

Lea Sports PSG Football Club



Veterans XI

2021 - 2022

Herts Veterans Super League Premier Division

Manager:	Dennis Townsend
Colours	Shirts: Red and Black stripes. Shorts: black.
Home Ground	The Recreation Ground, Pirton
Manager's Player	Lee McCulloch
Players' Player	Renan Ramos
Top Goalscorer	Mark Manangan (7)

Having finished runners-up last season, the Vets had high hopes of silverware in the revamped Herts Vets Super League. Their Premier League campaign started badly however with difficulties in getting a settled side out. Although there were some good performances, including the final match which ended in a close 3-2 defeat against Champions Tansley, it was too little and the team finished bottom on goal difference. The Veterans went through the season without drawing a game, just as they did last year. In fact their last draws were in the 2017-18 season, when they drew twice against Crawley Green, 4-4 and 6-6. The cup run was dramatic: after defeat in the quarter-final against Shefford, the Vets were re-instated into the competition only to concede their semi-final vs. Hatfield United after failing to raise a team.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Herts VSL Premier Division	14	4	0	10	25	42	28.6
League Cup	4	3	0	1	18	5	75.0
	18	7	0	11	43	47	38.9

	Premier Division	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
1.	Tansley	14	8	3	3	42	28	27
2.	Hatfield Utd.	14	8	2	4	36	32	26
3.	Bradmore Rovers	14	8	1	5	36	36	25
4.	Shefford Town	13	6	2	5	32	34	20
5.	Bushey Sports	14	6	1	7	41	40	19
6.	Stevenage	13	5	2	6	35	34	17
7.	Sandridge Rovers	14	3	3	8	26	27	12
8.	Lea Sports PSG	14	4	0	10	25	42	12

Veterans Manager's Report - 2021-22

After enjoying Top 3 success in our previous 6 seasons in the Mid-Herts Veterans League, this year we have struggled in the renamed Herts Veterans Super League. On the eve of the season we lost our main 2 strikers and a couple of our regular midfielders which proved a problem! Without goals it's hard to win games!

We won 3 from 7 home games and only 1 of our 7 away games in the league; many of those losses were by a single goal and on more than a few occasions were from winning positions which adds to the frustrations. Hanging on in a couple of those games would have had the table looking a lot healthier. A good 4-1 away win at Shefford and a spanking 5-2 win over our recent rivals Stevenage were the highlights! Second one especially including that rocket Strike from Martin!!

The cup bought us some better results as we finished in the top 2 in our group with some high scoring days, 7 against both Welwyn and Codicote. Unfortunately as a club we decided to pull out of the knockout stage as we were drawn with Hatfield who had bought us some, shall we say, 'unsavoury incidents' in earlier league games including a nasty leg break for Hayden.....we weren't the only team to avoid playing them!

As ever, even though the results haven't gone our way this year and the weather and finding pitches has been a pain in the bum it's still been an enjoyable campaign, we've had a few new bodies come into the team in Mark, Ren and Ben who have made a great impact. Our ever-dependables Macca, Kieryon, Andre, Martin, Karl, Randall, Rich T, Gaz, Den, Kev and Hayden have made sure we have always had a good team out every week with our other lads who play every other week stepping in nicely to keep up the quality and quantity!

We shared the goals around this year, Mark finished as our top scorer this season on 7, with Ren just behind on 5. Not only have these two been finding the back of the net but they work so hard for the team: a massive contribution from them this year.

Andre finished with the highest assists for the year on 8 including a brilliant 3 in one game, Kev and Ren were not far behind on 6 each, Next was Kieryon and Macca on 4 each then Randall and Andrew on 2 with 9 other players finishing with 1 each.

On the sidelines Mark and Ian have been brilliant as ever in supporting us with motivational speeches and linesman duties. Where would we be without them? Dennis is our main man: He is our treasurer, a big enough job on its own chasing everyone but he also fills in at meetings, lines the pitches and helps me out on match days on top of playing! Thank you so much mate.



Big Thanks to Randall for all his running around too; he's positioning himself nicely into the joint managers role for next season.

Finally on the days this season we actually got our first team squad out we showed what a good side we have. On the last day of the season we played Tansley who have done the double this year - we were easily the better side, matching them all over the park. As we get older the injuries last a bit longer and our lives get a bit more busy, so getting that side out on the pitch isn't always easy but as ever, and maybe more as you start to count the seasons down, you just appreciate being with the lads out on the grass that bit more than ever! Bring on next season!

A final Thank You to Steve for all his help and continued support for the Vets side. We really appreciate it mate. Hopefully with the use of Whitwell's pitch as well next season you will have less headaches with fixtures!



Have a great summer everyone.

Kev Cole

Veterans Appearances and Goalscorers - 2021-22

	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Maximum	18	43		
Kieryon Bonnard	0	1	60 (7)	5
David Byrne	3	0	3	0
Barry Clarke	3	1	18	12
Kevin Cole	12	0	22	0
Scott Ellis	3	0	11 (2)	0
Ben Fox	4	2	4	2
Chris Holmer	2	0	2	0
Andre Juraszek	11	4	31 (4)	20
Liam Leaning	2	0	9	0
Aaron Lewis	6	2	19	11
Chris Littlejohn	7	2	94 (25)	59
Dyson Littlewood	5	0	9	0
Hayden Littlewood	9	0	24	0
Mark Manangan	10	7	10	7
Lee McCulloch	11	1	24	4
Marcus McCulloch	5	0	16	0
Kev McGovern	2	0	44 (2)	2
Bobby McGrath	9	0	553 (52)	74
Karl Nugent	9	0	24 (1)	0
Charlie Oshunniyi	3	4	9	9
Martin Powell	8	2	12	2
Renan Ramos	13	5	27	13
Richard Randall	15	0	301 (73)	26
Gary Scott	13	3	27	9
Kris Stoten	6	1	11	1
Kevin Taylor	2	4	2	4
Richard Thornton	14	0	30	2
Adam Tiley	3	2	6	4
Dennis Townsend	9	0	18	0
Andrew Van Hoof	8	1	21 (13)	8
Mark Williams	3	1	219 (21)	112
Own Goals		0		
(31 Players)				

Appearances as substitute are in brackets

