



# 2016-2017

## **Lea Sports PSG Football Club**

*Saturday XI*

*Under 13 Cougars*

*Under 11 Jaguars*

*Under 8 Pumas Blacks*

*Under 8 Pumas Whites*

*Under 7 Tigers*

*Sunday XI*

*Under 13 Leopards*

*Under 9 Lions*

*Under 8 Pumas Reds*

*Under 7 Leopards*

*Under 7 Wildcats*

*Veterans*

# Lea Sports PSG Football Club

Established: 1973

A Football Association Charter Standard Development Club



- The Sunday First team's win over 61 FC in their final game of this season was their 500<sup>th</sup> in all competitions since 1973. They have scored 2,875 goals in those 44 years, exactly 100 more than they have conceded.
- Greg Whelan's goal in the Vets' final game away to Crawley Green was his 100<sup>th</sup> since joining the Club in 2003. Jamie Williams scored his 100<sup>th</sup> goal for the Club in the Under 9 Lions' win over Leighton United on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
- In 2001-02 Matthew Kenneford scored 74 goals in 28 games for the Under 13s. This year Matthew Morton scored 75 in 42 games for the Under 13s (although he did play in both Saturday and Sunday sides).
- On 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Phil Thompson scored his 688<sup>th</sup> goal for the Club in his 674<sup>th</sup> appearance – 34 years (or 12,342 days) after his debut on 21<sup>st</sup> November 1982.
- The Under 7 Tigers won all 22 of their matches against teams from outside the Club this year, scoring 200 goals in the process. Their only defeats came against our Leopards, who beat them three times in 5 games.
- Joe Hennem scored 34 goals in his first 23 appearances for the Saturday XI this season – looking to be on target to beat Phil Thompson's record of 45 for the Third XI in 1998-99 – but then he scored just twice in his last 11 games, finishing on 36 goals.
- The Sunday First XI have now scored exactly 1973 league goals since 1973.

# Lea Sports PSG FC - 2016–2017

No silverware, but quite an amazing season for many of our teams.

Each Saturday morning, Head of Youth Football Phil Toyer and I trudge along to the Recreation Ground to give a training session to four- to six-year-olds as a gentle introduction to the beautiful game. We've been doing this most weeks since May 2008, so we've clocked up nearly 500 Saturdays by now. Each season we hope that we will be able to form a new Under Sevens team from this group of players: this year we were extremely lucky in that September brought not one, but two, new teams – the Leopards and Tigers – and what teams they proved to be!

The Tigers had a fabulous season in the Royston Crow League, playing 22 matches against opposition from outside the village and winning all 22. In fact, the only 3 games they lost all year were to the Leopards, who themselves only lost 3 times – twice to the Tigers and once with a weakened team against Buntingford (whom they beat 5 times on other occasions). Between them the 2 teams scored 412 goals, which is more than some teams will score in several seasons. Jake Murray scored no fewer than 86 goals for the three teams (including the Wildcats who started up on Sundays in January), with Rory Williams not far behind on 80. Sam Robbins weighed in with 52, Austin Wilshere with 41, Toby Easterbrook with 34 and many others with double figures.

The Under 8s too had amazing seasons, with the Blacks winning 19 of their 27 games and the Whites winning 16 of 26. Big scorers here too: Harri Flinn with 81, Frank Jennings on 78 and Nathan Morton on 70. Some may say it's 'only' 5-a-side, but you still have to put the ball in the net. The keepers and defenders too have improved greatly through the season and the all-round team performances and attitude has been fantastic.

The older age-groups have also all made great strides through the season: the Under 9 Lions lost just one of their last 14 games, the Under 11 Jaguars really found their feet after a tough start and the Under 13 Cougars and Panthers both achieved third place in their respective divisions, with a League Cup semi-final appearance for the Panthers to boot! Matthew Morton has excelled for both the Under 13 sides, scoring an amazing 75 goals in 42 11-a-side games on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Saturday adults were very close to an exceptional season, just missing out in 4 competitions: third in the league, losing on penalties in the East Beds Cup, losing a tight league cup tie 2-0 and losing a County Cup semi-final 3-0 to the eventual winners in a game they know they would have won on another day. At one time it looked like Joe Hennem would be breaking Phil Thompson's all-time scoring record of 45 goals in a season for an adult side, but a loss of form at the end left him short.

By contrast, the Sundays struggled to get teams out and, despite a late rally, finished bottom in a poor division 2. The Vets managed 8 matches – all great social events – maybe that's the future!

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who has helped the Club run this season: managers, coaches, mums and dads and our great 'kitchen staff'. It's you who make the Club what it is.

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

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# Lea Sports PSG - Honours

## PLAYING AWARDS

### Bedfordshire County Cup Competitions (Adults)

<b>1974-75</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Sunday Lower Junior Cup Semi-Finalists
<b>1975-76</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Sunday Lower Junior Cup Finalists
<b>1991-92</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Sunday Junior Cup Quarter Finalists
<b>1993-94</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Centenary Cup Quarter Finalists
<b>1994-95</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Centenary Cup Finalists
<b>2009-10</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	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

### 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

### North Home Counties Sunday League

<b>1982-83</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Luton News Cup Quarter Finalists
<b>1990-91</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Division 3 Champions
<b>1994-95</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Luton News Cup Semi-Finalists
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Division 5 Champions
<b>2001-02</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Division 3 Champions
<b>2003-04</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Reserve Cup Semi-Finalists
<b>2004-05</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Reserve Cup Semi-Finalists
<b>2008-09</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Division 4 Champions
		Challenge Cup Finalists
	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Division 2 Runners-Up
<b>2009-10</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Reserve Cup Semi-Finalists
<b>2010-11</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Jack Coyle Trophy (Res.Cup)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Finalists
<b>2014-14</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Challenge Cup Finalists
		Challenge Cup Semi-Finalists

### Luton Sunday League

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

### South Beds.Sunday League

<b>1999-00</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	Division 1 Cup Finalists
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### North Hertfordshire Football Association

<b>1997-98</b>	Sat.XI	Premier Division Runners-Up Greg Cup Finalists
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### Luton District & South Beds. League

<b>2001-02</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Invitation Subsidiary Cup Winners
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	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> ). Division 2 Champions
<b>2014-15</b>	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	Division 3 Runners-Up

### Premier Computer Supplies Invitation Cup

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

### County Cup Competitions (Youth)

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

### 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

### Beds. Saturday Youth League

<b>2016-17</b>	U13 Panthers	Plate Semi-Finalists
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### Other Youth Competitions

<b>1992-93</b>	Under 13	Willen 'World Cup' Plate Winners
	Under 15	Willen 'World Cup' Semi- Finalists
	Under 15	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>	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>	Ampthill Boys 6-a-side Winners (Under 14)

## **NON-PLAYING AWARDS**

### Bedfordshire F.A. Disciplinary Awards

<b>1<sup>st</sup> XI</b>	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
	1985-86	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> XI</b>	1982-83	1983-84	1986-87	1987-88
	1989-90	1990-91		
<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 (U.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) North Home Counties Kitson Sportsman's Cup
<b>2012-13</b>	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) Chiltern Youth Sportsmanship Award (U.18) Beds Mini-Soccer Fair-Play Award (U10) Beds Mini-Soccer Fair-Play Runners Up (U7)

### 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 (Steve Smith)

# UNDER SEVENS

Royston Crow League Red Group		
LEOPARDS		
5 vs. 5	Home	Away
Baldock Town Knights	10-2	5-2 5-5
Bedwell Rangers Barca		14-3
Biggleswade Town Blacks		9-1 8-6 5-4
Biggleswade United	6-3	7-1 3-3
Buntingford Cougars Blues	6-4 5-12 7-3	8-3 7-2 6-5
Lea Sports PSG Tigers	9-11 7-4 5-4	10-5 3-8
Letchworth GCE Black		6-4
Morden Magpies	14-1	
Royston Town Crows	3-3 8-2	3-3

Royston Crow League Yellow Group		
TIGERS		
5 vs. 5	Home	Away
Baldock Town Knights	4-2 8-4 4-1	8-5
Bedwell Rangers Barca		7-5
Biggleswade Town Blacks		6-0
Biggleswade United	9-2 10-2	9-2
Buntingford Cougars Blue	8-3 7-6	4-1 8-2
Lea Sports PSG Leopards	5-10 8-3	11-9 4-7 4-5
Letchworth GCE Black	15-6	13-5
Letchworth GCE Eagles		7-2 8-4
Morden Magpies	27-0	19-3
Royston Town Crows	9-1 4-3	6-5

Overall Record							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Leopards	26	19	4	3	180	104	80.8
Tigers	27	24	0	3	232	98	88.9
Wildcats	11	5	2	4	58	55	54.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>79.7</b>

