



Welcome to Another Season

Good Luck to our New Teams

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There has been a lot of activity behind the scenes as always; in particular with regard to new teams at Lea Sports PSG for the coming season. For a long while it looked as though we would have two Saturday adult teams: one in the Premier Division of the Beds County League and a Reserve side in Division 3. AFC Shillington, who finished third in last year's competition, agreed to come and play in Pirton as Lea Sports, but very late in the day, after all the league and County registrations had been completed, the Manager changed his mind and the team was left with no choice but to fold. It was a great disappointment to the other Shillington Committee Members and to ourselves, but we still have the Reserves (now the First Team!) who will play in Division 3 next season.

There have been some changes in the mini-soccer setup as well, with a new Under Seven Lions team ready to take the stage. Last year's Under Ten teams have transformed into two Under 11 teams for this year—the Cougars will play on Sundays and the Fishercats on Saturdays.

Form IT Come Good Again

Club Sponsors Form IT Solutions have supported the Club again this season with a brand new set of shirts for the Under 9 Jaguars. Hugh and his team have now supported the Club for over 26 years and continue to contribute towards the club's success. If you have any computing needs, from hardware to network design and implementation or support, then call Hugh Byrne on 01582 572727 or e-mail hugh@formits.com.

A new kit has also been purchased for the Cougars, while the Saturday XI has secured sponsorship from Kings Langley-based company EPOS Ability for a new kit.



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Teams for This Year

A list of Lea Sports PSG teams in this year's campaign:

Saturday Adults—Beds. County League Division 3

Sunday Adults—1st XI—North Home Counties League Division 1

2nd XI—North Home Counties League Division 3

Under Seventeens—Chiltern Youth League Division 1

Under 14 Leopards—Chiltern Youth League Division 3 South

Under 12 Tigers—Chiltern Youth League Division 3

Under 11 Cougars—Chiltern Youth League Division 3

Under 11 Fishercats—Chiltern Junior Sevens League Division 2

Under 9 Jaguars—Beds Mini-Soccer League

Under 7 Lions—Beds Mini-Soccer League

Fixtures and results for all teams are on the website at www.leasports.com

Easier Access to Bacon Sarnies

The new kitchen extension at the Rec should be completely up and running by the new season. This will enable our volunteers to sell teas, coffees and, of course, bacon sandwiches direct to the outside, so there is no need for spectators and players to trudge muddy boots across the clubhouse floor.



Local builders Broadfields Building Ltd took over the project and finished the shell in record time. Thanks too to former player Bobby McGrath who helped us out with the provision of kitchen units for the new room.

Premier Cup reclaimed by Lea Sports PSG

Each year we run a pre-season tournament for adult Sunday clubs—the Premier Cup, sponsored by Form IT Solutions (formerly Premier Computer Supplies). This year's competition started on a particularly wet Sunday 10th August and continued through a showery 17th August before finishing on a sunny and warm 24th August.

This year's competition was a close one—going in to the final round of games Lea Sports knew that only a win against holders Celtic would give them a chance of taking the trophy—and then only if Snooker FC failed to beat Royal Oak.

A first half goal from Ryan Lemon gave Lea Sports the lead, but it was a slender one and Celtic always looked dangerous coming forward. Greg Whelan saw his penalty saved by the Celtic keeper, but at the other end Dan Little kept his second clean sheet in two days to give Lea Sports a precious 1-0 win.

It was nip and tuck on the other pitch between Royal Oak and Snooker FC, but in the end the goal that won the match was an enormous kick from the Royal Oak keeper, which bounced once then travelled over the Snooker keeper into the net. Royal Oak had won 3-2 and Lea Sports PSG won the cup.

Results on the website at www.leasports.com.



2013-2014 Awards

Our youth and mini-soccer teams lent great support to our Annual Awards day, which was held on Saturday June 14th, to coincide with England's first game in the World Cup. (Can you remember England playing in the World Cup? It all seems a very long time ago!). Unfortunately, the enthusiasm of youth was not mirrored by the adults who managed a very poor turnout for the event. Nevertheless, we still had a good crowd in for the England vs. Italy game.

Award Winners were:

Overall Club: Beds Mini-Soccer Sportsmanship Award
(Under 10 Cougars and Under 8 Jaguars)

Overall Club: Chiltern Youth Sportsmanship Award (Under 16s)

Under 18 Firesharks: Royston Crow League Division 1 Champions
Hertfordshire County Cup Semi-Finalists

Under 16s: Chiltern Youth League Division 3 Runners-Up

Under 10 Fishercats: Chiltern Junior Sevens Division 3 Runners-Up
Chiltern Junior Sevens League Trophy Finalists

Golden Boot Winner (Top Scorer 11-a-side teams):

Liam Brooks (U18 Firesharks), Oliver Pitts (U16) - 29 goals

Nines Shield Winner (Top Scorer 9-a-side teams):

Noah Nyoni (U11 Tigers) - 9 goals

Mini-Golden Boot Winner (Top Scorer 7-a-side teams):

Matthew Blake (U10 Fishercats, Pumas, Panthers) - 45 goals

Steve Smith Shield (Top Scorer 5-a-side teams):

Samuel Bayley (U8 Jaguars) - 31 goals

Top Scorers By Team:

Under 18 Firesharks: Liam Brooks—29 goals

Under Sixteens—Oliver Pitts—29 goals

Under 13 Leopards—Liam Hyde—20 goals

Under 11 Tigers: - Noah Nyoni—9 goals

Under 10 Cougars—Luke Woodward—20 goals

Under 10 Fishercats—Matthew Blake—27 goals

Under 10 Panthers & Pumas—Matthew Blake, Ben Bayley—18

Under 8 Jaguars—Samuel Bayley—31 goals

Sunday 1st XI—Gary Raymond—14 goals

Sunday 2nd XI—Tom Newland—8 goals

Veterans XI—Phil Thompson—5 goals

Manager's Player:

Under 18 Firesharks: Liam Brooks

Under Sixteens: Tommy Waby

Under 13 Leopards: Ben Goldthorpe

Under 11 Tigers: Noah Strickland

Under 10 Cougars: Ben Blackford

Under 8 Jaguars: Samuel Bayley

Sunday 2nd XI: Pat McAneney

Players' Player

Under 18 Firesharks: Harvey Walton-Adams

Under Sixteens: Ben Whitehead

Under 13 Leopards: Liam Hyde

Under 11 Tigers: Alexander Funnell

Under 10 Cougars: Joel Testar

Under 10 Panthers, Pumas & Fishercats: Oliver Scott

Under 8 Jaguars: Oliver Humphries

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Clubman:

Under 18 Firesharks: Matt Hill, Jordan Campbell
Under Sixteens: Matt Mills, Sam Webb, Karl McNab, Jake Cook
Under 13 Leopards: Luke Bailey
Under 10 Panthers, Pumas & Fishercats: Matthew Morton
Sunday 1st XI: Ben Alderton

Most Improved Player

Under 13 Leopards: Daniel Sellers
Under 10 Panthers, Pumas & Fishercats: Sam Tonge
Under 8 Jaguars: Joe Blackford
Sunday 1st XI: Nathan Readle

Supporters' Player

Under 18 Firesharks: Joe Miley
Under 13 Leopards: Liam Hyde
Under 11 Tigers: Henry Brown

Outstanding Performance:

Under 10 Panthers, Pumas & Fishercats: Lewis Manning

200 Club (Over 200 Club appearances)

Scott Morgan

August Results

Most games in August were pre-season friendlies (including the Premier Cup), but our new Saturday Team did play one competitive game as they made their debut in the East Bedfordshire Charity Cup, with a Preliminary Round tie at home to Clifton on 23rd August. Two goals each for Ryan Darby and Jordan Yearwood saw Lea Sports ease to a 4-0 win and a First Round tie against Ickwell & Old Warden.

Other results in August:

August 9th: Saturday XI vs. Flitwick Town (H): Lost 1-3 (Darby)

August 10th: Sunday 1st XI vs. Snooker FC (H): Lost 2-4 (Raymond: 2)

August 16th: Saturday XI vs. Moggerhanger Utd. (A): Lost 0-3

August 17th: Sunday 1st XI vs. Royal Oak (H) Won 5-0

(Aldich, Raymond:3, Whelan)

August 24th: Sunday 1st XI vs. Celtic SC (H) Won 1-0 (Lemon)

Sunday 2nd XI vs. Wymondley Meaders (A) Lost 0-6

August 28th: Under 14 Leopards vs. Langford (H) Lost 0-4

August 30th: Under 11 Fishercats vs. Shefford Saints (H) Drew 3-3 (Blake:2, Rowe-Trelford)

August 31st: Sunday 2nd XI vs. St.Josephs Res. (H) Lost 2-3 (Thompson,W., Whelan)

Under 14 Leopards vs. Leighton Utd.Blues (H) Won 4-2 (Clarke, Gray, Milner, Ross)





Premier League Competition

Once again last year the competition winner only topped the pile on the very last day of the season—it's all to play for. Let's hope we can beat last year's first prize of £62.

- ◆ Can the Special One take Chelsea to the title?
- ◆ Can Burnley survive with the big boys?
- ◆ Have Southampton sold all their assets?

Have a go – it's only two quid...Cash prizes for the top four entries.

Previous Winners:

1986-87	Steve Smith	86 points	£12
1987-88	Les McKay	72 points	£20
1988-89	Dave Pymont	68 points	£30
1989-90	Paul Gathern	62 points	£40
1990-91	Mrs. Sally Ford	72 points	£35
1991-92	Neil Slaughter	60 points	£56
1992-93	Fred Stiff	90 points	£57
1993-94	Mr. P.Lawrence	60 points	£64
1994-95	Mark Abrahams	56 points	£71
1995-96	Ian Scott	46 points	£88
1996-97	Alan Wright	64 points	£80
1997-98	G.Anderson	46 points	£64
1998-99	Roger Southam	44 points	£85
1999-00	Andy Barron	30 points	£62
2000-01	Colin Smith	46 points	£45
2001-02	Sue Lee	50 points	£100
2002-03	Graham Wylid	48 points	£120
2003-04	Mary Eagle	50 points	£90
2004-05	Samuel	40 points	£50
2005-06	George Chapman	50 points	£50
2006-07	Chris Hawkes	34 points	£50
2007-08	Ben Thomson	26 points	£50
2008-09	Glynn Isaacs	50 points	£50
2009-10	Sam Greaves	30 points	£75
2010-11	Stephen Prestidge	28 points	£60
2011-12	Andy Blades	56 points	£70
2012-13	Alexander Pipe	38 points	£60
2013-14	Scott Morgan	50 points	£62

**THIS YEAR'S ENTRY FORM IS ON THE
NEXT PAGE. PRINT IT AND HAVE A GO !!**

Send entries to Steve Smith, 6 Great Green, Pirton, Hitchin, SG5 3QD
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2014-2015
(Twenty-ninth Season)

The object of the Competition is to forecast the final position of each of the twenty teams in the Premiership for the coming season.

The teams are listed below in alphabetical order and you are asked to write the position of each one alongside the name.

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If two or more people have the same score, then the number of correct forecasts and forecasts one position out are used as a tie-breaker.

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9.	LIVERPOOL	
10.	MANCHESTER CITY	
11.	MANCHESTER UNITED	
12.	NEWCASTLE UNITED	
13.	QUEENS PARK RGRS.	
14.	SOUTHAMPTON	
15.	STOKE CITY	
16.	SUNDERLAND	
17.	SWANSEA CITY	
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19.	WEST BROMWICH A.	
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More Sponsors Come Forward

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The Under Seventeens were delighted this month to announce a new Sponsorship deal with Options, a kitchen design and fitting firm based in Cadwell Lane in Hitchin.

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Steady Start to September

The first weekend in September saw five of our teams in action and we ended up with one win, 3 draws and one defeat.

The **Saturday adults** were the victorious team; after their midweek 0-0 draw away to Cranfield Reserves, they recorded a 2-0 league win over Caldecote Under 20s in Pirton, with goals from **Ryan Durrant** and **Rob Hennem**.

The most amazing of the draws was the **Sunday First team's** 6-6 result against Ebony in a North Home Counties Division One fixture. In a game in which we were never in front, a late free-kick from **Mav Fuller** went in off the post to secure a share of the points. **Greg Whelan** opened the Lea scoring to cancel out an early Ebony strike. Despite further first half goals from **Ryan Lemon** and a **Gary Raymond** penalty, the visitors led 4-3 at the break. **Michael Maltby** scored twice in the second half, but it needed Mav's free kick to level matters. The **Reserves** also took a point in their first league game in Division 3, **Luke Day** scoring in a 1-1 draw away to Barrels Magnum.

The **Under 9 Jaguars** made their debut on the larger 7 vs. 7 pitch and had the better of a tight friendly vs. Bromham. Goals from **Ollly Rowe-Trelford** and **Joe Winfield** gave them a 2-1 lead going into the final minute but a speculative Bromham strike found its way into the net to leave the game all square at 2-2.

