

2020 - 2021

LEA SPORTS PSG

SEASON'S REVIEW



TEAMS

11-a-side

- Sunday Adults
- Saturday 1st XI
- Saturday 2nd XI
- Veterans XI
- Under 13 Lions
- Under 13 Lynx

9-a-side

- U12 Pumas Blacks
- U12 Pumas Reds
- U11 Cougars Blacks
- U11 Cougars Reds
- U11 Cougars Whites

7-a-side

- U10 Bobcats
- U9 Jaguars

5-a-side

- U7 Sabres

Lea Sports PSG Football Club

Established: 1973

A Football Association Charter Standard Development Club



CLUB PERFORMANCE 2020-2021

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
<i>Sunday First XI</i>	18	5	4	9*	33	52	38.9
<i>Saturday First XI</i>	22	12	4	6**	65	46	63.6
<i>Saturday Second XI</i>	18	4	1	13	39	48	25.0
<i>Veterans XI</i>	17	12	0	5	53	29	70.6
<i>Under 13 Lions</i>	13	4	5	4	36	29	50.0
<i>Under 13 Lynx</i>	1	0	1	0	2	2	50.0
Total 11-a-side:	89	37	15	37	228	206	50.0
9-A-SIDE							
<i>Under 12 Pumas Blacks</i>	17	9	2	6	51	35	58.8
<i>Under 12 Pumas Reds</i>	18	5	2	11	42	55	33.3
<i>Under 11 Cougars Blacks</i>	19	5	2	12	46	75	31.6
<i>Under 11 Cougars Reds</i>	21	15	4	2	95	43	81.0
<i>Under 11 Cougars Whites</i>	24	13	2	9	125	76	58.3
7-A-SIDE							
<i>Under 10 Bobcats</i>	27	14	7	6	85	59	64.8
<i>Under 9 Jaguars</i>	20	14	1	5	85	50	72.5
5-A-SIDE							
<i>Under 7 Sabres</i>	20	13	0	7	108	55	65.0
Total Mini-Soccer:	166	88	20	58	637	448	59.0
TOTAL:	255	125	35	95	865	654	55.9

*Includes defeat on penalties (7-8). **Includes defeat on penalties (2-3).

President's Report

Another crazy, disrupted season, with most hopes of league or cup success dashed before Christmas, nevertheless the Club managed to play over 250 matches, with a success rate of over 55%. The 9-a-side teams alone managed to play 99 games, scoring over 350 goals, so the season was not a complete washout!

We managed to play in 2 Cup Finals: the Veterans played in the Final of the 2019-20 season League Cup Final, but did a bit of a Watford on the day, losing 6-0 to Stevenage on a day when everything that could go wrong did go wrong. On the other hand, the Under 9 Jaguars were triumphant in the Final of the Chiltern Junior Sevens Autumn Cup, winning their Final against Stopsley Tornados 4-1.

Some of the leagues arranged abbreviated league programs or supplementary cup competitions when pandemic restrictions were lifted at Easter. The Veterans finished in runners-up place in the Mid-Herts Veterans League, whilst the Saturday First XI finished top of their group in the Bedfordshire County League supplementary cup, before losing in a penalty shoot-out in the semi-final against an otherwise unbeaten Sharnbrook.

Our newest team, the Under 7 Sabres, had an excellent first season, winning 13 of their 20 matches and dishing out one or two real thumpings along the way. A number of other new players joined us during the season, taking the total number of players who have appeared for Lea Sports since 1973 to over 2,100. The Club also reached a milestone of 20,000 goals scored – see the article about this later in the magazine.

Off the field developments are still planned, even if things are not happening as quickly as I would sometimes like. The project to build a new Clubhouse is still progressing – there are designs for a new building to replace our beloved old site hut, but the finance has still to be finalised and we may not see a shovel in the ground for another 18-24 months; still, we live in hope!

We have tried to increase parking at the Rec and my thanks go to those members who braved the pandemic and helped spread hardcore on our new car-park extension. A new bench has also been installed in the football stand and we have invested in new portable goalposts for our senior teams as well as new training lights, with lots of Football Foundation funding, for our junior sides.

Much Football Foundation funding has also been forthcoming for the maintenance and improvement of the pitches at Pirton Rec. My thanks go to Nathan Moorhouse for taking the lead on this project. The actual work has been restricted so far, mostly because of the pandemic and a wet winter, but a program is in place for continued improvements over the next year or so.

We hope to welcome another new Under 7 team next season – we would like to hire pitches outside Pirton to help expand the Club, but these are hard to come by (if you know anywhere, please get in touch).

In the meantime we all hope for an uninterrupted 2021-22 season – the Club's 49th since its humble beginnings as a junior schoolteachers' team in Luton in 1973. Have a good one!

Steve Smith

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Lea Sports PSG - Honours

PLAYING AWARDS

Bedfordshire County Cup Competitions (Adults)

1974-75	Sun.1 st	Sunday Lower Junior Cup Semi-Finalists
1975-76	Sun.1 st	Sunday Lower Junior Cup Finalists
1991-92	Sun.1 st	Sunday Junior Cup Quarter Finalists
1993-94	Sun.2 nd	Centenary Cup Quarter Finalists
1994-95	Sun.2 nd	Centenary Cup Finalists
2009-10	Sun.2 nd	Sunday Lower Junior Cup Semi-Finalists
2010-11	Sat.1 st	Junior Challenge Cup Winners

East Bedfordshire Junior Charity Cup (Adults)

2014-15	Sat.1 st	Finalists
2015-16	Sat.1 st	Finalists

Hertfordshire County Cup Competitions (Adults)

2011-12	Sun.1 st	Intermediate Cup Semi-Finalists
2016-17	Sat.1 st	Junior Cup Semi-Finalists
2017-18	Sat.1 st	Junior Cup Semi-Finalists

North Home Counties Sunday League

1982-83	Sun.1 st	Luton News Cup Quarter Finalists
1990-91	Sun.1 st	Division 3 Champions
1994-95	Sun.2 nd	Luton News Cup Semi-Finalists
	Sun.2 nd	Division 5 Champions
2001-02	Sun.1 st	Division 3 Champions
2003-04	Sun.2 nd	Reserve Cup Semi-Finalists
2004-05	Sun.2 nd	Reserve Cup Semi-Finalists
2008-09	Sun.2 nd	Division 4 Champions
	Sun.1 st	Challenge Cup Finalists
	Sun.1 st	Division 2 Runners-Up
2009-10	Sun.2 nd	Reserve Cup Semi-Finalists
2010-11	Sun.2 nd	Jack Coyle Trophy (Res.Cup) Finalists
	Sun.2 nd	Challenge Cup Finalists
2014-15	Sun.2 nd	Challenge Cup Semi-Finalists
2017-18	Sun.1 st	Division 3 Runners-Up
2018-19	Sun.1 st	Division 2 Runners-Up

Luton Sunday League

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

South Beds.Sunday League

1999-00	Sun.3 rd	Division 1 Cup Finalists
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North Hertfordshire Football Association

1997-98	Sat.1 st	Premier Division Runners-Up
	Sat.1 st	Greg Cup Finalists

Luton District & South Beds. League

2001-02	Sat.1 st	Invitation Subsidiary Cup Winners
	Sat.2 nd	Reserve Cup Semi-Finalists

Bedfordshire County League

2010-11	Sat.1 st	Jubilee Cup Finalists (<i>expelled for ineligible player in semi-final</i>).
	Sat.1 st	Division 2 Champions
2014-15	Sat.1 st	Division 3 Runners-Up
2020-21	Sat.1 st	Supplementary Cup Semi-finalists

Mid Hertfordshire Veterans League

2019-20	Vets	League Cup Finalists
2020-21	Vets	League Runners-Up
		League Cup Semi-finalists

Premier Computer Supplies Invitation Cup

1989	Sun.1 st	Cup Winners
1995	Sun.1 st	Cup Winners
2008	Sun.1 st	Cup Winners
2011	Sun.1 st	Cup Winners
2012	Sun.1 st	Cup Winners
2014	Sun.1 st	Cup Winners

County Cup Competitions (Youth)

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

Chiltern Youth League

1992-93	Under 15	Division 2 Runners-Up
1998-99	Under 10	Division 2 Runners-Up
1999-00	Under 14A	Division 2 Champions
		League Cup Semi-Finalists
2001-02	Under 13	Division 2 Runners-Up
2002-03	Under 14	League Cup Semi-finalists
2003-04	Under 13	Division 3 Runners-Up
2004-05	Under 11	Division 3 Champions
2005-06	Under 14	Division 3 Champions
	Under 11	Division 1 Runners-Up
		League Cup Winners
2006-07	Under 12	Division 1 Runners-Up
2008-09	Under 11	Division 2 Champions
	Under 12	Division 2 Runners-Up
2010-11	Under 17	Division 2 Champions
2011-12	Under 14	Division 5 Runners-Up
2013-14	Under 16	Division 3 Runners-Up
2014-15	Under 17	League Cup Semi-Finalists
	Under 11	Division 4 Runners-Up

Bedford Colts League

1994-95	Under 17	Division 1 Champions
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Royston Crow League

2001-02	Under 16A	League Cup Finalists
2012-13	Under 18	Division 1 Champions
2013-14	Under 18	Division 1 Champions

Bedfordshire Mini-Soccer League

2007-08	Under 11	League Cup Winners
2012-13	Under 10	Division 3 Champions
	Under 9	League Cup Semi-finalists

NON-PLAYING AWARDS

Chiltern Junior Sevens League

2013-14	Under 10	Division 3 Runners-Ups League Trophy Finalists
2015-16	U7 Pumas	Spring Cup Finalists

Beds Saturday Youth League

2016-17	U13 Panthers	Plate Semi-Finalists
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Other Youth Competitions

1992-93	Under 13	Willen 'World Cup' Plate Winners
	Under 15	Willen 'World Cup' Semi-Finalists
	Under 15	Willen 'World Cup' Fair Play Award
2006-07	Under 12	Flitwick Tournament Winners Luton Town Tournament Winners
2008-09	Under 14	Flitwick Tournament Winners

Netball

1989-90	Luton & Dunstable Assoc. Division 2 Champions
1992-93	Luton & Dunstable Assoc. Division 1 Champions
1995-96	League Cup Finalists (L & D Netball Assoc.)

Five-a-Side

1986-87	Luton Parks Adult Plate Winners
1990-91	Stopsley Regional League Division 2 Runners-Up
1991-92	Luton Parks Ladies Plate Winners Stopsley Regional Summer Tournament Winners
1992-93	Stopsley Regional League Cup Finalists Luton Parks Adult Semi-Finalists (6th) Luton Parks Under 16 Semi-Finalists (3rd) Luton Parks Ladies Winners Stopsley Regional Summer Tournament Winners
1993-94	Stopsley Reg. Lge. Division 1 Champions Stopsley Regional Summer Tournament Winners Luton Parks U/12 Runners-Up
1994-95	Stopsley Regional League Cup Winners Luton Irish Tournament Winners
1995-96	Stopsley Regional Lge. Division 1 Champions Stopsley Regional Summer Tournament Winners
2001-02	Leighton Foxes Plate Winners (Under 13)
2004-05	Amphill Boys 6-a-side Winners (Under 14)

Bedfordshire F.A. Disciplinary Awards

1st XI	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
	1985-86	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
2nd XI	1982-83	1983-84	1986-87	1987-88
	1989-90	1990-91		
3rd XI	1989-90	1994-95	1995-96	
Youth	1991-92			

Fair Play & Administration Awards

1989-90	North Home Counties Fair-Play League Winners
1990-91	Luton Sunday League Award (Division 1)
1991-92	Luton Sunday League – Best Run Club
1992-93	Luton Sunday League Award (Division 2) Chiltern Youth Sportsmanship Award (Under 18)
1993-94	Luton Sunday League – Best Run Club
1994-95	Chairman's Award (Luton & District League) Finalists Luton Sports Club of the Year
1995-96	Luton Sunday League Fair Play Award Luton Sunday League – Best Run Club
1999-00	North Home Counties Fair-Play League Winners
2001-02	Hitchin Sunday League Runners-Up (3 rd XI)
2002-03	Chiltern Youth Sportsmanship Award Chiltern Youth Sportsmanship Award (Under 17)
2008-09	Chiltern Youth Sportsmanship Award (Under 12) North Home Counties Kitson Sportsman's Cup
2012-13	Nomination for Hitchin Comet Team of the Year (Under 18 Fireharks)
2013-14	Chiltern Youth Sportsmanship Award (Under 16) Beds Mini-Soccer Sportsmanship Award (U10,U8)
2015-16	Chiltern Youth Sportsmanship Award (Under 18) Beds Mini-Soccer Fair-Play Award (U10) Beds Mini-Soccer Fair-Play Runners Up (U7)
2016-17	Chiltern Youth Administration Award
2017-18	Chiltern Youth Sportsmanship (U14 Cougars)
2019-20	Hitchin Sunday League Fair Play (Sunday 1 st XI)

Individual Awards

1982-83	Luton Parks Adult Members' Trophy (Steve Smith)
1988-89	Luton Parks Adult Members' Trophy (Steve Smith)
1992-93	Luton Council Long Service Award (Steve Smith)
1993-94	Ron Cox Trophy (Secretary's Award) (Steve Smith)
2008-09	N.H.C. Ron Cox Memorial Cup (Phil Thompson) N.H.C. League Top Scorer (Phil Thompson)
2011-12	Herts FA Long-Service Award (Steve Smith)
2012-13	Beds Mini-Soccer League Admin Award (S.Smith)

ELEVEN-A-SIDE TEAMS 2020-2021

2020-21	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%	Manager	Top Scorer
Sunday 1 st	18	5	4	9	33	52	38.9	Paul MacLennan	Tom Newland 10
Saturday 1 st	22	12	4	6*	65	46	63.6	Nathan Moorhouse	Joe Hennem 23
Saturday 2 nd	18	4	1	13	39	48	25.0	Alex Bailey	Geo.Calvert, James Lovett 5
Veterans	17	12	0	5	53	29	70.6	Dennis Townsend	Barry Clarke 11
Under 13 Lions	13	4	5	4	36	29	50.0	Alex Cardy	Jake Cardy 9
Under 13 Lynx	1	0	1	0	2	2	50.0	Kevin Fuller/ Matt Greening	-
	89	37	15	37	228	206	50.0		

*includes defeat on penalties (2-4)

Golden Boot Winner: Joe Hennem 23 goals

Lea Sports PSG Football Club



Sunday First XI

2020 - 2021

Hitchin Sunday League Division 2

Manager:	Paul MacLennan
Colours	Shirts: Red and black stripes. Shorts: black.
Home Ground	The Recreation Ground, Pirton.
Manager's Player	Matt Day
Players' Player	Tom Trenchard
Top Goalscorer	Tom Newland (10)

