

1990-91	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	27	11	11	5	70	47	61.1	Keith Lee	Phil Thompson 27	NH Counties Div.3	<b>Champions</b>
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	31	12	6	13	63	65	56.5	Dave Blake	Phil Clarke 18	NH Counties Div.5	6 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	28	5	2	21	55	94	21.4	Rick Vipers, Ali Hearn	Kevin Doyle 9	Luton Sunday Div.1	7 <sup>th</sup> /8
Veterans	1	1	0	0	7	4	100.0	-			
Düsseldorf Tour	2	1	1	0	4	3	75.0	-			
	<b>89</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>44.9</b>				

1991-92	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	30	13	6	11	62	51	53.3	Keith Lee	Kevin Boxall 15	NH Counties Div.2	5 <sup>th</sup> /11
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	31	15	8	8	70	59	61.3	Steve Smith	Phil Clarke 21	NH Counties Div.5	4 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	30	12	2	16	89	73	43.3	John Pawley	Tony Ingram 14	Luton Sunday Div.1	4 <sup>th</sup> /8
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	3	3	0	0	16	4	100.0	-			
Paris Tour	2	0	1	1	4	8	25.0	-			
	<b>96</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>53.6</b>				

1992-93	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	25	10	5	10	53	46	50.0	Kevin Boxall	Steve Close 9	NH Counties Div.2	4 <sup>th</sup> /11
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	26	8	6	12	53	51	42.3	Al Mayman	Phil Clarke 14	NH Counties Div.5	6 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	26	11	1	14	74	83	44.2	John Pawley	Will O'Leary 21	Luton Sunday Div.1	8 <sup>th</sup> /10
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	22	7	3	12	57	80	38.6	Neil Wilkinson	Steve Bingham 5	Luton Sunday Div.2	8 <sup>th</sup> /10
Under 18	16	4	2	10	30	53	31.3	Jim Hughes	Stuart Straker 9	CYL Div.1	6 <sup>th</sup> /7
Under 17	14	0	0	14	13	102	0.0	Mark Douglas	Darren Broome/John Connolly 4	CYL Div.2	10 <sup>th</sup> /10
Under 15	18	9	0	9	47	34	50.0	Kieran Dimambro	Tom Quick 17	CYL Div.2	2 <sup>nd</sup> /7
Under 13	26	5	3	18	47	109	25.0	Dave O'Dell	Robert O'Dell 22	CYL Div.1	11 <sup>th</sup> /14
	<b>173</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>37.0</b>				

**Third XI – Luton Sunday League Steve Smith Trophy Finalists – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1993**



1993-94	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	29	16	2	11	94	61	58.6	Kevin Boxall	Phil Thompson 37	NH Counties Div.2	4 <sup>th</sup> /11
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	35	23	3	9	97	64	70.0	Neil Wilkinson	Trevor England 23	NH Counties Div.5	4 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	21	14	3	4*	72	29	73.8	Steve Smith	Phil Clarke 24	Luton Sunday Div.1	2 <sup>nd</sup> /10
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	25	12	2	11	68	53	52.0	Laurence Freed	Sandy Muir 24	Luton Sunday Div.2	7 <sup>th</sup> /9
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	28	16	4	8	98	60	64.3	John Pawley	Russ Sheppard 23	Luton District Div.1	4 <sup>th</sup> /14
Veterans	3	0	1	2	5	8	16.7	-	Phil Clarke 5		
Cologne Tour	2	1	0	1	6	6	50.0	-			
Under 16	24	13	1	10	71	48	56.3	Kieran Dimambro	James Payne 28	Beds Colts Div.2	5 <sup>th</sup> /10
Under 14	31	12	4	15	109	117	45.2	Dave O'Dell	Robert O'Dell 44	CYL Div.1	5 <sup>th</sup> /9
	<b>198</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>58.8</b>				

*\*Includes defeat on penalties (2-4)*

**Fourth XI – Luton Sunday League Invitation Cup Finalists – 25<sup>th</sup> April 1994**

1994-95	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	30	14	5	11	76	70	55.0	Kevin Boxall	Phil Thompson 26	NH Counties Div.2	5 <sup>th</sup> /13
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	36	28	2	6*	125	46	80.6	Laurence Freed	Steve Bingham 25	NH Counties Div.5	<b>Champions</b>
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	23	14	5	4	60	31	71.7	Rick Vipers	Phil Clarke 20	Luton Sunday Div.1	3 <sup>rd</sup> /10
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	29	23	3	3	132	44	84.5	Kevin Knight	Paul Dubal/ Tony Fontanelle 16	Luton Sunday Div.2	Champions
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	32	18	5	9	96	59	64.1	John Pawley	John Temple 28	Luton District Div.1	3 <sup>rd</sup> /15
Veterans	10	4	3	3	24	33	55.0	-	Gary Hooper 6		
Ladies	23	3	1	19	45	155	15.2	-			
Under 17	24	18	0	6	97	47	75.0	Kieran Dimambro	Nina Bradbury 13	Beds Colts Div.1	<b>Champions</b>
Under 15	25	17	1	7	116	64	70.0	Dave O'Dell	John King 28	CYL Div.2	3 <sup>rd</sup> /13
Under 11	1	0	0	1	0	14	0.0	-	Robert O'Dell 45		
	<b>233</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>65.0</b>				

*\*Includes sudden-death defeat on penalties (4-5)*

**Second XI - Bedfordshire Centenary Cup Finalists – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1995**

**Fourth XI - Luton Sunday League Invitation Cup Finalists – 30<sup>th</sup> April 1995**

1995-96	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	34	17	7	10	98	62	60.3	Laurence Freed	John Temple 21	NH Counties Div.2	5 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	29	11	5	13	65	81	46.6	Ashley Burgess	Lee Brown/ Jeff Brown 10	NH Counties Div.4	8 <sup>th</sup> /11
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	27	18	2	7	96	65	70.4	Mick Marsh	Phil Clarke 34	Luton Sunday Div.1	2 <sup>nd</sup> /11

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	25	15	2	8	72	56	64.0	Steve Middleton	Craig Brooke 24	Luton Sunday Div.2	4 <sup>th</sup> /10
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	32	18	5	9	96	59	64.1	Lee Jones	John Temple 17	Luton District Prem.	9 <sup>th</sup> /13
Veterans	10	5	1	4	33	22	55.0	-	Phil Thompson 17		
Under 18	22	3	2	17	29	94	18.2	S.Smith, Mick Justin, S.Line	Sean Fahy 8	CYL Div.2	8 <sup>th</sup> /10
Under 16	20	4	3	13	57	98	27.5	Dave O'Dell	Robert O'Dell 24	CYL Div.2	11 <sup>th</sup> /13
Under 13	29	5	2	22	54	160	20.7	John Pawley	Gyasi Ellis 16	CYL Div.2	13 <sup>th</sup> /15
	<b>224</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>43.3</b>				