The **Under 14 Leopards** were the only losers of the weekend, crashing out of the Herts. County Cup after a 5-1 defeat in Pirton vs. Watford Youth Sports. The game was tighter than the scoreline suggests, however, and remained at 1-1 with just 10 minutes to go before the visitors' late burst. **Easson Ross** was on target for Lea Sports PSG

Cup Success for Saturday XI

The **Saturday XI** returned to Cup action on Tuesday September 9th, with an away tie vs. Ickwell and Old Warden Res. in the quarter-final of the East Bedfordshire Junior Charity Cup. Ryan Durrant followed up his goal against Caldecote with another strike and Will Tyler was also on target. Charlie Nicholson made his first and last appearance in a PSG shirt before his transfer to FA Houghton and weighed in with 2 goals in a 4-1 win.



Defences go AWOL on a disastrous weekend for the Club

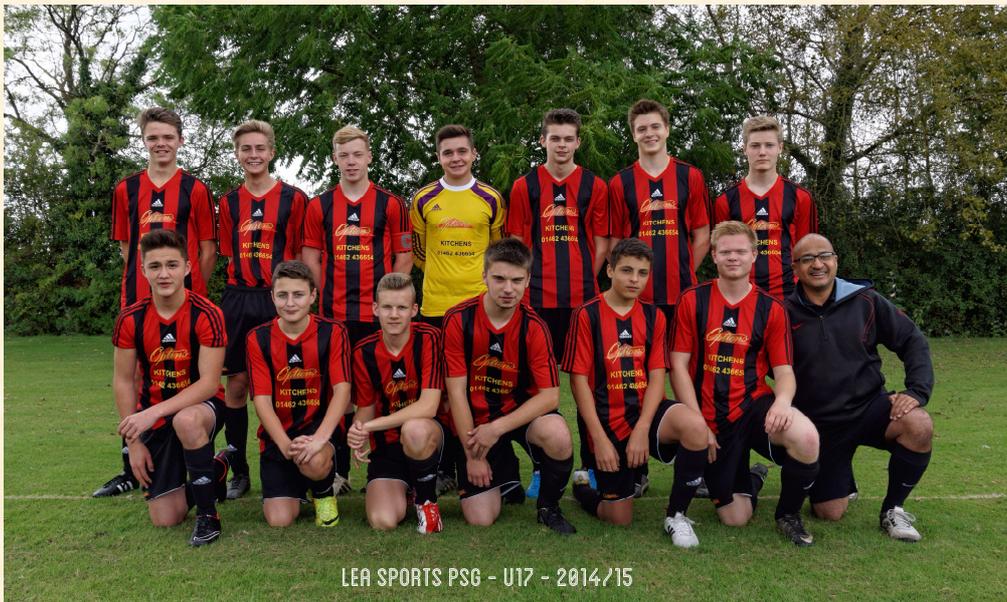
The weekend of September 13th and 14th proved to be a disastrous one for the Club. Nine teams started matches this weekend, although only 8 finished after the Leopards' game against Luton Borough Whites at Stopsley Regional Sports Centre was abandoned because the pitch was too dangerous.

Of the 8 matches, only the Under 11 Fishercats managed a win (5-3) and they were the only team to concede fewer than 5 goals. In all the Club conceded 45 goals over the eight games (not counting the 2 the Leopards had conceded by the time their game was called off).

Worst of the lot were the Sunday First Team, who lost 12-2 at Slip End United; not far behind were the Reserves who went down 6-2 at Brache Nation Reserves and the Saturday Team, who crashed 5-1 at home to Atletico Europa. The Youth teams fared little better: the Under 12 Tigers lost 8-0 at home to Mid-Beds Tigers, while the Jaguars lost their friendly at home to FC Comets by a 5-3 scoreline. The Under 11 Cougars also conceded five goals, but at least they scored five of their own in their first league match away to Mid Beds Tigers Whites. Even the Under 7 Lions, who had had such a good pre-season build up didn't have too happy a time against AFC Dunstable on their league debut. There were goals from Jake C. and Jamie W. and Jack F. had a great game in goal, but overall, it was most definitely a weekend to forget...

Under Seventeens Join the Action

The Under Seventeens' season started on September 21st with a tough Hertfordshire Under 18 Cup fixture at home to Eastern Junior Alliance side St. Albans City.



The lads sported their new kit, courtesy of Sponsors Options Kitchens of Hitchin. On the day, the opposition proved too strong for our Under 17 squad and ran out winners by nine goals to nil.



Lions Sport their New Kit

September 20th/21st

Our Under 7 Lions team is grateful to Sponsors Bold & Noble for their new kit. Based in Hermitage Road in Hitchin, Bold & Noble sell a whole range of products that 'stand the test of time, by hand, in the old-fashioned way'.

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The first away trip in the league for the new kit was to Flitwick Eagles on September 21st and the lads didn't disappoint with goals by Noah K, two for Jamie W. and one for Jack F. who came out of goal to bag his first of the season.

Overall it was a much better weekend than the previous one, with the **Saturday adults** taking a point from their 2-2 draw away to FC Serbia from Bedford. Ryan Darby was on the scoresheet again, grabbing his fourth goal of the season, and Owen Malcolm added the second. On Saturday morning the **Fishercats** had a simple task to ease past Sundon Athletic Blues in the Chiltern Sevens League Cup. Ben Bayley scored 4 times, Matthew Blake and Teddy Rowe-Trelford both scored twice and Tom Brown, Matthew Morton and Oliver Scott all scored once in a crushing victory. An own goal compounded Sundon's misery as the game ended 12-3 to the home side.

On Sunday, the **First XI** returned to some sort of form after the previous week's thumping. Goals from Russell Borrass-Smith (2), Ryan Lemon, Malcolm Maltby and Greg Whelan took the team into a 5-0 lead before they lost their concentration and composure in a bad-tempered game. In the end two home players were sent off and the game finished 5-3. The **Reserves** are still looking for their first win since 17th March 2013 after a 5-1 defeat away to Green Man Reserves. Simon Mayes was the only man on target.

The **Under 12 Tigers** are still looking for their first goal of the season after a 2-0 defeat away to Athletico Europa, although the performance was a big improvement on the previous week. Meanwhile in Pirton, the **Under 9 Jaguars** found the going tough against Leighton United 2 and went down 4-1 with Luke Allen grabbing the consolation goal. The **Under 11 Cougars** however hit 5 goals for the second week running, with strikes from Max Garthwaite, Matthew Morton, Edward Pipe (2) and an own goal as they took all 3 points in a 5-3 win over Westoning.

Fishercats Remain Unbeaten, but Adults' Cup Hopes Vanish

The **Under 11 Fishercats** got the final weekend of September off to a great start with a 5-1 win in the Chiltern Sevens Division 3 away to Luton United. On target were Tom Brown with 2, Teddie Rowe-Trelford, Henry Huxley and Lewis Gooden. The afternoon started well enough for the **Saturday adults** as they took the lead through Will Tyler in their Herts County Cup first round tie at home to JC United from Stevenage, but they couldn't hang on to the lead and ended up on the wrong end of a 2-1 scoreline.



The Blackford Boys!

Lucy Blackford asked me the other day whether there had ever been three brothers playing for the Club at one time. My first memory was of the Wrigglesworth brothers (A., D. and J.—no-one recorded their actual names!) who made a handful of appearances for the adult Third Team in the 1982-83 season. The reason I remembered them was not because they were great players—in fact I never saw them play—but because 1982-83 was the Club's tenth Anniversary and the first year that I produced an end-of-season magazine. In those days everything was typed on a manual typewriter (no word processors) and I remember getting to the final few names in the Third Team and finding that their surname didn't fit in the column.



Since then multiple members of one family have been fairly rare.

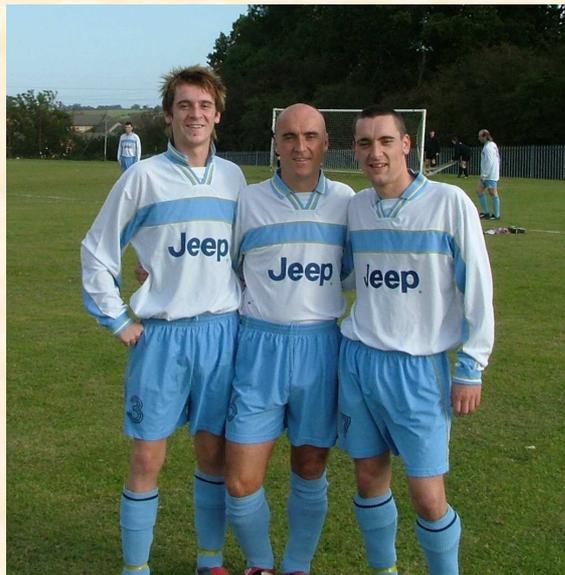
In fact the only other two that spring to mind without going through all the appearances (and if you want to do that they are available at <http://www.leasports.com/Datafiles/APPEARANCES%20FULL.pdf>) are the Justin family, or should I say dynasty, and the Williams family.

Mick Justin (left) made over 150 appearances for the Club and was First Team Captain between 1991 and 1998, but there were appearances also for his brothers Ricky (10 appearances), Keith (9), Vince (5) and Steve (1), so I guess they just about qualify.

The Williams family all played together in the early 2000's, although Steve and Mark both played between 1998 and 2013.

Since Steve is Mark and Ashley's dad I suppose they don't qualify either! Just as Jez Webb, together with sons Elliot and Sam have all signed for the Reserves this season.

Of course there was Steve Blackhurst's Third Team between 2002 and 2004 which featured many members of Luton's Bangladeshi community. There were no fewer than 17 players with the surname Miah who appeared for that team, but how many were brothers I can't tell you!



Pictured above-right are the current crop: Ben, Joseph and Thomas Blackford resplendent in their Lea Sports PSG kit.

If anyone can remember any other Lea Sports families, please let me know.



Groundhog Day for the Jaguars

Due to a quirk in the fixtures the Under 9 Jaguars found themselves at home on the last Sunday of September to Leighton United 2 for the second week running.

Not only that, but the result was the same—a 4-1 defeat—and it was again Luke Allen who scored the Lea Sports consolation goal.



The same was almost true for the Under 11 Cougars who scored five goals for the third week in a row. Max Gathwaite was on the scoresheet again and Ben Bayley grabbed another hat-trick, with Adam Patel finishing off the scoring. The 5-2 win over Bedford United takes the team up to second place, just 2 points behind league leaders Dunstable Town.

Under 11 Division 3

League Table

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	DUNSTABLE TOWN U11	3	3	0	0	13	1	9
2	LEA SPORTS PSG U11	3	2	1	0	15	10	7
3	LUTON BOROUGH YOUTH WHITES U11	2	2	0	0	16	0	6
4	BLUNHAM YOUTH U11	2	1	0	1	12	2	3
5	MID BEDS TIGERS WHITES U11	2	0	1	1	5	10	1
6	WESTONING RECREATION YOUTH U11	3	0	0	3	3	18	0
7	BEDFORD UNITED U11	3	0	0	3	4	27	0

It's A Cup Run for the Tigers

Not so much a run as a trek for the **Under 12 Tigers**, who achieved a 1-0 win over AC Finchley South in the first round of the Hertfordshire County Cup. Their reward—a trip to AC Finchley North in the next round!

The only goal of the game came when Noah Strickland's cross-shot was parried by the Finchley keeper straight to Alex Wetherill, who made no mistake.

Back to Normality for the Under Seventeens

After last week's tough opening game against Eastern Junior Alliance side St.Albans City Under 18s in the Cup, it was back to normal service for the **Under 17s** as they made the trip to Leighton United. Goals from Max Burrows and a brace from Ollie Pitts secured all 3 points in a 3-1 win.

Premier League Competition

In the end there was a disappointing response to this year's Competition, with some teams submitting no entries at all. We managed to get to 82 entries, so there will still be a £50 First Prize on offer. Full details should be on the website soon.....



Goals Galore as October Starts

Cougars Gobble up the Goslings

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There were goals aplenty to start the new month, with all of our teams in action on the first weekend of October.

The only game with fewer than four goals was the **Under 12 Tigers'** home match with St. Josephs. A very tight affair in the Pirton sunshine was settled by a Noah Nyoni goal to give PSG a much-needed 3 points. The **Under 11 Cougars** played on the same pitch as soon as the Tigers had finished and it looked as though their County Cup campaign was going to be short-lived as their visitors from Welwyn, Gosling Youth, raced into a two-goal lead. Although we clawed 2 goals back, the visitors were leading 4-2 by half-time and kept their lead going until well into the second half. Two late strikes earned PSG a stab at extra time and 3 goals in the first ten minutes of the extra period settled the game. In the end, the Cougars ran out 8-5 winners to secure a trip to Ware in Round 2. Goals came from Ben Bayley, Ben Blackford, Josh Bryant, Max Carroll, two from Max Garthwaite and two own goals by unfortunate Gosling defenders.

On Saturday the **Under 11 Fishercats** travelled to Sundon Athletic Whites, but returned pointless after a 4-0 defeat. Things improved in the afternoon as the **Saturday adults** beat Moggerhanger United Reserves 4-2, thanks to goals from Ryan Darby (2), Sean Dixon and Rob Hennem.