Appearances and Goals				
	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Adam Bartley	11	0	11	0
Freddie Baxter	21	2	21	2
Elijah Bean	25	14	25	14
Felix Easterbrook	5	4	5	4
Toby Easterbrook	25	34	25	34
Alfie Eddon	24	11	24	11
Felix Folbigg	6	6	6	6
Bertie Gray	11	0	11	0
Elijah John	26	31	26	31
Nia Koumourou	8	1	8	1
Mason McCulloch	28	20	28	20
Jake Murray	34	86	34	86
Sam Robbins	26	52	26	52
Ethan Smith	24	25	24	25
George Speed	25	8	25	8
Pavel Stognev	10	1	10	1
Fred Sully	9	2	9	2
Oliver Turner	16	0	16	0
William Weatherall-Morris	19	7	19	7
Marcus White	24	15	24	15
Rory Williams	32	80	32	80
Austin Wilshere	25	41	25	41
Max Winfield	25	24	25	24
Own Goals		6		
<b>Total</b>		<b>470</b>		
(23 players)				

Records against outside opposition:

Tigers: P.22 W.22 Goals for 200 against 66

Leopards: P.21 W.16 D.4 L.1 F. 146 A. 72

Beds Mini-Soccer League		
WILDCATS		
5 vs. 5	Home	Away
AFC Dunstable		2-6
Dunstable Town	1-10	
Dunstable Town 2	4-5	
Flitwick Eagles		7-1
Leighton United		7-7
Leighton United 2	6-3 8-5	
Sacred Heart	7-7	
Wilstead Harriers	2-8	
Wootton Rangers	6-1	
Wootton Rangers 2	8-2	

## Leopards Report

What a brilliant season!

The Leopards' first season in the Royston Crow League started well - and just got better and better as the boys came together quickly and formed into a tight-knit team.

We put the emphasis on having lots of fun but it gradually dawned on everyone that having fun didn't come at the expense of winning some matches - our record of only one defeat since October was testament to the Leopards' refusal to give up but also a relaxed approach which meant that losing goals doesn't matter!

We lost three games during the season - one to a big Buntingford side and two to our friends and club-mates the Tigers - apart from that the Leopards remained unbeaten all season. To underline the team camaraderie, everyone played their part, everyone went in goal and everyone scored at least once.

Jake Murray ended as top scorer with an incredible 62 for the season\* - he was our "go-to" man in many games - which we would have lost it wasn't for his contributions!

The battle for top scorer was a close-run thing with Rory Williams finishing on 58 for the season - his skills being a constant thorn to many an opposition - including Bedwell Rangers after he put eight past them in one match!

Elijah Bean, George Speed and Alfie Eddon were the engine room of the side, chipping in with goals and hard-running - while Freddy Baxter's tigerish tackles and huge throws helped us out in a number of games. Olly Turner was also a member of our midfield who made a valuable contribution in the first part of the season.

A massive part of the Leopards' successful season came at the back where Ethan Smith and William Weatherall-Morris were outstanding - reading the game, sweeping up, organising - yet still managing to get forward to score some brilliant goals. So a fine all-round team effort from the Leopards - myself and my trusty assistant Lee Baxter are proud of the boys' efforts this season and hugely grateful to the fantastic support and encouragement from the best set of parents we could wish to deal with.

### Owen Williams and Lee Baxter.

*\*Jake scored 62 for the Leopards, but also 22 in 8 games for the Wildcats. Rory scored 58 for the Leopards, but also 18 for the Wildcats and 4 in one game for the Tigers.*



## Tigers Report

We've had a great first season from the Tigers - most of the Pirton school boys were in this group and you could tell that they have been playing football together since they could walk, as they immediately blended into a tight-knit team that passed unselfishly and worked hard for each other. As the boys started more "match-ready" than many of the teams we played (from all that Saturday training with Phil over the years) - their competitiveness and desire coupled with some great passing and shooting led to quite a few lop-sided scores in our favour before Christmas. A 27-0 stroll versus Morden Magpies being the somewhat dubious "highlight" - I don't think I ever expected Sam to score 8 goals and complain that the game was boring! Sam had assumed the striker's role fairly early on, with Elijah's tenacious tackling in midfield (plus some nice goal-poaching) also being a highlight. Mason was particularly in his element given the space the opposition were giving him as he marauded down the wings.



The highlight of the early season was the first Derby match with the Leopards. After a last-minute penalty shout was denied, the Tigers broke away to steal the match 11-9. Leopards were to get their revenge before Christmas with a comprehensive 10-5 victory, ending the Tigers 8 game winning streak. By this time Max & Toby were establishing themselves as solid keepers, with Max also working hard to win important last-ditch tackles in defence, and Toby sprinting down the wings to cross into the centre for the others, as well as smash in the odd screamer from distance.

Another fairly comfortable 6 game streak began in the New Year, including our best game of the season, again versus the Leopards where the Tigers showed glimpses of Total Football for an 8-3 victory. Leopards again ending our winning streak three weeks later 7-4. Over the latter part of the season, the victories became harder as other teams improved and we developed an uncomfortable habit of falling behind before needing a determined comeback to edge victory in the final quarter. Suddenly it became common to hear muttering about the team management amongst the fan-base on WhatsApp during the match, before victory was again secured and Matt & Jason got a reprieve. Unlike the fans, the boys never considered themselves beaten, and this was especially pleasing to see – their heads never dropped. Austin was on fire from mid-season, taking over the primary goalscoring role, and Marcus also came into great form over the latter part of the season. Both put in some crucial keeping performances also.

So to the final match of the season, that fateful series decider vs Leopards. Again Tigers were slow to get into the game, finding ourselves 5-0 down with 10 minutes to go... Could we manage another comeback? Despite 4 late goals, this time Tigers had left it too late and the Leopards took the season series 3-2 – our only three losses of the season.

It's been a lot of fun running the Tigers this year and I want to thank all the boys for the enthusiasm, teamwork and spirit they've shown. Thanks to Jason for assisting me and Reffing, and also to all the parents for their support & help. The boys have developed their game so much this year – particularly pleasing has been their desire to listen to instructions as we've added them (marking, awareness, set-pieces), but most of all the obvious enjoyment and spirit with which they've played the game, which all bodes well for next season and beyond.

## **Matt Robbins**

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## **Wildcats Report**

The Wildcats joined the Bedfordshire Mini Soccer league after Christmas. The core squad consists of six players and five players from the other two Under 7 teams at Lea Sports PSG. For the progression of the team we hope to increase the number of players who are part of the core team and become less reliant on the players from the other teams. We have encouraged the team's parents to speak to other parents who their children know to increase the squad.



The Wildcats have played 11 games; winning 5, drawing 2 and losing 4. Scoring a total of 58 and conceding 55 goals.

Each player has been recognised with their contribution to the team by receiving a player of the week or save of the week award. The children take great pleasure in being recognised for their contribution to the team.

Throughout the season the parents have supported the team including supplying half time oranges and end of game biscuits and cakes as well as helping to set up and take down the goal posts prior to the game. We have had no instances of unacceptable behaviour by parents during the game.

We hope to continue the children's progression and enjoyment in the under 8 league next season.

## **Greg Bartley**



# UNDER EIGHTS PUMAS

Royston Crow League Red Group		
REDS		
5 vs. 5	Home	Away
Ashwell Academicals Reds	1-2	
Bedwell Rangers Redbulls	1-2	3-17 4-6
Buntingford Cougars Blue	3-4 2-2	
Hares Youth Blacks	3-9	2-2
Letchworth GCE Blues	3-2 4-4	1-8 3-6
Letchworth GCE Yellows	5-1	5-4 3-3
Plantation Youth Greens	6-8 1-9	1-2
Stevenage Borough Cobras	1-10	3-10 2-8 2-10
Stevenage Borough Cyclone	0-2	4-9 1-7
Stevenage Borough Titans	2-13	1-6
Stotfold Whites	2-0	

Royston Crow League Yellow Group		
WHITES		
5 vs. 5	Home	Away
Ashwell Academicals Reds	2-4 5-2	
Ashwell Academicals Whites	4-0	
Bassingbourn		12-0
Bedwell Rangers Albion	21-2 7-5	5-2
Buntingford Cougars Blues	4-7	
Buntingford Cougars Whites		17-0
Hatfield Youth		11-2
Hitchin Town Eagles	9-1	4-1
Lea Sports PSG Pumas Blacks	2-4	0-5
Letchworth GCE Grey		4-7
Royston Eagles Whites	6-4	1-7
Shefford Saints Greens		5-7
Shephall Utd.Orange	0-8	
Stevenage Borough Giants	4-1	
Stevenage Borough Thuunder		4-3
Stevenage Borough Warriors	3-2	7-3
Stotfold Juniors Reds	0-6	4-7 4-3

Overall Record							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Reds	28	4	4	20	69	168	21.4
Whites	26	16	0	10	145	93	61.5
Blacks	27	19	1	7	184	71	72.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>51.2</b>

