

# Lea Sports PSG Football Club



<b>Mini-Soccer 5 vs.5 format Under Eight Sabres</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>
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## Beds Mini-Soccer League

Managers:	Martin Stout, Michaeljon Alexander-Scott
Colours	Shirts: Red & black stripes. Shorts: black.
Home Ground	The Recreation Ground, Pirton
Manager's Player	Harry Cole
Players' Player	Ethan Whybrow
Most Improved Players	Theo Alexander-Scott, Fabio Hormann
Top Goalscorer	Ethan Whybrow (28)

*The Under 8 Sabres continued in the Beds Mini-Soccer League on Sunday mornings for their second season with the club. The team largely held its own, with only 3 heavy defeats with weakened squads and some great wins to their name.*

	<b>P.</b>	<b>W.</b>	<b>D.</b>	<b>L.</b>	<b>F.</b>	<b>A.</b>	<b>%</b>
Fairplay League	20	8	3	9	61	87	47.5
Friendly	1	0	0	1	2	3	0.0
	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>45.2</b>

## Under 8 Sabres Appearances and Goalscorers - 2021-22

	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
<b>Maximum</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>63</b>		
Will Alcorn	14	4	26	10
Theo Alexander-Scott	21	4	39	11
Harry Cole	21	5	41	5
Thomas Day	20	4	40	7
Alfie Ellis-Townsend	18	11	38	22
Fabio Hormann	18	0	31	0
Avi Rathore	15	0	27	4
Hector Stout	17	5	36	23
Joseph Tyler	5	1	5	1
Ethan Whybrow	17	28	37	60
<b>Own Goals</b>		<b>1</b>		
(10 Players)				

## **Under 8 Sabres Managers' Report - 2021-22**

Our inaugural season last year was often cut short by COVID, so it was great to get a less interrupted season this year. We had 21 games over the course of the season and it was noticeable how much all the Sabres have improved since last September.

In terms of results, this year we found ourselves in the top group of the Beds Mini Soccer League for much of the season, which is a testament to how well we did last year but also meant we were up against some outstanding sides from clubs with three or four teams at our age group. Despite some heavy losses to the likes of Flitwick Blues and Kempston Rovers Academy we put in some great performances over the season, beating the likes of Flitwick Stripes, Kempston Tigers, Sandy Reds and Sundon Park, as well earning some well-deserved draws with the likes of Smart FC in September and Kempston Lions in the final game of the season.

It was great to finish the year with the Beds Mini Soccer League tournament and a day of football in the sun (and torrential rain). The boys did themselves proud against some tough opposition and it was also a great reminder that whatever the score, they are all still having fun and enjoying themselves.

Like last season, the players have come on leaps and bounds over the course the last nine months, and it's been wonderful to see how they have started to work as a team and not just individuals. Moving up to a bigger pitch and 7-a-side will present a whole new set of challenges but one which we're really excited for.

Martin and I would like to say a big thank you to Phil for his Saturday morning coaching, and for Adam, James and Chris for refereeing and stepping in to run matchdays when Martin and I were unavailable. Thanks also to all the parents who volunteer to set up for home matchdays and pack everything away. It's a massive relief to know we have such supportive parents and makes matchdays much less stressful.

We'd like to give a special shout-out to all the players in the squad, starting with our newest member, Joseph.

**Joseph** joined the Sabres mid-way through the season and we thought he would take a number of weeks to get used to the intensity and physicality of competitive matches. How wrong we were! He slotted into the team with aplomb, getting stuck in with tackles, making some great passes and generally bossing the midfield. He even scored a cracking goal on his debut. A great start to his Sabres career and a welcome addition to the squad.

Whether **Harry** was playing in defence or midfield he never stopped running. Some silky touches combined with more physicality and five goals meant he had a great season. He also put in a few great shifts in goal and managed to play in all 21 games.

**Thomas** has developed from a great defender and goalkeeper into an all-rounder this season, equally at home as a marauding midfielder as he is in defence. As well as four goals he brought an assured presence at the back and the ability to quickly transition from defence to attack.

**Theo** had a great season this year, appearing in all 21 matches and playing in goal, in defence and up front. His confidence, passing and comfort on the ball grew throughout the season and he also racked up four goals.

**Hector** played mostly in midfield and upfront this year and could regularly be seen bombing up the wing or holding up the ball well in attack. Always running and always willing to win the ball back, he had another confident season including five goals and a couple of great stints as keeper.

**Alfie** had another season full of confident and committed performances. With 11 goals he was our 2<sup>nd</sup> highest scorer this season but also played in defence and put in some outstanding displays playing in goal across the season.

**Fabio** has been one of our most consistent players this season and another who has improved in almost every aspect this. As well as being a great tackler at the back he has added an extra physicality to his game and an improved ability to read the game.

**Avi** was as dependable as ever, whether in defence, midfield or attack. Always thinking about his position and role, and often using brilliant footwork and a lovely drag back or two to get out of a tight spot.

**Will** was a regular upfront, banging in three goals in the first five games and four over the course of the season. Always making runs into space and a real team player, chasing down defenders and working hard trying to win the ball back in their half.

**Ethan** was this season's top scorer with a whopping 28 goals in 17 appearances. However, he was also very good at looking for team-mates who might be in a better position, often getting assists and putting in some lovely crosses. And as ever, running until spontaneous combustion was a very real possibility.

Well done to all the Sabres this season, it's been a real pleasure to manage the team and we're really proud of all the boys.

## **MJ and Martin**