The four remaining youth games saw a total of 28 goals scored. Manager Mahesh Bharwaney was left ruing a first-half penalty miss as the **Under Seventeens** went down by the odd goal in 7 to Kempston Allstars—Max Burrows, Josh Coleman and Oliie Pitts were the men on target; The **Under 14 Leopards** lost 6-2 away to Leighton United Blues, with Bailey Summers scoring twice; Ben Bayley scored the only goal as the **Under 9 Jaguars** lost 4-1 at Brickhill; while on target for the **Under 7 Lions** were Jacob J, Noah K., Jamie W. and Jack F. with two.

The Sunday adults had another forgettable weekend, with the **First Team** losing 9-1 to Division 2 leaders Brewery Tap in the Terry Gilmore Trophy—Ben Aldich with the only goal, while the **Reserves** lost their home league game with Wigmore Arms 3-1—Scott Mardell hitting a fine consolation goal.

Club Still Trying to get the Hedge Cut

Teams are still losing footballs to punctures from the thorns in the hedgerow behind the main pitches. The Club has written to the Parish Council—owners of the Recreation Ground—to make them aware of the issue, but the problem is that every contractor capable of cutting the thorns and brambles out of the hedgerow seems to be snowed under with work. We will stay in touch with the Parish Council over this issue—meanwhile if anybody knows a man with a big chainsaw.....





Lions Get Ready to Roar

Our Under Seven Lions prepare for their first home game.



The players who now make up the Under 7 Lions team all started out at our Saturday morning sessions for 4-7 year-olds. These sessions, run by FA Level 2 Coach Phil Toyer, give younger children a chance to learn how to play football in a stress-free environment. Each session runs for an hour from 9 am to 10 am every Saturday from September to July and costs £2. The first session is free as a 'taster' to see whether your child likes the idea and there is free tea and coffee available for the mums and dads while they chat on the touchline. Everyone is welcome—just turn up on Saturday morning.

WOOHOO!! Reserves Win a Game!!!

October 12th was a Red Letter Day for the **Reserves** as they won their first game in 19 months with an emphatic 5-0 win in the first round of the Herts.Junior Cup. The victory was in Pirton against Tring Anchor, whose name—judging by the margin of victory—is Cockney rhyming slang. Kieran Duff scored twice and further goals came from Simon Mayes, Tom Newland and Ben Thomson as the Reserves won their first Cup game since October 2011. There is no truth in the rumour that the Club is considering a move to Tring to play in the Tring Sunday League.

The **First XI** also made it through in the Cup, winning their Intermediate Cup first round tie 3-1 away to Prince George, thanks to goals from Gary Raymond (2) and Greg Whelan. The previous day saw two very tight games as the **Saturday adults** and **Under 11 Fishercats** both faced high-flying opposition in their respective leagues. The Saturday lads scored through Ryan Darby and Owen Malcolm, but it wasn't enough as they went down 2-3 away to Clifton. By contrast, the Fishercats took all 3 points from the visit to Pirton of BB Athletic with goals from Matthew Blake (2), Thomas Brown and Teddie Rowe-Trelford.

The **Under 7 Lions** switched their game against AFC Dunstable to Pirton and were rewarded with goals from Thomas B, Jake C with two, Blake C and two more from Jamie W.. The **Under 9 Jaguars** are still looking for their first win of the season after going down 4-6 away to Clapham Colts. The goals came from Sam Bayley, Joe Blackford and 2 from Luke Allen. The **Under 12 Tigers** could not continue their winning ways, going down 4-0 at Brickhill Wanderers. The defence had a bad first half, turning round at 0-3 down, but matters did improve in the second half.

The **Under 11 Cougars** scored yet another 5 goals in a 5-5 draw away at Dunstable Town: scorers were Ben Bayley with 2, Max Garthwaite, Matthew Morton and Edward Pipe. The **Under Seventeens** were on the wrong end of a 4-3 scoreline for the second week running as they made the trip to AFC Luton. Max Burrows scored twice and Ollie Pitts grabbed the third.



Mixed Results in the October Sunshine

Saturday October 18th saw 11 goals scored in Pirton and although the majority were for the home sides we ended up with one win and one defeat.

The **Under 11 Fishercats** took on the team with a 100% record at the top of Division Three in the Chiltern Sevens League in a second round cup match. Despite goals from Sam Germann and Matthew Morton, the Fishercats' cup hopes ended in a 4-2 defeat. In the afternoon the **Saturday adults** fared better, scoring four times against Sandy Reserves with just a solitary goal in reply. On target were Ryan Durrant, Joe Hennem with 2 and Will Tyler. The win moves the team up to sixth place, 4 points behind leaders Cranfield United Reserves.

On Sunday 19th, after waiting 3 years to win a Cup game, the **Reserves** won their second tie in succession with a 6-3 victory away to Brache Nation Reserves in the Reserve Cup. (Two London buses pictured right!). On target were Tom Newland with a hat-trick—the first since Jon Whitehead's hat-trick in the County Cup exactly a year ago—Luke Day with two and Ben Thomson.



In the Autumn sunshine Callum WINTERS was on target for the **Under Seventeens** and Bailey SUMMERS for the **Under 14 Leopards**, but it wasn't enough as both teams lost: the Under 17s by 4-1 at home to Selsey Rovers and the **Leopards** by 3-1 away to Ampthill Town. The **Under 12 Tigers** found their shooting boots for the first time this season. Barney Condon scored twice and Samuel Dermont once as they beat Westoning 3-1, and it could have been many more but for a fine performance from the Westoning keeper. The **Under 9 Jaguars** are still looking for their first win as goals from Sam Chatterton and Joe Winfield were not enough to prevent a 2-4 defeat at home to Dunstable Town. Meanwhile, the **Under 7 Lions** went goal crazy in their match away to AFC Kempston Colts: Jamie W. netted no fewer than 4 times and there were other strikes from Tom B and Jack F..

Firework Display

Saturday, November 8th

at Pirton Recreation Ground, Walnut Tree Road

Gates Open 6:30 pm

Display Starts 7:30 pm
Music from 8:00 pm

Entry: Adults £5; Under 16s £2

Hot Food— Mulled Wine —Licensed Bar

Note: Parking for Disabled Drivers ONLY
No personal fireworks allowed
Do not bring items for the bonfire



Youngsters Show The Way

The weekend of October 25th/26th was half-term week, so there were no fixtures for our Chiltern Youth sides in the League.

Of the other teams in action it was left to our two youngest teams to show the way, as the older sides failed to record a win. The **Under 9 Jaguars** travelled to take on Eastcotts second string and returned with a 3-1 win, thanks to goals from Sam Bayley, Fynnley Carter-Gaunt and Joe Winfield. Meanwhile, the **Under 7 Lions** were in action in Luton against Crawley Green. There were goals galore: two each for Jack F. and Jamie W., while Tom B., Blake C-G and Noah K. scored one each and Crawley scored one own goal to make a total of eight for our lads.

The **Under 11 Fishercats** let slip a 3-0 half-time lead after a first period which saw goals from Ben Bayley (2) and Matthew Blake. Ampthill came out fighting in the second half and began to exploit some gaps in midfield. Even so, stand-in Manager Neil Tonge felt the lads were robbed of a win as an Ampthill forward kicked the ball out of the keeper's hands to level the scores at 3-3. With the team feeling aggrieved they lost concentration and Ampthill rubbed salt in the wound with a fourth goal to take the game 4-3.

The **Under 14 Leopards** also took on Ampthill Town—in a friendly in Pirton. The visitors proved too strong for the Leopards, however, who had only a strike from new recruit Finley Williams to show for their efforts in a 7-1 defeat. Alongside them, on Pitch 1, the **Reserves** were trying to make it 3 wins on the trot as they took on Royal Oak in Division 3. Despite playing some neat football the home side fell behind midway through the first half and didn't get back on level terms until Luke Day slotted home early in the second period. From there it looked as though the home side would take all 3 points as they enjoyed the bulk of possession, but two lapses of concentration at the back and a string of missed chances saw them slip to a 3-1 defeat in the first of 3 consecutive home games.

The **Saturday adults** were involved in the first of four consecutive away fixtures as they travelled to Ickwell and Old Warden, but a Ryan Durrant goal wasn't enough to prevent a 2-1 defeat.

Premier League Competition

All of the entries for this year's Premier League Competition are now in and are available on the website at www.leasports.com. This year there are 84 entries, so the first prize will be £50 in cash, followed by prizes of £20, £10 and £4 for 2nd, 3rd and 4th places respectively.

With October drawing to a close the first 4 places are occupied by entries from our main sponsors Form IT Solutions—but have they peaked too early?

Check out all the latest positions on the Lea Sports website at www.leasports.com





Sunny Start to November

Saturday Teams Fare Well

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November 1st brought some sunny and unseasonably warm weather and our two teams in action made the most of it.

In the morning the **Under 11 Fishercats** travelled to Luton to take on the Allstars Titans and tan out 8-0 winners, thanks to goals from Matthew Morton with 2, Matthew Blake, Oliver Scott, Liam Brooks, a Henry Huxley penalty and two own goals.

In the afternoon the **Saturday adults** travelled to Caldecote to take on the Under 20s, still looking for their first away league win and their first double in this year's campaign. It looked as though both would elude them as they went into the last minute of the game locked at 1-1 after a Jordan Yearwood strike, but as the seconds ticked away we were awarded a penalty, which Ryan Darby dispatched to give us all three points.

On Sunday November 2nd the weather took a turn for the worse, but our performances didn't as most of our teams continued the winning trend.

The **Reserves** started like a storm against Bushmead Rovers in Division 3 and ended the first half 3-0 up after a dominant 45 minutes. They suffered a bit of a wobble just after half time, with the visitors pulling the score back to 3-2, but in the end the hosts ran out worthy 6-2 winners to continue their improvement in form. Ben Thomson and Jon Whitehead each scored twice, while Tom Newland and Paul Clark scored once each.

Our two Beds Mini-Soccer teams both went goal crazy, each scoring nine times. The **Under 9 Jaguars** made amends for their defeat at Clapham earlier in the season by winning 9-4 with goals from Sam Bayley, Sam Chatterton, Rebecca Scott and Joseph Winfield, two from Olly Rowe-Trelford and a fine hat-trick from Joe Blackford. For the **Under 7 Lions** away at Sacred Heart, Jacob J. went one better, scoring 4 times, while other goals came from Jake C., Jack F., Jamie W. and a brace from Noah K..

Just 2 of our sides lost: the **Under 14 Leopards** travelled to Langford for a friendly fixture without their recognised goalkeeper. Despite this they put up a good show in a 5-3 defeat. Bayley Summers scored his fourth goal in four games, while new signing Finlay Williams impressed again scoring twice. The **Under 12 Tigers** had a less happy time: after the long trek to Finchley to take on AC Finchley North in a second round Hertfordshire Cup tie they failed to get to grips with a short but wide pitch and crashed out of the competition 13-0.

Bonfire Night not a Complete Wash-out!



The Firework Display in Pilton on November 8th just about broke even despite a terrible day's weather.

The new kitchen serving hatch proved its worth yet again... and the Churros & Chocolate were yummy.....



Club Pays its Respects

Once again Lea Sports PSG was represented at the annual wreath-laying ceremony on Remembrance Sunday at the Pirton War Memorial. Oliver Scott from the Under 11 Fishercats accompanied President Steve Smith to the ceremony, while at the ground two minutes' silence was observed by the Reserves and Jaguars, who had home fixtures.



Reserves' Cup Run Continues

After the 2 minutes' silence it was all action for the Reserves as they stormed into a 2-0 lead at home to St.Albans' side Camp KBK in the Second Round of the Hertfordshire Junior Cup. Unfortunately, the visitors pulled one back just before the break and then equalised almost straight from the kick-off in the second half. The Reserves regained their composure and went on to score 3 more before the visitors pulled back a late consolation. Luke Day and Tom Newland each scored twice, with Simon Mayes side-footing home a fifth. The 5-3 win gives the Reserves a home tie with Thames Albion on December 7th.

..... But Others Fail

The Under 11 Cougars' unbeaten run came to a sudden end as they travelled to Ware Flamengo in the Second Round of the Herts. Under 11 Cup. The home side were far too strong and led our lads a merry dance as we fell to an 8-1 defeat. Matthew Morton was the man on target.

The Under 9 Jaguars, Under 14 Leopards and First XI also all lost. The Jaguars put up a great fight against a bruising Selsey Rovers, but eventually lost 5-2 in the Pirton sunshine. On a pitch which had suffered a crowd of 500 people in the rain the previous night for the Firework Display the lads (and lass!) worked hard, scoring through Luke Allen and Rebecca Scott. The Under 14 Leopards hosted Luton United in the afternoon, but failed to bother the scorers, as they went down 4-0. The First Team fared even worse on their trip to Lewsey Reserves going down 6-0.

At least the Lions know how to score goals! On their trip to Flitwick Eagles Jake C. and Noah K. both bagged hat-tricks and there were further strikes from Jack F. who scored for the fourth game in a row and a debut goal for Jacob J..

The previous day brought better fortune: the Under 11 Fishercats were victorious at home to Barton Rovers, with goals from Ben Bayley, 2 from Tom Brown and an own goal bringing a 4-2 win.

In the afternoon rain the Saturday adults brought an end to Shefford Town and Campton A's unbeaten home record in the Bedfordshire County League Division 3, winning 3-1 with goals from Sean Dixon, Ryan Durrant and Jordan Yearwood.