The First Team's season began and ended with matches against Boca Seniors: the first was a home friendly in August 2020 which brought a 5-0 defeat; the second a cup match in May 2021 which brought a 5-4 win. In between were just 7 league games because of the pandemic – we won 3 and drew 2 of those. The Challenge Cup brought another penalty shoot-out defeat, 8-7 to The Cock. Tom Newland top-scored for the tenth season in a row and moves above Jamie Richards into fifth place in the all-time list of Lea Sports goalscorers.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
League	7	3	2	2	12	13	57.1
Subsidiary Cup Group B	5	2	1	2	11	14	50.0
Challenge Cup	1	0	0	1*	7	8	0.0
George John Cup	1	0	0	1	0	4	0.0
Friendlies	4	0	1	3	3	13	12.5
	18	5	4	9*	33	52	38.9

*Includes defeat on penalties (8-7)

	Subsidiary Cup Group B	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
1.	Stevenage Athletic	5	5	0	0	15	6	15
2.	FC Kings	5	3	0	2	10	10	9
3.	Lea Sports PSG	5	3	0	2	11	14	9
4.	BOCA Seniors	5	2	0	3	12	12	6
5.	Sandon	5	1	1	3	3	1	4
6.	Ashwell	5	0	1	4	6	14	1

Date	Opponents			Scorers	Competition
23 Aug 20	Boca Seniors	H	0-5	-	Friendly
30 Aug 20	Albion FC	H	2-2	Cox, Newland	Friendly
06 Sep 20	Excel	A	0-3	-	Friendly
09 Sep 20	Coach and Horses	H	1-3	Taylor	Friendly
13 Sep 20	Almond Tree	H	1-0	Newland	Division 2
20 Sep 20	GSS	A	3-1	Clarke, Cox, Whitehead	Division 2
27 Sep 20	Bufs FC	H	2-2	Newland (2)	Division 2
18 Oct 20	Ashwell	A	1-3	Newland	Division 2
25 Oct 20	The Cock	H	0-0 pens. 7-8	Cox, Day, Lane, Oakman, O'Brien, Taylor, Whitehead	Challenge Cup 1
01 Nov 20	Royston Utd.	H	0-3	-	Division 2
06 Dec 20	The Cock FC	A	2-2	Newland, Taylor	Division 2
13 Dec 20	Bufs FC	A	3-2	Day, Newland (2)	Division 2
04 Apr 21	Arlesey Town	H	0-4	-	George John Cup 1
18 Apr 21	FC Kings	H	1-4	Day,J.	Subsid. Cup Grp B
28 Apr 21	Stevenage Ath.	A	2-4	Day,J., Newland	Subsid. Cup Grp B
05 May 21	Sandon	H	w/o		Subsid. Cup Grp B
09 May 21	Ashwell	A	3-2	Cox, Newland, Pilsworth	Subsid. Cup Grp B
16 May 21	Boca Seniors	A	5-4	Clarke, Day,J., O'Brien, Taylor, Whitehead	Subsid. Cup Grp B

	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Maximum	18	33		
Jack Baggett	1 (1)	0	234 (54)	73
Tom Bensley	2 (5)	0	2 (5)	0
Craig Charlton	1	0	2	0
Tyron Clarke	10 (3)	1	76 (18)	34
Tom Cowan	1 (2)	0	1 (2)	0
George Cox	0 (2)	1	0 (2)	1
Steve Cox	7 (6)	4	24 (10)	10
Andrew Davies	1 (2)	0	1 (2)	0
Johnny Day	12 (3)	5	29 (6)	12
Matt Day	11 (1)	0	310 (33)	17
Marek Diduszko	9 (1)	0	219 (30)	9
Kieran Duff	10 (4)	0	112 (48)	15
Ross Garland	2 (3)	0	2 (3)	0
Steve Goodman	8 (5)	0	97 (26)	21
Paul Gregory	9 (6)	0	14 (10)	2
Michael Lane	0 (6)	1	0 (6)	1
Dan Little	9 (3)	0	241 (12)	2
Andy Mackintosh	7 (3)	0	16 (6)	0
Paul MacLennan	0 (1)	0	168 (114)	13
James Maple	6	0	8 (3)	0
Tom Newland	14 (1)	10	206 (10)	193
Steve Oakman	12	1	12	1
Darren O'Brien	11 (3)	2	95 (13)	6
Mitchell Pilsworth	3 (2)	1	3 (2)	1
Asher Rivenell	2 (4)	0	18 (20)	3
Warren Schmidt	1	0	1	0
Luke Taggart	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	0
James Taylor	12	4	27 (48)	5
Tommy Trenchard	14 (2)	0	14 (2)	0
Jon Whitehead	11 (2)	3	359 (14)	108
Own Goals		0		
30 players				

Sunday First XI - Season report 2020/2021

After 4 tough friendlies at the end of August and into early September, the season kicked off on the 13th September against The Almond Tree from Stevenage. After a tough game we came away with a 1-0 win. The following week, another good win against GSS 3-1. A draw against The Buffs 2 - 2 at the end of September, before our first loss against Ashwell - 3-1 in the middle of October, in a game we dominated especially in the second half.

The 1st cup game (Challenge Cup) at the end of October saw us come up against The Cock, a team in our division. After a 0-0 result at the end of 90 minutes the inevitable penalty shoot saw us lose 7-8, keeping up our dismal results with penalty shoot outs.

Another defeat against a very good Royston side saw us lose 3-0. Royston would go unbeaten in the league until the end of December and would have probably won the league if it had continued. After a month's break, due to cup competitions taking place our next game came against The Cock again, this time in the league. Another draw 2-2. Our last game before the Christmas break and the enforced lock down saw us come away with a 3 -2 win against The Buffs, a game which we dominated from start to finish. The score could have been greater with the chances we created. Unfortunately another Covid lockdown through the first 3 months of 2021, put paid to any more league games taking place.

A Subsidiary cup was introduced in place of the league games. We were placed in a very tough group (3 from the 1st division, 1 from the 2nd Division and 1 from the 3rd Division).

Our first game back in early April saw us play Arlesey in the George John cup. After a fairly even first half, Arlesey went on to win 4-0. The next 2 games in the Subsidiary cup saw us come up against FC Kings and Stevenage Athletic, both from Division 1. Both games ended in defeat 4-1 and 4-2 respectively, but we gave a good account of ourselves in both games and created a good number of chances that were not quite taken to give the score lines a closer margin.

Our next game against Sandon, was unfortunately called off by Sandon as they could not get a side out for a midweek game, so we moved onto Ashwell which saw us come away with a 3-2 win. Our last game in a disrupted season was against another Division 1 side Boca Seniors. Ended the season with a 5-4 win and finishing 3rd in the Subsidiary league.

Many thanks for this Season go to our chief scout Kieran Duff for bringing in many new players.

Nathan for all his work regarding the pitch, pitch markers and Covid related items required for getting football back on.

Catherine for supplying all the Covid paperwork and Risk assessments for us to enable getting football back up and running.

Steve as always, for maintenance of the facilities, organising meetings etc and everything that is required to keep football across all age groups running smoothly.

Thank you to all the players for their efforts during the season and everyone involved with the club at all age groups with maintaining all the Covid regulations during the long season.

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Lea Sports PSG Football Club



Saturday First XI	2020 - 2021
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Bedfordshire County League Division One

Manager:	Nathan Moorhouse
Colours	Shirts: Red and Black stripes. Shorts: black.
Home Ground	The Recreation Ground, Pirton
Manager's Player	Ryan Darby
Players' Player	Milton Tomlinson-Dennis
Top Goalscorer	Joe Hennem (23)
Goal of the Season	Daniel Maddox

The season was ended prematurely at Christmas by the COVID-19 pandemic, with the team sitting top of the league and with high hopes. After the resumption at Easter the team finished top of its qualifying group in the Supplementary Cup, but went out in the semi-final in a close penalty shoot-out after a 2-2 draw with Sharnbrook. The Hennem brothers scored almost half the team's goals, with Joe getting 23 and Rob 8 out of a total of 65.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Beds. County League Div.1A	7	5	0	2	25	12	71.4
Supplementary Cup	8	6	0	2 ⁺	27	20	72.2
Void Match	1	0	1	0	3	3	50.0
Friendlies	5	1	2	2	10	11	40.0
	21	12	3	6	65	46	64.3

	Supp.Cup Group 2B	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
1.	Lea Sports PSG	8	7 [*]	0	1 ⁺	23	15	21
2.	Stopsley United	8	5	1	2	22	9	16
3.	Pitstone & Ivinghoe Utd.Res.	8	3	0	5	12	19	9
4.	St. Josephs	8	2	1	5	9	15	7
5.	Pines (Luton)	8	2	0	6	6	14	6

^{*}Includes 1 game awarded. The home match with St. Josephs finished 3-3, but St. Josephs had fielded an ineligible player and the match was awarded to Lea Sports PSG with a 0-0 scoreline.

⁺Includes defeat on penalties 2-3.

Date	Opponents			Scorers	Competition
20 Aug 20	Crawley Green U23	H	1-3	Hennem,J.	Friendly
22 Aug 20	St. Josephs	H	2-2	Hennem, R., Higley	Friendly
05 Sep 20	Crawley Green U23	A	3-3	Dixon (3)	Friendly
12 Sep 20	Riseley Sports	H	1-2	Haughney	Friendly
19 Sep 20	Bush Memorial	H	3-1	Dixon, Hennem,J., Tomlinson-Dennis	Friendly
03 Oct 20	St. Josephs	A	1-6	Tomlinson-Dennis	Division 1A
10 Oct 20	Wilstead Res.	H	8-0	Darby, Hennem,J.(2), Hennem,R., Higley,A., Higley,G., Tomlinson-Dennis, Tyler	Division 1A
17 Oct 20	Totternhoe Res.	H	3-1	Haughney, Hennem,J., Hennem,R.	Division 1A
24 Oct 20	Wilstead Res.	A	2-0	Higley,G., Hennem,J.	Division 1A
31 Oct 20	AFC Kempston Town & Beds College Res.	A	7-0	England, Haughney, Hennem,J.(2), Thompson-Boyle, Tomlinson-Dennis, o.g.	Division 1A
05 Dec 20	Arlesey Town (EJA) U23	A	3-2	Hennem,J.(3)	Division 1A
12 Dec 20	Eaton Park Rangers	H	1-3	Tomlinson-Dennis	Division 1A
10 Apr 21	Pitstone & Ivinghoe Utd.Res.	A	3-2	Davies (2), Hennem,J.	Supp. Cup B
17 Apr 21	Pines (Luton)	H	3-2	Haughney, Hennem,J.(2)	Supp. Cup B
21 Apr 21	Stopsley Utd.	H	5-3	Dixon, Hennem,J.(4)	Supp. Cup B
24 Apr 21	Pines (Luton)	A	4-0	Hennem,J., Hennem,R., Tyler, o.g.	Supp. Cup B
01 May 21	Pitstone & Ivinghoe Utd.Res.	H	5-1	Darby, Hennem J.(2), Hennem R., Tyler	Supp. Cup B
03 May 21	St. Josephs	H	3-3	Dixon, Hennem,J., Hennem,R.	Supp. Cup B
05 May 21	Stopsley Utd.	A	0-5	(played in Pirton)	Supp. Cup B
08 May 21	St. Josephs	A	3-2	Hennem,J., Hennem,R., Tomlinson-Dennis	Supp. Cup B
15 May 21	Sharnbrook	H	2-2 pens : 2-3	Haughney, Tomlinson-Dennis. Pens: Darby, Hennem,R.	Supp. Cup Semi-Final

	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Maximum	22	65		
Alex Bailey	0 (1)	0	22 (18)	4
Warren Bell	0 (2)	0	142 (22)	83
Lewis Billington	5 (3)	0	43 (5)	1
Ryan Darby	17 (2)	3	196 (9)	57
Cameron Davies	21	2	21	2
Ryan Devlin	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	0
Sean Dixon	7 (8)	6	96 (46)	39
Thomas Doran	0 (5)	0	87 (20)	5
Josh England	11	1	30 (2)	3
Mark Garrett	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
Stuart Garrett	15 (4)	0	91 (12)	1
Callum Giles	0 (1)	0	38 (2)	2
James Haughney	10 (5)	5	31 (9)	5
Joe Hennem	19	23	153 (1)	132
Rob Hennem	19	8	180 (11)	23
Alfie Higley	6 (8)	2	8 (21)	0
George Higley	14	2	66 (2)	9
Tom Higley	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
Lisian Isufaj	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
Dan Little	10	0	241 (12)	2
Daniel Maddox	4 (5)	0	13 (24)	0
Daniel Picton	9 (3)	0	9 (3)	0
Ashley Thompson-Boyle	4 (9)	1	4 (9)	1
Milton Tomlinson-Dennis	21	7	40 (2)	21
Wil Tyler	11 (6)	3	92 (30)	32
James Wildey	0 (1)	0	32 (7)	0
Richard Wyatt	16 (3)	0	112 (42)	4
Charlie Yates	11	0	20 (4)	1
Own Goals		2		
28 players				



3-2 Away win against Arlesey Town U23 in our "Alternate Kit"

A season of stop and start, slightly shorter in length, interrupted everytime we got some rhythm but somehow we just kept on going. Pre season preparation was full of will we ever get this league started with no definite start date our division split into two leagues and no county cup to contend for it was always difficult to motivate the players and this was probably the underlying factor behind our opening day drumming at the hands of St Joes (6-1). This seemed to wake the lads up and we went on a run of 5 straight wins against the likes of Wilstead twice, Totternhoe, AFC Bedford town, Arlesey Town U23 scoring 26 goals and conceding just 3 before we met Eaton Park Rangers and we crashed to a 3-1 home defeat thanks to a biased clubs linesman. Then the second wave hit, the decision nobody wanted which meant we had to sit and stew on that result for 4 months. The league was curtailed and we were top of it, a season that looked so promising interrupted again.

During this time Rob Hennem and Tom Doran put together some exercises and a running club for the lads to complete to keep us at the top of our game and on the 10th April we returned in a Europa League style competition called the "Supplementary Cup", placed in Division 2B with St Joes, Stopsley United, Pitstone and Pines it was going to be a struggle an 8 game league home and away fixtures which meant 8 games in 4 weeks, at one point 4 games in 9 days and even our kit washer was feeling the heat. The lads pulled through with 6 wins, a home walkover (due to an illegible player) and a 5-3 defeat to Stopsley united and what looked like a tough draw was suddenly made to look like light work. Joe Hennem and Milton performing miracles and this set us up for a tough tie in the Semi Final at home to Sharnbrook, a team unbeaten in their original league format and this wasn't going to be easy.

We were 1-0 down inside 2 minutes in front of a capacity social distanced crowd down at the rec but this didn't stop us going 2-0 down by close of the first half. The lads were shattered, the games had taken their toll and the news that the pubs were open ringing in their ears it looked as if we really couldn't wait to get the next 45 minutes over as quick as possible. A quick tactical change at half time saw Jimmy "the spud" enter the frame, he had played a combined total of 30 minutes in the last 2 games despite walking on in both games at half time owing to sinbins but my passing words as I subbed him on were "don't talk to the ref jim". He changed the game a forward impetus saw us pull one back and then a second with 10 to go and we had Sharnbrook rocking. 90 minutes came and it went to penalties and well, Pirton doesn't do penalties. 4-2 and the season ended in a flash. Did we expect to come through the tough group in the first place probably not? Did we push a team that didn't lose for 22 games and went on to win the whole Europa League style tournament right to the final whistle and almost cause an upset, yes we did.