**Third XI - Luton Sunday League Challenge Cup Finalists – 12<sup>th</sup> May 1996**

**Fourth XI - Luton Sunday League Invitation Cup Winners – 28<sup>th</sup> April 1996**

1996-97	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	29	11	4	14	54	75	44.8	Laurence Freed	Phil Thompson 16	NH Counties Div.1	8 <sup>th</sup> /11
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	27	9	2	16	63	98	37.0	Dave Lindley	Darren Campbell 11	NH Counties Div.4	8 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	24	14	3	7	71	48	64.6	Steve Baggett	Phil Clarke 21	Luton Sunday Div.1	4 <sup>th</sup> /9
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	27	13	2	12	85	62	51.9	Mick Marsh, Rick Vipers, Kev Knight	Craig Brooke 13	Luton Sunday Div.2	5 <sup>th</sup> /10
Veterans	5	1	2	2	11	17	40.0	-	Paul Gather/Justin Redmond 3		
Under 14	21	10	1	10	81	79	50.0	John Pawley	Gyasi Ellis 18	CYL Div.3	7 <sup>th</sup> /12
Under 11	2	0	0	2	4	18	0.0	-			
	<b>135</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>48.1</b>				

**Third XI - Luton Sunday League CBS Cup Winners – 11<sup>th</sup> May 1997**

1997-98	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	34	16	2	16	86	72	50.0	Laurence Freed	John Temple 19	NH Counties Div.1	4 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	31	18	0	13	82	69	58.1	Dave Lindley	Trevor England 14	NH Counties Div.4	5 <sup>th</sup> /11
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	22	16	2	4	89	43	77.3	Steve Baggett	Phil Thompson 28	Luton Sunday Div.1	<b>Champions</b>
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	24	17	0	7	116	46	70.8	Kevin Knight	Craig Brooke 26	Luton Sunday Div.2	4 <sup>th</sup> /9
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	24	14	3	7	89	59	64.6	Paul Long, Pete Colderwood	Ben Kowalczyk 27	North Herts. Prem.	2 <sup>nd</sup> /9
Veterans	5	1	3	1	11	10	50.0	Ralph Melrose	Phil Clarke/ Steve Mills 3		
Under 12	27	7	6	14	68	100	37.0	Godfrey Knock, Peter Skingley	Danny Duggan 25	CYL Div.3	8 <sup>th</sup> /13
	<b>167</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>58.1</b>				

**Saturday 1st XI - North Hertfordshire Football Alliance Greg Cup Finalists – 6<sup>th</sup> May 1998**

**Fourth XI - Luton Sunday League Invitation Cup Winners – 26<sup>th</sup> April 1998**

1998-99	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	28	7	4	17	60	108	32.1	Mick Banks	Robert O'Dell 17	NH Counties Prem.	10 <sup>th</sup> /11
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	29	12	3	14	64	69	46.6	Dave Lindley	Martyn Brown 11	NH Counties Div.3	8 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	30	22	1	7	130	49	75.0	Steve Baggett	Phil Thompson 45	Luton Sunday Div.1	2 <sup>nd</sup> /8
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	22	9	5	8	52	57	52.3	Kevin Knight	Craig Brooke 9	Luton Sunday Div.2	3 <sup>rd</sup> /11
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	25	14	3	8	90	56	62.0	Paul Long	Roger Clarke 16	North Herts. Prem	3 <sup>rd</sup> /9
Veterans	2	2	0	0	11	5	100.0	Ralph Melrose	-		
Under 13 Reds	28	13	4	11	95	72	53.6	Godfrey Knock	Ben L'Honoré 38	CYL Div.2	7 <sup>th</sup> /13
Under 13 Blues	27	3	3	21	43	171	16.6	Peter Skingley	Adam Cox 16	CYL Div.3	13 <sup>th</sup> /14
Under 10	30	21	0	9	112	61	70.0	Graham Manton, Bob Smith	Matt Kenneford 41	CYL Div.2	2 <sup>nd</sup> /12
	<b>221</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>51.8</b>				

Third XI - Luton Sunday League TT Trophy Finalists – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1999

Third XI - Luton Sunday League Challenge Cup Winners – 9<sup>th</sup> May 1999

1999-2000	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	7	1	1	5	11	28	21.4	Mark Kempton	Dave Flett 3	NH Counties Prem.	withdrew
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	27	12	3	12	64	55	50.0	Dave Lindley	Graham Lester 13	NH Counties Div.3	6 <sup>th</sup> /11
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	28	16	3	9	88	69	62.5	Steve Baggett	Phil Thompson 24	South Beds. Div.1	3 <sup>rd</sup> /13
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	25	13	4	8	67	47	60.0	Kevin Knight	Craig Brooke 19	South Beds. Div.2	4 <sup>th</sup> /13
Veterans	1	1	0	0	3	1	100.0	Keith Lee	-		
Under 14 Reds	30	23	2	5	122	48	80.0	Godfrey Knock	Ben L'Honoré 51	CYL Div.2	<b>Champions</b>
Under 14 Blues	24	2	0	22	32	177	8.3	Peter Skingley	Ian Hyde/Chris Kehoe 8	CYL Div.3	12 <sup>th</sup> /12
Under 11	27	8	3	16	71	116	35.2	Graham Manton, Bob Smith	Matt Kenneford 29	CYL Div.1	12 <sup>th</sup> /13
	<b>169</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>49.7</b>				

Third XI - South Beds Sunday League Division One Cup Finalists – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2000

2000-01	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	20	9	1	10*	71	59	46.4	Steve Baggett	Phil Thompson 25	NH Counties Div.3	No position
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	15	5	2	8	27	37	40.0	Archie Conway	Paul Gathern 5	NH Counties Div.5	No position
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	17	7 <sup>+</sup>	2	8	40	45	47.1	Dennis Sexton	Richard Sexton 10	Luton Sunday Div.1	No position
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	2	0	0	2	4	7	0.0	-	-	Luton Sunday Div.2	No position
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	29	10	5	14	56	58	43.1	Jim Betts	Mujib Miah 14	Luton District Prem.	No position
Under 15 Reds	20	6	1	13	55	91	32.5	Godfrey Knock, Peter Skingley	Danny Duggan 11	CYL Div.1	No position

Under 15 Blues	18	2	2	14	29	83	16.7	Peter Skingley, Craig Shortland	Matt Brennan 6	CYL Div.3	No position
Under 12	24	10	2	12	66	75	45.8	Bob Smith	Matt Kenneford 24	CYL Div.2	No position
	<b>145</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>39.0</b>				

\*Includes defeat on penalties (4-5)

+Includes victory on penalties (4-2)