Another Gloomy Day for the Sunday First XI

Sunday November 16th dawned dull and gloomy as fog swirled around the Recreation Ground. The **Sunday First XI** certainly lost their way at home to Bull Athletic in the second round of the Hertfordshire Intermediate Cup. The visitors were in front within 3 minutes and never looked back as they romped to a 6-0 win.

Meanwhile. The **Reserves** now can't stop winning! This time it was a 5-1 victory away to Wigmore Arms in Division 3. On target were Simon Mayes and Tom Newland with 2 each and Jon Whitehead with the fifth.

The best performers in the Pirton murk were the **Under 9 Jaguars** who made short work of Eastcotts 1, winning 5-0 with Samuel Bayley grabbing four of the goals and an Eastcotts own goal completing the set.

On Pitch 2 the **Under 11 Cougars** failed to dent Blunham's 100% record at the top of Division 3 as they went down 6-2 in Pirton. Ben Bayley and Max Garthwaite were the men on target.

The **Under 12 Tigers** raced to their first away win of the season as a great performance brought a 4-0 at Barton Rovers Blues. Great passing and movement from the team brought goals from Barney Condon, Finlay Norrington, Noah Nyoni and Noah Strickland.

The **Under 14 Leopards'** home game with Flitwick Eagles was always going to be contentious after the Beds FA appointed the opposition manager's daughter as the referee! As feared, she failed to enforce her authority and allowed the Flitwick forwards to get away with too many offences including a crucial second goal which should have been disallowed because of a foul on the home keeper. In the end a Bayley Summers goal was all the team had to show for its efforts in a 3-1 defeat, but an afternoon of arguments left a sour taste in the mouth.

On the morning of Saturday 15th the **Under 11 Fishercats** made the trip to Barton Rovers, having won the home fixture the week before. This week proved a tougher prospect and the lads fell two goals behind in the first half. The team stuck to its task, however, and a fine hat-trick from Henry Huxley and a strike from Thomas Brown brought 3 more points in a 4-3 win.

In the afternoon, the **Saturday side** continued its winning ways. A 4-2 win at Westoning Under 20s, thanks to goals from Sean Dixon, Rob Hennem, Owen Malcolm and an own goal, took the team to within one point of the top of the Division 3 table.



Goals Hard to Come By in the Rain

November 22/23

The **Saturday adults** managed to avoid the rain which set in later in the day as they took on Flitwick Reserves in Pirton. A Ryan Durrant penalty brought a 1-0 win and another three points. The win lifts the lads up to third place in the Division 3 table.

The rain continued all night and led to the postponements of four of the scheduled fixtures on Sunday 23rd. The First Team's game away to 61FC was the first to fall foul of the weather, closely followed by the Under 14 Leopards' trip to Sacred Heart and the Under 9 Jaguars' visit to Eastcotts second string. The Under 17s decided not to play a second game on the Pirton main pitch as the rain continued to fall.

The **Under 12 Tigers** struggled away to a Mid Beds Tigers team who had put 8 past them in the home fixture. They did manage to score through Barney Condon but couldn't stop the home side recording a 9-1 win.

The three games in Pirton in the morning all went ahead despite the incessant rain and brought a win, a draw and a defeat. The only team that managed more than 1 goal was the **Under 7 Lions**, who managed five strikes on target through Blake C-G, Noah K, Jamie W and 2 goals from Jake C.. The **Under 11 Cougars** found the going tough at home to Luton Borough Whites and failed to score for the first time this season in a 2-0 defeat. The **Reserves** continued their run of good form in a home game against Gardeners Call. Both sides played some good football despite the treacherous conditions, but it was the visitors who turned round with a 1-0 half-time lead. Lea Sports played the better stuff in the second half and were rewarded when a shot was turned in by Pat McAneney for a deserved equaliser.

Premier League Competition

Manchester City leapfrogged Southampton after winning 3-0 at St.Mary's and with Manchester United entering the top 4, the challenge from the Form IT contingent seems to be faltering, with only Karoly Vincent in the top 19 !

All the latest at

www.leasports.com/Datafiles/PremLgeComp/Results.pdf

Saturday XI Go Top of the Table

The Saturday team ended November top of the Division 3 table in the Beds.County League after their fifth win on the trot. Goals from Lee Bull and Joe Hennem brought three points from the trip to Dinamo Flitwick.

Division Three

League Table		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Lea Sports PSG	12	7	2	3	24	17	7	23
2	Atletico Europa	10	7	1	2	35	21	14	22
3	Dinamo Flitwick	10	6	2	2	26	20	6	20
4	Clifton	12	6	1	5	34	28	6	19
5	Cranfield United Reserves	9	5	3	1	26	11	15	18
6	White Eagles	10	6	0	4	19	11	8	18
7	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	9	6	0	3	22	23	-1	18



November Ends Well for the Reserves

What a difference a week makes. On November 23rd the Recreation Ground was swamped as incessant rain made football an unpleasant experience, but one week later the sun was shining on the Rec as the **Reserves** made it through to the second round of the Challenge Cup with a 3-2 home win over Caddington Reserves.

Caddington are sitting in second place in Division 4, but looked a poor team as the Reserves got off to a great start in the warm sunshine. When Luke Day put the home side into the lead after 10 minutes it looked as though the floodgates would open. The Caddington defenders were struggling to clear the ball and the goalkeeper was having problems too.

Simon Mayes and Ben Thomson were in control in midfield and it just looked to be a question of how many we would score, when a mix up at the back in dealing with a long through ball led to a farcical own goal to give the visitors an equaliser they did not deserve. Nevertheless the lads kept going forward and were rewarded just before half-time when the Caddington keeper parried a shot straight to Tom Newland who slotted the ball home.

The second half was a similar story with chances going begging and it looked ominous when Caddington equalised from a rare breakaway. Fortunately, Lea Sports kept going and Jon Whitehead steered a cross shot into the far corner to give the home side a 3-2 win and a place in Round 2.

The two other home games both brought decent performances from the Lea Sports teams—but both lost. The **Under 12 Tigers** passed and moved well in their home game with Athletico Europa and scored through Barney Condon, but conceded four in reply. The **Under 9 Jaguars** also played well for most of their game at home to AFC Kempston—after 3 of the 4 quarters the game was still at 0-0, but Kempston struck very late to take the game 3-0.

The **Under 7 Lions** finally got to play their match away at Dunstable Town, despite some woeful organisation by the home side, and managed goals from Noah K and Jamie W.

When the **First XI** played Ebony at home in their first league game the match finished 6-6: in the away fixture today there were only nine goals but unfortunately 8 of them went to the home side. Another poor defensive performance saw the Firsts concede 20 goals in their last 3 games—Gary Raymond scored the consolation for Lea Sports.

The **Under 17s** enjoyed their first game since October 19th romping home 7-0 vs. Sandy Colts. Goals came from 6 different players: Calum Buchanan, Max Burrows, Josh Coleman, Tommy Waby, Sam Webb and 2 from Ollie Pitts. On the pitch next door the **Under 14 Leopards** were not so successful and remain pointless at the foot of Division 3 South after a 9-0 home defeat to Barton Rovers Blues



December Brings the Frost

But the Kids Don't Care.....

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The kids get stuck in on a frosty Pirton morning.

December 6th brought the first frost of the Winter, with the Recreation Ground covered in white for the first Saturday of the month.

Our session for 4-7 year-olds went ahead as normal with the kids revelling in the frosty conditions (I still think they only turn up for the biscuits!) Later that morning the Under 11 Fishercats played host to Luton Allstars Titans in Division 3 of the Chiltern Junior Sevens League.

In a 9 vs. 9 match the Fishercats achieved the remarkable feat of having six different scorers as they beat the Titans 7-2. On target were Ben Bayley, Matthew Blake, Liam Brooks, Tom Brown (2), Henry Huxley and Sam Tonge.

The Saturday team had an afternoon off to do their Christmas shopping as their opponents Mid Beds Tigers failed to field a team for their Beds County Division 3 clash.

It's 8-8 at the Rec on Sunday 7th

The **Reserves** missed a good chance to progress to the Fourth Round of the County Cup as they lost 4-0 at home to Thames Albion. Against a competent, but not outstanding side, it was defensive lapses that were to prove decisive. In an even first half the visitors sneaked ahead when a through ball was not dealt with, and then went 2-0 up when a corner was flicked on at the near post and turned in. At half time hopes were high that the home side could salvage something from the game, but a poor second half defensive performance saw the visitors score twice more and miss a hatful of chances.

Alongside them on Pitch 2 the **Under 12 Tigers** took a 2-0 lead against Leighton United after a brace from Noah Nyoni, including a screamer into the top corner after a strong run. They held the lead until the last five minutes when Leighton managed to score twice to tie the game at 2-2 in a game neither side deserved to lose.

The **Under 7 Lions** played well against AFC Dunstable and scored through Jake C.(2), Wilf T. and 2 from Jamie W.. With the **First Team** game called off after a pitch mix-up at Luton VI Form College, that left the **Cougars**, who travelled to Langford and won 5-1 thanks to goals from Ben Bayley, Max Garthwaite (2), Lewis Manning and Matthew Morton, and the **Under Seventeens**, who kept up their record of scoring three times in every away league game. Calum Buchanan and Max Burrows (2) scored in a 3-3 draw at EB Lions.





A Frosty Reception for the Tigers

Sunday December 14th saw the **Under 12 Tigers'** game in Luton vs. St.Josephs called off because of frost. There were no such problems in Pirton as three games went ahead, producing three good performances.

The **Reserves** were in action in the quarter finals of the Reserve Cup, up against Club Lewsey Reserves from two divisions above them. Despite the apparent gulf, this was a close match with chances at both ends. Lewsey eventually scored a goal in each half to take the tie 2-0—the decisive second goal being scored by Lea Sports old boy Mark Brown.

The **Under 11 Cougars** continued their 100% start to life in Division 4 with a 3-1 win over Shefford Saints Blues. Ben Bayley scored twice and Max Carroll grabbed the third.

Ben's younger brother Samuel was the difference between the teams as the **Under 9 Jaguars** recorded a 2-0 home win over Dunstable Town. Sam provided the crosses for both goals—the first turned in by Fynnley Carter-Gaunt and the second by Joe Blackford. Dunstable had their chances too and apart from hitting a post, they were thwarted by 3 great saves from Harvey Hart in the first quarter of the game.

The **Under 7 Lions** also put in a great performance on their trip to Dunstable Town and scored 4 times through Jake C. and a hat-trick from Jamie W.

The **First Team** had another tough day on the road, losing 7-2 at Silsoe Park Rangers: Gary Raymond kept up his recent good scoring run and Ben Aldich got the second.

Not much festive cheer for the **Under 17s** either as they lost at home to Caddington by a 4-1 scoreline. Max Burrows scored the consolation goal.

Where Did All the Fixtures Go?

On the final weekend before Christmas the **Saturday team** were looking forward to consolidating their position at the top of the table with a home fixture vs. Shefford Town and Campton 'A', but at 11.30 am on the Saturday came the news that Campton could not field a team, so the three points were in the bag without a ball being kicked. Not only that, but our nearest rivals Athletico Europa then went on to lost to Westoning 5-2, so Lea Sports PSG sit top of the table at Christmas.

On the other hand, our **Sunday first team** could only muster a handful of players for the visit of runaway League leaders Slip End United and ended up forfeiting the game. It's the first time the First XI has conceded a game since April 1976 when they were unable to field a team vs. SKF in Division 4. The result leaves the side in a precarious position in Division One, 3 points ahead of 61 FC who have a slightly worse goal difference. The two teams meet in Luton on February 1st.

One game that did go ahead was the **Under 11 Fishercats** fixture at home to Luton Allstars. With Manager Alan Scott away it was left to John Brooks to run the team and with Ben Bayley as man of the match the side put in an excellent performance to come back from 2-1 down to win 3-2. Goals came from Ben Bayley, Tom Brown and an own goal.

The Under 17s took us nicely into Christmas with a 6-1 win over Sundon Athletic on Sunday 21st December. The shortest day became the longest afternoon for the visitors as Josh Coleman recorded a hat-trick and other goals came from Calum Buchanan, Ollie Pitts and Max Burrows, who has now failed to score just once in a league game all season.



So How Was it for You?

December brought some great results for our younger teams, but the Sunday adults continue to suffer...

The **Saturday team** were unbeaten in December—largely because their two opponents: Mid Beds Tigers and Shefford & Campton A both failed to field a team. The same applied to the **Under 14 Leopards** who conceded their only fixture in December—away to league leaders Luton Borough Whites.

The **Sunday first team** didn't fare much better with only one game played in the month. The away game with St.Josephs had to be postponed at St.Jo's had forgotten to book the pitch and we were unable to field a side for the home game with Slip End United. After their recent run of good form the **Reserves** started the month with 2 tough Cup fixtures and ended with a trip to Jolly Topers—just one goal meant 3 defeats.