Next season we look to strengthen, as we get ourselves fit and we go again but not before a lengthy break... In the pub watching the Euros (Its coming home!)

A massive Thank you to all the lads for their commitment over the 8 game tournament and a huge congratulations to Joe Hennem who secured the Top Goalscorer in all 5 divisions with 21 goals in 16 games.

Pos	Player Name	Team	Appearances	Overall Goals	Goals	Penalties	Assists	Yellow Cards	Red Cards	Second Yellow Card	Sin Bin	Starts
1	Joe Hennem	Lea Sports PSG Saturday First	16	21	21							16
2	Marcel Buruiana	Sporting Carpathians First	15	19	19			2				14
3	Marcin Bator	FC Polonia (Luton) First	15	17	17							15
4	Perry Connolly	Marston Shelton Rovers Reserves	12	17	16	1					1	10
5	Chisom Amadi	AFC Oakley First	10	15	15							10

Nathan Moorhouse

Saturday Second XI	2020 - 2021
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Bedfordshire County League Division 3
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Manager:	Alex Bailey
Colours	Shirts: Red with Black trim. Shorts: black.
Home Ground	The Recreation Ground, Pirton
Manager's Player	Callum Giles
Players' Player	Ryan Fitt
Clubman	David Hutton
Top Goalscorers	George Calvert, James Lovett (5)
Goal of the Season	Ryan Spence

The Saturday Reserve side found the going tough after their promotion to Division 3. They lost 6 of the 7 games played, although all matches were close and they had just recorded their first win when the league campaign had to be abandoned. The resumption of football at Easter 2021 saw them in a difficult Supplementary Cup Group and again they recorded just the one win.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Beds. County League Div.3	7	1	0	6	9	18	14.3
Supplementary Cup Group D	6	1	1	4	10	17	25.0
Friendlies	5	2	0	3	20	13	40.0
	18	4	1	13	39	48	25.0

	Supp. Cup Group D	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
1.	Real Haynes Res.	6	4	1	1	17	11	13
2.	Shefford Town & Campton 'B'	6	3	3	0	15	7	12
3.	Flitwick Town 'A'	6	1	1	4	11	18	4
4.	Lea Sports PSG Res.	6	1	1	4	10	17	4

Saturday Reserves – Season Report 2020/2021

Following what can only be described as a turbulent and confusing year for football, it has been rather difficult to build upon the recent successes of our first competitive season having gained promotion.

We have noticed an improvement in the level and consistency of our opposition and despite the poor run of results, we were equal to it in our performances. Considering the majority of our squad's introduction to adult football was our inaugural season it often showed that experience went a long way in securing points at this level. As a result, this season has been by far our most valuable in terms of player development and lays a good foundation going forward.

We saw the introduction of some new key figures giving a much-needed boost to our squad. One being our goalkeeper Ryan Fitt. Ryan's consistency has been excellent throughout the season pulling of many vital saves throughout the course of the year. We also managed to get James Lovett fit and saw a good goal return in the latter stages of the season which kept us competitive. Whilst I can't name every player, the most pleasing thing about this season was the level of commitment. With results hard to find not a single player gave in and that says a lot about the character of the group.

We look forward to a more normal season (hopefully) next year.

Up The Sports!

Alex Bailey

Date	Opponents			Scorers	Competition
08 Aug 20	Revivalist FC	H	11-0	Bean,A.(2), Bean,R., Bell (3), Calvert (2), Nicholson, Noonan, Rankin	Friendly
22 Aug 20	Real Haynes Res.	A	1-3	Bean,R.	Friendly
05 Sep 20	Lancot Park	A	1-2	David	Friendly
19 Sep 20	Eaton Park Rangers	A	1-6	Lovett	Friendly
26 Sep 20	Shefford & Campton B	A	6-2	Bell, David, Lovett, Tomlinson-Dennis (3)	Friendly
03 Oct 20	Brickhill Wanderers	A	0-4	-	Division 3
10 Oct 20	Luton Allstars	A	2-4	Rankin, Spence	Division 3
17 Oct 20	St. Johns (Luton)	A	2-3	Nicholson, Rankin	Division 3
24 Oct 20	St. Johns (Luton)	H	1-2	Calvert	Division 3
31 Oct 20	Luton Leagrave AFC	H	0-1	-	Division 3
05 Dec 20	Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	H	4-2	Calvert, Spence, Stephenson	Division 3
12 Dec 20	Polonia (Luton)	A	0-2	-	Division 3
10 Apr 21	Real Haynes Res.	H	2-3	Palmer, Rankin	Supp. Cup D
14 Apr 21	Flitwick Town 'A'	H	3-1	Driver, Lovett (2)	Supp. Cup D
16 Apr 21	Shefford Town & Campton 'B'	A	1-1	Hutton	Supp. Cup D
21 Apr 21	Real Haynes Res.	A	1-2	Giles	Supp. Cup D
01 May 21	Flitwick Town 'A'	A	2-6	Hutton, Lovett	Supp. Cup D
03 May 21	Shefford Town & Campton 'B'	H	1-4	Bailey	Supp. Cup D

Saturday Reserves –Appearances

(Appearances as substitute in brackets)

	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Maximum	18	39		
Alexander Bailey	4 (12)	1	22 (18)	4
Scott Bayliss	16 (1)	0	25 (4)	0
Aaron Bean	9 (1)	2	26 (2)	12
Ryan Bean	3	2	13 (3)	3
Warren Bell	2 (1)	4	142 (22)	83
Jay Bernal	1	0	1	0
Ian Bromham	8 (3)	0	31 (3)	0
George Calvert	8 (1)	5	75 (12)	31
Sam Cole	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
Matt Cox	1	0	1	0
Sam David	1 (3)	2	1 (3)	2
Taylor Driver	10 (3)	1	30 (4)	3
Dan Ellis	1 (2)	0	13 (3)	1
Danny Ennis	0 (2)	0	4 (5)	0
Ryan Fitt	9 (4)	0	9 (4)	0
Callum Giles	18	1	38 (2)	2
James Gill	6 (2)	0	11 (7)	1
David Hutton	1 (11)	2	5 (19)	3
Joe Inch	1	0	1	0
James Lovett	8 (1)	5	61 (1)	18
Sam Martin	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0
James McLaren	1	0	1	0
Charlie Nicholson	11 (1)	2	16 (1)	4
James Noonan	18	1	41 (3)	2
Jake Osbourne	1	0	1	0
Liam Palmer	5 (11)	0	15 (22)	1
Niall Palmer	4 (2)	1	13 (5)	4
Harry Rankin	0 (3)	0	0 (3)	0
Lewis Rankin	15 (2)	4	25 (7)	11
Ryan Schrader	1 (2)	0	16 (9)	1
Lewis Sheaf	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
Ryan Spence	16 (2)	2	28 (5)	3
Conor Steele	0 (3)	0	3 (5)	0
Sam Stephenson	3 (1)	1	3 (1)	1
Oscar Thorne	1 (2)	0	1 (2)	0
Milton Tomlinson-Dennis	0 (1)	3	40 (2)	21
James Wildey	15 (2)	0	32 (7)	0
Own Goals		0		
37 players				

Lea Sports PSG Football Club



Veterans XI

2020 - 2021

Mid-Herts Veterans League Division One

Manager:	Dennis Townsend
Colours	Shirts: Red and Black stripes. Shorts: black.
Home Ground	The Recreation Ground, Pirton
Manager's Player	Andre Juraszek
Players' Player	Barry Clarke
Top Goalscorer	Barry Clarke (11)

The Vets completed an abbreviated season in which the teams played each other once. Overall the season was successful, with just three defeats including a narrow loss away to Champions Bushey. Both last season's league cup and this season's competition were played during this campaign – and we lost to Stevenage in both! Last year's final was a bit of a disaster with Stevenage winning 6-0, but this year's semi-final defeat was a much closer affair with the lads winning 2-1 until the last 5 minutes when Stevenage forced an equalizer before winning in extra time.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Mid Herts Veterans Division 1	11	8	0	3	39	14	72.7
Void match	1	1	0	0	3	2	100.0
League Cup 2019-20	2	1	0	1	3	8	50.0
League Cup 2020-21	3	2	0	1	8	5	66.7
	17	12	0	5	53	29	70.6

	MH Vets League Div.1	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
1.	Bushey Vets	11	10	1	0	41	13	31
2.	Lea Sports PSG	11	8	0	3	39	14	24
3.	Sandridge Rovers	11	7	2	2	32	15	23
4.	Knebworth	11	6	1	4	35	30	19
5.	Hatfield Utd.	11	6	1	4	33	31	19
6.	Stevenage Vets	11	5	3	3	48	19	18
7.	Bradmore Rovers	11	5	1	5	19	23	16
8.	Shefford Vets	11	4	2	5	33	24	14
9.	Harpenden Rovers	11	2	3	6	27	25	9
10.	Arlesey Vets	11	3	0	8	18	37	9
11.	Welwyn Sports	11	3	0	8	13	36	9
12.	Whitwell Rovers	11	0	0	11	7	78	0

A stop-start 2020-21 Season for the Veterans started with a battling win in the carried-over semi-final of last year's League Cup, resulting in us getting to our first Cup Final. We were beaten on the day by Stevenage in Codicote, no thanks to 4 big injuries, but this spurred us on to get to this year's final, although we eventually lost out with 4 minutes to go in the semi-final vs. Stevenage.

A runners-up spot was achieved in the League Division 1, with some great winning performances, especially against the big teams around us: Shefford, Stevenage and Sandridge. The majority of our goals came from our top scorer Baz (11), with Andre on 8, Aaron 7, Gaz 6 and Charlie 5. Baz headed up the assists with 12, with Andre 8, Kieryon and Macca 5 and Kev 4.

	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Maximum	17	53		
Kieryon Bonnard	13	2	47 (7)	4
Delroy Brown	5	0	5	0
Barry Clarke	15	11	15	11
Kevin Cole	10	0	10	0
Jamie Dennis	2	0	2	0
Vinnie Dunn	4	1	4	1
Gary Durn	5	0	5	0
Scott Ellis	8	0	8 (2)	0
Andre Juraszek	13	8	20 (4)	16
Liam Leaning	7	0	7	0
Arron Lewis	13	9	13	9
Chris Littlejohn	2	1	87 (25)	57
Hayden Littlewood	15	0	15	0
Scott Lynn	7	0	7	0
Lee McCulloch	13	3	13	3
Marcus McCulloch	11	0	11	0
Karl Nugent	15	0	15 (1)	0
Charlie Oshunniyi	6	5	6	5
Martin Powell	4	0	4	0
Damien Provencal	8	1	8	1
Richard Randall	15	1	284 (72)	26
Matt Rogers	1	0	1	0
Gary Scott	14	6	14	6
Kris Stoten	5	0	5	0
Richard Thornton	16	2	16	2
Adam Tiley	3	2	3	2
Dennis Townsend	9	0	9	0
Own Goals		1		
27 players				

The League format was changed as a result of the pandemic, with each team playing each other just once. Of our 3 league defeats, two came by a single goal and the other by just 2 goals. This, added to the fact that we were so close to a cup final, can give us a lot of confidence going into next season. A great set of lads who can still play a bit! - even if they can't run as much! – have made for another enjoyable year in Pirton.

The success of the Vets League has brought a lot of interest, to the point where they are expanding the league next season. We will be in Division 1 looking to finish top of the pile in those red and black stripes!

Here's to an uninterrupted next season!

Kev Cole

Under Thirteens

As with all our teams, the Lions' season was badly hit by the pandemic and they managed just six games unbeaten in the League before it was abandoned. The Lynx fared even worse, playing just one League game before a shortage of players brought about their early demise

Lions

Date	Opponents			Scorers	Competition
23 Aug 20	Crawley Green	H	1-7	Cardy	Friendly
12 Sep 20	Hitchin Town	H	4-2	Harrington, John (2), Welch	Friendly
20 Sep 20	Hitchin Town Scorpions	A	11-1	Boyd, Cardy (2), Harrington (2), Horne (2), John, Tobitt-Wardle (2), Welch	Division 2
04 Oct 20	Hitchin Town Tigers	H	3-3	Ayres, Carter-Gaunt, Harrington	Division 2
18 Oct 20	Melbourn Dynamos Tigers	H	3-3	Cardy, Gelling, Welch	Division 2
01 Nov 20	Baldock Town Crusaders	H	0-0	-	Division 2
06 Dec 20	FC Biggleswade Hurricanes	A	3-3	Cardy (3)	Division 2
13 Dec 20	Hitchin Town Scorpions	H	5-0	Cardy (2), Carter-Gaunt, Horne, McPhun	Division 2
11 Apr 21	Broadhall	H	2-1	Harrington, Tobitt-Wardle	Friendly
18 Apr 21	Biggleswade Hurricanes	A	1-3	Tobitt-Wardle	Friendly
25 Apr 21	Hitchin Town Tigers	H	1-1	Welch	Friendly
09 May 21	Saffron Walden	A	2-3	Okenwa, Schad	Friendly
23 May 21	Saffron Walden	H	0-2	-	Friendly

Lions - Royston Crow Youth League

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Division 2	6	2	4	0	25	10	66.7
Friendlies	7	2	1	4	11	19	35.7
TOTAL	13	4	5	4	36	29	50.0

Lynx

Date	Opponents			Scorers	Competition
20 Sep 20	Stotfold Blacks	H	2-2	Elms, Okenwa	Division 3

Lynx - Royston Crow Youth League

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Division 3	1	0	1	0	2	2	50.0
TOTAL	1	0	1	0	2	2	50.0

Under 13 Lions Appearances & Goalscorers				
	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Maximum	13	36		
Stanley Ayres	6	1	15	3
Stanley Banks	3	0	113	13
Thomas Blackford	12	0	126	6
Ollie Boyd	12	1	36	4
Jake Cardy	12	9	129	75
Blake Carter-Gaunt	4	2	80	22
Will Gelling	12	1	69	4
Adam Greening	9	0	56	3
Charlie Harrington	12	5	23	8
Josh Horne	13	3	110	9
Jacob John	12	3	107	47
Lucas McPhun	13	1	13	1
Marvin Nwafor	10	0	44	8
Nonso Okenwa	2	1	42	31
Zayd Patel	11	0	83	9
Louie Schad	4	1	4	1
Teddy Thompson	6	0	7	0
Wilf Tobitt-Wardle	13	4	90	21
Alfie Welch	13	4	13	4
Own Goals		0		
19 players				

Under 13 Lynx Appearances & Goalscorers				
	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Maximum	1	2		
Alex Bown	1	0	43	3
Ruby Daniels	1	0	1	0
Sasha Daniels	1	0	39	0
Teddy Elms	1	1	52	25
Tommy Farren	1	0	1	0
Adam Greening	1	0	56	3
Joseph Kelly	1	0	56	1
Jack Mackrell	1	0	55	27
Alex Morgan	1	0	44	0
Nonso Okenwa	1	1	42	31
Marcus Varley	1	0	48	4
Own Goals		0		
11 players				

Under 13 Lions – 2020/21 Season

Pre-season was full of optimism as the boys started back after lockdown with new signings Alfie and Lucas bringing new attacking options to the team. A first full season for Teddy gave more strength in defence too. After a few weeks of training and a handful of friendlies the boys started the league season in amazing style with an 11-1 win against Hitchin Town. The folding of the Lynx team early in the season was a blessing for the Lions with Adam Greening moving across to take the goalkeeper position. Thanks must go to Stanley Banks for stepping in prior to that. Adam kindly bought his dad with him to help bolster the management team too.