Royston Crow League Blue Group		
BLACKS		
5 vs. 5	Home	Away
Bedwell Rangers Albion	10-1 5-3 5-4	7-2
Bedwell Rangers Athletic	18-2	
Biggleswade Town Greens		4-2
Buntingford Cougars Blues	3-4 3-6	
Buntingford Cougars Stripes		21-0
FC Biggleswade Warriors	7-1	3-0
Hares Youth Orange		12-1
Hitchin Town Falcons	5-2	3-3
Lea Sports PSG Pumas Whites	5-0	4-2
Letchworth GCE Blacks		11-1
Letchworth GCE Greys	2-6	
Plantation Youth Blacks		7-0
Royston Town Crows Whites		0-4
Shefford Saints Reds	22-0	
Shephall United		4-6
Stevenage Borough Giants	6-1	5-4
Stevenage Borough Warriors		5-1
Stotfold Juniors Reds	5-7	2-8

Appearances and Goals				
	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Stanley Banks	22	9	40	9
Lauris Bokiss	23	2	23	2
Harry Cannon	23	11	33	12
Toby Cullen	24	15	43	24
Harry Devine	24	1	35	1
Harri Flinn	22	54	39	81
Finley Ford	24	47	36	48
Oliver Gentle	18	5	29	7
Cameron Hone	24	13	42	13
Frank Jennings	25	50	43	78
Oliver Kelly	20	15	28	19
Adam Kitchiner	20	39	36	43
Archie McNish	22	10	42	20
Charlie Moore	27	9	39	18
Nathan Morton	22	43	40	70
Daniel Murdoch	20	4	37	7
Naresh Patel	25	4	25	4
Nathaniel Pledge	25	7	25	7
Noah Prince	25	12	25	12
Sam Robinson	23	11	23	11
Thomas Sugden	23	0	23	0
Thomas Underwood	23	2	35	2
Jim Wiseman	27	17	46	27
Oliver Wright	23	14	42	21
Own Goals		4		
<b>Total</b>		<b>398</b>		
(24 players)				

## REDS

Jim, Cameron, Harry D, Sam, Thomas, Naresh, Charlie, Archie,

The Pumas Reds finish the season full of pride at their achievements at the summit of the Royston Crow's U8s league. OK, so positions aren't recorded and if they were it would be disingenuous to say they ended up top. However, if points were awarded for attitude these boys would be stacking the Pirton club house cabinet full of silverware. No matter who the opposition they battled to the end of every game and it showed in the amount of second-half goals scored throughout the season.

Although we rotated the boys throughout the positions we rarely risked going without either Cameron or Harry D in defence. Harry D has grown throughout the season, maintaining tremendous tackling and adding composure to his game in passing the ball out of defence. If there was an award for most improved player it would be hard to get past Harry D! Cameron continues to show a high level of football ability in positioning and play. He added goals to his game and his never say die attitude was particularly evident with a superb hat-trick against Bedwell while carrying an injury!

Sam and Jim, two of the most technically gifted players both made significant contributions to the scoring charts. Sam's slammer of a left foot scored some beauties v Hares Youth and Letchworth and top scorer Jim's collection of goals included a cheeky left foot lob at Letchworth and a goal of the season contender from a lovely short corner routine in the exciting home win that ended Stotfold's winning run of 18 months.

It's easy to forget that Thomas and Naresh only joined the Pumas at the beginning of this season as they have become such valued team players. Thomas improves by the game, dribbling, getting stuck into tackles and not even flinching when taking a very hard kicked ball to the head in his last outing in Letchworth. One of the season's highlights was Naresh's cracking goal in the hard-fought draw at Hares Youth in February.

Archie's vision unlocked defences with some lovely passing football providing many assists. Perhaps the spirit of the team is best illustrated by the red, breathless face of Charlie who never fails to put in a massive effort. His man of the match performance in the recent humdinger of a game at Letchworth encapsulated the season, full of running, tackling, passing and at times, clinical finishing.

### Guy Wiseman

## BLACKS

2016/17 was a second successful season for the Blacks, where players developed individually and the importance of playing as a team began to take root.

This season saw the U8s move to The Royston Crow League and take on the challenges that this strong and varied league has to offer. The beginning of the season saw the Blacks start their campaign in the lower ranked league, due to an administrative misunderstanding with the league fixture secretary. This led to somewhat of a mis-match and the Blacks averaged 15-20 goals a game for the first cohort of fixtures! Although the players enjoyed the initial goal-fest (some players bagging 8 or more goals in a game), it obviously wasn't a desirable situation for everyone concerned and the league eventually got their act together and the Blacks moved up a few divisions to play teams of a similar standard.

This jump in standard had an immediate impact on the team and it took a few weeks to re-adjust to a more competitive environment and much tougher matches, with the Blacks eventually enjoying a decent pre-Christmas run. However, the Christmas break saw an over-consumption of turkey and Christmas pud which led to a lacklustre January and a series of disappointing results. The results and performances then began to

improve again as the season moved towards March and April and the boys worked hard on keeping their shape and understanding the basics of positional play.

Our defensive unit of Stan, Daniel, Tom and Ollie W had an excellent year and grew stronger and more confident through the season. We are particularly fortunate that Stan and Daniel have shown a preference and aptitude for Goal Keeping and we have been able to rely on their committed performances between the sticks. While Tom and Ollie have been our "brick wall" all season and both have also developed a taste for going forward and bagging a few goals!

Throughout the season our midfield and attack have played a highly pressing game and haven't been shy in tackling and battling for the ball, but at the same time have been respectful and fair, which is highly commendable. Although sometimes we've been a little too nice and got bounced off the ball a few time, especially against those clubs with five foot 8 year olds (I don't know what they're feeding them in rural Cambridgeshire)! Ollie G and Oliver K have been great in midfield and get stronger and more confident with every game, while Nathan has made the attacking midfield role his own, scoring a hatful of goals, distributing well and creating lots more opportunities for Adam and Harri up front.

I'm pleased to say that the goal scoring has been spread around the team this Season with everybody getting on the score sheet and even the goalkeepers have come close on occasion with some mega clearances which have nearly gone in! Adam, Nathan and Harri have all taken their opportunities when presented (Harri 53, Nathan 43 and Adam 39 goals), with all manner of finishes, from goal mouth scrambles, rockets from dead ball free kicks and even the odd header! What's been really pleasing is the attacking cooperation the team has shown over the latter part of the season with some excellent goals coming from balls worked wide and then crossed in for a one touch finish.

We've had a great season, had lots of fun and the boys have been enthusiastic and hardworking throughout, making it a rewarding experience for the coaches and for the parents who have been fantastically supportive. We're in a great position as we move on to the 7 aside game next season. C'mon the Blacks!

## Nick Flinn

# WHITES

Parents were asked if they wanted to manage a new team as the Reds and Blacks had too many players and the boys were not getting enough time on the pitch and as keen parents Marc and Paul stepped up to meet the requirements.

We asked our sons if they would mind creating a new side and with another 3 members from the Reds joining us we had an initial 5 players and the "Whites" were born.

We recruited another 2 players from outside the club and a goalkeeper, only for the goalkeeper to break his leg before a ball had been kicked!

This meant we started the season with only 7 players and with no-one wanting to play in goal a rotation system was drafted in.

Trying to develop a team spirit was hard to begin with, as this was a new team slung together with some new boys never having kicked a football before!

Basic skills such as control, passing and moving into space dominated the early training sessions, but throughout the year the boys began to develop a style of football that became a truly passing game, especially out from the back, no huge goal kicks allowed.

After thrashing some early sides by 21 goals and in one game with Finley scoring 10 of them, the team were moved from division 4 to division 2, which presented a tougher challenge. After some initial issues the "General" (Toby Cullen) took control of the midfield battles with the reliability of having "The Rock" (Natty Pledge) backing him up in defence accompanied with the ever developing "Man Mountain" (Lauris Bokkis). Floated crosses from "Becks" (Harry Cannon) were met by our own "Fox in the Box" (Noah Prince) and "10 goals elbows" (Finley Ford) who glided in from the left to bag 47 goals for the season. Playing in every position on the pitch "Top Knot Bale" (Frank Jennings) smacked in 50 goals this season becoming top goal scorer for the season!

Some of the football and understanding of the beautiful game has become very apparent in the way the lads play the game and I hope they will take what they have learnt from this season to what lays ahead of them. The boys have left the management feeling very proud of the boys' achievements over the season.

To the parents - Thank you for all your support over the past season as you all have played a very large part in your sons' confidence and your support is very much appreciated, even the early starts for pre-game training of 45 mins' before kick-off, which I understand was an extra effort but I truly believe that the practice has begun to pay off with their performances recently.

Also a huge thanks you to Mr Jennings for all his support and advice and for always being there to ref, which as we all know is not an easy role, even though I swear he had mud in his eyes on occasions!

## Paul Ford

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# Premier League Competition



This year saw the return of the Premier League Competition after a season's break. Our Club Sponsors, Form I.T. Solutions, offered an extra £50 to top up the prizes, which meant a guaranteed first prize of £100.

The idea of the competition is to forecast the final position of each of the 20 teams in the Premier League – points are awarded depending on how far out you are for each team and the person with the lowest points total is the winner.