The **Under Seventeens** improved through the month, scoring 10 times and conceding eight. The **Tigers** managed a point from their only December fixture vs. Leighton Utd., whereas the **Cougars** had a 100% record from their 2 Division 4 fixtures. The **Fishercats** also had a perfect December with 2 wins from 2. Not to be out-done the **Jaguars** also won their 2 games and the **Lions** too were unbeaten in the month.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Saturday XI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Sunday 1st XI	1	0	0	1	2	7	0.0
Sunday 2nd XI	3	0	0	3	1	10	0.0
Under Seventeens	3	1	1	1	10	8	50.0
Under 14 Leopards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Under 12 Tigers	1	0	1	0	2	2	50.0
Under 11 Cougars	2	2	0	0	8	2	100.0
Under 11 Fishercats	2	2	0	0	10	4	100.0
Under 9 Jaguars	2	2	0	0	5	2	100.0
Under 7 Lions	2	1	1	0	9	5	75.0
	16	8	3	5	47	40	59.4

Chiltern Youth League Division 3 Final Table

Under 11 Cougars	P.	W.	D.	L.	GD	Pts
Luton Borough Whites	6	5	1	0	27	16
Blunham	6	4	1	1	28	13
Dunstable Town	6	4	1	1	19	13
Lea Sports PSG	6	2	2	2	-1	8
Mid Beds Tigers Whites	6	2	1	3	-7	7
Westoning Recreation Club	6	1	0	5	-26	3
Bedford United	6	0	0	6	-40	0



Premier League Competition

As the Christmas glut of games got underway and West Ham United sneaked into the top four, two of our first team players, Stephen McKiernan and Matty Day occupied two of the top three spots in the competition.

All the positions can be seen on the website at www.leasports.com/Prem_Lge.htm and this will be updated after the Christmas rush of games.

In the meantime (as at the morning of December 22nd) the top ten looks like this:

		Lea Sports PSG Football Club - Premiership Competition																				The FA																						
		22/12/2014										SORT RESULTS										CHARTER STANDARD CLUBS																						
		Arsenal	Aston Villa	Burnley	Chelsea	Crystal Palace	Everton	Hull City	Leicester City	Liverpool	Manchester City	Manchester Utd.	Manchester Utd.	Newcastle Utd.	Queens Pk Rangers	Southampton	Stoke City	Sunderland	Swansea City	Tottenham Hotspur	West Bromwich	West Ham United	SCORE	Correct	One Place Out																			
Correct Positions:		6	12	18	1	17	11	19	20	10	2	3	9	16	5	13	14	8	7	15	4																							
Your forecast in blue. Your score in black.	Ref.																																											
1	Stephen McKiernan	4	2	12	0	19	1	1	0	20	3	7	4	15	4	19	2	5	5	2	0	3	0	9	0	17	1	10	3	14	1	13	1	8	0	6	1	16	1	11	7	38	6	6
2	Paul Edgar	6	0	10	2	18	0	1	0	17	0	7	4	15	4	20	0	4	6	2	0	3	0	13	4	19	3	8	3	14	1	12	2	9	1	5	2	16	1	11	7	40	7	3
3	Matthew Day	4	2	12	0	20	2	1	0	16	1	7	4	15	4	19	1	5	5	2	0	3	0	9	0	17	1	8	3	11	2	13	1	10	2	6	1	18	3	14	10	42	5	5
4	Karoly Vincent	4	2	14	2	20	2	1	0	18	1	7	4	16	3	19	1	5	5	2	0	3	0	9	1	16	1	10	5	11	2	12	2	13	5	6	1	17	2	9	5	44	3	5
5	Luke Davey	3	3	12	0	20	2	1	0	17	0	6	5	14	5	19	1	4	6	2	0	5	2	11	2	18	2	9	4	10	3	16	2	8	0	7	0	15	0	13	9	46	7	1
6	Matthew Blake	3	3	9	3	16	2	1	0	17	0	6	5	18	1	19	1	4	6	2	0	5	2	10	1	20	4	11	6	12	1	13	1	8	0	7	0	15	0	14	10	46	6	5
7	Gary Raymond	4	2	11	1	20	2	1	0	15	2	7	4	14	5	19	1	5	5	2	0	3	0	9	0	17	1	13	8	10	3	16	2	8	0	6	1	18	3	12	8	48	5	4
8	Jonathan Burnside	4	2	8	4	19	1	1	0	18	1	6	5	14	5	20	0	3	7	2	0	5	2	10	1	17	1	11	6	13	0	12	2	9	1	7	0	16	1	15	11	50	5	6
9	Paul MacLennan	3	3	8	4	16	2	1	0	17	0	6	5	18	1	19	1	5	5	2	0	4	1	11	2	20	4	9	4	10	3	13	1	12	4	7	0	15	0	14	10	50	5	4
10	Ian Ford	3	3	10	2	20	2	1	0	19	2	6	5	14	5	18	2	5	5	2	0	4	1	15	6	16	0	8	3	11	2	13	1	9	1	7	0	17	2	12	6	50	4	3

Let's see how it looks after the tinsel has been put away!

A Reminder for our Saturday Soccer Sessions

Our Saturday morning sessions for 4-7 year-olds will recommence at the Recreation Ground in Pilton on Saturday January 10th at 9 a.m.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW

YEAR FROM EVERYONE AT LEA SPORTS PSG





Unhappy New Year!

One Win in Nine at the Start of January

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The new year got off to a terrible start as the Club managed just one win from the first nine games after Christmas.

On January 11th on a sunny Sunday morning in Pirton the **First XI's** poor run of form continued as they went down 3-1 to St. Josephs Reserves. A Ryan Lemon goal was all they had to show for their efforts in a wind-affected game. The day before, the **Saturday XI** played their first game since November 29th and also lost 3-1 to the unlikely-named Dinamo Flitwick, whom they had beaten 2-0 in the away fixture. A Ryan Darby goal from about 40 yards (possibly wind-assisted!) could not prevent the team from being knocked off the top of the table.

Most disastrous of all were the **Under 14 Leopards**: the fixture list gave them two matches against teams who had beaten them 3-1 earlier in the season, but on a miserable January 4th they went down 13-1 at home to Ampthill Town, followed by a 12-1 thumping the following week at Flitwick Eagles. A Bailey Summers goal and a Max Hendry penalty was all they had to show for their efforts.

The **Under 11 Fishercats** came up against the runaway leaders of Division 3 Sundon Athletic Whites. Sundon won their twelfth game in a row taking their goal difference to +67 as they won 8-0. (Do you get the feeling they might be in the wrong division?). Despite this result the Fishercats still have a very good chance of finishing runners-up.

The **Under 11 Cougars** stay top of the Chiltern Division 4 despite dropping 2 points in a 2-2 draw at home to Clapham Colts. Leading 2-0 at half time through goals from Max Garthwaite and Matthew Morton, they had to battle against the wind in the second half and conceded twice to give the visitors a share of the spoils.

The **Under Seventeens** made the trip to fourth-placed AFC Oakley but went down 4-2 with consolation goals coming from Josh Coleman and Sam Webb.

Finally, the **Under 7 Lions** fought hard after going a goal down to AFC Kempston Lions and were rewarded with 2 goals from Noah K and one from Jamie W in a hard-fought encounter.

Super Seventeenth as Saturdays Succeed

Both our Saturday sides bounced back to winning ways on January 17th.

The pitch thawed out just enough for the **Under 11 Fishercats'** friendly against an Active Soccer Development Squad to go ahead and they took full advantage, winning 5-2. Ben Bayley scored a couple and other goals came from Henry Huxley, Ollie Rowe-Trelford and Sam Tonge.

The **adults** had no weather problems in the afternoon and reversed last week's score-line, winning 3-1 vs. White Eagles. Will Tyler got them off to a great start with a diving header from a well-worked cross. Rich Randall was on the end of a pin-point corner to bullet a header home for the second and the third came when Lascelle McGowan broke through the defensive line to score from close in. Although Cranfield, who were in Cup action, have games in hand, this win takes the lads back to the top of the table.



Reserves' Good Form Returns

The **Reserves** put in another good performance on Sunday January 18th as they took a point from third placed Barrels Magnum in a 2-2 draw in Pirton. They fell two goals behind in the first half, but fought back to earn a point with goals from Kieran Duff and Jon Whitehead. Keeper Scott Morgan accepted responsibility for the Magnum second goal when the ball bobbed over his foot as he went to clear, but he more than made up for his error with some fine saves in the second half as both teams looked for a winning goal.

The **Under 9 Jaguars** also fought back from a 3-1 deficit in their match away at Eastcotts 2. Samuel Bayley scored twice and Ollie Rowe-Trelford three times as the team ran out 5-3 winners. Samuel's brother Ben also scored twice as the **Under 11 Cougars** travelled to Flitwick Eagles. Teddy Rowe-Trelford and Matthew Morton were also on the scoresheet, but it wasn't quite enough as the home team ran out 5-4 winners. The **Under 12 Tigers** played well enough in their game away to St. Josephs in division 3, but a lack of firepower up front meant a solitary goal from Ben Wetherill was not enough to prevent a 2-1 defeat. Jake C was another player to score twice as the **Under 7 Lions** made yet another trip to Dunstable to take on Dunstable Town 1. In the afternoon the **Under Seventeens** kept up their winning ways as they despatched visitors Leighton United 3-0 with goals from Max Burrows, Josh Coleman and Matt Mills. The **Under 14 Leopards'** woes continued as they went down 8-0 away to Sacred Heart Dynamos.

Another Good Saturday

The penultimate Saturday of the month bought another two wins for our teams.

The Under 11 Fishercats faced a tough trip to Bushmead in Luton in the morning to take on BB Athletic, but returned victorious after goals from Matthew Blake, Matthew Morton and Teddie Rowe-Trelford gave them a 3-2 win. The excellent result means we leapfrog BB Athletic into second place in the table - two points clear of them with a game in hand.

In the afternoon the Saturday adults were looking to avenge their heaviest defeat of the season when they travelled to Atletico Europa. Atletico had inflicted the first league defeat on our team when they won 5-1 in Pirton in September.

They fell behind in the 11th minute but drew level after 36 minutes when Owen Malcolm score from distance, however Atletico went back into the lead with a goal just before half-time.

Twenty minutes into the second half Kane Smith's headed goal saw the teams level at 2-2. Two minutes later an Atletico player was red-carded before another Owen Malcolm strike put Lea Sports 3-2 in the lead. With the clock approaching 90 minutes Atletico pulled another goal back to level at 3-3, but 2 minutes into added time a well-worked move gave Ryan Durrant the chance to score the winner from close in. There was even time for Atletico to pick up another red card before the final whistle.

The result moves the team back to the top of the table, but Cranfield Reserves, who visit Pirton on February 7th, have games in hand.



Semi-Final Beckons for the Reserves

On January 25th the **Reserves** travelled to Luton to take on Flint United in the quarter final of the North Home Counties Challenge Cup. Goals from Jack Baggett and Tom Newland saw the game finish 2-2 after 90 minutes. Straight to a penalty shoot-out and successful strikes from Jonny Day, Simon Mayes, Tom Newland and Ollie Palmer took us through to the semi-final 4-3.

Back in Pirton in the afternoon the **Under Seventeens** put in their gutsiest performance of the season as they defeated high-flying AFC Oakley 1-0, thanks to a goal from Max Burrows. It was a battle from start to finish, with yellow cards for Sam French and Ollie Pitts, plus a yellow and a red for Oakley players..

The **Under 12 Tigers** produced one of their best matches in defeating Barton Rovers Blues 5-1 in Pirton. The team's counter-attacking tactics worked well as the visitors were on top in the first five minutes but couldn't prevent Lea Sports scoring from their first attack. After going 2-0 up, the home side dominated the game, with good defensive performances from Alexander Funnell, Joe Warne, Rohan Gidda and man of the match Dylan Carpenter. Freddie Hartwell also had an excellent game in goal. In the end it was Noah Nyoni's first hat-trick, plus goals from Barney Condon and Findlay Norrington which brought the welcome 3 points.

The **Under 14 Leopards** were also up against Barton Rovers Blues and scored twice through Bailey Summers. Their defensive frailties were all too apparent however as they ended up losing 9-2. The same was true of the **First Team**, who took on Caddington Social who were just above them in the Division One table. A poor performance saw the visitors take all three points in a 5-0 win. The crucial match is now next Sunday as the team travels to bottom side 61FC to see who will take the wooden spoon this season.

Meanwhile, the **Under 11 Cougars** had a great trip to Mid Beds Tigers Whites, winning 5-0 thanks to goals from Max Garthwaite (2), Adam Patel and two from Teddie Rowe-Trelford. Last but not least, the **Under 7 Lions** enjoyed their home match against Flitwick Eagles, scoring seven times with goals from Jack F. (2), Jacob J. (2) and a hat-trick from Jamie W..

Snow Joke

As January shivered to a close the only winner on the last day of the month was the weather, as the Saturday adults' game away to White Eagles was postponed.

Premier League Competition

With Christmas out of the way it's still tight at the top of the table, with Macca's men taking 4 of the top 5 places. Only Matty Day in joint second place threatens to spoil the party for now, but there's still a long way to go.

All the results available on the website at www.leasports.com

Stay warm!



February.....

Tigers and Cougars avoid the snow

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February 1st dawned bright but chilly in Pirton.