The team became the draw specialists of the league with a run of good performances but unable to find the killer touch. Possibly the performance of the season came away to unbeaten league leaders Biggleswade. A performance worthy of the team name saw the boys notch up another draw with every player giving it 100%. Although there were more draws than wins, the lads were unbeaten when the league was cancelled early.

The strong league position led to the fixtures secretary picking a handful of tricky friendlies for us when football started back after the second lockdown. We were lucky to have more additions to the squad (Louis and Nonso) for these games and again the boys put in some spirited performances and played some great football against the top sides in the league. A patched up team put in another top performance against Biggleswade and epitomised what the team are about. With injured, missing and new players the boys were quickly 2-0 down but never let their heads drop and came back strongly in the second half.

Any concerns that the disrupted season would have a negative impact on the team could not have been more misplaced. The boys have kept a fantastic focus and energy on their football and are really developing both their individual skills and team play. Our new players have fitted in really well and all bring something new to the team while the existing players all stepped up yet again. We can certainly look to next season with great positivity.

Simon Blackford



CLUB TOP GOALSCORERS

11-A-SIDE TOP GOALSCORERS													
	Club début		G O A L S.....										
	date	team	1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI	4th XI	Sat.XI	Sat 2	Youth	Vets.	TOTAL	Matches	Strike rate
Phil Thompson	21.11.82	3rd	347	140	165	0	2	0	0	34	688	674	102.1%
Phil Clarke	1974	1st	168	124	110	11	0	0	0	14	427	528	80.9%
Matthew Kenneford	30.08.98	U.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	226	0	226	137	165.0%
Dave Pymont	1973	1st	108	84	25	0	0	0	0	0	217	350	62.0%
Tom Newland	28.09.08	2nd	76	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	193	216	89.4%
Jamie Richards	26.01.97	U.14	74	69	24	3	0	0	14	2	186	429	43.4%
Alan Dawson	14.09.80	3rd	109	30	34	0	0	0	0	2	175	403	43.4%
John Temple	13.08.92	1st	85	3	0	12	67	0	0	0	167	276	60.5%
Robert O'Dell	13.09.92	U.13	17	8	0	0	0	0	135	0	160	137	116.8%
Alan Palmer	25.11.84	3rd	27	36	31	42	1	0	0	0	137	293	46.8%
Ben L'Honoré	26.04.98	U.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	0	135	92	146.7%
Joe Hennem	09.08.14	Sat.1st	0	0	0	0	132	0	0	0	132	154	85.7%
Steve Bingham	13.08.91	2nd	22	69	26	5	3	0	0	0	125	211	59.2%
Paul Gathern	11.09.88	2nd	20	53	41	4	0	0	0	4	122	439	27.8%
Russell Sheppard	15.11.87	1st	55	10	11	3	40	0	0	0	119	240	49.6%
Mark Williams	25.04.99	3rd	76	24	9	0	0	0	0	2	111	237	46.8%
Steve Close	10.12.89	2nd	33	38	2	4	31	1	0	0	109	262	41.6%
Jonathan Whitehead	02.09.01	2nd	24	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	373	29.0%
Alastair Mayman	17.10.82	2nd	33	43	22	6	0	0	0	4	108	407	26.5%
Oliver Pitts	25.09.11	U.14B	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	0	101	110	91.8%
Greg Whelan	02.03.03	2nd	57	31	0	0	3	0	0	10	101	345	29.3%
Callum Smith	05.09.02	U.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	99	0	99	94	105.3%
Connor Smith	12.09.04	U.11	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	0	97	52	186.5%
Ben Thomson	16.09.01	2nd	19	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	316	30.7%
Richard Knock	13.04.97	U.11	54	1	0	0	2	0	40	0	97	381	25.5%
Lee Brown	Tour '94	1st	33	22	41	0	0	0	0	0	96	147	65.3%
Craig Brooke	17.09.95	4th	0	0	0	91	0	0	0	0	91	93	97.8%
Gary Raymond	08.08.10	1st	78	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	89	112	79.5%
Matthew Morton	11.09.10	U.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	0	87	48	181.3%
Alistair Hearn	1977	1st	32	40	12	0	0	0	0	3	87	341	25.5%
Geoff Richardson	04.09.77	2nd	0	4	76	0	0	0	0	5	85	255	33.3%
Warren Bell	11.03.07	U.12	0	0	0	0	22	10	51	0	83	164	50.6%
Kevin Boxall	01.09.85	2nd	47	23	8	3	0	0	0	0	81	193	42.0%
Mark Doyle	02.09.84	2nd	72	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	80	92.5%
Bobby McGrath	15.09.91	3rd	9	15	28	10	9	0	0	3	74	596	12.4%
Jack Baggett	05.09.02	U.12	10	29	0	0	0	0	34	0	73	288	25.3%
Mark Booth	13.10.96	Vets.	40	18	0	4	9	0	0	2	73	290	25.2%
Danny Duggan	13.04.97	U.11	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	72	128	56.3%
Simon Mayes	14.10.07	2nd	24	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	199	34.2%
Max Burrows	25.09.11	U.14B	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	67	89	75.3%
Keith Bannister	11.09.83	3rd	1	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	66	63	104.8%
Aaron Valentine	23.07.03	U.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	63	62	101.6%
Ben Morris	06.09.09	U.16	3	3	0	0	0	0	57	0	63	81	77.8%
Danny Butler	03.09.05	U.11	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	63	90	70.0%
Trevor England	01.08.93	2nd	9	50	1	2	0	0	0	0	62	150	41.3%
Charlie McNerney	04.12.77	2nd	15	38	4	0	0	0	0	4	61	332	18.4%
Nathaniel Boston	23.07.03	U.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	59	97	60.8%
Steve Baggett	08.09.91	3rd	3	2	49	3	2	0	0	0	59	262	22.5%
Rick Vipers	26.10.80	3rd	3	41	13	1	0	0	0	0	58	572	10.1%
Tony Ingram	29.11.87	3rd	0	3	49	5	0	0	0	0	57	108	52.8%
Chris Littlejohn	25.11.07	1st	42	0	0	0	10	2	0	3	57	112	50.9%
Ryan Darby	24.07.10	Sat.1st	0	0	0	0	56	1	0	0	57	205	27.8%
Liam Brooks	02.09.12	U.18	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	56	39	143.6%
Willy O'Leary	23.08.87	1st	23	9	22	2	0	0	0	0	56	54	103.7%
Scott Dixon	30.08.98	U.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	55	51	107.8%
James Hirst	31.08.08	U.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	55	72	76.4%
Sam Tompkins	31.08.05	U.14	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	54	84	64.3%
Lewis Smith	07.09.97	U.12	1	45	0	0	2	0	6	0	54	109	49.5%
Adam Nunn	03.09.05	U.11	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	54	113	47.8%
Ken Souster	10.03.85	3rd	0	1	52	0	0	0	0	0	53	44	120.5%
John King	28.02.93	U.15	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	52	45	115.6%
Shiblu Miah	08.09.01	Sat.2nd	0	0	46	0	2	4	0	0	52	65	80.0%
Ritchie Bevan	22.10.06	1st	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	114	45.6%
Jamie Waller	30.08.98	U.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	52	142	36.6%
Ashley Burgess	13.08.92	1st	5	28	5	4	10	0	0	0	52	235	22.1%
Phil Holmes	1973	1st	25	12	14	0	0	0	0	0	51	213	23.9%
Stewart Jenner	30.10.93	Sat.	2	17	13	7	10	0	0	0	49	112	43.8%
Mick Meehan	28.09.80	2nd	47	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	49	117	41.9%
Archie Conway	11.10.81	3rd	10	18	21	0	0	0	0	0	49	645	7.6%
Mick Stead	1973	1st	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	54	88.9%
Wojtek Gabrys	1975	1st	6	40	1	0	0	0	0	0	47	88	53.4%
Mark Brown	16.08.09	1st	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	46	104	44.2%
Lee Pinder	13.09.92	U.13	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	45	95	47.4%
Curties O'Connell	31.08.08	U.11	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	44	50	88.0%
James Payne	12.09.93	U.16	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	44	67	65.7%
Joe Manton	08.09.02	U.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	40	116	34.5%
All others fewer than 40. Only goals in 11-a-side games are counted.													

Under 12 Pumas

Blacks – Chiltern Junior Sevens League							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Division 1	8	4	1	3	20	19	56.3
Spring Group A	5	2	1	2	10	12	50.0
Autumn Cup	1	1	0	0	12	0	100.0
Friendlies	3	2	0	1	9	4	66.7
TOTAL	17	9	2	6	51	35	58.8

Date	Opponents			Scorers	Competition
05 Sep 20	Hitchin Hornets	A	6-0	Finley F., James G., Sam R, Josh S., Kian S., Marley W.	Friendly
12 Sep 20	Luton Celtic	H	2-5	Cameron H., Marley W.	Division 1
19 Sep 20	Shefford Saints Reds	H	0-3	-	Division 1
26 Sep 20	Flitwick Eagles Blues	H	0-3	-	Division 1
03 Oct 20	Luton Stallions	A	5-3	Finley F., Sam R.(4)	Division 1
10 Oct 20	Sundon Athletic	H	12-0	Finley F.(4), Ben P., Sam R.(2), Josh S., Kian S., Marley W.(2), Jim W.	CJ7 League Cup
17 Oct 20	Stopsley Utd. Rebels	H	4-2	Finley F., Sam R.(2), Marley W.	Division 1
24 Oct 20	Thunder Porto	A	4-1	Finley F., Kian S., Marley W., o.g.	Division 1
12 Dec 20	Shefford Saints Reds	A	1-1	Dylan M.	Division 1
19 Dec 20	Luton Stallions	H	4-1	Dylan M., Josh S., Marley W., o.g.	Division 1
10 Apr 21	Shefford Saints Reds	H	1-2	James G.	Spring Grp A
17 Apr 21	Luton Celtic	H	2-1	Joshua S., Marley W.	Spring Grp A
24 Apr 21	Wymondley Park	H	2-2	Kian S.	Spring Grp A
01 May 21	Flitwick Eagles Blues	A	2-6	James G., Marley W.	Spring Grp A
08 May 21	Luton Stallions	A	3-1	Finley F., Dylan M., Kian S.	Spring Grp A
22 May 21	Wymondley Park	H	2-1	Finley F., Marley W.	Friendly
29 May 21	Baldock Town	H	1-4	Sam R.	Friendly

What another incredibly disruptive year we have all faced, considering the restrictions placed on us all and the fact the league was cancelled half way through the season, I think we have had a reasonably productive year, seeing the team grow in strength and depth. Following the collapse of the "Whites" team last year, we were asked to accommodate 4 players from the Whites and Reds into the "Blacks", for the coming season, before a ball was kicked.

After lengthy discussions with their agents we agreed terms and welcomed in 4 players, Josh from the "Reds" and Kian, Adam & Ollie Kelly from the "Whites". Adam moved to the reds early on in the season when it was decided that they needed his statue and drive in their team.

Having so many players join the squad meant we had to opt for a new system for the season. It was decided that two boys would have to sit out each week to accommodate the numbers and being the manager's sons we

opted to leave Finley and Jim out of the first game. The start of the season saw us pitched against two of the toughest teams in the league and we started off the first game of the season with a mistake from myself, which I apologise for wholeheartedly. I adopted the same formation we had played from the previous season which saw us win and score a hat full of goals, but we were found wanting and with little preparation time available we were tried to work out what positions best suited the new players. Having our only recognised Centre Forward and Midfield Engine off the pitch

proved another costly mistake. We entered a loss for the first game losing 2-5 against Luton Celtic. A loss in the second game against arch rivals Shefford at 0-3 and another 0-3 loss to Flitwick, saw us with no points after 3 games. The next 4 games the team recovered our previous year's form and saw us smash our opponents, with one game beating Sundon Athletic 12-0!

A well-deserved 1-1 draw against Shefford on the boys Schools pitch, was the second draw of the season, seeing Dylan use that left peg of his to great effect slamming home the equaliser. We won the following few games only drawing with Wyndley before winning our remaining few games, before the season was brought to a halt.

This year we have tried a few different formations, sometimes with only 2 at the back 4 midfielders, with 2 strikers. After several weeks we began to find a formation which suited the newer players leaving us to score goals from all areas on the pitch. We switched from a very attacking formation from last year, to a more reserved tactics, looking to counter attack team with our blistering pace down the wings. It was pleasing to see the boys begin to work as a team showing their charisma as the lads began to show how operating as a team can be very effective. Myself and Guy both tried to focus the boys on playing as a team and taking joy in being part of a move on the pitch that ultimately resulted in the team scoring a goal or either saving an attempt on our goal.

I personally feel honoured to have these boys in our team and have loved being responsible for the lads once they cross the white line. We take great pleasure in seeing something worked on before the match being implemented during the game. The passing at times has been clean, decisive, inspiring and simply beautiful to watch. The defence, including the keeper has been determined and strong, yet calm and methodical while continuing to look for the pass out, instead of punting the ball down the pitch, which on occasions is needed. The midfield has been exciting and inventive with great movement and sumptuous passing skills on display. Many goals have come from our width on the pitch and the wingers have not only set up plenty of goal mouth opportunities, but have contributed with a huge amount of goals too. Playing upfront with your back to goal and on your own is a tricky ask. We have

used different boys in this position, some of whom have excelled, but all whom have played this role have been unselfish, showing great awareness and have, which is most important, put the ball in the back of the net. I have been thoroughly pleased with the attitude of the boys this year and would like to believe I have their respect, which is only achieved by handing them my respect for the decisions they make on the field of play.

Ollie Kelly (Goal Keeper) "Cheeky Chappers"
You want and hope your keeper has a strong kick and Ollie possess one of the strongest kicks in world football! He has used this to great effect this year, starting off many an attack with an early huge kick up field, which has resulted in some breakaway goals. He remains one of the bravest players on the field and has tipped the ball over and around the post on many occasions, saving the team from a narrow defeats sending the crowd in to a chorus of OOOH and AAAHS. A great display this season and has grown during the season in confidence and stature.

Olli (Defender) "The Rock"

Ollie has been my central defender since time began. I call him the "rock" and is unaware of how much a hole is left when he is not on the pitch. A commanding presence at the back in our central defensive role. Captains and leaders are made of material that Oli has in abundance, for his crunching tackle is balanced by his tender touch. He has the ability to select a pass out of defence and yet on odd occasions you will see his heckles go up, as he grabs the ball by the scruff of the neck, putting his head down like a juggernaut driving the ball through the oppositions midfield like a bowling ball cutting down its pins! Even managed a half up front this year which was pleasing to see.

