

# Lea Sports PSG Football Club



<b>Mini-Soccer 9 vs.9 format Under Twelve Cougars Reds</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>
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## Chiltern Junior Sevens League

Managers:	Owen Williams, Matt Robbins
Colours	Shirts: Red & black stripes. Shorts: black.
Home Ground	The Recreation Ground, Pirton
Players' Player	Alfie Eddon
Most Improved Player	Ethan Smith
Supporters' Player	Toby Easterbrook
Top Goalscorer	Rory Williams (12)

*The Cougars Reds played in the top division of the Chiltern Junior Sevens League, but found consistency hard to come by, because of other demands on their players and the COVID pandemic. In the end they finished 7<sup>th</sup> of 8 teams in the division, having lost twice to bottom side Maulden Magpies.*

	<b>P.</b>	<b>W.</b>	<b>D.</b>	<b>L.</b>	<b>F.</b>	<b>A.</b>	<b>%</b>
League – Division 1	21	6	1	14	46	69	31.0
Autumn Cup	2	1	0	1*	7	2	50.0
Friendlies	3	2	0	1	12	11	66.7
	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>36.5</b>

\*Includes defeat on penalties (0-1)

	<b>Division 1</b>	<b>P.</b>	<b>W.</b>	<b>D.</b>	<b>L.</b>	<b>F.</b>	<b>A.</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
1.	Luton S.C. Wolverines	21	17	1	3	68	33	52
2.	Luton Sporting Club Reds	21	13	4	4	56	22	43
3.	Thunder Inter	21	12	3	6	74	44	39
4.	Clophill Utd.	21	8	3	10	45	60	27
5.	Henlow Hurricanes	21	6	4	11	54	85	22
6.	Thunder Madrid	21	6	2	13	46	56	20
<b>7.</b>	<b>Lea Sports PSG</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>19</b>
8.	Maulden Magpies	21	4	6	11	35	55	18

## Under 12 Cougars Reds Appearances and Goalscorers - 2021-22

	Reds This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals		
<b>Maximum</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>65</b>		
Isaac Algie	7	1	7	1
Benji Atkinson	1	0	49	3
Adam Bartley	16	0	173	16
Fred Baxter	18	1	117	15
Elijah Bean	22	0	187	22
Isaac Bowler	17	5	17	5
Solomon Chin	3	1	94	49
Finlay Davies	12	1	12	1
Toby Easterbrook	24	9	122	81
Alfie Eddon	19	1	119	32
Felix Folbigg	21	7	195	120
Archie Haynes	19	0	45	3
Liam Moynihan	15	0	33	0
George Pinfold	3	0	3	0
Sam Robbins	22	2	132	94
Ethan Smith	23	8	108	83
Logan Westbrook	11	2	47	11
Marcus White	14	0	111	30
Dan Whiting	2	0	71	2
Rory Williams	19	12	150	265
Max Winfield	22	9	154	111
Eoin Winn	11	6	11	6
<b>Own Goals</b>		<b>0</b>		
(22 Players)				

## Under 12 Cougars Reds Managers' Report - 2021-22

The Cougars Reds had a somewhat transitional season in Division 1 of the Chiltern Junior 7s, having moved up to the top group right at the end of the prior campaign and looking like we belonged there. Our pre-season form seemed fine, we bolstered the squad with not one but two Isaac's, and we won our opening game against Henlow comfortably. All the signs were there for a promising season.

However fairly soon we were confronted by the challenge that would face the team all year – with most of the boys starting secondary school, Hitchin Boys was calling up around half the team for school sport on Saturdays and this gutted the team on a fortnightly basis. Whilst we continued to add to the squad with Finley and Eoin signing from Hitchin and even adding George around Easter, our squad of 19 was still struggling to field a full team of 9 on many occasions – especially with the inevitable waves of Covid also contributing to absences. Of course on the weeks that Hitchin Boys School didn't have a rugby/hockey fixture we then found ourselves with too many substitutes that often prevented the boys to really find their rhythm as a team.

This chopping and changing took its toll, and after that first victory, we lost our next six – some closely (a mad ten minutes vs Clophill saw us throw away a 4-1 lead), but others were a bit of a thrashing frankly. But the boys showed great character to battle away, even after an unfortunate cup exit to arch-rivals Henlow via penalty shootout to finally put everything together at the end of November to give Henlow a 12-6 hiding and end our miserable run.

Including friendlies, we then won 4 of 6 either side of Christmas whilst playing a really attractive style of passing football, slicing apart the opposition with well worked moves, coupled with strong discipline from our own defenders. The Reds were rising up the Division's Form table and had proved we could mix it with any of our opponents – some of whom called us the best opposition they'd faced all season.

Ultimately our last nine matches all were decided within two goal margins, and we won as many as we lost - a reasonable run-in, especially once the hockey & rugby seasons finished! If the odd controversial refereeing decision (Henlow again!) hadn't gone against us, we'd have finished 5<sup>th</sup>, but at least we lifted ourselves off the foot of the table with a resounding 3-1 victory against Thunder Madrid on the final day of the season.

Despite the challenging campaign, the Reds can look ahead with optimism to next season – having bolstered the squad ahead of the move to 11-a-side, we are conceding defeat to Saturday school sport and moving to Sundays in the Royston Crow League. Whilst this means we will have to say goodbye to Cougars Whites' Felix and Adam and also risk losing some others to Club Rugby, this should enable us to field a more consistent team on a regular basis.

Next year we expect the boys to get their just rewards for the skill and effort they have demonstrated in spells this season. Most importantly, despite the adversity they've faced, they've really come together as a unit this year, and the level of teamwork, encouragement and camaraderie had been fantastic to watch develop. And that's why we play after all!

The managers would like to thank all parents for your support this season, whether helping with lifts, setting up the pitch, being press-ganged into running the lines, or just providing us with excellent young men who are such a pleasure to coach every week.

## **Matt Robbins & Owen Williams**