After a bye in the First Round of the Chiltern Youth Lower League Cup, the **Under 12 Tigers** found themselves up against Clapham Colts in Round 2. Despite the chilly wind, the lads got stuck in straight from the kick-off in the bright sunshine and took the game to Clapham from the start. They could even afford the luxury of a penalty miss as two goals from Samuel Dermont and one from George Simmons gave the team a 3-1 half-time lead, which could easily have been 6-1 or 7-1. Clapham rallied in the second half however and scored early on to give the home side a nervous final 20 minutes. It took some good goalkeeping from Freddie Hartwell and a great last-ditch tackle from Joe Warne to keep the score at 3-2 and take the lads into Round 3.

Later on the same pitch, the **Under 11 Cougars** maintained their lead at the top of Division 4 with a 3-2 win over close rivals Bedford United. With second-placed Mid Beds Tigers also winning 3-2, away at Clapham Colts, things are getting very tight at the top.

Over on pitch 1 the **Reserves** were missing several players for the visit of lowly Brache Nation Reserves. In a poor game neither side presented much of a goal threat, but it was the home team who went into the half-time break a goal up thanks to a header from Ben Thomson midway through the first half. In the second half Brache, whose first team was not in action, were able to bring on some strong substitutes and nicked the points with a scrambled effort after 70 minutes and a turn and shot into the corner 2 minutes from time.

The **Under 9 Jaguars** put up a good fight away to AFC Shillington, but ended up losing 5-3. Sam Bayley scored 2 of the goals and Joe Winfield one. The **Under 7 Lions** for once enjoyed a trip to Dunstable as Jack F. scored twice and Jamie W. four times in a great performance.

In the afternoon the **Under 14 Leopards'** woes continued as they lost 5-0 at home to Sacred Heart Dynamo's to stay rooted to the foot of Division 3 South.

It was frustration (or maybe relief!) for the **Under Seventeens** as their trip to Selsey Rovers (top with a 100% record) was called off. Probably the same emotion too for the **First XI** whose crunch fixture at 61FC also fell foul of the weather.

Cranfield get Kaned!

On February 7th the **Saturday team** faced a crunch game at the top of Division 3 vs. Cranfield United Reserves. It was a tough build-up to the game, in a week which produced some severe frosts and coverings of snow at times. Even on the day of the match itself the frost was so severe that the Fishercats game in the morning vs. Ampthill was postponed. In the end the game went ahead, but the top scorer Ryan Darby had to take over between the sticks as the regular keeper was away. In an end-to-end game both teams battled fiercely for the points, but a well-worked move led to Kane Smith scoring the only goal for Lea Sports to bag a crucial 3 points.



February Mud the Main Winner

As a small rise in temperature on Sunday February 8th led to a thaw in the pitches, it was the resulting mud which was the main winner. Indeed the main pitch in Pirtton was so badly cut-up by the Saturday game that the **First team's** home fixture with Silsoe Park Rangers was postponed. The **Under 9 Jaguars** home game with AFC Dunstable went ahead after a pitch inspection, but it was the visitors who enjoyed the conditions more, scoring 8 times against replies from Luke Allen, Ben Bayley (2) and Joe Blackford. The **Under 12 Tigers** also struggled on a muddy pitch in their game away to lowly Westoning. Despite creating chances, they could not convert them and drew a blank for the first time since their ill-fated trip to Finchley in the County Cup at the start of November. In reply Westoning scrambled home a couple of scruffy goals to win the game 2-0. The **Under 7 Lions** also struggled in their game away to Flitwick Eagles Whites and only had goals from Jake C. and Jamie W. to show for their efforts. The **Reserves** kept up the trend, losing 3-1 at Gardeners Call, with Tyrone Clarke scoring the consolation goal. In the afternoon the **Under 14 Leopards** crashed out of the Chiltern Youth Lower League Cup—a Bailey Summers goal being their only consolation in a 10-1 defeat. The **Under 11 Cougars**—playing against Westoning who haven't taken a single point in the current campaign—lightened the gloom with a 5-3 win. Goals came from Cardy, Garthwaite, Morton (2) and Rowe-Trelford, but the best performance of the day came from the **Under 17s** playing away at third-placed Kempston Allstars. Goals from Jake Cook, Ollie Pitts and a hat-trick from Max Burrows brought the team back from being 3-0 down to a great 5-4 win.

Jaguars Top of the League!




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Lea Sports PSG FC U9 Jaguars	4.8500
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Selsey Rovers FC U9 Reds	4.8438
Leighton United FC U9 Reds	4.8235
Clapham Colts FC U9	4.7857
Blunham Youth FC U9 Yellow	4.7794
Leighton United FC U9 Blues	4.7679

No Love Lost on Valentine's Day

Both our teams in action on Valentine's Day lost in bad-tempered matches.

Manager Alan Scott branded Luton Allstars Titans a disgrace as the Under 11 Fishercats lost their away match 3-2. Tom Brown was the man on target with both goals.

Meanwhile in the afternoon on a very heavy pitch in Pirtton, the Saturday adults could not repeat their heroics of the week before, going down 2-1 at home to FC Serbia. With allegations of a Serbia player spitting at a home player and then wanting to carry on the fight after the game with a tennis racquet, it was not an afternoon filled with love. Ryan Darby was back up front after his week in goal and scored a penalty, but in the end the visitors took all 3 points.



Jaguars Lift the Gloom

After both team had lost their Saturday fixtures on February 14th it was left to the **Under 9 Jaguars** to lift the gloom on Sunday morning with a gutsy 2-1 win away at AFC Luton. Samuel Bayley and Joseph Winfield scored the goals, while Charlie Brown took the honours as man of the match. Back in Pirton the **Under 12 Tigers** were involved in a tight game at home to Brickhill Wanderers but ended up losing to 2 late goals from the visitors.

Saturdays March On

With most of our youth teams out of action because of half-term on the weekend of February 21st/22nd the spotlight fell on our adult sides, who produced one win, one draw and one defeat between them.

Centre stage were the Saturday team who travelled to Sandy Reserves looking to bounce back from last week's home defeat. Despite going a goal down, the team kept working hard and Ryan Durrant equalised before Owen Malcolm put Lea Sports in front with a fine solo goal from an angle. A Sandy own goal followed before Ryan Durrant scrambled a corner home after the keeper dropped it to make the points safe with a 4-1 win.

On Sunday morning the Reserves travelled to Bushmead Rovers in Luton looking for their first double of the season (Bushmead remain the only team to have been beaten in the League in Pirton this season). Despite goals from Dan Cormack and Dan Wrubel the game finished 2-2. Meanwhile in Pirton the Firsts knew they might struggle when four players had still not arrived by kick-off. Nevertheless by half time they had restricted Silsoe Park Rangers to a single goal. In the second half, however, legs tired on a heavy pitch and the visitors ran out 5-1 winners. Ryan Lemon scored one penalty, but missed a second as the Firsts were second-best again.

Only one of our youth sides were in action: the Fishercats slipped into third place in the table behind BB Athletic as they lost 3-1 at home to Westoning, with Ben Bayley the only scorer. BB Athletic face Westoning and Sundon Park in their next 2 games before coming to Pirton at the end of March, so the runners-up spot is still wide-open.

Fishercats End The Month on a High

On the final day of February the Under 11 Fishercats avenged their home defeat to Westoning 7 days earlier with a great 4-1 win away to the same opponents.

With both teams playing great passing football it was PSG who took command of the game in the first half, turning round with a 3-0 advantage. Westoning came back strongly in the second half, but we weathered the storm and nicked a late breakaway goal to take all three points. It was the 'B' brigade who scored the goals: Ben Bayley and Tom Brown scored one each and Matthew Blake scored twice in a great overall team performance.

With six games to go and close rivals B.B.Athletic still to visit Pirton there is still a very good chance of a runners-up spot for the lads.



Premier League Competition

With Pulis and Pardew hauling West Brom and Palace up the table we'll have to wait and see if Tim Sherwood has the time to do the same at Villa.

Top of the competition table is tight, with Macca's mate Luke Davey leading the way, closely followed by three first teamers: Gary Raymond, Matt Day and Stephen McKiernan. See www.leasports.com/Datafiles/PremLgeComp/results.pdf

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2	Gary Raymond	Fritz III	4	0	11	8	20	2	1	0	15	3	7	7	14	1	19	1	5	1	2	0	3	0	9	2	17	0	13	8	10	0	16	0	8	0	6	1	18	5	12	3	42	8	4
3	Matthew Day	Fritz III	4	0	12	7	20	2	1	0	16	4	7	7	15	0	19	1	5	1	2	0	3	0	9	2	17	0	8	3	11	1	13	3	10	2	6	1	18	5	11	3	44	6	4
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A Reminder for our Saturday Soccer Sessions

Our Saturday morning sessions for 4-7 year-olds continue at the Recreation Ground in Pirton on Saturdays at 9 a.m.. Apart from a break for Easter on April 4th and for the Summer Fair on July 11th the sessions continue without a break right up to the end of July.



New Bike Rack at the Recreation Ground



Players turning up for their games on Saturdays or Sundays now have somewhere to park their bikes!

A new bike rack was installed this week—feel free to use it!



CUP FINAL TIME

It's Cup Final Time

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The Saturday Team's brilliant season continued on Wednesday March 18th as they progressed through to the Final of the East Bedfordshire Junior Charity Cup under the floodlights at Biggleswade United's ground. A goal from Tom Doran and an own goal gave them a 2-1 semi-final victory over Elstow Abbey, who are currently in top spot in Division One—2 divisions above Lea Sports. The first goal came from a counter-attack when Joe Hennem smashed the ball at the Elstow keeper who could only deflect the ball into his own net for an own goal. The second came from a well-worked move down the right which resulted in Joe Hennem drilling the ball into the box only for it to get caught up on the line before Tom Doran fired home from 2 yards. The last quarter of an hour was a rearguard action, which was especially difficult after the extra time played the previous Saturday, but the lads held on for a Final against Shefford and Campton, who we think are now managed by Terry Smith who pulled out of running our other Saturday team this season.

But Missed Penalties Mean Semi-Final Heartbreak for the Under Seventeens and the Saturday XI

The Under Seventeens played their Chiltern Youth League Cup Semi-Final at home to Leighton United Blues on March 22nd. Hopes were high after having done the double over Leighton in the league, but a missed penalty in the second half was to prove costly as the game finished 1-1, Ollie Pitts with the goal. The game went straight to penalties and despite leading 3-2 in the shoot-out, PSG missed their last 2 kicks and it was Leighton who were to be victorious winning the shoot-out 4-3.

Three days later it was the turn of the Saturday XI to miss a second-half penalty away to Cranfield United Reserves in the Beds County Watson Shield, with the game again finishing 1-1. This meant extra time and in the end injuries took their toll as the lads eventually lost 4-2. Goalscorers were Ryan Durrant, with Jordan Yearwood getting the extra-time consolation.

And No Cup Luck for Tigers and Reserves March 1st

Max Burrows scored his second hat-trick in two weeks as the **Under Seventeens** progressed to the semi-finals of the Chiltern Youth League Cup by beating AFC Luton 5-3 away from home on March 1st. Josh Coleman and Ben Whitehead were the other scorers.

Things didn't go as well for our other two teams in Cup action.

The **Reserves** were playing in the semi-final of the North Home Counties Challenge Cup against Markyate but only had a Tom Newland goal to show for their efforts as they crashed out of the competition with a 6-1 scoreline. In Pirton the **Under 12 Tigers** lost 2-0 for the third week in succession in what proved to be their last competitive game of the season. They were up against Houghton Athletic, who have won 8 or their 11 games in Division 4 of the Chiltern League and whose big players proved to be too strong for our lads. Despite a brave effort the cup run ends at round 2.

In league action, the **Under 14 Leopards** took on top of the table Luton Borough Whites in their penultimate home game of the season and ended up losing 6-0. The **Under 9 Jaguars** took on Clapham Colts in Pirton, having won one and lost one of their two encounters so far this season. Samuel Bayley gave them an early lead with a fine strike and further goals came from Ollie Rowe-Trelford and Bayley again to give the lads a 3-2 advantage going into the last 5 minutes of the game. Charlie Brown then lashed a left-footed shot high into the net to seemingly make the game safe at 4-2, but Clapham came back again and scored with 2 minutes to go to provide a nervous ending to the game. The Jaguars hung on, however, to win 4-3. Meanwhile, the **Under 7 Lions** faced a tough trip to Flitwick to take on the Eagles and returned with just a Noah K. goal for their efforts.



Little Stands Large as Saturdays Progress

With a bye in Round One of the Beds County League Watson Shield, the Saturday XI entered the competition in Round 2 with a home tie vs. Dinamo Flitwick on a sunny March 7th.

It was the visitors who struck first, but Owen Malcolm was left one-on-one with the keeper after a good spell of passing and made it 1-1. Again it was the visitors who took the lead, but at the end of 90 minutes Ryan Darby slotted home a penalty to make it 2-2 after Will Tyler was brought down by the Dinamo keeper, who was red-carded for the offence.

In extra time Lea Sports took the lead for the first time in the game when Ryan Durrant scored, but this time it was Dinamo's turn to level to leave the scores at 3-3 after extra time.