2001-02	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	26	15	5	6	79	45	67.3	Steve Baggett	Phil Thompson 31	NH Counties Div.3	<b>Champions</b>
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	20	7	3	10	39	41	42.5	Archie Conway	Rory Stephens 8	NH Counties Div.5	6 <sup>th</sup> /11
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	24	4	1	19	46	115	18.8	Kevin Smith	Jason Swingler 10	Hitchin Sunday D.3	10 <sup>th</sup> /11
Veterans	1	1	0	0	1	0	100.0	-	-		
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	27	15	3	9	64	50	61.1	Jim Betts	Dwayne Grant 18	Luton District Prem.	6 <sup>th</sup> /9
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	22	7	1	14	50	98	34.1	Scott Moore, Ross Wood	Jamie McDade 14	Luton District Div.2	11 <sup>th</sup> /11
Under 16 Reds	21	10	2	9*	66	63	52.4	Godfrey Knock	Ben L'Honoré 25	RCFL Div.1	No position
Under 16 Blue	23	2	2	19	32	151	13.0	Craig Shortland	Lee Squires 7	CYL Div.2	8 <sup>th</sup> /8
Under 13	28	22	1	5	142	58	80.4	Bob Smith	Matt Kenneford 74	CYL Div.2	2 <sup>nd</sup> /12
	<b>192</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>47.9</b>				

\*Includes defeat on penalties (2-3)

**Under Sixteen Reds - Royston Crow League Cup Finalists – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2002**

**Saturday 1st XI - Luton District & South Beds Invitation Subsidiary Cup Winners – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2002**

2002-03	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	28	14	5	9	71	49	58.9	Steve Baggett	Phil Thompson 33	NH Counties Div.2	4 <sup>th</sup> /11
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	27	8	3	16	52	81	32.5	Archie Conway	Jamie Richards 9	NH Counties Div.5	9 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	22	6	1	15	50	79	29.5	Aziz Miah	Shiblu Miah 15	Hitchin Sunday D.3	8 <sup>th</sup> /12
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	29	6	2	21	51	92	24.1	Jim Betts, Steve Baggett	Dave Bonner 16	Luton District Prem.	8 <sup>th</sup> /8
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3	0	0	3	5	11	0.0	-	Shiper Hussain 2	Luton District Div.2	withdrew
Under 17	16	3	0	13	34	77	18.8	Craig Shortland	Matt Brennan 8	CYL Div.1	13 <sup>th</sup> /15
Under 14	27	12	4	11	96	81	51.9	Bob Smith	Matt Kenneford 56	CYL Div.1	6 <sup>th</sup> /10
Under 12	24	11	2	11	78	73	50.0	Graham Manton	Callum Smith 38	CYL Div.3	5 <sup>th</sup> /10
	<b>176</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>38.9</b>				

2003-04	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	23	11	3	9	45	39	54.3	Steve Baggett	Mark Williams 15	NH Counties Div.2	5 <sup>th</sup> /10
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	23	12	3	8	59	38	58.7	Ed Thomson	Jamie Richards 23	NH Counties Div.5	4 <sup>th</sup> /10
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	22	8	3	11	46	77	43.2	Aziz Miah	Shiblu Miah 19	Hitchin Sunday D.3	7 <sup>th</sup> /11
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	3	0	0	3	3	13	0.0	Steve Baggett	Lewis Smith 2	Premier Cup	4 <sup>th</sup> /4
Under 15	12	7	0	5	35	25	58.3	Bob Smith	Scott Dixon 11	CYL Div.1	8 <sup>th</sup> /9 (withdrew)
Under 13	27	20	3	4	105	33	79.6	Bob Smith	Callum Smith 38	CYL Div.3	2 <sup>nd</sup> /12
Under 12	30	19	1	10	141	74	65.0	Graham Manton	Aaron Valentine 40	CYL Div.3	4 <sup>th</sup> /13
	<b>140</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>59.6</b>				

2004-05	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	25	12	4	9	55	50	56.0	Steve Baggett	Phil Thompson 23	NH Counties Div.2	4 <sup>th</sup> /10
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	25	16	3	6	57	36	70.0	Ed Thomson	Jamie Richards 17	NH Counties Div.5	3 <sup>rd</sup> /11
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	21	2	3	16	38	90	16.7	Steve Blackhurst	Shiblu Miah 12	Hitchin Sunday D.2	9 <sup>th</sup> /10
Under 14	28	9	4	15	50	78	39.3	Bob Smith	Callum Smith 13	CYL Div.2	8 <sup>th</sup> /14
Under 13	24	10	2	12	67	85	45.8	Graham Manton, Mark Hill	Nat Boston 18	CYL Div.3	6 <sup>th</sup> /10
Under 11	26	20	0	6	109	55	76.9	Phil Cook, Steve Groves	Connor Smith 51	CYL Div.3	<b>Champions</b>
	<b>149</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>51.7</b>				

2005-06	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	25	9	5	11	54	63	46.0	Greg Whelan, Richard Randall	Jamie Richards 14	NH Counties Div.2	6 <sup>th</sup> /10
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	19	5	3	11	29	48	34.2	Ed Thomson	Ben Thomson 6	NH Counties Div.4	7 <sup>th</sup> /9
Under 15	16	4	3	9	38	55	34.4	Adrian Sawyer	Callum Smith 10	CYL Div.2	7 <sup>th</sup> /10
Under 14	31	20	2	9	118	89	67.7	Graham Manton, Mark Hill	Sam Tompkins 30	CYL Div.3	<b>Champions</b>
Under 12	27	13	2	12	90	69	51.9	Phil Cook	Connor Smith 46	CYL Div.2	5 <sup>th</sup> /11
Under 11	29	22	4	3	103	27	82.8	Greg Nunn, Andy Good	Danny Butler 31	CYL Div.1	2 <sup>nd</sup> /9
	<b>147</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>56.1</b>				

**Under Elevens - Chiltern Youth League Cup Winners – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2006**

2006-07	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	28	12	8	8	68	49	57.1	Greg Whelan, Richard Randall	Jamie Richards 20	NH Counties Div.2	4 <sup>th</sup> /11
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	27	15	3	9	85	51	61.1	Ed Thomson	Lewis Smith 28	NH Counties Div.4	4 <sup>th</sup> /11
Veterans	1	0	0	1	2	5	0.0	-	-		
Under 15	28	3	4	21	45	114	17.9	Mark Hill	Aaron Brannigan 9	CYL Div.2	13 <sup>th</sup> /13
Under 12	25	16	3	6	95	26	70.0	Greg Nunn/ Andy Good	Adam Nunn 22	CYL Div.1	2 <sup>nd</sup> /9
	<b>109</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>50.5</b>				

2007-08	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	27	10	4	13	56	58	44.4	Richard Randall	Greg Whelan 14	NH Counties Div.2	6 <sup>th</sup> /11
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	28	18	3	7	83	48	69.6	Ed Thomson	Phil Thompson 35	NH Counties Div.4	3 <sup>rd</sup> /12
Under 16	21	13	2	6*	66	35	66.7	Mark Hill	Chris Goodrum 17	CYL Div.3	3 <sup>rd</sup> /10
Under 13	21	10	3	8	58	34	54.8	Greg Nunn, Adrian Bell	Cam Alexander/ /Dan Butler/Jack Mordecai/A.Nunn 9	CYL Div.1	5 <sup>th</sup> /10
	<b>97</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>58.8</b>				