This year's competition was a fierce as ever, with 100 entrants, and the final result not being decided until the last Sunday of the season. In the end it was Kim Jones, from Form IT, who pinched the first prize of £100, with Luke Allen taking second place and a cheque for £30, and Adam Clements claiming £15 for third place.

All the results are available on the Club website at [www.leasports.com](http://www.leasports.com).

An entry form for this year is enclosed with this magazine, so please have a go. It really doesn't require any specialized knowledge and there's good cash to be won. The more people who enter, the bigger the prizes.

Good luck!

## ***Overall Club Record***

<b>Eleven-a-Side</b>	<b>P.</b>	<b>W.</b>	<b>D.</b>	<b>L.</b>	<b>F.</b>	<b>A.</b>	<b>%</b>
First XI	1153	500	160	493	2875	2775	50.3
Second XI	1031	452	141	438	2478	2456	50.7
Third XI	684	259	88	337	1805	2014	44.3
Fourth XI	209	113	21	75	685	479	59.1
Saturday XI	413	203	65	145	1105	844	57.0
Saturday Res.	54	17	5	32	100	189	36.1
Tours	8	2	2	4	16	33	37.5
Veterans	55	21	11	23	161	174	48.2
Ladies	23	3	1	19	45	155	15.2
Under 18	149	69	19	61	436	412	52.7
Under 17	104	56	4	44	306	330	55.8
Under 16	162	68	17	77	434	517	47.2
Under 15	208	66	25	117	495	628	37.7
Under 14	316	136	35	145	875	983	48.6
Under 13	296	119	28	149	847	1036	44.9
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>5,218</b>	<b>2,271</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>2,285</b>	<b>13,800</b>	<b>13,878</b>	<b>49.4</b>

### **Mini Soccer**

<b>Nine-a-Side</b>	<b>P.</b>	<b>W.</b>	<b>D.</b>	<b>L.</b>	<b>F.</b>	<b>A.</b>	<b>%</b>
Under 12	62	24	4	34	144	193	41.9
Under 11	95	33	10	52	232	319	40.0
	<b>157</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>40.8</b>

<b>Seven-a-Side</b>	<b>P.</b>	<b>W.</b>	<b>D.</b>	<b>L.</b>	<b>F.</b>	<b>A.</b>	<b>%</b>
Under 11	37	15	5	17	62	92	47.3
Under 10	206	115	17	74	573	490	60.0
Under 9	178	74	27	77	465	502	49.2
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
	<b>582</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>1,462</b>	<b>1,438</b>	<b>53.7</b>

<b>Five-a-Side</b>	<b>P.</b>	<b>W.</b>	<b>D.</b>	<b>L.</b>	<b>F.</b>	<b>A.</b>	<b>%</b>
Under 8	125	56	8	61	564	520	48.0
Under 7	158	87	14	57	826	695	59.0
	<b>283</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>54.4</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>P.</b>	<b>W.</b>	<b>D.</b>	<b>L.</b>	<b>F.</b>	<b>A.</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>6,240</b>	<b>2,749</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>2,724</b>	<b>17,028</b>	<b>17,043</b>	<b>50.2</b>

# UNDER NINE LIONS

Bedfordshire Mini-Soccer League		
7 vs. 7	Home	Away
Active Soccer		9-1
Bedford Town	4-2 3-2	1-2*
Brickhill Wanderers		1-2
Crawley Green 2		2-3
Dunstable Town 2	3-4	1-1* 1-1
Flitwick Eagles	3-7	
Flitwick Eagles 4		3-0
Flitwick Eagles 6	0-5	
Leighton United		3-3
Leighton United 2	5-3	6-1
Luton Allstars	5-1	
Luton Borough Dragons		5-3
M&DH Clapham Sports		9-1
Sacred Heart	6-4	
Wootton Rangers	5-1	

\*Played in Pirton

Friendlies		
	Home	Away
Crawley Green	2-3 6-1	
Dunstable Town	3-1	

Appearances and Goals				
	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Charlie Baxter	16	1	16	1
Thomas Blackford	19	1	63	6
Jake Cardy	22	10	66	47
Blake Carter-Gaunt	16	5	48	10
Will Gelling	18	2	18	2
Josh Horne	23	5	60	6
Jacob John	19	9	51	30
Noah Kirkham	20	14	66	54
Zayd Patel	23	4	23	4
Jake Rogers	23	6	66	6
Wilf Tobitt-Wardle	13	4	42	8
Jamie Williams	19	24	70	100
Own Goals		1		
<b>Total</b>		<b>86</b>		
(12 players)				

Overall Record							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
BMSL	20	11	3	6	75	47	62.5
Friendlies	3	2	0	1	11	5	66.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>63.0</b>

## Lions Report

The Lions welcomed three new faces to the team this season : Zayd Patel, Will Gelling and Charlie Baxter. These boys were warmly welcomed to the team by the existing squad and quickly adapted to playing their first season of 7 a side.

The start of the season saw us begin with a brilliant win away at Clapham with 5 different scorers including a brace from Josh Horne netting his first two goals for the club. We were then brought back down to earth by Flitwick Eagles the following week and then by Crawley Green the week after. The Lions then endured a series of difficult fixtures where the defence was tested on many occasion but players like Tom Blackford and Zayd Patel used the experience to harden their game and would provide stalwart performances for the rest of the season.

The boys kept their heads through this tricky part of the season and never let their heads go down and the curse was broken by a home win against Wootton with the ever prolific Jamie Williams inspiring the team with a 4 goal salvo! He would go on to score 100 goals for the club by the end of the season – a fantastic achievement! The Lions then went through some mixed results for the next few weeks but the ever consistent performances (and goals) by Jake Cardy and Noah Kirkham provided constant inspiration – both would go on to score double figures from midfield for yet another season.

Special note should be made of Jake Rogers' wonder strike from outside of the box away at Leighton – Jake has developed into a tough tackling midfielder who has now added shooting and passing to his all round game.

After Christmas the boys lost away against Bedford youth but then went on a brilliant run that would not see us beaten again. The notable performances were away at Active Soccer with 9 different scorers including a brilliant performance from Jacob John in his new found role in defence. Zayd and Noah would also score world class goals from midfield.

Will Gelling notched his first goal for the club with a brilliant performance at home against Luton Allstars. Also Blake Carter-Gaunt who is maturing into a fantastic, versatile player who has played in every position this season decided to score a hat-trick in the same game when asked to play up front! Wilf Tobitt-Wardle scored in the last two games of the season and is proving to be an elegant player who will excel next term. Charlie Baxter has been brilliant with his Lion Hearted performances in goal and is quickly learning the defensive role with some committed performances on the pitch.

All in all the boys have shown great improvement over the course of the season and have been an absolute joy to manage and coach. They are playing football the right way both technically and in mental attitude. The patient passing style has been embraced by the boys' parents and the supportive attitude towards their team mates should be applauded. They are sure to carry on the great things they have achieved this season!

## Alex Cardy

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### The 200 Club – Players with 200 Appearances or More

69 Players

674	Phil Thompson	317	Tony Riley	254	Dave Newman
645	Archie Conway	306	Mick Marsh	251	Paul MacLennan
594	Bobby McGrath	300	Matt Day	243	Bruce Bonfield
592	Kelvin Callow	298	Gavin Bidgood	241	Chris Castle
572	Rick Vipers	298	John Darley	241	Steve Moreton
528	Phil Clarke	295	Phil Hudspeth	240	Russell Sheppard
439	Paul Gathern	294	Jonathan Whitehead	237	Mark Williams
432	Keith Lee	293	Alan Palmer	236	Kevin Connolly
430	Dave Blake	291	Mark Booth	236	Mark Turner
424	Jamie Richards	282	Ben Thomson	235	Ashley Burgess
416	Andy Shiers	277	Jack Baggett	231	Jim Gahagan
407	Al Mayman	276	John Temple	230	Steve Goldsmith
403	Alan Dawson	274	Matthew Morton	229	Andy Bownes
381	Richard Knock	266	Colin Bradley	228	Chris Gathern
378	Neil Hebron	262	Steve Baggett	227	Bill Hind
365	Andy Thompson	262	Steve Close	225	Graham Carter
351	Trevor Taylor	260	Scott Morgan	217	Oliver Scott
350	Dave Pymont	259	Gavin Campbell	213	Phil Holmes
341	Alistair Hearn	259	Simon Jackson	211	Steve Bingham
341	Greg Whelan	257	Ben Alderton	209	Ben Bayley
332	Charlie McNerney	257	Steve Moorhouse	208	Teddie Rowe-Trelford
326	Richard Randall	256	Pete Mather	206	Brian Langley
318	Ed Thomson	255	Geoff Richardson	205	Henry Huxley

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# UNDER ELEVEN JAGUARS

Chiltern Youth League Crimson Division		
9 vs. 9	Home	Away
Bedford Town Whites	0-12	
Co-op Sports	1-9	
Dunstable Town	1-12	
EB Lions Blues		3-11
Flitwick Eagles Whites	2-1	0-2
Kempston Rovers Colts Pumas	3-6	
Luton Tigers		2-4
Sacred Heart Jaguars		1-6