So it went to penalties and it was left to keeper Dan Little to deny the Dinamo captain with a great save low to his left. The home side converted all five kicks through Bull, Darby, Durrant, Hennem and Malcolm to move through to a third round tie away to Cranfield United Reserves at the end of the month.

Fishercats Find it Tough

As seems to be the way in the Chiltern Sevens League, the **Under 11 Fishercats** found another Luton side who have improved greatly over recent weeks, when they travelled to take on Luton United on March 7th.

In the end, a goal from Matthew Blake was enough to earn a valuable point from the trip. There was no great damage to their league position, as nearest rivals BB Athletic went down 7-0 at Westoning—and face leaders Sundon Athletic Whites next week.

The **Under 9 Jaguars** and **Under 7 Lions** also both had tough games on the morning of Sunday March 8th.

The Jaguars went down 3-6 on their trip to Selsey Rovers: Luke Allen and Ben Bayley (2) with the goals, while the Lions had to play Dunstable Town (again!) and had just a Jake C. goal to show for their efforts.

Reserves go Goal Crazy!

Whether it was the warm Spring weather or what we don't know, but the Reserves certainly had a spring in their step after their trip to Luton to play Royal Oak. Goals from Jack Baggett, Tyrone Clarke, Dan Cormack, Jonny Day (2), Simon Mayes (2), Tom Newland and Jon Whitehead brought a 9-1 win—their best result since March 2009 when they beat Dynamo Old Boys 10-0 on their way to winning the Division Four title (with Phil Thompson scoring twice).

It was a remarkable afternoon for the Under 14 Leopards too, as they scored six times in their friendly at home to Mid Beds Tigers, conceding just 2 in reply. The goalscorers were Luke Narroway and Max Hendry with one goal each, while Bailey Summers and Easson Ross both bagged a brace.

Meanwhile in Maulden, the Under Seventeens made it 5 straight wins with a 2-1 win over Maulden Magpies: Ollie Pitts came off the bench to score and Callum Winters scored the other.



Great Wins for Saturdays and Under 17s

The weekend of March 14th/15th saw chilly winds blow in from the east and temperatures hover not far above freezing. It was not enough to deter the Saturday adults and Under 17s, however, who both produced impressive wins.

When the **Saturday team** travelled to Clifton in October there were 5 goals in the game, three of them unfortunately going to the home side. This time in Pirton there were again 5 goals, but all of them for the home side. Joe Hennem scored with a volley from 22 yards before Sean Dixon rounded the keeper to make it 2-0. Owen Malcolm was on the scoresheet again and had a further effort ruled out for offside. Finally Ryan Darby slotted home a penalty and Clifton scored an own goal for an emphatic win.

The **Under 17s** beat second placed AFC Luton for the second time in 3 weeks: goals from Max Burrows and Josh Coleman brought a 2-1 win. Elsewhere, the Under 9 Jaguars let slip a 3-1 lead with minutes to go against AFC Kempston to draw 3-3, while there were defeats for the Cougars, 2-4 to Leighton Utd., and the Reserves, 1-3 at home to second-placed Jolly Toppers. The Under 11 Fishercats picked up a vital point in a 1-1 draw with Amptill Town, while Jake C. was on target again for the Under 7 Lions, with 2 goals at home to Sacred Heart.

Goals In Short Supply on March 22nd.

Goals were very hard to come by for our four teams in action on Sunday morning. The Under 7 Lions and Under 9 Jaguars failed to find one between them against Flitwick Eagles and Dunstable Town respectively.

The Under 11 Cougars also found the going tough in their friendly at home to Bedford Park Rangers. Matthew Morton did manage to find the net, but the visitors scored four in reply.

The worst culprits were the Reserves, who were playing at home to top-of-the-table Green Man Reserves. They managed to miss five gilt-edged chances in the first half, going in at the break a goal down in a match they could easily have been leading by 4 or 5 goals. It looked as though it would stay that way as well after more chances went begging in the second half. Finally, with a couple of minutes left on the clock a cross from the right was headed in by Louis Bharwaney to give the team a well-deserved point.

Then came the Under Seventeens disappointment in their cup semi-final in the afternoon. Over all, a fairly forgettable day!

Still All to Play for for the Saturday XI

The Saturday team picked up another 3 points in their search for league honours when their opponents Westoning Under 20s pulled out of the final league game in Pirton on March 21st. The team moved into top spot as close rivals Flitwick Town Reserves could only draw with Shefford & Campton A. However, nearest rivals Cranfield Reserves won by the odd goal for the second week running to keep the pressure on. With PSG's next league game away to Flitwick Town Reserves there are bound to be a few twists before the league campaign is over.



Fishercats Concede at the Death

The **Under 11 Fishercats** were trying to make it three wins out of three against their closest league opponents, BB Athletic, in Pirton on March 28th. However, despite a Liam Brooks goal it was an injury-time winner from BB Athletic which took all three points. With no league win in March and just 3 games to go—one against runaway Champions Sundon Athletic Whites—the defeat may mean that the runners up spot will elude us.

March Winds Cause Havoc

The March winds arrived with a vengeance on the 29th, with squally rain showers lashing the pitches at times.

The **Under 7 Lions** weren't bothered by the weather; despite having just 6 players available they notched 6 goals on their trip to Crawley Green: Noah K. notched a hat-trick, while Jamie W. ended his 4-game goal drought with 2 more and Jack F. completed the scoring to take the team's total to 101 for the season.

The **Under 11 Cougars** weren't so lucky on their trip to Meltis Corinthians, scoring just once through Luke Woodward, but conceding 4 times in reply.

The **Under 14 Leopards** tried to follow up on their friendly success 2 weeks ago against Mid Beds Tigers Whites with a home friendly against Mid Beds Tigers Orange, but the only winner was the wild weather and both teams decided to call it a day at half time.

The Under 17s were looking to bounce back after their cup semi-final disappointment with a visit to Sandy Colts. Sure enough, Matt Mills scored his second of the season, Ollie Pitts grabbed his 11th, and a first for the season from David Armstrong gave the lads a 3-0 win.

Premier League Competition

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1	Luke Davey	Mesco	3	0	12	4	20	2	1	0	17	6	5	7	14	1	19	1	4	1	2	0	5	1	11	1	18	1	9	3	10	0	15	1	8	0	7	0	15	1	13	4	34	6	8
2	Nick Theodoulou	Form IT	3	0	11	5	20	2	1	0	10	1	6	7	15	0	14	6	4	1	2	0	6	1	16	4	19	0	8	2	13	3	17	0	9	1	7	0	16	4	12	3	40	7	4
3	Terry Kintas	Form IT	3	0	16	0	17	1	1	0	15	4	7	6	10	5	18	2	5	0	2	0	4	0	19	7	20	1	8	2	13	3	14	3	9	1	6	1	12	2	11	2	40	6	4
4	Kevan McCreesh	Form IT	3	0	10	6	19	1	1	0	17	6	7	6	12	3	19	2	6	1	2	0	4	0	13	1	20	1	8	2	11	1	16	1	14	6	5	2	15	1	9	0	40	5	7
5	Steve Lyons	Mesco	3	0	9	7	18	2	1	0	15	4	7	6	14	1	20	0	5	0	2	0	4	0	17	5	19	0	8	2	12	2	13	4	10	2	6	1	18	4	11	2	42	7	2
6	Paul Edgar	Mesco	6	3	10	6	18	0	1	0	17	6	7	6	15	0	20	0	4	1	2	0	3	1	13	1	19	0	8	2	14	4	12	5	9	1	5	2	16	2	11	2	42	6	4
7	Nick Baskerville	Mesco	3	0	16	0	20	2	1	0	17	6	7	6	14	1	19	5	4	1	2	0	6	2	10	2	19	0	8	2	12	2	13	4	11	3	5	2	18	4	9	0	42	6	2
8	Gary Raymond	Form IT	4	1	11	5	20	2	1	0	15	4	7	6	14	1	19	1	5	0	2	0	3	1	9	3	17	2	13	7	10	0	16	1	8	0	6	1	18	4	12	3	42	5	6
9	Richard Brydon	Form IT	3	0	10	6	19	1	1	0	15	4	7	6	12	3	16	4	4	1	2	0	5	1	17	5	20	1	8	2	11	1	19	1	9	1	6	1	14	0	13	4	42	4	8
10	James Springham	Gary Hyde	3	0	15	1	20	2	1	0	16	5	6	7	14	1	17	3	4	1	2	0	7	3	10	2	19	0	8	2	12	2	13	4	9	1	5	2	18	4	11	2	42	4	4
11	David Springham	Gary Hyde	4	1	15	1	20	2	1	0	16	5	7	6	14	1	17	3	3	2	2	0	6	1	10	2	18	1	9	2	11	1	13	4	9	1	6	1	19	5	12	3	42	2	8

With just 8 games to go for most teams in the Premiership there are still many issues to be resolved. Can Liverpool force Man United out of a top four spot? Can QPR, Burnley or Sunderland avoid the drop? Will Stoke finish in the top ten?

In the competition Luke Davey maintains a 6-point lead at the top, but the next 10 places are separated by just 2 points, so it's still all to play for. Club Sponsor Form IT has bounced back into form, occupying 2nd, 3rd and 4th places, but how will it finish?



EASTER JOY FOR SATURDAY XI

But the Cup-Final end in Disappointment Vol. 9. No. 9, April 2015

Easter Saturday brought a great performance from our Saturday adult side. They fought back from being 2-1 down to close rivals Flitwick Town Reserves to win 3-2 with a last-minute penalty from Ryan Darby. Earlier, Sean Dixon had bundled the ball home from close range, before Will Tyler scored from around 35 yards with a curling effort that dipped into the top corner. The result was marred somewhat with 3 yellow cards and a red card for a second bookable offence for Rob Hennem, but the three points took the lads 5 points clear of Flitwick in third place with just 2 league games to go. April 18th brought another tricky trip, this time to White Eagles, in the team's penultimate league game. Tom Doran opened the scoring with a free-kick from 50 yards which the keeper flapped at and missed. Ryan Durrant added a second from 5 yards with a header and it was Ryan Darby who secured all 3 points when the keeper again flapped at a long throw and he knocked the ball in at the far post. The result secures the runners-up spot.

April 24th brought the Final of the East Beds.Charity Cup against Shefford Town & Campton Reserves, played under the lights at Langford FC. Although Lea Sports made light of the two divisions difference between the teams it was Shefford who ran out winners with a scruffy goal in each half.

I didn't tell the lads about my 'jinx' effect before attending their final league game in Sandy on April 29th. After all, what could go wrong? We were secure in the runners-up spot and our opponents Mid-Beds Tigers were in bottom position of the 14 teams—surely an away banker? Kick-off was set for 6.15 pm, which was virtually impossible for most of the players, who live and work around Luton, and by 6.10 there were just 2 players present. In the end the game kicked off at 6.40, with players having to get changed alongside the pitch. Not a great preparation, and with the referee being the spitting image of Sheriff J.W.Pepper from the Bond film 'Live and Let Die', things didn't look too promising. Sure enough, after five minutes we went a goal down, with the defence looking ill-at-ease. Good midfield play then brought not just an equaliser, but a second goal from the Ryans, Darby and Durrant, who were fighting for the top scorer award. However, more defensive lapses, including an own goal, saw the home side go 4-2 up, before Ryan Durrant pulled another goal back before half time. The second half was largely uneventful for the first half-hour, before Lea Sports pushed more and more men forward in search of an equaliser, which came from a fierce shot from Will Tyler into the top corner of the net. With 2 minutes to go, Jordan Yearwood was hauled down by the keeper for a penalty. It was decision time for Manager Nathan Moorhouse: Ryan Durrant was on a hat-trick and was tied for top scorer with his regular penalty-taker Ryan Darby—so he took the kick himself. The keeper, who wasn't even yellow-carded for the challenge, guessed right and saved the kick and the game finished 4-4. So no nine away wins in a row for the team—maybe I should just stay clear!

Under Seventeens' Good Form Continues

The Under Seventeens played the first of their midweek fixtures as they travelled to champions-elect Selsey Rovers on April 9th. Despite a goal from Ollie Pitts they couldn't make it seven league wins in a row as they ended up losing a tight game 2-1. On Sunday April 12th they managed to reverse that score-line, winning 2-1 away at Sundon Athletic; Ollie Pitts with both goals. Thursday April 17th brought another midweek fixture, as the team played hosts to Maulden Magpies. Goals from Max Burrows and Josh Coleman brought a 2-0 win and three more precious points in the hunt for third place in the table. The Under 17s now lie just 2 points behind Kempston Allstars with just 2 games to play and Kempston to play Champions Selsey Rovers in their last game. Max Burrows struck twice more in the final home game: vs. EB Lions in Pilton on Thursday April 23rd. His 2 goals brought a 2-1 win—the first against EB Lions in 4 attempts—but, more importantly, three more points. With Caddington conceding the final match of the season we had to wait until the 26th to see if Kempston could take any points from their visit to Champions Selsey Rovers... (Result: Selsey 8 Kempston 5. Third place is ours!)



Firsts Just Give it Away

Easter Sunday should have brought the long-awaited clash between the bottom two teams in Division One of the North Home Counties League, 61 FC and Lea Sports PSG. However, on Easter Saturday just **five** first team players had made themselves available for the game, so for the third time this season the points were conceded.