*\*Includes defeat on penalties (1-4)*

2008-09	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	28	15	5	8	72	56	62.5	Richard Randall	Chris Littlejohn 19	NH Counties Div.2	2 <sup>nd</sup> /11
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	25	19	3	3	100	33	82.0	Ed Thomson	Phil Thompson 34	NH Counties Div.4	<b>Champions</b>
Under 18	22	7	4	11	46	77	40.9	Mark Hill	Sam Tompkins 10	CYL Div.3	4 <sup>th</sup> /7
Under 14	24	10	6	8*	69	32	54.2	Greg Nunn, Adrian Bell	Matthew Baxter 11	CYL Div.1	6 <sup>th</sup> /11
Under 12	29	16	8	5	78	34	69.0	Phil Toyer, Bryan Seago	James Hirst 36	CYL Div.2	2 <sup>nd</sup> /9
Under 11	26	14	7	5	77	43	67.3	Paul Boggon	Curties O'Connell 29	CYL Div.2	<b>Champions</b>
	<b>154</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>63.3</b>				

*\*Includes defeat on penalties (2-3)*

**Second XI - North Home Counties Challenge Cup Finalists – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

2009-10	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	29	9	6	14	55	77	41.4	Richard Randall	Greg Whelan 17	NH Counties Div.1	6 <sup>th</sup> /11
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	24	9	5	10	58	57	47.9	Ed Thomson	Tom Newland 15	NH Counties Div.3	7 <sup>th</sup> /11
Under 16	25	10	1	14	51	82	42.0	Mike Payne	Ben Morris 16	CYL Div.2	10 <sup>th</sup> /12
Under 15	20	6	4	10	42	53	40.0	Greg Nunn, Adrian Bell	Janayd Shan 10	CYL Div.1	7 <sup>th</sup> /9
Under 13	25	5	2	18	40	62	24.0	Phil Toyer	James Lovett 12	CYL Div.1	10 <sup>th</sup> /11
Under 12	25	9	2	14	45	68	40.0	Paul Boggon	Curties O'Connell 15	CYL Div.1	8 <sup>th</sup> /11
	<b>148</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>39.2</b>				

2010-11	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	29	13	5	11	74	60	53.4	Richard Randall	Gary Raymond 17	NH Counties Div.1	8 <sup>th</sup> /11
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	31	18	2	11	86	54	61.3	Steve Baggett	Phil Thompson 21	NH Counties Div.3	6 <sup>th</sup> /11
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	41	35	3	3	153	38	88.8	Paul Collins, Gary Marshall	James Awofisan 31	Beds.County Div.2	<b>Champions</b>
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	29	10	4	15	45	80	41.4	Paul Jones	Ryan Durrant 7	Beds.County Div.4	10 <sup>th</sup> /14
Veterans	1	0	0	1	1	5	0.0	-	-		
Under 17	28	22*	3	3	101	52	83.9	Stuart Wallace	Ben Morris 23	CYL Div.2	<b>Champions</b>
Under 14	20	6	3	11	36	50	37.5	Phil Toyer	James Hirst 14	CYL Div.2	8 <sup>th</sup> /9
	<b>178</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>63.8</b>				

\*Includes victory on penalties (3-1)

**Sunday Second XI - North Home Counties Reserve Cup Finalists - 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011**

**Sunday Second XI - Challenge Cup Finalists - 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**Saturday First XI - Bedfordshire Junior Cup Winners - 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

2011-12	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer		
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	30	20	2	8*	87	59	70.0	Richard Randall	Gary Raymond 22	NH Counties Div.1	3 <sup>rd</sup> /11
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	27	14	2	11	72	65	55.6	Paul MacLennan	Tom Newland 14	NH Counties Div.3	5 <sup>th</sup> /11
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	31	10	12	9	59	54	51.6	Paul Collins	Danny Hardacre 11	Beds.County Div.1	8 <sup>th</sup> /14
Under 18	24	15	4	5	103	48	70.8	Stuart Wallace	Warren Bell 32	CYL Div.1	3 <sup>rd</sup> =/10
Under 14 RC	31	11	5	15	53	61	43.6	Jez Webb	Fabian Brown-Johnson 14	RCFL Div.1	6 <sup>th</sup> /13
Under 14 CY	27	18 <sup>+</sup>	3	6	76	32	72.2	Mahesh Bharwaney	Oliver Pitts 32	CYL Div.5	2 <sup>nd</sup> /9
	<b>160</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>55.6</b>				

\*Includes 2 defeats on penalties (1-4 and 3-5)

<sup>+</sup>Includes victory on penalties (3-1)

2012-13	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	26	12	2	12	54	52	50.0	Richard Randall	Gary Raymond 14	NH Counties Div.1	6 <sup>th</sup> /10
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	25	10	1	14	54	80	42.0	Paul Maclennan	Tom Newland 17	NH Counties Div.2	7 <sup>th</sup> /10
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	17	6	3	8	33	35	44.1	Paul Collins	Danny Hardacre 13	Beds.County Div.1	withdrew
Veterans	3	1	0	2	12	13	33.3	Steve Baggett	-		
Under 18	23	16	2	5	79	36	73.9	Denise Miley, Karen French	Liam Brooks 27	RCFL Div.1	<b>Champions</b>
Under 15 RC	25	5	5	15*	35	57	30.0	Jez Webb	Josh Archer 9	RCFL Div.1	10 <sup>th</sup> /12
Under 15 CY	26	7	5	14	53	52	36.5	Mahesh Bharwaney	Max Burrows/ Oliver Pitts 14	CYL Div.3	5 <sup>th</sup> /9
	<b>145</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>45.5</b>				

*\*Includes defeat on penalties (1-3)*

2013-14	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	27	8	2	17	51	109	33.3	Richard Masters	Gary Raymond 14	NH Counties Div.1	9 <sup>th</sup> /12
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	17	0	4	13*	35	81	11.8	Paul Maclennan	Tom Newland 8	NH Counties Div.2	8 <sup>th</sup> /8
Veterans	3	1	0	2	15	19	33.3	Steve Baggett	Phil Thompson 5		
Under 18	23	20	0	3	108	44	87.0	Denise Miley, Karen French	Liam Brooks 29	RCFL Div.1	<b>Champions</b>
Under 16	28	16	6	6	91	40	67.9	Mahesh Bharwaney	Oliver Pitts 29	CYL Div.3	2 <sup>nd</sup> /12
Under 13	18	3	2	13	33	110	22.2	Keith Narrowway	Liam Hyde 20	CYL Div.4	7 <sup>th</sup> /8
	<b>116</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>47.4</b>				