Chiltern Youth League Orange Division		
9 vs. 9	Home	Away
Brickhill Wanderers	1-2	1-4
Dunstable Town	3-3	
Flitwick Eagles Whites		0-2
Kempston Rovers Colts Pumas	2-3	
Leighton Town	5-0	6-1
Lewsey Park		0-6
Luton Tigers		2-2
M&DH Clapham Colts	4-1	
Sandy Colts	5-2	

Chiltern Youth League Plate		
9 vs. 9	Home	Away
Clapham Colts	1-5	

Appearances and Goals				
	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Luke Allen	18 (1)	4	84 (1)	21
Samuel Bayley	5	2	81	122
Joe Blackford	18 (1)	5	77 (1)	20
Jamie Bridge	6 (9)	2	7 (9)	3
Fynnley Carter-Gaunt	9 (5)	2	73 (5)	11
Sam Chatterton	19	3	95	32
Rory Clements	16 (4)	0	64 (4)	2
Ben Critchley	8 (10)	0	51 (10)	3
William Hurley	13 (5)	1	57 (5)	4
Oliver Rowe-Trelford	19	13	93	51
Rebecca Scott	17 (1)	6	94 (1)	11
Joseph Winfield	10 (8)	2	52 (8)	12
Charlie Woodward	3 (10)	2	3 (10)	2
Luke Yates	19	0	19	0
Own Goals		1		
<b>Total</b>		<b>43</b>		
(14 players)				

(Appearances as a substitute in brackets)

	Overall Record						
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Crimson	9	1	0	8	13	63	11.1
Orange	11	4	2	5	29	26	45.5
Lge.Plate	1	0	0	1	1	5	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>28.6</b>

## Jaguars Report

It was always going to be a tricky transition to nine-a-side football on the bigger pitch for a team with so many younger players in the side. And so it proved at the beginning of the season as we proceeded to be hammered in a series of mismatch fixtures as we tried to get to grips with the offside rule for the first time.

Heads never dropped however and the side continued to work hard, learn and improve, and, most gratifyingly, usually with a smile on their faces. And it felt like we'd won the Cup when we finally and deservedly won our first game of the season in November. This gave us momentum and confidence and it was onwards and upwards from then on.

Well kind of...

Coaches of younger teams will know that discovering a willing goalkeeper is like finding the golden ticket. So we were delighted to welcome Luke Yates to the team this season who is not only keen to get between the posts but very able too. Jamie Bridge also joined the side bringing with him welcome pace and enthusiasm. We welcomed Charlie Woodward to the team half way through the season and he improved greatly both in terms of ability and confidence over the last few games.



One of the highlights was a brave fight back against a strong Luton Tigers side when we battled back from 2-0 down at half-time to earn an exciting draw.

We've tried all season to do things the right way and teach the kids to work hard and play hard, to enjoy their football and respect their opponents and referees. They're a joy to manage. Our continued high scores in the Respect League shows that this is recognised and appreciated by visiting teams.

A big thank you to all the parents and supporters who turn up come rain or shine to get behind the team. A special mention for Adam for his willingness to run the line and to Tony for always being there to set up the pitch and pack things away. Thanks to Catherine and Lucy for organising the kitchen every week, and for everyone else who has helped throughout the season keeping us well fed and watered while raising funds for the club.

See you next season!

**Paul Trelford**

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*Premier League Competition Results*

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# MINI-SOCCER TOP GOALSCORERS

	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	Under 6			
Benjamin Bayley	11.09.10	U7	17	30	28	24	28	38		165	192	85.9%
Samuel Bayley	09.09.12	U7			11	29	31	48	1	120	76	157.9%
Matthew Morton	11.09.10	U7	40	16	22	10	12	11		111	232	47.8%
Jamie Williams	14.09.14	U7				24	38	38		100	70	142.9%
Louis Lomas	16.08.08	U8			38	29	28			95	61	155.7%
Jake Murray	10.09.16	U7						86		86	34	252.9%
Harri Flinn	12.09.15	U7					54	27		81	39	207.7%
Rory Williams	10.09.16	U7						80		80	32	250.0%
Frank Jennings	05.09.15	U7					50	28		78	43	181.4%
Nathan Morton	12.09.15	U7					43	27		70	40	175.0%
Thomas Brown	12.09.10	U8	6	17	10	16	15			64	117	54.7%
Matthew Blake	07.09.13	U10		17	45					62	83	74.7%
Samuel Boggon	14.09.08	U9			22	36				58	44	131.8%
Henry Huxley	08.10.11	U8	6	11	24	6	9			56	182	30.8%
Noah Kirkham	14.09.14	U7				14	17	23		54	66	81.8%
Sam Robbins	17.09.16	U7						52		52	26	200.0%
Luke Woodward	19.03.11	U6	9	1	20	11	10			51	80	63.8%
Oliver Rowe-Treford	09.09.12	U7		13	7	9	11	11		51	93	54.8%
Teddy Rowe-Treford	11.09.10	U7	5	15	8	7	9	6		50	174	28.7%
Finley Ford	24.10.15	U7					47	1		48	36	133.3%
Jake Cardy	14.09.14	U7				10	18	19		47	66	71.2%
Alex Matsukatov	19.03.11	U6				24	20			44	44	100.0%
Adam Kitchiner	12.09.15	U7					39	4		43	36	119.4%
Austin Wilshere	17.09.16	U7						41		41	25	164.0%
Henry Brown	13.09.09	U8		3	17	2	19			41	80	51.3%
Tyger Bean-Cox	13.09.09	U8		5	6	6	18			35	75	46.7%
Toby Easterbrook	17.09.16	U7						34		34	25	136.0%
Will Spain-O'Leary	02.11.08	U10			28	5				33	35	94.3%
Edward Clarke	14.09.08	U10			23	6	4			33	55	60.0%
Jack Floor	14.09.14	U7					14	18		32	39	82.1%
Sam Chatterton	19.03.11	U6		3	2	3	8	16		32	95	33.7%
Elijah John	17.09.16	U7						31		31	26	119.2%
Jacob John	14.09.14	U7				9	11	10		30	51	58.8%
Edward Laws	11.09.10	U7	3		2	9	11	5		30	142	21.1%
Ethan Wilson	12.09.10	U8				18	11			29	25	116.0%
Jim Wiseman	05.09.15	U7				17	10			27	46	58.7%
Edward Pipe	19.03.11	U6	3	6	13	3	1			26	95	27.4%
Ethan Smith	10.09.16	U7						25		25	24	104.2%
Oliver Scott	11.09.10	U7	3	2	7	1	6	6		25	181	13.8%
Max Winfield	17.09.16	U7						22		24	25	96.0%
Toby Cullen	05.09.15	U7					15	9		24	43	55.8%
Sam Germann	11.09.10	U7	4	2	1	6	8	1		22	116	19.0%
Noah Nyoni	30.09.12	U10	7	9	5					21	52	40.4%
Luke Allen	08.09.13	U8		4	8	8	1			21	85	24.7%
Oliver Wright	12.09.15	U7					14	7		21	42	50.0%
Bradley Cole	02.09.12	U9			8	12				20	44	45.5%
Joe Blackford	20.10.13	U8		5	7	7	1			20	85	23.5%
Mason McCulloch	17.09.16	U7						20		20	28	71.4%
Archie McNish	05.09.15	U7					10	10		20	42	47.6%
All others fewer than 20. Only goals in mini-soccer games are counted.												

# UNDER THIRTEEN COUGARS (Sundays)

Chiltern Youth League Division 3		
	Home	Away
Brickhill Wanderers Pumas	3-0	8-0
Flitwick Eagles	2-3	2-0
Langford	5-4	4-5
Luton United	3-4	2-5
M&DH Clapham Sports	11-2	11-1
Mid Beds Tigers	5-2	4-1
Shefford Saints Blues	5-2	9-3
St. Josephs	1-6	1-6
Westoning	4-2	2-5

Chiltern Youth League Division 3 Final Table					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
St. Josephs	18	18	0	0	54
Luton United	18	14	2	2	44
<b>Lea Sports PSG</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>33</b>
Langford	18	9	3	6	30
Flitwick Eagles	18	7	2	9	23
Brickhill Wnds. Pumas	18	6	3	9	21
Westoning Rec.	18	6	3	9	21
Shefford Saints Blues	18	3	3	12	12
M&DH Clapham Sports	18	3	2	13	11
Mid Beds Tigers	18	3	2	13	11