Natty (Defender) "The Neville Brothers"

This season has seen Natty grow in his role as our first choice, no nonsense, right back. He is always dependable and shows a calmness on the ball selecting the right pass out of defence. He possesses superb timing in the tackle and can be a real pain to get past (not my words the words of "tacklers guide magazine"...January additional). A trusty player to have in your squad and one whom does love a goal line clearance! I feel this year Natty has shown why having a regular and trustworthy right back can be a really benefit the team, this is echoed by no other than Gary Neville, who caught up with me at an "A" list private party, telling me he Natty would be in his starting

England 11 at right back and is worried for his own record!

Ben (Defender/Midfield) "The Destroyer"
His skills have seen him play in all sorts of positions over the pitch this season and he has become a great utility player for the team. Comfortable in midfield, assured at the back and happy to play left or right on the pitch, never complaining about the role selected for him. He has the physique of an elite athlete and the power of the heavyweight champion. On occasions he has been utilised to "man mark" an opposition player off the park. Strong in the tackle, committed to the cause with a drive to push the team forward. Wears his heart on his sleeve and does his talking on the pitch, it is always handy to have "a destroyer" on your side.

Dylan (defender/Midfield) "THOR"
Dylan is in his second season with the team and has continually looked very comfortable in his role. Dylan has adapted very well to playing as a left wingback, which is becoming one of the most important positions in modern football. Stuart Pearce recently commented to me that Dylan may get more caps than himself, if he continues his growth. Dylan possess such a strong tackle that on occasions only the God of Thunder has produced a loader clap! Dylan scored an amazing and important goal this year, it was a thunderbolt strike from over 60 yards!!! .. it went through 5 players, a brick wall and a barrier made of "time", to secure a 1-1 draw against Shefford...good on you sir! A lovely lad and a pleasure to include in the squad after another great season.

Cameron (Defender/Midfield/Winger) "Speedy Gonzales"
Another of our utility players who enjoys playing on the field no matter what task is thrown at him. One of our strongest runners, even Duracell have made enquiries to his energy source?! He also possess one of the strongest punts up field and can be seen receiving his own pass occasionally! Quick to react, energetic, smashing tackle, drop of the shoulder wing play and the master at pulling the ball back for the striker, and as established never seems to run out of energy. Played this year in a more defensive role protecting the defence in the super important central defensive midfield role, but also has played as winger, upfront and most recently a right wingback. Always committed and never pulls out of a challenge.

Jim (Midfield/Support striker) "Magic Man"
The Magic man is smaller than the average in height, but has the courage of a lion, feet as quick as Ronaldo, reactions of a Jedi fighter pilot and the awareness on the ball that is usually reserved for much older players. Heaven only knows where it came from as we have all seen his father play! If you are looking to unlock a defence then rely on Jim to conjure up a move, as he is the glue that holds a move together. He has not been on target so much this year scoring only the one goal but has played a more defensive role, controlling the midfield showing his diversity and importance in the team. His effort, dedication to the cause and sheer determination this year has stood out. Always reliable, always dependable and has the ability to twist and turn so quick, yet keep the ball at his feet. I was only talking to "Iniesta" at a roof garden party and he was expressing an interest in a move to Spain for Jim, but I had to ask who and where Barcelona was?

James (Midfield/Winger) "The Express Train"
This is James's 3rd season at the club and there is talk of statues being sculpted already, if only the images were not blurred! For when James gets going down the right wing he is like an unstoppable express train. James is favoured in midfield because he just makes everything tick. He commands the central area with crunching tackles, wonderful skills and passes. He is what we call a "box to box" player, covering the ground like a gazelle whilst driving the team forward with his direct runs from midfield. He has however looked very dangerous on the right wing despite only finding the back of the net only 3 times this year which is not enough for a player with his qualities. Never a game goes by without James being in the wars and often leaves the field with a sore leg or ankle, but that is what the talented players have to deal with. Almost irreplaceable!

Sam (Winger/Midfield/Striker) "Mr DNA of Bale/Ginola/Berbatov"
Sam has been a full time player for several seasons and we have seen him mesmerise the crowd with his mazy dribbles and sweeping passes to set up goal opportunities for others. He has been played on both wings this season and excelled on the right wing cutting in on his left foot to rocket home an impressive 10 goals this season, making him joint top scorer for the year. Sam took a knock after a

couple of months at the beginning of the season but has fought his way back to full fitness only for the season to be halted just as he was regaining his early form. I believe Sam has the potential to reach over 18 goals in a season should we get to play a full season and I still stand by my previous comments in suggesting he has one of the sweetest left foot in the league or perhaps the world...who needs a right foot! It was Gareth who called me up only last week asking about Sam's recovery, I told him...Mr Bale please stop calling me, so often!

Marley (Winger/Midfield/Striker) "Mr Cutback"
This is Marley's 2nd season with us, and last year collected a well-deserved manager's player of the season award last year. Another one of our players who has also netted 10 times this year making him joint top scorer. Marley has enjoyed the odd game up front this season as well as showing off his skills in the middle of the park, but usually finds himself flying down the left wing. He has adapted the technique of getting to the bye line and pulling the ball back for the striker or advancing midfielder to slot home a goal. He is becoming a very important player for the club and when he has the determination his left foot can make the wing role his own. He possesses such drive and determination that others feed off of his desire and lust for the game. A real "bobby dazzler" to watch with tricks and flicks to entertain the crowd. I was approached by Edgar Davids when recently at a fundraiser, asking where he can get a pair of "Marley glasses" from?

Finley (Midfield/Winger/Striker) "Lone Wolf"
A difficult task to master, playing up front alone, but Finley has become one of the best at using his size and strength to hold up the ball, while the emerging players drive forward, for if we lose the ball at this stage then it will just come back again and again. A range of goals from headers, tap in's, half volleys and cultured finishes, have seen him weigh in with 10 goals this season becoming joint top goal scorer grabbing the golden boot for the 2nd year running, showing a cool head in front of goal. Finley has also started to make a good impression in the midfield, with his height, long tackling legs and marauding runs up field, no other than Patrick Vieira leant over to me only last week while kicking the ball together in training saying how he wished his legs were as long as Fins! Also the manager's son so he has that cross to bear...sorry son!

Kian (Striker/Winger/Wingback) "Wingback Wonder boy"

Kian joined us from the Whites this season. Starting upfront to utilise his pace he became more effective on the right wing, following up on goal. He has great speed and likes to fly into challenges. He has also been asked to adopt a new role and start playing as a right wing back, which saw him manage to net consecutively 3 weeks in a row, ghosting in from that position to receive the ball on the edge of the box and using his natural strike of the ball to see it nestle in the net. Kian has managed to hit the back of the net 6 times this season which is the team 2nd highest scorer of the year, increasing his status within the team. It took Kian a while to settle into the pace of the game and the new team mates but is now considered one of the "Men in Black".

Josh (Winger/Striker) "Silent Assassin"

Josh joined us from the reds this year, but has made some guest appearances in the previous year. When Josh feels the need to inject some pace into his game he can dance past defenders better than Fred Astaire himself. From the right and left wings and with the occasional run as a lone striker, he netted 4 times this season with only 11 appearances, which is an impressive return. Josh always listens well to the advice of the management and tries to implement the role and tasks he has been given. Hoping he uses his kung fu skills to more effect next season, but perhaps the "one inch punch" is better suited outside of the football matches.

Thank you lastly to all the parents who give up their Saturday mornings to watch the lads play football. We really do appreciate your effort, sacrifice and time and we hope that along this season's journey the team has provided some wonderful and memorable moments. Each and every Saturday is the highlight of my week, helping the lads perform to a high standard and to dare to dream and achieve something that only being part of a team can offer. Both Guy and myself thank you and look forward to seeing everyone again for the start of the 2021/22 season, which see us start 11 a side football....can't wait!!

Regards

Paul Ford

Reds – Chiltern Junior Sevens League							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Division 2	7	3	1	3	17	20	50.0
Spring Group B	5	0	1	4	7	20	10.0
Autumn Cup	2	1	0	1	10	4	50.0
Friendlies	4	1	0	3	8	11	25.0
TOTAL	18	5	2	11	42	55	33.3

Date	Opponents			Scorers	Competition
05 Sep 20	Stopsley Rebels	H	0-5	-	Friendly
12 Sep 20	AFC Shillington	A	3-3	Stan B.(2), Harri F.	Division 2
19 Sep 20	Brickhill Wanderers	A	2-6	Jasper G., Nathan M.	Division 2
26 Sep 20	Sundon Athletic	A	3-1	Harri F., Rheon M-R.(2)	Division 2
03 Oct 20	Barton Rovers Blues	H	3-2	Harri F., Rheon M-R., Naresh P.	Division 2
10 Oct 20	Harlington	H	9-1	Stanley B.(2), Harri F., Jasper G., Archie M., Naresh P.(3), Thomas S.	League Cup 1
17 Oct 20	Flitwick Eagles Greens	A	5-0	Ollie G., Rheon M., Archie M.(2), Naresh P.	Division 2
24 Oct 20	Wymondley Park	H	0-3	-	Division 2
31 Oct 20	Shefford Saints Whites	H	0-1	-	Friendly
05 Dec 20	Brickhill Wanderers	A	1-3	Archie M.	League Cup 2
12 Dec 20	Flitwick Eagles Gold	H	1-5	Naresh P.	Division 2
10 Apr 21	St. Josephs	A	1-2	Rheon M.	Spring Grp B
17 Apr 21	Stopsley Utd Rebels	H	2-5	Archie M., Rheon M.	Spring Grp B
24 Apr 21	Flitwick Eagles Gold	A	0-5	-	Spring Grp B
01 May 21	Luton Allstars	H	2-5	Jasper G., Rheon M.	Spring Grp B
08 May 21	Shefford Saints Whites	A	2-2	Nathan M., Rheon M.	Spring Grp B
22 May 21	Shillington	H	1-3	Horacio S.	Friendly
29 May 21	Shefford Saints	H	7-2	Finley F., Harri F., Jasper G.(2), Adam K., Jim W.(2)	Friendly

Puma Reds – Plague Year.

As with every team during the last year, we were hugely excited to get back to the game in the early part of the season, and were disappointed with the break and subsequent disjointed season – and for the Reds it really was a season of two halves.

In 2020 the team played well and built up some winning momentum after our first game at Brickhill (I think Dan is still feeling that tackle!) and we were chugging along quite nicely. We've struggled for form and work rate since the return, and only recorded our first win in the last game of the season.

The move to 11 a-side next year will be an even greater test – not just of work rate, fitness and skill, but organisational abilities to cope with school sports and squad selection. The management team can work hard on the second, but the boys need to work on the former! Needless to say, it's been a very tough year, and the one thing that you've all done brilliantly is be there for each other, to attend training, to always attend matches when asked, and worked with the coaches to improve. As you turn into teenagers this year, we're expecting some sprouters! So...look after yourselves this summer, but **work on that fitness** – it's going to be incredibly important next season!

An end of season report for the boys;

Dan Murdoch – ever present in goal, and his shot blocking is very good indeed. A player that can get both sides parents applauding a miracle save! An improvement in kicks and distribution from dead balls – keep working on it as I know you do. Make that penalty box your own, raise your voice, and range out into the area to anticipate those one on ones (don't stand under the bar!).

Harri Flynn – excellent season, aggressive, and leads from the back, and has a great football brain and a stunning strike if he can get close to goal. With all your sports I know you'll continue to build your fitness and work rate up over the summer. Our Captain.

Charlie Moore – converted to right back this year and has been the making of "legs". A great athlete and very skilful, what we've liked seeing most from Charlie this year is his decision making – when to drive, when to pass and back up, when to get back. A real thinking man's footballer and as you grow, your strength on the ball will improve. Excellent season Charlie!

Toby Cullen – a centre back with such speed and aggression has been a huge bonus for the Reds – rarely loses a foot race and makes crucial tackles for his team time and time again. More practise with a round ball at your feet this summer will give you an increased range of options and allow time on the ball to make passes from the back (as opposed to clearances). Practise!

Adam Kitchener – our left footed egg chasing left back! Adam is blessed with two things – 1) a very physical outlook on the game with fantastic stamina and 2) a gigantic love of Rugby! We often have to remind Adam what game he is playing! We have seen your fitness sky-rocket this year and you work really hard for the team – vocal and strong in the tackle. Improve your ball skills and passing ranges (keep it simple) and you'll continue to develop into a fine left back – if we could meld Charlie and Adam together it would be terrific!

Stanley Banks – first season for Stan out of goal, and has made a great start, aggressive, intelligent and a good range of passing and movement has seen him start mainly in midfield. This is a very physically demanding role to play, so keep working on your stamina and fitness and you'll continue to develop into a fine player indeed.

Nathan Morton – our left footed piledriver – nearly coring a goalkeeper in the early part of the season! Midfield is Nathan's preferred hunting ground, and has a brilliant range of skills and is a very good player. You're allowed to be noisy Nathan – raise that voice – and fitness and work rate are going to be vital for you next year – I'm excited to see what you're going to do about it! Go for it chum.

Naresh Patel – now officially call "pass" Naresh! A skilful and tricky player, light on his feet with pace (and a nice wristwatch!) Naresh has often bagged goals through his skilful, tenacious play through to goal. Two things to think about during the off season NP – 1) Football is a team game – watch the Euros – I know you will – and look at players in your position and watch them lay off balls, pass, move, re-collect, pass again – that's what you need to add to your game – then when you get the opportunity – take it past four players and score by all means! 2) tackling – it's as vital as being able to kick the ball – you have to work on your ability to win second balls or regain possession – the ball doesn't bite!

Oli Gentle – We're blessed with many right sided players, and Oli has often not found himself in his preferred right hand winger / wing back position. I could see you fitness returning and I can see the determination in your face on the pitch – work rate will come good for you, as will your skill on the

ball, with more practise – solo drills or time at the rec running with the ball at your feet – and you’ll be back on that right wing and using your strength and determination to great effect.

Archie McNish – the majority of our threat this year came from the right hand side where Archie and Charlie built up a great understanding of each other’s game. Bags of tricks and skills, a great corner taker, and many great goals; Archie has been a key squad member this year. More strength in tackles and adding the defensive side to your game is something to work on.

Jasper Goodwin – left hand right footed winger JJ has had a great season – when he gets on the ball! Skills, strong and fit, and when in the right position can let fly with a screamer into top bins. JJ needs to work on getting into the game – it’s a hard thing to ask – but being more vocal, demanding the ball, and being more aware of where the play is, you can “make your own luck” and be more involved. Well done.

Rheon Maluka-Ryan – Rocket Rheon – a striking sensation this year, and a player that makes me exhausted just watching him. A powerful tackler and ball carrier, Rheon has had a great season. Given his pace and skill, it’s very tempting for the boys to lob balls over his shoulder to streak away at goal – so with a bigger pitch and team I think the demands on Rheon will be different going forward – working with partners and players around him – get that passing and changes of attack going and get back onto it in the penalty area for the finish! Great season.

Thomas Sugden – often up from with Rheon, Tom has a great amount of speed and has often found himself in the right place at the right time to launch efforts at goal. His passing range has improved, and he has adapted to bigger pitches well. Protecting and carrying the ball, and the more defensive side of your game is something to work on. With better ball control and management, you will find time to pass, to move, to retain possession.