*\*Includes defeat on penalties (4-5)*

2014-15	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer		
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	17	4	1	12	35	85	26.5	Richard Masters	Gary Raymond 11	NH Counties Div.1	7 <sup>th</sup> /11
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	28	8*	5	15	66	85	37.5	Paul Maclennan	Tom Newland 17	NH Counties Div.3	8 <sup>th</sup> /10
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	32	19 <sup>+</sup>	3	10	94	46	64.1	Ryan Durrant	Ryan Darby, Ryan Durrant 15	Beds.County Div.3	2 <sup>nd</sup> /13
Under 17	22	13	1	8 <sup>#</sup>	61	52	61.4	Mahesh Bharwaney	Max Burrows 21	CYL Div.1	3 <sup>rd</sup> /11
U/14 Leopards	22	2	1	19	33	134	11.4	Keith Narrowway	Bailey Summers 15	CYL Div.3 South	8 <sup>th</sup> /8
	<b>121</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>42.6</b>				

*\*Includes victory on penalties (4-3)*

*<sup>+</sup>Includes victory on penalties (5-3)*

*<sup>#</sup>Includes defeat on penalties (3-4)*



2015-16	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	8	2	0	6	17	29	25.0	Scott Morgan	Arek Ledwon 5	NH Counties Div.1	withdrew
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	21	8	1	12	66	72	40.5	Paul MacIennan	Tom Newland 19	NH Counties Div.3	6 <sup>th</sup> /9
Veterans	1	1	0	0	6	2	0.0	Greg Whelan	-		
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	30	12	3	15*	86	82	45.0	Nathan Moorhouse	Joe Hennem 20	Beds.County Div.2	7 <sup>th</sup> /11
Under 18	20	5	5	10	41	60	37.5	Maresh Bharwaney	Max Burrows 9	CYL Div.1	6 <sup>th</sup> /11
	<b>80</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>43*</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>40.6</b>				

*\*Includes two defeats on penalties (6-7 and 9-10)*

2016-17	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	18	3	2	13	40	85	22.2	Paul MacIennan	Tom Newland 11	NH Counties Div.2	10 <sup>th</sup> /10
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	37	19	10	8*	101	67	64.9	Nathan Moorhouse	Joe Hennem 36	Beds.County Div.2	3 <sup>rd</sup> /12
Veterans	8	1	1	6	19	30	18.8	Greg Whelan	Gary Raymond, Greg Whelan 3		
Under 13 Cougars	20	11	0	9	86	67	55.0	Alan Scott	Matt Morton 39	CYL Div.3	3 <sup>rd</sup> /10
Under 13 Panthers	23	12	3	8	77	75	58.7	Alan Scott	Matt Morton 36	Beds.Yth.Sat.Div.2	3 <sup>rd</sup> /7
	<b>106</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>44*</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>50.0</b>				

*\*Includes defeat on penalties (3-4)*

2017-18	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	19	11	1	7	67	62	60.5	Paul MacIennan	Tom Newland 19	NH Counties Div.3	2 <sup>nd</sup> /6
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	35	20	2	13	82	72	60.0	Paul Jones	Joe Hennem 32	Beds.County Div.1	6 <sup>th</sup> /14
Veterans	4	0	2	2	15	21	25.0	Greg Whelan	Gary Raymond 5		
Under 14 Cougars	19	6	1	12*	31	78	34.2	Simon Blackford	Reuben Spanyol 7	CYL Div.3	3 <sup>rd</sup> /6
Under 14 Panthers	15	1	1	13	25	92	10.0	Alan Scott	Matt Morton 12	Beds.Yth.Sat.Div.3	10 <sup>th</sup> /10
	<b>92</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>47*</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>45.1</b>				

*\*Includes defeat on penalties (2-4)*

2018-19	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	22	14	5	3*	136	39	75.0	Paul MacIennan	Tom Newland 27	NH Counties Div.2	2 <sup>nd</sup> /10
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	36	15 <sup>+</sup>	7	14	89	88	51.4	Nathan Moorhouse	Warren Bell 16	Beds.County Div.1	9 <sup>th</sup> /15
Under 15 Cougars	11	0	0	11	8	80	0.0	Simon Blackford	Oliver Scott 4	CYL Div.2	10 <sup>th</sup> /10
	<b>69</b>	<b>29<sup>+</sup></b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28*</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>50.7</b>				

*\*Includes defeat on penalties (2-4)*

*<sup>+</sup>Includes victory on penalties (3-1)*

2019-20	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	21	2	2	17*	38	113	14.3	Paul MacLennan	Tom Newland 9	Hitchin Sun. Div.1	No position
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	25	13	3	9	69	41	58.0	Nathan Moorhouse	Liam Andrews, Milton Tomlinson-Dennis 11	Beds.County Div.1	No position
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	24	11	5	8 <sup>+</sup>	48	42	56.3	Alex Bailey	Aaron Bean 10	Beds.County Div.4	No position
	<b>70</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>44.3</b>				

2020-21	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	18	5	4	9*	33	52	38.9	Paul MacLennan	Tom Newland 10	Hitchin Sun. Div.2	No position
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	22	12	4	6 <sup>+</sup>	65	46	63.6	Nathan Moorhouse	Joe Hennem 23	Beds.County Div.1a	No position
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	18	4	1	13	39	48	25.0	Alex Bailey	George Calvert, James Lovett 5	Beds.County Div.3	No position
Veterans	17	12	0	5	53	29	70.6	Dennis Townsend	Barry Clarke 11	Mid Herts Div.1	2 <sup>nd</sup> /12
Under 13 Lions	13	4	5	4	36	29	50.0	Alex Cardy	Jake Cardy 9	Royston Crow Div.2	No position
Under 13 Lynx	1	0	1	0	2	2	50.0	Kevin Fuller/ Matt Greening	-	Royston Crow Div.3	No position
	<b>89</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>50.0</b>				

\*Includes defeat on penalties (7-8)

+Includes defeat on penalties (2-3)

2021-22	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	26	9	3	14	67	88	40.4	Paul MacLennan	Johnny Day 16	Hitchin Sun. Div.2	8 <sup>th</sup> /10
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	27	13*	4	10	80	77	55.6	Nathan Moorhouse	Joe Hennem 13	Beds.County Div.1	5 <sup>th</sup> /12
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	26	15	2	9	73	51	61.5	Ian Bromham	Warren Bell (20)	Beds.County Div.4	<b>Champions</b>
Veterans	18	7	0	11	43	47	38.9	Dennis Townsend	Mark Manangan (7)	Herts Vets Super Premier Division	8 <sup>th</sup> /8
Under 14 Lions	21	5	2	14	35	63	28.6	Alex Cardy	Alfie Welch (13)	Royston Crow Div.2	8 <sup>th</sup> /11
U13 Pumas Blacks	24	13	4	7	105	51	62.5	Guy Wiseman	Alfie New (21)	Beds Yth.Sat.Div.1	2 <sup>nd</sup> /8
U13 Pumas Reds	22	6	5	11	54	55	38.6	Paul Ford	Finley Ford, Josh Skyers (10)	Beds Yth.Sat.Div.2	5 <sup>th</sup> /7
	<b>164</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>47.6</b>				

\*Includes victory on penalties (9-8)