Hertfordshire Under 13 Cup			
Prelim.	Harvesters South	2-10	

Chiltern Youth League Plate			
R1	Bedford United		2-6

Appearances and Goals				
	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Ben Bayley	8	2	206 (3)	169
Ben Blackford	19	0	102 (5)	7
Liam Brooks	4	0	174 (6)	17
Josh Bryant	19	2	61	5
Freddy Cardy	17	0	40	2
Mackenzie Cook	18	1	18	1
Max Garthwaite	16	1	55	15
Henry Huxley	14	2	205	59
Matthew Morton	20	39	274	186
Liam Nixon	16	0	64	0
Adam Patel	19	2	57 (1)	5
Edward Pipe	11	1	106	27
Teddie Rowe-Trelford	16	11	204 (4)	65
Oliver Scott	15	5	217	32
Rowan Scourfield	18	4	39	5
Luke Scovell	14	1	98	10
Reuben Spanyol	12	5	44	8
Luke Woodward	12	7	92	58
Own Goals		3		
<b>Total</b>		<b>86</b>		
(18 Players)				

Overall Record							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Division 3	18	11	0	7	82	51	61.1
Herts.Cup	1	0	0	1	2	10	0.0
League Cup	1	0	0	1	2	6	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>55.0</b>

It was a good season with the team finishing in third place in division 3 of the Chiltern Youth League. We came up against some tough opposition in skill and aggression. The boys put in some great performances, showing they developed over the last year in skill and attitude to the game. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the players and parents for their patience at the games, with a full squad most weeks it's been a challenge in rotating the boys and ensuring they get equal game play. A massive thanks to Simon Blackford for taking a more active role in assisting me in managing the team and to Alan Scott with organising the logistics side of things. I couldn't have managed without you both. We may have come 3rd in the league but in our eyes we should see it as 2<sup>nd</sup>, as the league winners were clearly not in the right division. Boys you should be proud of yourselves with the commitment you've shown.

**Simon Morton**

# UNDER THIRTEEN PANTHERS (Saturdays)

Beds.Youth Saturday League Division 2 (old)		
	Home	Away
Harlington Juniors	3-2	
Luton Borough		5-4
Luton Tigers		1-5
Wilstead Harriers	4-3	

Beds.Youth Saturday League Division 2		
	Home	Away
Barton Rovers Blues	0-0	5-1
Barton Rovers Whites	1-1	5-0
Crawley Green Warriors	2-4	4-7
Houghton Athletic	3-2	3-7
Luton Allstars Wolves	2-2	6-3
Luton Tigers	4-2	4-1

League Cup			
Grp.	EB Lions	5-2	1-2
Grp.	Luton Tigers	4-3	9-1
SF	Barton Rovers		1-5

Friendlies		
Barton Rovers Rebels	3-7	
Shefford Saints Reds	2-11	

Overall Record							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Div. 2 (old)	4	3	0	1	13	14	75.0
Division 2	12	6	3	3	39	30	62.5
League Cup	5	3	0	2	20	13	60.0
Friendlies	2	0	0	2	5	18	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>58.7</b>

Beds.Youth Saturday League Division 2 Final Table						
	P.	W.	D.	L.	GD	Pts.
Houghton Athletic	12	10	0	2	-	30
Crawley Green Warriors	12	9	1	2	-	28
<b>Lea Sports PSG</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>21</b>
Barton Rovers Blues	12	4	4	4	-	16
Luton Tigers	12	5	0	7	-	15
Luton Allstars Wolves	11	1	1	9	-	4
Barton Rovers Whites	11	0	3	8	-	3

Appearances and Goals				
	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Ben Bayley	6 (3)	2	206 (3)	169
Ben Blackford	1 (5)	2	102 (5)	7
Liam Brooks	14 (6)	0	174 (6)	17
Matthew Fuller	19	2	45	2
Sam Germann	10 (7)	3	127 (7)	25
Kieron Gilmour	16	2	16	2
Lewis Gooden	5 (11)	2	140(11)	15
Frank Hazley	20 (1)	0	141 (1)	3
Max Holdstock	17 (2)	5	17 (2)	5
Harrison Howman	18 (1)	5	18 (1)	5
Henry Huxley	8	1	205	59
Edward Laws	12 (2)	1	155 (2)	31
Lewis Manning	15	7	189	19
Matthew Morton	22	36	274	186
Daniel Nazari	14 (2)	2	14 (2)	2
Liam Nixon	2	0	64	0
Adam Patel	1 (1)	0	57 (1)	5
Teddy Rowe-Trelford	13 (4)	4	204 (4)	65
Oliver Scott	21	2	217	32
Sam Tonge	19 (1)	1	179 (1)	16
Own Goals		0		
<b>Total</b>		<b>77</b>		
(20 Players)				

## Panthers Report

I think this season has been one of my most enjoyable since I started doing this in 2009. We finished 3rd in the Beds Youth Saturday League Div 2, and made it to the cup semi-final (the only Div 2 club to make it out of the group stage).



We welcomed some new faces to the team this year (4 of them); well done to Kieran, Daniel, Harrison and Max for fitting in with the existing team seamlessly and thanks to the established boys for making them feel welcome from day 1.

Although we've had some newcomers this year, many of the other boys have been with us since they were 6 years old so are now experienced veterans in their 7th year of league football. A few have now joined the 200 club, with over 200 appearances, and a few others should achieve this goal next season (excuse the pun).

This season we've seen some great football played and other teams, including spectators, have commented on how they try to play the game in the right way, with plenty of passing and movement.

I'd like to finish off with a few words of thanks.

First of all, I'd like to thank all the boys for their commitment to the team, to each other and to the club. They have been a joy to manage, a credit to themselves, the club and their parents and carers. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to be their manager as they grow from boys into young men!

I would also like to thank Liam Nixon, Ben Blackford, Henry Huxley and Adam Patel from the Cougars team, who have helped us out in several games (some of them key) when we've been short of a couple of players.

A huge thank you to Neil and John for sharing the management responsibilities and providing moral support throughout the year, as well as the linesman's duties. Thanks also to Phil for taking training every week, come wind, rain or shine! And thanks to Simon for doing the lion's share helping Phil, and for running the line for us when he can.

Home games wouldn't be the same without the tuck shop and the bacon and sausage sandwiches. So a huge thank you to Catherine and Helen for organising and running this every week and to all the other parents and supporters who have helped throughout the season. Finally they can enjoy Saturday mornings without smelling of bacon fat!

Thank you also to Steve and the club for providing a supportive and stable foundation that allows all of us to enjoy the games every week.

My final thank you is to the parents and supporters. You are the best in the league! Without your commitment and support, running the team would not be possible, and I know the boys enjoy you coming to watch each and every week.

So that's it for another year. Whatever happens next season, there will definitely be some changes as I know that at least 6 of the boys are moving schools and Saturday morning club football will not be possible for them.