Harry Cannon – a right winger with a fabulous right foot when wound up correctly, Harry has improved this season in terms of distribution and running with the ball. Physicality will come in time, but while you wait for the muscles to turn up – work on that muscle in your head to commit to tackles and get your body into the fray – you’re a calm lad – but get angry/confident/commit and get stuck in so you can dominate your position, and you’ll get that vital time to make those killer passes and runs.

Finally, we would like to thank all the parents for their support this year. Special thanks go to Simon Morten for his help on the side of the pitch, with his encouragement to the boys, and with his referring when called upon. I always feel better when Simon wanders over with his boots in his hands before the game starts! Also special thanks to Ian Cullen, who volunteers to help us out by running line on many occasions – it’s greatly appreciated. For those parents interested in helping out next year the offside rule is well explained online 😊

So, well done you Reds – really proud of you all under really difficult year – COYP!

Graham and Dan.

Under 12 Pumas Appearances & Goalscorers

	Blacks		Reds		Club Total To Date	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Maximum	17	51	18	42		
Stanley Banks	1	0	17	4	128	17
Harry Cannon	0	0	16	0	105	33
Toby Cullen	0	0	16	0	116	31
Harri Flinn	0	0	17	5	110	127
Finley Ford	15	10	1	1	110	116
Olly Gentle	0	0	13	1	90	16
James Gibbens	13	3	0	0	44	17
Jasper Goodwin	0	0	11	5	65	49
Cameron Hone	16	1	2	0	129	58
Ollie Kelly	17	0	0	0	97	19
Adam Kitchener	6	0	5	1	92	72
Joe MacDonald	0	0	1	0	1	0
Rheon Maluka-Ryan	0	0	13	8	15	9
Dylan Marriott	14	3	0	0	26	6
Archie McNish	0	0	17	5	124	55
Charlie Moore	1	0	15	0	117	47
Nathan Morton	0	0	15	2	116	96
Daniel Murdoch	0	0	17	0	109	7
Naresh Patel	0	0	15	6	93	61
Ben Pearce	16	1	0	0	81	13
Nathaniel Pledge	15	0	1	0	96	11
Sam Robinson	14	10	0	0	95	96
Horacio Sawkins	1	0	1	1	2	1
Josh Skyers	11	4	0	0	25	13
Kian Stimpson	14	6	0	0	73	59
Thomas Sugden	0	0	14	1	87	8
Marley Watts	16	10	0	0	32	25
Jim Wiseman	15	1	1	2	124	70
Ollie Wright	16	0	0	0	127	28
Own Goals		2		0		

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Under Eleven Cougars

Despite lockdown the Cougars managed to play over 60 matches between them, scoring over 250 goals. Although cup hopes were dashed by the pandemic the boys still had a successful season.

Blacks

Blacks – Chiltern Junior Sevens League							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Autumn Group E	6	2	1	3	21	18	41.7
Spring Group D	4	0	0	4	3	21	0.0
Autumn Cup	2	1	0	1	6	8	50.0
Friendlies	7	2	1	4	16	28	35.7
TOTAL	19	5	2	12	46	75	31.6

Date	Opponents			Scorers	Competition
22 Aug 20	Luton Sporting Club Phoenix	A	5-4	Logan W., Rory W.(4)	Friendly
05 Sep 20	Hitchin Hornets	H	2-5	Felix F.(2)	Friendly
12 Sep 20	Barton Rovers Whites	A	4-1	Felix F.(3), Ollie M.	Autumn Grp E
19 Sep 20	Harlington	A	5-2	Felix F.(2), Ollie M., George S., Marcus W.	Autumn Cup
26 Sep 20	Toddington Rovers	H	3-4	Archie H., Ollie M., George S.	Autumn Grp E
03 Oct 20	Luton Sporting Club Phoenix	A	1-6	Ollie M.	Autumn Cup
10 Oct 20	Shefford Saints Greens	A	4-5	Ollie M., George S., Max W.(2)	Autumn Grp E
17 Oct 20	Toddington Rovers	A	2-4	Nathan C., Ollie M.	Autumn Grp E
24 Oct 20	Athletico Luton	H	6-2	Nathan C.(4), Harry S., Hugo Y.	Autumn Grp E
05 Dec 20	Stopsley Sharks	A	2-2	Ollie M., George S.	Autumn Grp E
12 Dec 20	Luton Utd.	A	2-6	Hayden B., George S.	Friendly
03 Apr 21	Stopsley Sharks	H	1-1	Ollie M.	Friendly
10 Apr 21	Toddington Rovers	A	1-3	Ollie M.	Spring Grp D
17 Apr 21	Flitwick Eagles	A	1-9	George S.	Spring Grp D
24 Apr 21	Shefford Saints Greens	A	1-3	Ollie M.	Spring Grp D
01 May 21	Luton Nations	H	0-6	-	Spring Grp D
15 May 21	Toddington Rovers	A	2-5	Nathan C., Ollie M.	Friendly
22 May 21	Shefford Saints Greens	H	4-2	George H., Ollie M.(3)	Friendly
29 May 21	Luton Phoenix	H	0-5	-	Friendly

Cougars Blacks inaugural season was fun packed and a great challenge for all involved. Three novice Coaches and a squad of thirteen players all willing to 'have a go' and make the most of an opportunity to play Football.

Lockdown affected us like the rest of the club, but we managed to attract new players and facilitate a great place to not only play some football and run some energy off but to learn the importance of learning, listening and resilience. The lads' confidence, skills and teamwork grew through the season. It was great to see them enjoying their football even when results did not go their way.

Mixed results in the first part of the season – so many times we could have squeezed out a draw or even a win – we were on the losing end on occasions when we did not deserve to be. We still got promoted from league E to D – an amazing result for such a fledgling side.

Part 2 of the season was tougher – stepping up to take on stronger opposition – we endured some brutal and physical games and a couple of big losses but.....the lads never gave up. They battled to the final whistle week in and week out and understood the importance of reflection and learning – what can we do different. We bounced back towards the end of the season pulling together some credible results against sides that had previously beaten us.

A great set of lads that we are all so very proud of – great work ethic, chatty at times but play for each other and encourage each other at all times – We are looking forward to next year and the opportunity to build on the successes of 2021. Thank you Cougars Blacks squad, the Parents for your support and encouragement and also to the Reds and Whites coaches who helped us Novice coaches, especially in the early days, to get up and running!!

Have a great summer.

Adrian, Andy and Ben.

Reds

Date	Opponents			Scorers	Competition
26 Aug 20	Hitchin Town	A	5-1	Freddie B., Toby E., Rory W., Max W.(2)	Friendly
02 Sep 20	Luton Sporting Club Phoenix	A	1-1	Elijah J.	Friendly
05 Sep 20	Shillington	A	4-2	Sam R.(2), Rory W., Max W.	Friendly
10 Sep 20	Letchworth GCE	H	11-0	Toby E.(2), Felix F., Sam R.(2), Marcus W., Rory W.(3), Austin W., Max W.	Friendly
12 Sep 20	Stopsley Utd.	H	9-1	Freddie B., Elijah J., Sam R., Logan W.(2), Rory W.(2), Max W.(2)	Autumn Grp C
19 Sep 20	AFC Shillington	H	1-0	Alfie E.	Autumn Cup
26 Sep 20	Clophill Utd.	A	6-0	Toby E., Logan W., Max W., Rory W.(2), o.g.	Autumn Grp C
03 Oct 20	Luton Sporting Club Reds	H	7-3	Solomon C.(3), Alfie E., Felix F., Rory W.(2)	Autumn Cup
10 Oct 20	Stotfold Juniors	H	5-1	Felix F.(2), Rory W., Max W.(2)	Autumn Grp C
17 Oct 20	Thunder Inter	H	0-5	-	Autumn Cup Semi Final
24 Oct 20	Flitwick Eagles	A	8-1	Freddie B., Toby E., Alfie E., Rory W.(3), Max W.(2)	Autumn Grp C
05 Dec 20	Shefford Saints Blues	H	3-0	Toby E., Max W., Logan W.	Autumn Grp C
12 Dec 20	AFC Shillington	H	4-1	Felix F., Elijah J., Rory W., Max W.	Friendly
03 Apr 21	Hitchin Town	A	4-2	Elijah J., Rory W.(3)	Friendly
10 Apr 21	Thunder Inter	H	6-4	Toby E., Elijah J.(2), Sam R., Rory W.(2)	Spring Grp A
17 Apr 21	Somerles Youth	H	4-2	Toby E., Felix F., Rory W.(2)	Spring Grp A
24 Apr 21	Maulden Magpies	A	5-2	Toby E.(2), Alfie E., Elijah J., Rory W.	Spring Grp A
01 May 21	Wixams Wanderers	H	4-4	Alfie E., Sam R., Logan W., o.g.	Spring Grp A
08 May 21	Thunder Milan	A	3-7	Rory W.(2), Max W.	Spring Grp A
22 May 21	Maulden Magpies	H	3-3	Toby E., Felix F., Rory W.	Friendly
29 May 21	Luton Sporting Club	H	2-2	Toby E., Rory W.	Friendly

Reds – Chiltern Junior Sevens League							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Autumn Group C	5	5	0	0	31	3	100.0
Spring Group A	5	3	1	1	22	19	70.0
Autumn Cup	3	2	0	1	8	8	66.7
Friendlies	8	5	3	0	34	13	35.7
TOTAL	21	15	4	2	95	43	81.0

August 26, 2020.

The date when Lea Sports PSG Cougars Reds took their first tentative steps into the footballing jungle, when players from the Leopards and Tigers circled warily around one another – then teamed up to thrash Hitchin Town 5-2 in our first friendly.

Parents who looked on with suspicion when they saw their boys wrapped around a washing line to teach them how to play offside (true!) were soon asking not why we had decided to stream the players but why it had taken so long.

The promise that came with an unbeaten pre-season against teams all in higher divisions soon translated into a series of dominant displays in the Chiltern Sevens C Division, where the boys were quickly learning that their new team-mates weren't so bad after all!

Goals, clean sheets and wins are all very well but the real satisfaction for the management team was to see boys mixing, playing with smiles on their faces and celebrating each other's successes at both ends of the pitch.

On one occasion, some of the boys even listened to some of Owen's half-time team-talk!

The heady, euphoric atmosphere also reached the other side of the pitch where there was a sighting of once-rival parents now talking to one other (socially distanced of course).

Our league form spilt over into the Autumn Cup where against the odds we reached the semi-finals as a third-tier side, bowing out gallantly against an academy side from Luton.

Of course lockdown stopped the momentum but it returned when we returned to action – having created footballing history as the only side ever to be promoted two divisions without actually playing in one of them!

Top flight football held no fears for the Reds who remained unbeaten until the final match of the season when we still managed to score three past an academy team who have just joined the Junior Premier League.

So, we're not going to single out any Reds here – the point being that they ALL have played their part in a brilliant, amazing, rewarding season. Every single Red has improved, every single Red has made a contribution to the team.

Thanks to them and a brilliant set of parents – the regular score updates on WhatsApp now form a vital part of any Saturday morning as do Matt's words of wisdom and flowing prose on a Saturday afternoon.

We've all had a blast and streaming the players has unlocked potential in them, given them the confidence to try things, to take risks, to enjoy and be successful in what has been the highest level of football they've played.

Bring on next season!

Owen (and Matt, Jason and Lee)

Whites

Whites – Royston Crow Youth League							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Burgundy Division	15	10	2	3	87	38	73.3
Friendlies	9	3	0	6	38	38	33.3
TOTAL	24	13	2	9	125	76	58.3

Date	Opponents			Scorers	Competition
02 Sep 20	Hitchin Panthers	H	2-4	Derick E., Jack R.	Friendly
06 Sep 20	FC Lafa	H	1-7	Solomon C.	Friendly
13 Sep 20	Letchworth GCE Reds	H	8-1	Solomon C.(2), Felix F.(3), Derrick N.(2), trialist	Friendly
20 Sep 20	Thorley Manor Blacks	H	10-1	Solomon C.(3), Derick E.(4), Felix F.(2), Omar H.	Friendly
27 Sep 20	Biggleswade	H	3-4	Benji A., Solomon C., Pavel S.	Friendly
01 Oct 20	Letchworth Eagles Reds	H	4-9	Derick E., Harry F.(3)	Friendly
04 Oct 20	Melbourn Dynamos	H	2-3	Derick E., Felix F.	Burgundy Div.
11 Oct 20	Manuden Wasps	A	0-4	-	Burgundy Div.
18 Oct 20	SK Sports Polars	H	12-1	Adam B., Derick E.(4), Felix F.(2), Omar H.(2), Pavel S., o.g.(2)	Burgundy Div.
25 Oct 20	Shephall Utd.	A	6-1	Solomon C., Derick E. (2), Felix F. (2), Harry F.	Burgundy Div.
01 Nov 20	Thorley Manor Black	H	1-3	Felix F.	Burgundy Div.
06 Dec 20	Sandy	A	7-2	Adam B., Derick E.(3), Jack R.(2), o.g.	Burgundy Div.
13 Dec 20	Biggleswade Town Cranes	H	10-2	Adam B., Derick E.(4), Felix F.(3), Fred S., Dan W	Burgundy Div.
04 Apr 21	Letchworth GCE	H	3-4	Derick E.(2), Omar H.	Friendly
11 Apr 21	Stotfold Blacks	H	6-1	Derick E.(3), Felix F., Harry F., Pavel S.	Burgundy Div.
18 Apr 21	Stotfold Blacks	A	5-5	Derick E.(4), Omar H.	Burgundy Div.
25 Apr 21	Biggleswade Town Sandpipers	A	6-3	Solomon C.(3), Derick E., Harry F., Derrick N.	Burgundy Div.
02 May 21	Bishops Stortford Swifts	H	3-3	Solomon C., Derick E., Harry F.	Burgundy Div.
09 May 21	Manuden Junior Hornets	H	7-2	Benjamin A., Derick E.(4), Felix F., Jack R.	Burgundy Div.
16 May 21	Sandy Reds	H	8-2	Solomon C., Derick E.(3), Felix F.(4)	Burgundy Div.
23 May 21	Shephall Utd.	H	7-3	Benjamin A., Solomon C., Derick E., Felix F.(2), Jack R.(2)	Burgundy Div.
30 May 21	Thorley Manor Black	H	7-3	Derick E.(2), Felix F., Rory W.(4)	Burgundy Div.
06 Jun 21	Hitchin Town	A	5-3	Solomon C., Derick E.(2), Rory W.(2)	Friendly
13 Jun 21	Biggleswade Town Sandpipers	A	2-5	Derick E.(2)	Friendly

Cougars Whites Report

With three new signings: super-speedy creative players Harry and Benji, and interception king Fred, who got stuck right in the midfield – it was a welcome return to football after the sad and abrupt end to last season, and the boys went into it with their trademark spirit of creativity, industry and teamwork.