**Saturday First XI – Beds County Centenary Cup Finalists – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

2022-23	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	35	14	6	15	94	85	48.6	Paul MacIennan	Jonny Day 30	Hitchin Sun. Div.2	10 <sup>th</sup> /15
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	35	23*	6	6 <sup>+</sup>	106	58	74.3	Will Tyler	Milton Tomlinson-Dennis 26	Beds.County Div.1	2 <sup>nd</sup> /14
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	28	6	2	20	38	86	25.0	Ian Bromham	Ryan Bean 7	Beds.County Div.3	11 <sup>th</sup> /13
Veterans	19	12	1	6	82	39	65.8	Kevin Cole, Dennis Townsend	Charlie Oshunniyi 22	Herts Vets Super Championship	2 <sup>nd</sup> /9
Under 15 Lions	21	17	1	3	66	29	83.3	Alex Cardy	Alfie Welch 20	Royston Crow Div.2	Champions
Under 14 Pumas	22	4	3	15	35	74	26.2	Guy Wiseman, Paul Ford	James Gibbens 8	Beds Yth.Sat.Div.1	8 <sup>th</sup> /8
U13 Cougars Blacks	25	3	3	19	30	92	18.0	Adrian Speed, Andy Barnes, Matt Morris	George Speed, Leo Surridge 6	Beds Yth.Sat.Div.4	6 <sup>th</sup> /6
U13 Cougars Reds	25	13	3	9	45	58	58.0	Owen Williams, Matt Robbins	Rory Williams 12	Royston Crow.Div.2	4 <sup>th</sup> /8
U13 Cougars Whites	21	3	3	15	45	96	21.4	Greg Bartley	Theo Clawson 17	Royston Crow.Div.2	6 <sup>th</sup> /7
	<b>231</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>47.2</b>				

\*Includes victory on penalties (4-1)

+Includes defeat on penalties (3-5)

### Sunday First XI – George John Memorial Trophy Finalists – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

SUMMARY – 11-a-Side	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
1970s	331	117	49	165	708	822	42.7
1980s	809	313	115	381	2,062	2,266	45.8
1990s	1,705	786	201	718	4,781	4,658	52.0
2000s	1,456	637	181	638	3,837	3,757	50.0
2010s	1,148	511	145	492	3,020	3,103	50.8
2020s	484	200	63	221	1,226	1,252	47.8
	<b>5,933</b>	<b>2,564</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>2,615</b>	<b>15,634</b>	<b>15,858</b>	<b>49.6</b>

## PLAYING RECORD NINE-A-SIDE MINI-SOCCER TEAMS

2013-14	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 11 Tigers	25	5	2	18	29	73	24.0	Russ Dermont/ Richard Brown	Noah Nyoni 9	RCFL	10 <sup>th</sup> /11

2014-15	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 11 Cougars	22	8	3	11	66	77	43.2	Simon Morton	Max Garthwaite 14	CYL Div.3/4	-
Under 11 Fishercats	27	15	3	9	94	75	61.1	Alan Scott	Ben Bayley, Matt Blake, Tom Brown 17	CJ Sevens Div.2	4 <sup>th</sup> /8
Under 12 Tigers	18	6	1	11	23	58	36.1	Russ Dermont	Noah Nyoni 7	CYL Div.3	6 <sup>th</sup> /8
	<b>67</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>48.5</b>				

2015-16	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 12 Cougars	24	11	2	11	71	71	50.0	Simon Morton	Matthew Morton 29	CYL Div.3	5 <sup>th</sup> /12
Under 12 Panthers	20	7	1	12	50	64	37.5	Alan Scott	Matthew Morton 11	CJ Sevens Div.2	6 <sup>th</sup> /9
	<b>44</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>44.3</b>				

2016-17	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 11 Jaguars	21	5	2	14	43	94	28.6	Alan Scott	Oliver Rowe-Trelford 13	CYL Crimson/Orange	-

2017-18	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 12 Jaguars	20	6	0	14	35	80	30.0	Alan Scott	Luke Allen 12	CYL Div.3	8 <sup>th</sup> /10

2018-19	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 11 Lions	22	13	2	7	83	61	63.6	Alex Cardy	Noah Kirkham 24	RCFL A/B/C	-
Under 11 Lynx	24	9	4	11	59	61	49.8	Kev Fuller/ Matt Greening	Jack Mackrell 10	RCFL Damson	-
	<b>46</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>54.3</b>				

2019-20	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 12 Lions	14	5	2	7	21	31	42.9	Alex Cardy	Jacob John 4	RCFL Div.3	-
Under 12 Lynx	17	8	2	7	42	38	52.9	Kevin Fuller/ Matt Greening	Nonso Okenwa 17	RCFL Damson	-
Under 11 Pumas Blacks	14	10	0	4	74	31	71.4	Paul Ford / Guy Wiseman	Finley Ford 17	Chiltern Junior 7s	-
Under 11 Pumas Reds	13	6	2	5	42	36	53.9	Graham McNish / Danny Banks	Josh Skyers 9	Chiltern Junior 7s	-
Under 11 Pumas Whites	14	9	0	5	49	29	64.3	Pat Kelly	Kian Stimpson 15	Chiltern Junior 7s	-
	<b>72</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>56.9</b>				

2020-21	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 12 Pumas Blacks	17	9	2	6	51	35	58.8	Paul Ford / Guy Wiseman	Finley Ford, Sam Robinson, Marley Watts 10	Chiltern Junior 7s Division 1	-
Under 12 Pumas Reds	18	5	2	11	42	55	33.3	Graham McNish / Danny Banks	Rheon Maluka-Ryan 8	Chiltern Junior 7s Division 2	-
Under 11 Cougars Blacks	19	5	2	12	46	75	31.6	Ben Holroyd-Doveton / Adrian Speed	Ollie Morris 14	Chiltern Junior 7s	-
Under 11 Cougars Reds	21	15	4	2	95	43	81.0	Matt Robbins / Owen Williams	Rory Williams 28	Chiltern Junior 7s	-
Under 11 Cougars Whites	24	13	2	9	125	76	58.3	Greg Bartley Max Stognev	Derick Ezeka 45	Royston Crow Lge. Burgundy Division	-
	<b>99</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>53.5</b>				

2021-22	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 12 Cougars Blacks	24	4	4	16	35	93	25.0	Adrian Speed	Nathan Causebrook 17	Chilt.Jnr 7s.Div.4	6 <sup>th</sup> /8
Under 12 Cougars Reds	26	9	1	16	65	82	36.5	Matt Robbins / Owen Williams	Rory Williams 12	Chiltern Junior 7s Div.1	7 <sup>th</sup> /8
Under 12 Cougars Whites	32	13	6	13	102	117	50.0	Greg Bartley Max Stognev	Derick Ezeka 53	Royston Crow Lge. Burgundy Division	-
Under 11 Bobcats	27	17	2	8	78	59	66.7	H.Patel, D.Wright	Zac Wright 34	Chiltern Junior 7s	-
	<b>109</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>45.4</b>				