**Alan Scott**

## 11-A-SIDE TOP GOALSCORERS

	Club début		GOALS.....									TOTAL	Matches	Strike rate
	date	team	1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI	4th XI	Sat.XI	Sat 2	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%	
Matthew Kenneford	30.08.98	U.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	226	0	226	137	165.0%	
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	424	43.9%	
Alan Dawson	14.09.80	3rd	109	30	34	0	0	0	0	2	175	403	43.4%	
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%	
Tom Newland	28.09.08	2nd	11	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	128	154	83.1%	
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%	
Russell Sheppard	15.11.87	1st	55	10	11	3	40	0	0	0	119	240	49.6%	
Mark Williams	25.04.99	3rd	76	24	9	0	0	0	0	2	111	237	46.8%	
Steve Close	10.12.89	2nd	33	38	2	4	31	1	0	0	109	262	41.6%	
Alastair Mayman	17.10.82	2nd	33	43	22	6	0	0	0	4	108	407	26.5%	
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	9	100	341	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%	
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%	
Craig Brooke	17.09.95	4th	0	0	0	91	0	0	0	0	91	93	97.8%	
Alistair Hearn	1977	1st	32	40	12	0	0	0	0	3	87	341	25.5%	
Geoff Richardson	04.09.77	2nd	0	4	76	0	0	0	0	5	85	255	33.3%	
Jonathan Whitehead	02.09.01	2nd	1	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	304	28.0%	
Gary Raymond	08.08.10	1st	78	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	84	109	77.1%	
Kevin Boxall	01.09.85	2nd	47	23	8	3	0	0	0	0	81	193	42.0%	
Ben Thomson	16.09.01	2nd	2	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	282	28.4%	
Matthew Morton	11.09.10	U.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	75	42	178.6%	
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	594	12.5%	
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%	
Jack Baggett	05.09.02	U.12	6	29	0	0	0	0	34	0	69	277	24.9%	
Max Burrows	25.09.11	U.14B	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	67	89	75.3%	
Keith Bannister	11.09.83	3rd	1	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	66	63	104.8%	
Joe Hennem	09.08.14	Sat.1st	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	64	84	76.2%	
Aaron Valentine	23.07.03	U.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	63	62	101.6%	
Ben Morris	06.09.09	U.16	3	3	0	0	0	0	57	0	63	81	77.8%	
Danny Butler	03.09.05	U.11	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	63	90	70.0%	
Trevor England	01.08.93	2nd	9	50	1	2	0	0	0	0	62	150	41.3%	
Charlie Mc Nerney	04.12.77	2nd	15	38	4	0	0	0	0	4	61	332	18.4%	
Nathaniel Boston	23.07.03	U.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	59	97	60.8%	
Steve Baggett	08.09.91	3rd	3	2	49	3	2	0	0	0	59	262	22.5%	
Rick Vipers	26.10.80	3rd	3	41	13	1	0	0	0	0	58	572	10.1%	
Tony Ingram	29.11.87	3rd	0	3	49	5	0	0	0	0	57	108	52.8%	
Liam Brooks	02.09.12	U.18	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	56	39	143.6%	
Willy O'Leary	23.08.87	1st	23	9	22	2	0	0	0	0	56	54	103.7%	
Chris Littlejohn	25.11.07	1st	42	0	0	0	10	2	0	2	56	110	50.9%	
Scott Dixon	30.08.98	U.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	55	51	107.8%	
James Hirst	31.08.08	U.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	55	72	76.4%	
Sam Tompkins	31.08.05	U.14	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	54	84	64.3%	
Lewis Smith	07.09.97	U.12	1	45	0	0	2	0	6	0	54	109	49.5%	
Adam Nunn	03.09.05	U.11	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	54	113	47.8%	
Ken Souster	10.03.85	3rd	0	1	52	0	0	0	0	0	53	44	120.5%	
John King	28.02.93	U.15	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	52	45	115.6%	
Shiblu Miah	08.09.01	Sat.2nd	0	0	46	0	2	4	0	0	52	65	80.0%	
Ritchie Bevan	22.10.06	1st	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	114	45.6%	
Jamie Waller	30.08.98	U.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	52	142	36.6%	
Ashley Burgess	13.08.92	1st	5	28	5	4	10	0	0	0	52	235	22.1%	
Warren Bell	11.03.07	U.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	51	122	41.8%	
Phil Holmes	1973	1st	25	12	14	0	0	0	0	0	51	213	23.9%	
Stewart Jenner	30.10.93	Sat.	2	17	13	7	10	0	0	0	49	112	43.8%	
Mick Meehan	28.09.80	2nd	47	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	49	117	41.9%	
Archie Conway	11.10.81	3rd	10	18	21	0	0	0	0	0	49	645	7.6%	
Mick Stead	1973	1st	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	54	88.9%	
Wojtek Gabrys	1975	1st	6	40	1	0	0	0	0	0	47	88	53.4%	
Lee Pinder	13.09.92	U.13	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	45	95	47.4%	
Mark Brown	16.08.09	1st	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	103	43.7%	
Curties O'Connell	31.08.08	U.11	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	44	50	88.0%	
James Payne	12.09.93	U.16	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	44	67	65.7%	
Ryan Darby	24.07.10	Sat.1st	0	0	0	0	43	1	0	0	44	115	38.3%	
Simon Mayes	14.10.07	2nd	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	172	25.6%	
Joe Manton	08.09.02	U.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	40	116	34.5%	

All others fewer than 40. Only goals in 11-a-side games are counted.

CLUB TOP GOALSCORERS

# SATURDAY XI

Bedfordshire County League Division 2		
	H.	A.
AFC Oakley M&DH Res.	w/o	1-4
Atletico Europa	5-1	5-1
Caldecote Res.	3-1	2-1
Cranfield Utd.Res.	5-0	2-1
Flitwick Town Res.	1-3	1-1
Houghton Athletic	3-3	0-0
Potton Town	w/o	2-2
Riseley Sports	1-2	3-1
Sundon Park Rovers	3-2	1-1
Wixams	0-0	3-3

Hertfordshire Junior Cup			
R1	Bye		
R2	Park Lane Rangers	6-2	
R3	Greenbury United		4-1
R4	Engineer (Harpenden)	5-1	
QtrFin	Silk FC	3-2	
Semi	Mill Lane	0-3	

League Cup – Jubilee Cup			
Grp.H	Lidlington Utd.Sports	5-3	5-2
Grp.H	Shefford & Campton	4-1	3-1
Grp.H	Wixams	0-2	
R1	Wixams	0-2	

East Beds Junior Charity Cup			
prelim	Shefford T. & Campton XI	2-2 3-4 pens.	

Friendlies		
Clifton (abandoned)		2-0
Cranfield Utd. XI	6-6	
Harlington	3-1	
Henlow	1-1	
Houghton Athletic		3-4
Wixams		1-1

Void Match		
Kempston Hammers Sports	4-1	

Overall Record							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Division 2	18	8	7	3	41	27	63.9
Void Match	1	1	0	0	4	1	100
Herts. Cup	5	4	0	1	18	9	80.0
Jubilee Cup	6	4	0	2	17	11	66.7
Charity Cup	1	0	0	1*	5	6	0.0
Friendlies	6	2	3	1	16	13	58.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8*</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>64.9</b>

Bedfordshire County League Division 2 Final Table									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.		
Riseley Sports	20	14	4	2	52	23	46		
Wixams	20	12	7	1	59	25	43		
<b>Lea Sports PSG</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10*</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>36</b>		
Cranfield Utd.Res.	20	11	2	7	40	38	35		
Flitwick Town Res.	20	8	6	6	36	29	30		
Atletico Europa	20	9	1	10	45	51	28		
Caldecote Reserves	20	5	5	10	35	45	20		
AFC Oakley M&DH Res.	20	6	2	12	29	53	19		
Houghton Athletic	20	4	7	9	33	42	17		
Sundon Park Rovers	20	4	4	12	30	54	16		
Potton Town	20	2	5	13	25	38	-6		

\*Includes 2 games awarded. Points adjusted vs.Houghton.

Appearances and Goals	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.
Kieryon Bonnard	2 (3)	1	2 (3)	1
Lee Bowler	10 (8)	1	10 (8)	1
Lee Bull	20 (5)	0	68 (9)	4
Dylan Cadger	16 (17)	7	16 (17)	7
Rhys Cadger	31 (4)	5	31 (4)	5
Ryan Darby	30	13	112 (3)	44
Sean Dixon	9 (2)	0	42 (16)	10
Cameron Dodds	1	0	1	0
Tom Doran	25 (5)	1	70 (6)	4
Ryan Durrant	0 (1)	0	61 (13)	32
Daniel Garrett	30 (1)	1	59 (3)	1
Lewis Heathfield	1 (7)	0	1 (7)	0
Joe Hennem	33 (1)	36	83 (1)	64
Rob Hennem	34 (1)	5	85 (5)	7
Rhys Holding	15 (10)	2	20 (20)	6
Callum Jones	33	3	65 (4)	9
Kevin Jones	1	0	23 (3)	0
Wes Le Tang	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	0
Daniel Little	28	0	144 (8)	2
Daniel Maddox	0 (3)	0	8 (17)	0
Nathan Moorhouse	0 (3)	0	1 (31)	0
Connor Napper	30 (5)	0	46 (16)	2
Jamie Porter	1	0	3	0
Richard Randall	2	0	262 (66)	25
Josh Smith	13 (1)	6	13 (1)	6
Jay Taylor	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	0
Will Tyler	12 (7)	8	57 (12)	18
Richard Wyatt	22 (8)	2	83 (28)	4
Jordan Yearwood	4 (8)	7	34 (26)	25
Omar Zarrouk	2 (4)	1	2 (4)	1
<b>Own Goals</b>		<b>2</b>		
<b>Total</b>		<b>101</b>		

\*Includes defeat on penalties

## Saturday XI

The 16/17 preparation was second to none, we had aligned almost 20 players for each position amongst some vigorous pre-season training sessions and a few tight fixtures we identified a new system we wanted to play, that being 3-5-2. New recruits quickly became established starting XI players and if it wasn't for an injury to Will Tyler against Clifton where he dislocated his knee I would say our preparation was close to flawless.



Despite the injury list growing on Day 1 of the Season away to Pottton with Jordan Yearwood breaking a bone in his foot, we managed to approach Christmas without being beaten in the league and had reached the Semi Final of the County Cup beating some of Hertfordshire's Best teams, including Engineer FC who hail from Harpenden, and then having the audacity to go to Harpenden on the Team Christmas Night out and show them 5 Fingers as we beat them 5-1 on that very same day. Little did we know that this unbeaten road consisted of a few iffy performances and could come back to hurt us with some games which we drew when in fact we controlled 80% of the game, just couldn't latch onto the final ball. None the less Joe Hennem was on red hot form, Rob Hennem and Lee Bull alongside Daniel Garrett looked like they had played together for years.



The team was flying high. Morale was up there with the best In all 3 seasons, it was great to be involved but then it all hit at once: we failed to turn up in the County Cup semi final against Mill Lane (who later went on to win not only the County Cup, but also their League and League Cup), we were embarrassed at Pirton Rec in front of friends and family. That loss really hit the team's confidence, the training intensity dropped and the lads looked a shadow of the team they were before Christmas. Our confidence was further reduced when we were beaten 8-0 away from home only to see the result overturned due to the use of illegal players.