Despite this optimism, it was mixed fortunes in the pre-season friendlies – we lost the first two (FC LAFA and their academy level boys was half expected; but the loss to Hitchin Town Panthers in the first game of the post-covid era hurt). But the second half of September saw two convincing wins (an 8-1 to Letchworth Eagles Yellow and 10-1 to Thorley Manor with a goal from Omar, two from Felix, three from Solly and four from Derick E).

The Whites had a run of four losses after that, some were close by a margin of just one; and there was no shortage of goals from a lovely spread of scorers: Jack, Harry, Felix, Solly and Derick E all hitting the back of the net in this spell.

But our defensive wall was growing with each game: Dan was always solid as a rock at the back. Adam with his tenacious battling and well-timed tackles. Benji and his super-fast tracking back, and Herculean Derrick N with his flexibility to play in any position – all seemed to grow mightier during this patch. The confidence of our two go-to goalkeepers grew as well. Connor made some heroic saves – fearlessly stopping one with his nose as the opponent striker got his boot stuck in; and Pavel coolly caught an ambush of shots, saving 64% of those on target. With this growing defensive confidence, our goal difference was becoming better than ever (more on that later...).

In the midfield, Fred grew in courage with his never-give-up attitude, converting tackles to nice playing passes through to attackers; Jack was piling on the pressure with through-balls and shots (determined to keep getting those fivers from his dad as he did when he opened our scoring this season); Omar was solid box to box, putting away goals with his persistence and determination; and Harry's pace and drive were phenomenal (and the accuracy of his corners, amazing).

Two brilliant results in late October saw a 12-1 win at home to SK Polars and a 1-6 away triumph in Stevenage, which showed just how the team was really starting to gel. It was almost as if they knew lockdown 2 was looming... The rest obviously did the boys good as they haven't lost a league game since. They returned to football on the foggiest of Sundays in Sandy in December – winning convincingly despite the dank conditions with goals from Adam, two from Jack and a hat trick from Derick E.

The week after saw more brutal weather – torrential rain didn't stop the Whites scoring a torrent of goals: Fred got his first; Adam got a beauty; Felix a hat trick and Derick E the fourth of his five "pokers" (four goals in a game). The Whites' accuracy was getting better and better: 18 shots, 16 of which were on target. Lockdown struck again, and this felt like the most brutal one yet: no football for almost four months, winter weather (and a lot of online gaming, and the occasional group zoom bingo game) made them eager to get going again in April. But they came back with a close-fought friendly, losing 3-4 to Letchworth Eagles Red.

From then it's been win, draw, win, draw, win, win, win, including 30 shots against Sandy Reds, 17 on target, in an 8-2 win at home mid-May and another great team performance, putting constant pressure on the opposition and driving the ball forward. Our attacking midfielders and strikers have been picking up the brilliantly supplied balls from the defence and midfield: twinkletoes Solly played with skill and flair, with some amazing running on the wing; Felix's, the heartbeat of the midfield, spraying passes all over the pitch to set up his teammates was lovely to watch, and goal machine Derick E was more reliable than ever.

With 13 goal scorers, it was a great share of goals. A season wouldn't be a season without a wondergoal or two from Pavel and Derrick N. And as far as multiple goals go: Jack, Derrick N and Omar have all scored braces; Harry has a hat trick, Solly has two, Felix has three plus a poker at the end of the season, and Derick E has three hat tricks on top of his five whopping pokers. Fittingly, Derick E scored the Whites' 100th goal on 16 May: taking the team's tally over 100 for the first season ever. All the more impressive given two lockdowns halting play.

Special shout out to Elijah Bean for bookending the season around rugby commitments - Elijah is always a delight to have onboard as he's decisive and dependable both in defence and in goal as well as being a Spurs fan!

Well done to all of the team for playing their part so diligently; for their polite and brilliant attitudes and their spirit of respect, determination and teamwork.

Thank you to all the parents for helping set the pitches up for home games and providing biscuits and oranges for the boys to consume. Max, John and Colin deserve an extra special mention for all their efforts.

Oh and that goal difference improvement I was coming to: we've gone from +1 in 2019 to +13 in 2020 to +31 in 2021 after the same number of games. It really is a beautiful game.

Thank you all.

Greg



Under 11 Cougars Appearances & Goalscorers

	Blacks		Reds		Whites		Club Total To Date	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Maximum	19	46	21	95	24	125		
Benjamin Atkinson	0	0	0	0	23	3	23	3
Hayden Barnes	19	1	0	0	0	0	54	2
Adam Bartley	2	0	11	0	20	3	133	15
Freddie Baxter	1	0	17	3	0	0	97	14
Elijah Bean	1	0	20	0	8	0	155	22
Nathan Causebrook	12	6	0	0	0	0	16	6
Solomon Chin	1	0	1	3	21	15	61	34
Ollie Cree	18	0	0	0	1	0	35	0
Toby Easterbrook	0	0	17	12	0	0	98	72
Alfie Eddon	1	0	20	5	0	0	99	31
Derick Ezeka	0	0	0	0	22	45	79	128
Jake Fletcher	19	0	0	0	0	0	19	0
Felix Folbigg	3	7	14	7	22	23	150	103
Harry Ford	0	0	0	0	18	7	18	7
Connor Francis	0	0	0	0	17	0	27	0
Archie Haynes	1	1	18	0	0	0	26	3
George Holroyd-Doveton	18	1	0	0	3	0	41	4
Omar Hussien	0	0	0	0	21	5	24	6
Luca Jessop	13	0	0	0	0	0	13	0
Elijah John	0	0	15	7	0	0	101	50
Ollie Morris	19	14	0	0	0	0	52	27
Liam Moynihan	1	0	15	0	1	0	17	0
Derrick Nwafor	0	0	0	0	19	3	54	7
Ethan Park	12	0	0	0	0	0	41	2
Hugo Prime	12	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
Luke Prime	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Jack Rayner	0	0	0	0	24	6	35	7
Sam Robbins	1	0	20	7	0	0	110	92
Harry Smead	17	1	0	0	0	0	32	1
Fred Smith	0	0	0	0	12	1	12	1
George Speed	19	6	0	0	0	0	88	22
Pavel Stognev	0	0	0	0	24	3	90	19
Ahsan Tarafdar	14	0	0	0	0	0	14	0
Logan Westbrook	1	1	19	5	0	0	36	9
Marcus White	2	1	15	1	0	0	97	30
Dan Whiting	0	0	0	0	17	1	46	2
Rory Williams	1	4	20	28	2	6	126	245
Austin Wilshere	0	0	8	1	0	0	85	80
Max Winfield	1	2	20	14	0	0	130	101
Hugo Yu	11	1	0	0	0	0	11	1
Trialist	0	0	0	0	1	1		
Own Goals		0		2		3		

Who Scored the 20,000th Goal?

Those of you who read last season's magazine will know that the scorer of the Club's 10,000th goal in January 2006 was Callum Wilson, playing for the Under 15s away to Newport Pagnell. It had taken the Club 33 years to reach that landmark, but in the season just finished (15 years later) we have now reached the 20,000 figure.

But who was to score the epic goal? At the start of the season the tally stood at 19,905, so just 95 goals were needed to reach the magic number. The pre-season friendlies began on 8th August and the Saturday Reserves banged in 11 against Revivalists – by the end of August we were just 63 goals away from 20,000.

By Saturday 12th September another 40 goals had been scored – we were just 23 goals away. The Jaguars met Leighton Town but failed to score; the Bobcats kicked off early against Baldock Town and managed just 2. The Cougars Reds weighed in with 9 in their first league match, vs. Stopsley United; the Blacks scored 4 more and the Under 12 Pumas scored 5 in their 2 games. The Under 13 Lions kicked off late in the morning and Jacob John scored their first goal, however the crucial 20,000th goal was the Lions' third and after one of his team mates had scored the second, it was **Jacob John** who scored the all-important third as the Lions won 4-2.

The Club's all-time top scorer Phil Thompson scored 688 of those goals in his 674 matches for the Club (nearly 3.5% of the total). Phil is still way ahead of his nearest rival Phil Clarke on 427. Matt Kenneford, who played for the Club's youth teams from Under 10s to Under 15s and scored an amazing 226 goals in just 137 games – a strike rate of 165%. It was Matt's incredible 74 goals in the 2001-02 season which began the awarding of the **Golden Boot** to the highest 11-a-side scorer each season. This year's winner with 23 goals was Joe Hennem, back in scoring form for the Saturday Firsts.

This season Tom Newland top-scored again for the Sunday adults – the tenth season in a row he has done so. As a result his goal tally has risen to 193 in 216 games and he has moved above Jamie Richards into fifth place in the all-time scoring list.

On the mini-soccer scene Rory Williams continues to blaze the way, starting with his 80 goals for the Under 7s in the 2016-17 season – his record now reads 245 goals in 126 games, after banging in another 38 for the Under 11s this year, with a strike rate of 194.4%.

There are now scoring awards for each of the different formats of the game. For the 9 vs 9 format, we award the **Nines Shield**: this year's winner is Derick Ezeka from the U11 Cougars Whites with 45 goals (with Rory on 38 and Felix Folbigg on 37 close behind).

The seven-a-side top scorer receives the **Mini Golden Boot**: this year it was a contest between the Under 10 Bobcats and the Under 9 Jaguars, with the winner being Zac Wright from the Bobcats with nn goals in 27 games (his nearest rival was Frank Stout from the Jaguars with 23).

In the five-a-side game we had just one team competing this year, the Under 7 Sabres, so their top scorer Ethan Whybrow also takes the **Steve Smith Shield** after notching 32 goals in his first season with the Club.



Phil Thompson in September 2007 before scoring a County Cup hat-trick to take his total to over 600.

Under Ten Bobcats

The Bobcats took every opportunity to squeeze games in either side of the lockdowns and played a total of 27 matches in the end, starting their season on 15th August 2020 and finishing on 19th June 2021.

Bobcats – Royston Crow Youth League							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Azure Division	3	2	0	1	14	7	66.7
Burgundy Division	11	5	4	2	31	23	63.6
Friendlies	13	7	3	3	40	29	70.8
TOTAL	27	14	7	6	85	59	64.8

As like last year, we hope that everyone has been keeping safe and well during this pandemic as we again appreciate it has been proving to be very stressful and challenging although it now looks we are on our way back to living a somewhat normal life again.

Well, this was Lea Sports Bobcats Under 10's last and fourth (although short again) season in the Royston Crow league and this has to be one of the most rewarding so far as the progress has been great, positive and a character-building for the boys. On the back of the tough season we had the previous year we started off pretty well only losing 1 out of 6 pre-season games. We went into the league games late due to the pandemic at the start of October with a very strong attitude and continued our positive and successful run, only losing 1 out of 5 games before we were unfortunately hit with "Lockdown 2" in November and there we sat in doors until December when we sprung back into action but with only 3 games being played and undefeated, we hit head on "Lockdown 3" at the end of December 😊

After a long break which seemed like eternity, Covid-19 was getting under control and the country was being allowed to live again and with Grass Roots sports being given the green light, the Bobcats were back into action again in April with a straight run of 4 games and 4 draws. May started tough but ended on a high with a successful run of wins leaving the boys with a series of friendlies in June preparing to play 9v9 in the Chiltern Junior Sevens next season.

Like last season, we are playing as a very strong unit with all players now recognising their strongest position, passing the ball around well, control being an area which is still improving and the pressing of the game is getting much stronger when focused.

Overall, the boys have amazingly played 28 games in total even though we had 4 months cancelled due to the pandemic yet they still maintained the appetite for football and never seemed to lose to the lessons learned on the pitch. The welfare and continued development of the Bobcats still remains of paramount importance to the coaches and the club. We hope that this team can continue to play together and become stronger in the season ahead although expect a tougher and more structured approach to each game.

Looking forward to moving up to bigger things next season.....pitch, squad and size football😊

Date	Opponents			Scorers	Competition
15 Aug 20	Melbourn	A	2-1	Frank S., Zac W.	Friendly
29 Aug 20	Letchworth GCE	A	2-5	Dan W., Zac W.	Friendly
05 Sep 20	Steeple Morden	H	5-4	Thomas F., Jake R.(3), o.g.	Friendly
12 Sep 20	Baldock Town	H	2-2	Dan W., Zac W.	Friendly
19 Sep 20	Hitchin Town	H	5-2	Thomas F.(2), Zac W.(3)	Friendly
26 Sep 20	Manuden	H	7-3	Mohammad P.(2), Dan W., Zac W.(4)	Friendly
03 Oct 20	Hitchin Town Cobras	A	11-3	Thomas F., James M., Mohammad P.(2), Dexter R., Archie W.(2), Zac W.(4)	Azure Div
10 Oct 20	Baldock Town Knights	H	2-1	Dan W., Zac W.	Azure Div
17 Oct 20	Stotfold Ambers	H	1-3	Thomas F.	Azure Div
24 Oct 20	Melbourn Dynamos Panthers	A	4-3	Dan W.(2), Zac W.(2)	Burgundy Div
31 Oct 20	Biggleswade Town Herons	H	5-5	James M., Dan W., Zac W.(3)	Burgundy Div
04 Nov 20	Hitchin Town	A	5-2	Mohammad P.(2), Zac W. (3)	Friendly
05 Dec 20	Baldock Town Knights	H	2-1	Thomas F., Dan W.	Burgundy Div
12 Dec 20	Shefford Saints	H	6-1	Mohammad P., Zac W.(5)	Friendly
19 Dec 20	Hitchin Town	H	2-2	Zac W.(2)	Friendly
03 Apr 21	Hitchin Town	H	2-2	Mohammad P., o.g.	Friendly
10 Apr 21	Standon & Puckeridge Hares Black	A	3-3	Zac W.(2), o.g.	Burgundy Div
17 Apr 21	Shefford Saints Reds	A	4-4	Mohammad P., Zac W.(3)	Burgundy Div
24 Apr 21	Hitchin Town Nitros	H	1-1	Dan W.	Burgundy Div
01 May 21	Hitchin Town Warriors	H	2-4	Archie W., Zac W.	Burgundy Div
08 May 21	IMI Football Academy	A	1-2	Dan W.	Burgundy Div
15 May 21	Stotfold Ambers	H	1-0	James,M.	Burgundy Div
22 May 21	Biggleswade Town Herons	H	4-0	Thomas F., Zac W.(3)	Burgundy Div
29 May 21	Arlesey Town	A	4-0	Thomas F., Zac W.(3)	Burgundy Div
05 Jun 21	Standon & Puckeridge	H	2-1	Zac W.(2)	Friendly
12 Jun 21	Steeple Morden	A	0-3	-	Friendly
19 Jun 21	Melbourn Dynamos Panthers	H	0-1	-	Friendly

Team Review

Olly, wow what a season this lad has had in goal. His reading of the game, alertness to counterattack, sweeping and kicking of the ball and communication have all improved and it's a great having him back between the posts. The only aspect we can think of that Olly needs to work on is on his dominance of area during corners and not being afraid to palm, fist or tip away long-range shots.

Zac, clearly top scorer by far this season has had his eye for goal from the first game that carried us all season before rest of lads began to score. Biggest praise to his attitude and focus this year, particular second half of season which was exemplary when he wanted to lead the team as captain. Needs to work on his vision to determine when to release and when to strike and possibly look at using his right foot sometimes 😊

Dan.....always reliable, always gives 100% and always great to watch on the ball with his skill and energy. Massive improvement this year has been his resilience and strength in games. In full flight he is a real joy to watch and is unstoppable in his attack.