2022-23	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 12 Bobcats	22	7	1	14	37	73	34.1	Haziq Patel	Teddy Clancy 14	Chiltern Jnr.7s Div.1	9 <sup>th</sup> /10
Under 11 Jaguars	21	12	2	7	73	65	61.9	Rob Burgess, James Major, Simon Mayes	Dylan Thompson 22	Chiltern Junior 7s	-
	<b>43</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>47.7</b>				

SUMMARY – 9-a-Side	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
2010s	295	123	26	146	781	879	46.1
2020s	251	109	28	114	749	773	49.0
	<b>546</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>1,652</b>	<b>47.4</b>

## PLAYING RECORD SEVEN-A-SIDE MINI-SOCCER TEAMS

2005-06	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under Elevens	16	1	2	13	10	69	12.5	Neil Britnell, Kev Cumberland	Cameron Alexander 5	BMSL Div.2	8 <sup>th</sup> /9

2007-08	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under Elevens	21	14	3	4	52	23	73.5	Phil Toyer	Sal Digrado 13	BMSL Div.1	3 <sup>rd</sup> /7

2008-09	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 10	17	6	0	11	35	42	35.3	Paul Cutler	Thomas Cutler 13	BMSL Div.3	8 <sup>th</sup> /9
Under 9	24	12	2	10	71	71	54.2	Chris Steer	Samuel Boggon 36	BMSL Div.2	6 <sup>th</sup> /12
Under 8	21	10	0	11	54	58	47.6	Anna Jones	Louis Lomas 28	BMSL Group 2	-
	<b>62</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>47.6</b>				

2009-10	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 10	22	12	2	8	78	63	59.1	Chris Steer	Will Spain-O'Leary 28	BMSL Div.2	4 <sup>th</sup> /10
Under 9	20	9	2	9	47	49	50.0	Anna Jones	Louis Lomas 29	BMSL Div.2	5 <sup>th</sup> =/10
Under 8	14	6	1	7	37	32	46.4	Matt Bean, Keith Narroway	Oscar Pryle 14	BMSL	-
	<b>56</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>52.7</b>				

2010-11	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 10a	20	13	1	6	71	33	67.5	Anna Jones	Louis Lomas 38	BMSL Div.2	3 <sup>rd</sup> /10
Under 10b	20	12	1	7	44	45	62.5	Keith Narroway	Edward Clarke 23	BMSL Div.4	3 <sup>rd</sup> /10
Under 8	12	5	2	5	35	31	50.0	Matt Bean	Tyger Cox/ Ethan Wilson 11	BMSL	-
Under 7 Panthers	22	7	3	12	36	55	38.6	Alan Scott	Ben Bayley 20	RCFL	-
Under 7 Pumas	22	4	6	12	37	63	31.8	Alan Scott	Ben Bayley 18	RCFL	-
Under 6	2	0	0	2	1	3	0.0	-	-		
	<b>98</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>48.5</b>				

2011-12	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 9	17	6	1	10	34	62	38.2	Matt Bean	Ethan Wilson 18	BMSL	5 <sup>th</sup> /9
Under 8 Panthers	23	17	2	4	50	25	78.3	Alan Scott	Ben Bayley 28	RCFL	-
Under 8 Pumas	23	14	4	5	75	34	69.8	Alan Scott	-	RCFL	-
Under 8 Cougars	22	11	2	9	37	53	54.6	Pop Whalley, Ianis Matsukatov	Alex Matsukatov 20	BMSL	-
	<b>85</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>61.8</b>				

2012-13	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 10	19	12	4	3	55	40	73.7	Rich Brown, Russ Dermont	Henry Brown 17	BMSL	Champions
Under 9 Panthers	22	7	4	11	52	60	40.9	Alan Scott	Ben Bayley 24	RCFL	-
Under 9 Pumas	21	7	5	9	42	60	45.2	Alan Scott	-	RCFL	-
Under 9 Cougars	23	11	6	6	61	38	60.9	Pop Whalley, Ian Matsukatov	Alex Matsukatov 24	BMSL	4 <sup>th</sup> /10
	<b>85</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>54.7</b>				

2013-14	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 10 Panthers	17	12	1	4	56	29	73.5	Alan Scott	Matthew Blake 10	RCFL	-
Under 10 Pumas	20	12	2	6	51	40	65.0	Alan Scott	Ben Bayley 9	RCFL	-
Under 10 Cougars	23	12	3	8	55	50	58.7	Pop Whalley	Luke Woodward 20	BMSL	5 <sup>th</sup> /11
Under 10 Fishercats	26	16	3	7	76	50	67.3	Alan Scott	Matthew Blake 27	CJ Sevens Div.3	2 <sup>nd</sup> /9
	<b>86</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>65.7</b>				

2014-15	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 9 Jaguars	28	9	4	15	72	110	39.3	Alan Scott	Samuel Bayley 29	BMSL	-

2015-16	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 10 Jaguars	22	8	0	14	52	98	36.4	Alan Scott	Samuel Bayley 11	BMSL	-

2016-17	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 9 Lions	23	13	3	7	86	52	63.0	Alex Cardy	Jamie Williams 24	BMSL	-

2017-18	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 10 Lions	19	9	3	7	58	60	55.3	Alex Cardy	Noah Kirkham 19	BMSL	-
Under 10 Lynx	14	3	0	11	16	80	21.4	Matt Greening, Carl Astley	Jack Mackrell 6	BMSL	-
Under 9 Pumas Reds	27	22	1	4	153	60	83.3	Guy Wiseman, Paul Ford	Sam Robinson 30	RCFL Azure Div.	-
U9 Pumas Blacks	28	19	4	5	103	55	75.0	Graham McNish, Dave Moore	Jasper Goodwin 27	RCFL Damson/ Cherry Div.	-
U9 Pumas Whites	22	11	2	9	85	67	54.6	Pat Kelly, Nick Flinn	Naresh Patel 22	RCFL Damson/ Emerald Div.	-
	<b>110</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>62.7</b>				



2018-19	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 10 Pumas Reds	23	10	4	9	83	69	52.2	Paul Ford	Sam Robinson 27	CJ7 Groups A & B	-
U10 Pumas Blacks	23	17	2	4	102	46	78.3	Guy Wiseman, Graham McNish	Tom Underwood 32	CJ7 Groups A & B	-
U10 Pumas Whites	23	12	2	9	88	58	56.5	Pat Kelly	Kian Stimpson 20	CJ7 Groups D & E	-
Under 9 Leopards	28	15	3	10	105	86	58.9	Owen Williams	Rory Williams 54	CFL Burgundy/ Damson Div.	-
Under 9 Panthers	24	11	2	11	76	83	50.0	Greg Bartley	Derick Ezeka 18	BMSL	-
Under 9 Tigers	27	6	7	14	70	102	35.2	Matt Robbins	Max Winfield 12	RCFL Azure Div.	-
Girls U12 Wildcats	3	1	0	2	14	8	33.3	Phil Toyer/Catherine Cardy	Sasha Kewell 6	-	-
	<b>151</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>54.7</b>				