However after stern words and a few training sessions we picked ourselves back up, new recruits came in to reinforce the squad, competition for places was back on the cards and we managed to get ourselves back on track, We knew what we had to do if we wanted to reignite our title charge and that was win every game we could and that started with a game against old time rivals Flitwick Town Reserves. Unfortunately, our stand-in goalkeeper wasn't enough to keep them out, what little hope we had was damaged once more as the lads crashed to the first legitimate defeat of the season in the league.

Our second defeat (2-1) came just weeks later in a midweek game against Riseley Sports and any hope of the title and indeed Promotion was crushed completely. The following Saturday the lads rallied together to pick up a terrific 5-0 home win over Cranfield which was arguably our best performance of the season, our midfield that day was on par with anything I've seen in this league, Callum Jones scoring a screamer from outside the box, Ryan Darby picking up Bookings for tactical fouls and big tackles and if you ask Tom Doran he will tell you he ran a marathon equivalent that day. Full of confidence, we headed into our final game of the season away to AFC Oakley Res on a pitch which didn't suit any team and again without a recognized keeper we failed to capitalize on chances that we created in the opening 20 minutes, Oakley then continued to get a hold of the game and somehow pulled 2 goals right before half time, an early second half consolation Ryan Darby Penalty wasn't enough to lift the team and Oakley took the game 4-1. Our third defeat on the final day of the season and a score line which I felt flattered them massively but sometimes that's just football.

If we analyze the facts, we lost 2 games through not having a recognized goalkeeper and that unbeaten run we had which consisted of many games which we ended up drawing through silly mistakes and a tendency to over play in the wrong areas of the pitch eventually cost us dearly. We finished 3rd in a season where we really didn't get the luck we needed, sometimes you must find a way to win ugly and our young team didn't quite grasp the rough and tumble that is sometimes required to dig deep and get that win, they will no doubt learn from this.

We will be back stronger, reinforced and reinvigorated for next season.

**Nathan Moorhouse**



# SUNDAY XI

## North Home Counties League Division 2

	Home	Away
61 FC	5-2	3-7
AC Cadoza	Conc.	2-9
AFC Enterprse	2-3	3-5
Barrells Magnum	4-3	2-4
Bushmead Rovers	2-5	4-4
Four Horseshoes	1-6	1-3
Houghton Town	0-11	0-0
Jolly Topers Res.	0-5	1-5
Westfalen FC	4-5	4-1

## Hertfordshire Sunday Junior Cup

R1	Hammond Street	Conc.
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## North Home Counties Challenge Cup

R1	St. John's	2-7
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## Overall Record

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Division 2	17	3	2	12	38	78	23.5
ChallengeCup	1	0	0	1	2	7	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>22.2</b>

## North Home Counties League Division 2 Final Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Jolly Topers Res.	18	15	2	1	90	26	47
Four Horseshoes	18	14	3	1	77	27	45
AC Cadoza	18	13	1	4	67	35	40
Houghton Town	18	7	3	8	59	57	24
Barrells Magnum	18	7	2	9	41	51	23
AFC Enterprse	18	6	4	8	42	58	22
Bushmead Rovers	18	6	3	9	45	60	21
Westfalen FC	18	4	1	13	36	71	13
61 FC	18	3	3	12	40	72	12
<b>Lea Sports PSG</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13*</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>11</b>

\*Includes 1 match conceded

## Appearances and Goals

	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.
Jack Baggett	3 (1)	3	228 (49)	69
Louis Bharwaney	1	0	23 (12)	5
Gavin Bidgood	1	0	288 (10)	1
Laurence Chaffey	14	0	14	0
Craig Charlton	1	0	1	0
Tyrone Clarke	12	6	46 (12)	22
Phil Cutts	3 (3)	1	4 (4)	1
Marek Diduszko	15	0	168 (25)	8
Kieran Duff	10	0	60 (36)	12
David Fowler	7 (1)	0	17 (4)	2
Matt Goodman	11	0	36 (6)	1
Steve Goodman	17	3	42 (15)	5
Eddie Johnson	5 (1)	4	53 (10)	24
Paul Maclennan	1 (9)	0	163 (88)	13
Scott Mardell	17	0	61 (1)	2
Simon Mayes	10	5	172 (10)	49
Matt McClure	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	0
Scott Morgan	1 (1)	0	250 (10)	6
Tom Newland	10	11	145 (9)	128
Darren O'Brien	12 (1)	0	34 (4)	1
Oliver Palmer	16	0	155 (20)	8
Ben Poulton	2	2	2	2
Jamie Richards	4	1	377 (47)	186
Russell Staves	4	0	4	0
Ben Thomson	8	2	269 (13)	80
Ed Thomson	1	0	273 (45)	21
Jon Whitehead	1 (1)	1	292 (12)	85
Dan Wrubel	8 (1)	0	18 (1)	1
Guests	3 (2)	1		
Own Goals		0		
<b>Total:</b>		<b>40</b>		

## **Sunday Adults XI**

The 2016 / 2017 season started in early September with 22 players signed on for the coming season.

Our first fixture was at home to AFC Enterprise where we narrowly lost 3-2.

Our first and only win, until the end of the season, came the following week against Westfalen where we won 4-1 away. A month followed with no fixture until early October where we conceded 1 game, lost 2 games and drew 1 game against Bushmead Rovers 4-4. (Same score as last year). Three games in November, where we had to concede another game before narrowly losing the next 2 games by the odd goal.

Two more weeks off without a game and our only game in December saw us lose to Bushmead Rovers 5-2.

The turn of the year saw us have 2 games in January where we were heavily beaten by Houghton Town and Jolly Topers. Only 3 games followed during the months of February and March where we lost all 3 games against Jolly Topers 5-1, Barrells Magnum 4-2 and AFC Enterprise 5-3. The last 4 games of the season all took place in April with 2 midweek games pencilled in. The first game in April saw us come up against Houghton Town on a really hot Sunday morning where we came away with a hard fought 0-0 draw. The first midweek game on a Tuesday evening saw us come up against Four Horseshoes, who were still in with a slim chance of winning the league, and saw us lose 6-1.

The following Thursday our visitors were Barrells Magnum who stormed into a 3 goal lead just before half time. We scored shortly before the half-time whistle and went on to win 4-3 with an outstanding second-half display from the team, where we dominated for the entire 2nd half.

The last game of the season, at the end of April saw us come up against 61FC, who had also had some improved results over the last couple of months and managed to pull away from us at the bottom of the table. This turned out to be an outstanding performance by everyone in the team and we came away with another well deserved win 5-2.

I would like to thank all of the players for their commitment, efforts and support during the season and for those who have had to play in numerous positions to help the team.

Thanks as always go to Steve Smith for his support, his dedication and for everything he does for all of the Lea Sports Football teams.

**Paul MacLennan**

## VETERANS

Veterans			
	Home	Away	
Buntingford Town		2-3	Hertfordshire Veterans' Cup
Crawley Green	2-4	5-4	Friendlies
Letchworth GC Eagles	2-3 2-8	2-3	Friendlies
Therfield		2-2	Friendly
Wormley		2-3	Friendly

**P. 8 W. 1 D. 1 L. 6 F.19 A. 30 18.75%**

Player/Manager Greg Whelan was delighted overall with the Vets' season: they finally managed a win in their last match vs Crawley Green (breaking their string of games with just a two-goal haul) but also because his personal goal tally of 3 took his total for the Club to 100 in his 340 games since 2003.

Better luck next year!

## CLUB PERFORMANCE 2016-2017

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	
<i>Sunday First XI</i>	18	3	2	13	40	85	22.2	10 <sup>th</sup> /10
<i>Saturday First XI</i>	37	19	10	8*	101	67	64.9	7 <sup>th</sup> /12
<i>Veterans XI</i>	8	1	1	6	19	30	18.8	-
<i>Under 13 Cougars</i>	20	11	0	9	86	67	55.0	3 <sup>rd</sup> /10
<i>Under 13 Panthers</i>	23	12	3	8	77	75	58.7	3 <sup>rd</sup> /7
<b>Total 11-a-side:</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>44*</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>50.0</b>	
<i>Under 11 Jaguars</i>	21	5	2	14	43	94	28.6	
<i>Under 9 Lions</i>	23	13	3	7	86	52	63.0	
<i>Under 8 Pumas Blacks</i>	27	19	1	7	184	71	72.2	
<i>Under 8 Pumas Reds</i>	28	4	4	20	69	168	21.4	
<i>Under 8 Pumas Whites</i>	26	16	0	10	145	93	61.5	
<i>Under 7 Leopards</i>	26	19	4	3	180	104	80.8	
<i>Under 7 Tigers</i>	27	24	0	3	232	98	88.9	
<i>Under 7 Wildcats</i>	11	5	2	4	58	55	54.5	
<b>Total Mini-Soccer:</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>59.8</b>	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>112*</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>56.6</b>	

\*Includes 1 defeat on penalties



Joe Hennem celebrates his hat-trick vs. The Engineer

Have a great summer !!