One could ask why, when the League is arranging an Invitation Cup competition to provide extra fixtures, a league game is scheduled for Easter Sunday, but nevertheless this lack of commitment from the squad not only brings a hefty fine to the Club, but leaves both teams level on 4 points with 2 games each to go.

It's a good indication of how your season is going when a 5-2 defeat is regarded as a good result! So it was when the First XI played their last home fixture against Champions elect Club Lewsey Reserves. An early penalty gave the visitors the lead, but we managed to stay in touch and were trailing by 2-1 at half time after Ryan Lemon scored. In the second half Lewsey scored again, but we pegged them back to 3-2 after Mav Fuller scored. Two late goals gave the scoreline a more emphatic look. The result means that providing we don't lose our final game against St. Josephs by 9 goals or more we finish second from bottom...

In the end just 9 players, including the Manager, turned up for the final game vs. St. Josephs Reserves at Luton Sixth Form College. St. Joes lent us 2 players to make a game of it, but we ended up losing 5-3. Dn Little came out of goal for the last game and scored twice—one a diving header and the other a powerful drive. Ryan Lemon added the third. The result leaves Lea Sports and 61FC marooned on 4 points at the bottom of the table, but we finish above 61FC thanks to a slightly better goal difference: minus 42 against minus 48!

Definitely a season to forget for this group of players.

Fishercats End on a High

The Under 11 Fishercats went into their last 3 games knowing that realistically only 3 wins could save their chance of finishing runners-up. Unfortunately, the first of the 3 games was towards the end of the Easter holiday, with players absent, and was against the runaway Champions of Division 3, Sundon Athletic Whites. There was to be no miracle result on April 11 as the Fishercats conceded 11 without reply. The win is Sundon's 19th from their 19 league games and takes their goal difference to +107, so they are quite clearly in the wrong division. Although our own goal difference is reduced to zero by this result, if you deduct the 23 goals we have conceded against Sundon, our record against the rest of the division is very healthy.

April 18th brought a visit to Amptill Town, but no joy for the Fishercats as they went down 4-2 in their final away game of the season. Matthew Morton and Teddie Rowe-Trelford were the men on target. The final game of the season, at home to Barton Rovers Blues on April 25th, brought some happiness back to the team with a 5-1 win. The men on target were Ben Bayley and Matthew Blake with 2 each; Thomas Brown scoring the fifth. The win was enough to secure fourth place for the lads, ahead of Amptill Town in fifth.



Reserves

The Reserves played their final home match against Champions elect FC Houghton Reserves, who were fresh from their Reserve Cup Final win over Club Lewsey Reserves. Although the first third of the game was fairly even it was the visitors who struck first before half time. An injury to centre half Ollie Palmer made things more difficult for Lea Sports after the break and although Simon Mayes pulled a goal back, heading in at the far post from a free kick, the visitors struck 4 more times to record what was in the end an easy victory.

The Reserves make the trip to Houghton next week for the return fixture in their final game of the season.

YOUTH AWARDS DAY **Saturday May 16th in Pirton**

Awards for youth teams from the Under 7 Lions through to the Under 14 Leopards

Bar open from 4 pm through into the Evening.

Jaguars

The Under 9 Jaguars made it a completely miserable weekend for Manager Alan Scott as they made the trip to play AFC Kempston Colts 2 on April 12th. Having watched the Fishercats concede 11 the day before Alan then had to watch the Jaguars concede double figures for the first time this season as the home side romped to a 10-0 win.

Things didn't get any easier on April 19th as the team faced Brickhill Wanderers at home; the visitors scoring seven without reply.

Against Eastcotts in Pirton on April 26th the Jaguars looked to be heading for a win as they took a 3-1 lead with 2 goals from Samuel Bayley and one from Ollie Rowe-Trelford, but failures to clear the ball from inside the box led to 2 more Eastcotts goals. The visitors then went in front and it looked as though they would nick the game 4-3 until Samuel Bayley lashed a 25-yard shot into the far corner of the net to earn a deserved point.

Woohoo! Leopards Get a Point!

In their last home league game of the season the Under 14 Leopards picked up their first point of the campaign with a 3-3 draw at home to Leighton United Blues. Eason Ross scored and Bailey Summers got 2 as the Leopards broke their duck with 1 game to go. In the afternoon on April 26th the Leopards rounded off a miserable day for the Club by losing 1-0 to Barton Rovers—it meant 4 defeats and a draw from 5 matches. A final friendly on April 29th saw the team lose 6-10 to Henlow Colts. Scorers were Hendry (2), Mann, Narroway, Summers (2).



Lions Face a Tough Finish

The Under 7 Lions faced Flitwick Eagles Blues in Pirton on April 12th and scored four times through Jake C., Jamie W. and two from Jack F.. The tough April program continued with a trip to Dunstable Town for the sixth game against this opposition. Jack F. and Jamie W. were on target for the Lions.

April 26th saw Sacred Heart visit Pirton—the home side achieved strikes through Jacob J. and two from Jamie W. The lads have 2 more home fixtures in May to complete their program.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 43rd Annual General Meeting of Lea Sports PSG will be held at the Clubhouse in Pirton on Monday May 11th, starting at 7.30 pm.

Decisions will be take about which teams we will be running next year and which Leagues the teams will play in. Managers will also be appointed for next season’s campaign.

Although youth members are not entitled to vote, all members are welcome to attend and air their views on any subject important to the running of the Club.

Premier League Competition

See www.leasports.com/Datafiles/PremLgeComp/results.pdf

Just a few games to go in the Barclays Premiership and the relegation fight is intense, with Leicester pulling out of the bottom three, Villa improving but Hull and Newcastle still not safe.

In the competition things are just as tight, with sponsors Form IT making a late comeback. In fact, it’s so tight at the top that the two top positions are completely tied at the moment: both on 34 points, both with 5 correct forecasts and both with 8 teams one place out, so the final positions of Villa, Hull and Newcastle could be vital in determining who takes the money. Just 6 points separate the top 12.....

Correct Positions:		3	15	20	1	11	12	16	17	5	2	4	14	19	7	9	18	8	6	13	10	STANDARD CLUBS																							
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1	Nick Theodoulou	Farm.IT	3	0	11	4	20	0	1	0	10	1	6	6	15	1	14	3	4	1	2	0	5	1	16	2	19	0	8	1	13	4	17	1	9	1	7	1	18	5	12	7	34	5	8
2	Richard Brydon	Farm.IT	3	0	10	5	19	1	1	0	15	4	7	5	12	4	16	1	4	1	2	0	5	1	17	3	20	1	8	1	11	2	18	0	9	1	6	0	14	1	13	9	34	5	8
3	Luke Davey	Macec	3	0	12	3	20	0	1	0	17	6	6	6	14	2	19	2	4	1	2	0	5	1	11	3	18	1	9	2	10	1	16	2	8	0	7	1	15	2	13	3	36	5	5
4	James Springham	Gary Hysc	3	0	15	0	20	0	1	0	16	5	8	6	14	2	17	0	4	1	2	0	7	3	10	4	19	0	8	1	12	3	13	5	9	1	5	1	18	5	11	1	38	7	5
5	Terry Kintas	Farm.IT	3	0	16	1	17	3	1	0	15	4	7	5	10	6	18	1	5	0	2	0	4	0	19	5	20	1	8	1	13	4	14	4	9	1	6	0	12	1	11	1	38	6	7
6	David Springham	Gary Hysc	4	1	15	0	20	0	1	0	16	5	7	5	14	2	17	0	3	2	2	0	5	1	10	4	18	1	8	1	11	2	13	5	9	1	6	0	19	6	12	2	38	6	5
7	Joshua Hutchins	Gary Hysc	3	0	12	3	20	0	1	0	18	7	7	5	13	3	17	0	5	0	2	0	4	0	11	3	15	4	9	2	10	1	16	2	8	0	6	0	19	6	14	4	40	9	1
8	Peter Parker	Archio	3	0	9	6	20	0	1	0	19	8	7	5	15	0	18	1	4	1	2	0	5	1	11	3	17	2	12	5	10	1	15	3	8	0	6	0	13	0	14	4	40	8	4
9	Rose Hutchins	Gary Hysc	3	0	10	5	20	0	1	0	16	5	7	5	18	2	17	0	4	1	2	0	5	1	13	1	14	5	12	5	9	0	15	3	8	0	6	0	19	6	11	1	40	8	4
10	Mark Planner	Farm.IT	3	0	9	6	19	1	1	0	16	5	7	5	12	4	17	0	4	1	2	0	5	1	14	0	20	1	8	1	11	2	15	3	10	2	6	0	18	5	13	3	40	6	5
11	Kevan McCreesh	Farm.IT	3	0	10	5	19	1	1	0	17	6	7	5	12	4	18	1	6	1	2	0	4	0	13	1	20	1	8	1	11	2	16	2	14	6	5	1	15	2	9	1	40	4	8
12	Mark Bentley	Macec	4	1	9	6	20	0	2	1	14	3	7	5	13	3	19	2	3	2	1	1	5	1	17	3	18	1	8	1	10	1	16	2	12	4	6	0	15	2	11	1	40	2	8



CHANGING OF THE GUARD

New Managers Voted In

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After another disastrous season for the Sunday First Team, the Club's membership voted at the Club's Annual general Meeting on May 11th to elect Scott Morgan as the new First Team Manager, replacing Richard Masters, who has held the post for 2 years..



Scott has played for the Club since making his debut for the Saturday side in July 2000. He is a member of the '200 Club' having made a total of 247 appearances, 208 of those for the First Team. We wish him well with the difficult task ahead.



Under Seventeens' Continue for Another Season

After their excellent season in Division 1 of the Chiltern Youth League Manager Mahesh Bharwaney has confirmed that the Under Seventeens will continue as an Under 18 side next season. Mahesh hopes to compete in the Chiltern Youth League again, but if there are insufficient teams he will seek a new challenge in the Royston Crow League.



The Under 15 Leopards will also have a new hand at the helm, after Keith Narroway stood down as Manager. Coach Richard Robertson will take over for the new season, hoping to improve the fortunes of a team which managed just one league point this year.

It's a Comeback for the Panthers

As the Fishercats move up to play Under 12 football next season, Manager Alan Scott has confirmed that the team name will change to the Panthers.

Maybe they have longer claws and more powerful legs.....





Jaguars End With a Win



The Under 9 Jaguars ended their season with a friendly match at home to Blunham on Saturday May 9th. The change of day from their usual Sundays obviously did them good as they ran out 4-3 winners. On target were Luke Allen, Sam Chatterton, Joseph Winfield and Samuel Bayley, who scored his 29th goal in 22 outings for the team this season.

Lions Roaring to the End

The Under 7 Lions rounded off their season with two games against familiar foes: at home to Flitwick Eagles Whites on May 10th and Crawley Green on May 17th.

Blake C-G bagged his 4th goal of the season against Flitwick, while Jack F. and Noah K. continued their regular goalscoring form also (jack getting his 17th and Noah his 21st of the year). On May 17th the Lions had to come from 2-0 down in their final game at home to Crawley Green, but come back they did to end the season in fine style with goals from Jack F, Jacon J., Jamie W. and 2 from Noah K..



Say Hello to the Pumas



The 2015-16 Season should herald the appearance of the Under 7 Pumas, another side spawned from our regular Saturday morning sessions for 4-6 year-olds. Good luck to new Managers Chris Hone and Nick Flinn. Anyone interested in joining the team please get in touch.

Cougar's Season End With a Brave Fight

The Under 11 Cougars put in a battling performance in their last match of the season—away to Atletico Europa on May 3rd, but it wasn't quite enough as they went down 3-2. Ben Bayley scored his 13th goal for the Cougars this season and Teddie Rowe-Trelford grabbed the other.





Tigers an Endangered Species



Following their tough season, which yielded just 23 goals from their 18 games, Manager Russell Dermont fears he may have a struggle to get a side together for next season. Head of Youth Football Phil Toyer is scouting around for new players, but we need your help. If there are any Under 13 players out there, please get in touch.

Reserves Tip the Scales

The Reserves finished their campaign away to Division 3 Champions (and Reserve Cup Winners and Challenge Cup Winners) FC Houghton Reserves on May 3rd. Predictable the result did not go in our favour and a Ben Thomson goal (his 74th for the Club) was not enough to prevent a 6-1 defeat.



The defeat means that since 1973 across all age groups the Club has won 2,197 games, but has lost 2,198, with 637 draws. Bizarrely, the same difference applies to League matches only: we have won 1,516 and lost 1,517, with 504 draws! The Reserves themselves have won 444 of their 1,010 games, losing just 426. In league matches they have won 346 of 802 matches, losing 323 and drawing 133.

Premier League Competition

See www.leasports.com/Datafiles/PremLgeComp/results.pdf

The final weekend of the Premier league season brought a lot of anxious moments—not just for supporters of Newcastle United and Hull City, but also for the contenders to take the cash in this year’s Premier League Competition.



Wins for Crystal Palace, Spurs and Newcastle made crucial changes to the final positions of the teams in the top flight—and crucial changes in the destination of our top prize of £50.

Check out the Lea Sports website to see the final positions.