2019-20	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 10 Leopards	14	7	2	5	52	41	57.1	Owen Williams	Rory Williams 18	Chiltern Jnr.7s	-
Under 10 Panthers	19	11	2	6	79	55	63.2	Greg Bartley	Derick Ezeka 37	RCFL Azure/Bur.	-
Under 10 Tigers	16	10	2	4	55	35	68.8	Matt Robbins	Max Winfield 16	Chiltern Jnr.7s	-
Under 9 Bobcats	20	5	2	13	36	79	30.0	Dave Wright/Haziq Patel	Zac Wright 13	RCFL Azure Div.	-
	<b>69</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>53.6</b>				

2020-21	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 10 Bobcats	27	14	7	6	85	59	64.8	Dave Wright/Haziq Patel	Zac Wright 44	RCFL A/B Div.	-
Under 9 Jaguars	20	14	1	5	85	50	72.5	Rob Burgess/Simon Mayes/James Major	Frank Stout 23	Chiltern Junior Sevens League	-
	<b>47</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>68.1</b>				

2021-22	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 10 Jaguars	27	13	3	11	98	95	53.7	Rob Burgess/Simon Mayes/James Major	George Henry 21	Chiltern Junior Sevens League	-
	<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>53.7</b>				

2022-23	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League	Position
Under 9 Sabres	25	10	2	13	67	78	44.0	Michaeljon Alexander-Scott, Martin Stout	Joseph Tyler 14	Chiltern Junior Sevens League	-
	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>44.0</b>				

<b>SUMMARY – 7-a-Side</b>	<b>P.</b>	<b>W.</b>	<b>D.</b>	<b>L.</b>	<b>F.</b>	<b>A.</b>	<b>%</b>
2000s	155	70	12	73	384	407	49.0
2010s	757	377	95	285	2,253	2,015	56.1
2020s	99	51	13	35	335	282	58.1
	<b>1,011</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>2,972</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>55.2</b>

## PLAYING RECORD FIVE-A-SIDE MINI-SOCCER TEAMS

2012-13	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League
Under 7 Jaguars	23	7	1	15	90	124	32.6	Paul Humphryes	Samuel Bayley 48	BMSL

2013-14	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League
Under 8 Jaguars	19	6	1	12	62	80	34.2	Alex Carter-Gaunt	Samuel Bayley 31	BMSL

2014-15	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League
Under 7 Lions	28	13	1	14	118	142	48.2	Alex Cardy/ Owen Williams	Jamie Williams 38	BMSL

2015-16	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League
Under 8 Lions	25	11	2	12	104	108	48.0	Alex Cardy/ Owen Williams	Jamie Williams 38	BMSL
Under 7 Pumas Blacks	20	11*	2	7	77	72	60.0	Nick Flinn/ Dave Wright	Harri Flinn 27 Nathan Morton 27	Chiltern Jnr. Sevens
Under 7 Pumas Reds	23	8	4	11	71	100	43.5	Chris Hone/ Guy Wiseman	Frank Jennings 28	Chiltern Jnr. Sevens
	<b>68</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>50.0</b>			

*\*Includes win on penalties (3-1)*

2016-17	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	League
Under 8 Pumas Blacks	27	19	1	7	184	71	72.2	Nick Flinn	Harri Flinn 53	RCFL
Under 8 Pumas Reds	28	4	4	20	69	168	21.4	Chris Hone/ Guy Wiseman	Jim Wiseman 17	RCFL
Under 8 Pumas Whites	26	16	0	10	145	93	61.5	Paul Ford / Marc Jennings	Frank Jennings 50	RCFL
Under 7 Leopards	26	19	4	3	180	104	80.8	Owen Williams / Lee Baxter	Jake Murray 62	RCFL
Under 7 Tigers	27	24	0	3	232	98	88.9	Matt Robbins / Jason Winfield	Sam Robbins 52	RCFL
Under 7 Wildcats	11	5	2	4	58	55	54.5	Greg Bartley	Jake Murray 22	BMSL
	<b>145</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>63.8</b>			

2017-18	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	
Under 8 Leopards	22	13	1	8	107	83	61.4	Owen Williams / Lee Baxter	Jake Murray 44	RCFL Azure Div.
Under 8 Tigers	19	12	3	4	129	61	71.1	Matt Robbins / Jason Winfield	Max Winfield 32	RCFL Azure Div.
Under 8 Wildcats	21	7	4	10	96	100	42.9	Greg Bartley James Gray	Mason McCulloch 33	BMSL
Under 7 Bobcats	25	16	1	8	119	90	66.0	Dave Wright / Haziq Patel	Thomas Flinn 42	RCFL Burgundy
	<b>87</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>60.3</b>			

2018-19	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	
Under 8 Bobcats	28	7	2	19	83	139	28.6	Dave Wright / Haziq Patel	Zac Wright 37	RCFL Azure Div.
Under 7 Jaguars	23	7	2	14	77	111	34.8	James Major/Simon Mayes	Frank Stout 20	BMSL
	<b>51</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>31.4</b>			

2019-20	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	
Under 8 Jaguars	18	7	0	11	78	88	38.9	Dave Wright / Haziq Patel	Solomon Burgess 26	BMSL

2020-21	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	
Under 7 Sabres	20	13	0	7	108	55	65.0	Michaeljon Alexander-Scott, Martin Stout	Ethan Whybrow 32	BMSL

2021-22	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	
Under 8 Sabres	21	8	3	10	63	90	45.2	Michaeljon Alexander-Scott, Martin Stout	Ethan Whybrow 28	BMSL
Under 7 Tigers	30	12	2	16	125	150	42.9	Holly Smith, Tom Tracy	Jude Wright 50	RCFL Burgundy
	<b>51</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>44.1</b>			

2022-23	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer	
Under 8 Tigers Blacks	22	4	1	17	55	114	20.5	Holly Smith, Tom Tracy	Charlie Kewell 19	RCFL Cherry
Under 8 Tigers Reds	20	4	0	16	37	101	20.0	Paul Clark	Theo Clark 14	RCFL Damson
Under 7 Panthers	18	6	0	12	77	87	33.3	Phil Ballard, Joanne Brogan, David Brogan	Alex Woodward 45	BMSL
	<b>60</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>24.2</b>			

SUMMARY – 5-a-Side	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
2010s	439	212	35	192	2,079	1,887	52.3
2020s	131	47	6	78	465	597	38.2
	<b>570</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>2,484</b>	<b>49.0</b>



U15 Lions



Sunday 1st



Saturday 1st



Saturday 2nd



Veterans



U11 Jaguars



U12 Bobcats



U13 Cougars Reds



U13 Cougars Blacks



U13 Cougars Whites



U14 Pumas



U7 Panthers



U8 Tigers Blacks



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U8 Tigers Reds



U9 Sabres



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