Dan needs to increase his numbers in assists and goals by knowing when to release and when to take shots earlier 😊

Muhammad has pushed on another year and been superb all over the pitch. His defending is solid and rarely gets beaten when face to face. Seen great improvement in his strength to hold the ball and has a massive amount of skill and flair and contributed to a lot of goals and assists. He needs to work on decision making deciding when to take on a man and when to give and go. Like Dan, needs to realise when to take more shots when the opportunities are facing him right in the face.

Thomas is a good tackler, has a strong shot and has been building up his stamina as the season has gone on to play in a key midfield position. His standards are showing improvement especially during the second half of the campaign. He needs to improve his skill on ball and looking up to give him more time which will allow him to increase his goal and assist stats.

James never really puts foot wrong. The rock remains one of the first names on the team sheet. A testament to his performances is that he is rarely substituted. James aggression and ability to win ball allows us opportunities to counterattack he can carry ball to initiate these waves of attack but if we lose the ball it can make us vulnerable. Therefore, good decision making, awareness can be coached to aid him in this area.

Jake has had a season playing in a mixture of positions looking for his favoured one.....although at times when he is focused we have seen glimpses of his ability to carry ball forward with style and skill. Jake needs to impose his strength and dominance on the ball. He has the ability to power shots from distance and that is something we have missed. Jake needs to improve stamina, tackling and be more committed in his tackling which we allow him to prevail against most opponents.

Archie has maintained his standards of last year, tough tackling and excellent going forward. He has over the last year become more hardy to the weather and never complains. Archie can dwell on the ball sometimes a little too long and so has to be more aware of his path and vision going forward. With a little more confidence on firing shots we think he can go and step up his game once more.

Dex has had steady improvement on last year, his stamina has improved and is more aware of the pace of the game. He has to show more tenacity and determination to affect the game when not in possession including pressing and tackling. We need to work on his ability to retain the ball and to make the right decisions.

Veer our latest recruit, a good lad who never complains and has added much needed steel to the team being a tough and aggressive tackler.....and very comfortable in either full-back position. We need to work on his timing when to hold player and when to intercept. If we can get him to play with head up and passing through the lines then he could raise his ability to another level.

Coaching and Support Team Outlook

Myself, Haz and Dave have again enjoyed this really tough and difficult season and look forward to next season and are still very proud of all the Bobcats. We are very grateful for the fantastic support and encouragement from all the parents and as with every year, we would like to make a special mention again to Clare Patel for her excellent admin skills and Phil Toyer for taking the boys for training in all conditions that is continuing to set the foundation of a side maturing for the future.

“HAZ & DAVE’S”

Bobcats Appearances and Goalscorers				
	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Maximum	27	85		
Veer Binag	21	0	21	0
Solomon Burgess	2	0	62	42
Ben Campbell	8	0	74	4
Tom Entwistle	1	0	60	16
Thomas Flinn	25	8	89	62
Olly McNish	26	0	79	14
James Moore	25	3	85	12
Mohammad Patel	26	9	87	18
Jake Ramsey	21	3	88	37
Dexter Roberts	23	1	32	1
Frank Stout	2	1	64	61
Alfie Walsh	3	0	3	0
Dan Wiseman	25	10	94	45
Archie Woodliffe	21	3	41	3
Zac Wright	27	44	97	118
Own Goals		3		
15 players				

Under Nine Jaguars

In their third season with the Club, and their first playing the 7 v 7 version of the game, the Under 9 Jaguars continue to make good progress. In this disrupted season they still managed to win 14 of their 20 matches, scoring 85 goals and only failing to score in 3 games. The season's highlight was a victory in the Autumn Cup, with a resounding 4-1 win in the Final against Stopsley Utd. Tornados.

Jaguars – Chiltern Junior Sevens League							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Autumn Group B	7	3	1	3	29	23	50.0
Spring Group B	5	4	0	1	23	11	80.0
Autumn Cup	3	3	0	0	13	5	Winners
Friendlies	5	4	0	1	20	11	80.0
TOTAL	20	14	1	5	85	50	72.5

JAGUARS BRING HOME THE CUP IN STORMING SEASON

Shaped like the World Cup, but made of resin and worth about £10, the Chiltern Junior Sevens Autumn Trophy was the stuff of 9-year-old dreams for the Pirton Jaguars in an impressive 2020-21 campaign. That Tom Entwistle and Rudy Alexander-Scott got to lift it after a 4-1 win over Stopsley Tornados on a rain-soaked December morning in Luton was due to the committed performances of every member of the squad. It was the goals of Frank Stout, who netted a brace, George Major and Jacob Mayes that settled the final, but brilliant performances shone through the gloom from every player. Rudy and Tom in defence set the foundations for the win, as they did for so many throughout the season. Warwick Thompson and George Gelling pulled off cracking saves in either half. George

Major and Sol Burgess stretched the play down either flank. Frank, Jacob and George Henry carried the fight up front and Luca Wilson and George Robinson brought fresh legs, physical challenge and attacking intent off the bench.

Sol nearly put the Jags in front early with a curling shot from the edge of the box that went just wide, but soon after Frank did just that with a right-foot effort that squeezed inside the post. The Tornados fought back to equalise, but not for long, George Major's shot bursting through the keeper's hands after a strong surge from Jacob. Frank's shot sneaked over the line to give Pirton a two-goal cushion, before Jacob started and finished a brilliant team goal, with the Jags winning the ball back on the edge of their box before sweeping upfield to score. With a 4-1 lead late in the game, it hardly mattered the Jags were denied another by a controversial goalline decision that would have given Frank a hat-trick, while George Gelling's fine reaction save with the clock ticking down completed the victory.

The trophy was of course the highlight of a superb season for the Jags, but more importantly the boys played with total commitment and heart throughout and always fairly and in the right spirit. They developed hugely as a team, with a 10-match winning streak across the heart of the campaign fitting reward for their efforts.

Date	Opponents			Scorers	Competition
12 Sep 20	Leighton Town	A	0-3	-	Autumn Grp B
19 Sep 20	Sundon Athletic	A	1-3	George M.	Autumn Grp B
26 Sep 20	Caddington	A	13-0	Tom E., George M.(3), Jacob M.(4), Frank S.(5)	Autumn Grp B
03 Oct 20	Somerles Youth	A	7-3	George M.(2), Jacob M., Frank S.(4)	CJ7 Autumn Cup
10 Oct 20	Crawley Green Tigers	H	0-6	-	Autumn Grp B
17 Oct 20	Sundon Athletic	H	2-1	George M., Jacob M.	CJ7 Autumn Cup
24 Oct 20	Stopsley Utd. Tornados	A	4-4	Tom E., George M., Jacob M., Frank S.	Autumn Grp B
05 Dec 20	Luton Nations	H	4-2	George H., George M., Frank S.(2)	Autumn Grp B
12 Dec 20	Stopsley Utd. Tornados	A	4-1	George M., Jacob M., Frank S.(2)	CJ7 Autumn Cup FINAL
19 Dec 20	Crawley Green Eagles	H	7-5	Rudy A., Tom E., George M.(2), Frank S.(3)	Autumn Grp B
03 Apr 21	Crawley Green Eagles	A	5-0	Solomon B., George H., George M., Frank S., o.g.	Friendly
10 Apr 21	Stopsley Utd. Tigers	H	3-2	Solomon B.(2), Frank S.	Spring Grp B
17 Apr 21	Stopsley Sharks	A	3-2	George M.(2), Jacob M.	Spring Grp B
24 Apr 21	Crawley Green Eagles	H	7-2	Solomon B., Tom E., George H., Jacob M.(2), Frank S., o.g.	Spring Grp B
26 Apr 21	Sundon Athletic U8	H	3-1	George H., George R., Frank S.	Friendly
01 May 21	Stopsley Utd. Tornados	H	0-5	-	Spring Grp B
08 May 21	Somerles Youth	A	10-0	Rudy A., Sol B., George H., George M.(2), Jacob M.(3), Frank S.(2)	Spring Grp B
15 May 21	Stopsley Sharks	A	7-5	Solomon B.(2), George H., Jacob M.(3), George R.	Friendly
17 May 21	Sundon Athletic U8	H	4-2	George M., Jacob M.(3)	Friendly
29 May 21	Luton Nations	H	1-3	George H.	Friendly

Jaguars Appearances and Goalscorers				
	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Maximum	20	85		
Rudy Alexander-Scott	20	2	56	10
Solomon Burgess	20	7	62	42
Tom Entwistle	20	4	60	16
George Gelling	18	0	48	1
George Henry	20	7	57	21
George Major	19	18	56	35
Jacob Mayes	19	20	53	48
George Robinson	17	2	17	2
Frank Stout	20	23	64	61
Warwick Thompson	19	0	53	1
Luca Wilson	16	0	16	0
Own Goals		2		
11 players				

Huge thanks must go to Phil Toyer for his expert coaching sessions; to Steve Smith, for keeping everything running through such difficult circumstances this season; to Catherine Cardy for the hours she put into making the club Covid-compliant; to Rob Burgess for taking the strain - organising all the fixtures, the training subs, marking every pitch, putting the goals out, filling the rabbit holes – to Tom and Helen Henry for sponsoring the brilliant new kit and to all the parents for being a lovely, supportive bunch, helping to get us set up on match-day and setting the right tone on the touchline.

But, most of all, well done to the boys for giving their best ... they are a credit to the club. Bring on next season.

James Major and Simon Mayes



Under Seven Sabres

In their first season with the Club, the Under 7 Sabres recorded some resounding victories, scoring double figures on 4 occasions and hitting over 100 goals in total. There were a few defeats – including one forgettable Sunday vs. Houghton Athletic – but overall the boys made a great start to their Lea Sports career.

Date	Opponents			Scorers	
13 Sep 20	Smart	A	1-3	Ethan W.	League
20 Sep 20	Mid Beds Tigers	H	7-1	Will A., Ben M.(2), Hector S.(3), Ethan W.	League
26 Sep 20	Hitchin Vipers	A	5-0	Will A., Hector S.(3), Ethan W.	Friendly
04 Oct 20	Kempston Rovers	H	4-1	Alfie E., Ben M., Ethan W., o.g.	League
11 Oct 20	Flitwick Eagles	H	5-2	Alfie E.,(2), Ben M.(2), Ethan W.	League
18 Oct 20	Luton Nations Community	A	9-3	Will A., Theo A., Thomas D., Ben M. Ethan W.(5)	League
25 Oct 20	Dunstable Town	H	6-2	Ben M.(4), Hector S., Ethan W.	League
31 Oct 20	Ramsey Manor	H	6-2	Alfie E., Ben M.(3), Hector S., Ethan W.	Friendly
06 Dec 20	Welwyn Garden City Storms	H	5-0	Alfie E.(2), Ben M., Ethan W.(2)	Friendly
13 Dec 20	Smart	H	8-0	Ben M.(3), Hector S.(2), Ethan W.(3)	League
20 Dec 20	Houghton Athletic	H	0-13	-	League
11 Apr 21	Sundon Park Rangers (1)	A	11-0	Thomas D., Hector S.(4), Ethan W.(6)	League
11 Apr 21	Sundon Park Rangers (2)	A	10-0	Alfie E.(2), Avi R.(2), Will A.(3), Theo A.(3)	League
18 Apr 21	Smart	H	2-3	Theo A., Avi R.	League
25 Apr 21	Houghton Athletic Reds	A	2-5	Alfie E., Ben M.	League
02 May 21	Sundon Park Rangers	H	13-0	Theo A., Alfie E., Ben M.(6), Hector S., Ethan W.(4)	League
09 May 21	Smart	A	0-5	-	League
16 May 21	Houghton Athletic Reds	H	3-6	Ben M.(2), Ethan W.	League
30 May 21	Welwyn	H	10-4	Theo A., Thomas D., Alfie E., Avi R., Hector S.(3), Ethan W.(3)	Friendly
06 Jun 21	Flitwick Eagles	A	1-5	Ethan W.	Friendly

Sabres – Bedfordshire Mini-Soccer League							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Fairplay League	15	9	0	6	81	44	60.0
Friendlies	5	4	0	1	27	11	80.0
TOTAL	20	13	0	7	108	55	65.0

What a season! It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...

A season that was cut short but also felt like it lasted about three years.

Despite the stop-start nature of the season, the difference in ability and teamwork from our first game to the end of the season has been dramatic. Our passing and sense of positioning on the pitch has come on leaps and bounds since that first chaotic game last September, when we lost 3-1 away to Smart Colts. We then went on a 9 game winning streak up to Christmas before coming up against an outstanding Houghton Athletic who gave us a drubbing in the final game of term, just before they moved up to the U8 league!

The second half of the season since April was much more of a mixed bag, with four comfortable wins (scoring at least 10 goals in each game) and four tight losses. In fact all our losses this season have been to only two teams, Smart Colts and Houghton Athletic.

All in all we think it's been an incredibly successful first season for the Sabres.

We have a big squad of ten and try to ensure everyone gets a pretty equal amount of game time. This can sometimes go against us when we come up against opposition who don't rotate as much and focus on winning above all else, but we believe it's the right thing to do at these younger age groups and will continue to do so. Our ethos is about the boys enjoying themselves and learning to work as a team as much as improving individual skills, and we've seen every one of the Sabres develop their skills, work hard for each other, and leave the pitch smiling this season.

Martin and I would like to thank all the parents for their support in rain and shine, and especially with the help setting up and clearing up for the home games. Special thanks to Phil for leading coaching on Saturdays, and for Adam and James for referring throughout the season. And of course thanks to all the boys for giving their best and listening (most of the time) to the barely coherent half-time ramblings of two coaching novices.

Special shout-out for each of them:

We can always rely on **Alfie** to put a real shift in, wherever he plays. Full of energy and commitment, he never fails to get stuck in and has developed some great dribbling and finishing skills over the course of the season in addition to his insatiable desire for a crunching tackle.

Avi follows coaching direction to a tee, and has built on his silky dribbling skills this season with some aggressive defending and piercing runs with the ball, playing in both defence and midfield.

Appearances & Goalscorers		
This Season		
	Apps.	Goals
Maximum	20	108
Will Alcorn	12	6
Theo Alexander-Scott	18	7
Harry Cole	20	0
Thomas Day	20	3
Alfie Ellis-Townsend	20	11
Fabio Hormann	13	0
Ben Murdoch	15	26
Avi Rathore	12	4
Hector Stout	19	18
Ethan Whybrow	20	32
Own Goals		1
10 Players		

We have really noticed how much **Ben** has matured this season, both in terms of his incisive passing but also in how he handles himself on the pitch. Always encouraging, supporting and looking out for other Sabres and setting a great example of how we want to conduct ourselves. Our second highest scorer with 26 goals.

Ethan never stops running. He makes Forrest Gump look like Jimmy Five Bellies. Whether he's in defence or midfield he will cover every blade of grass: tackling, making great runs with the ball, and banging in 31 goals as our top scorer this season.

Fabio has really come on this season and grown from timid beginnings to now flourishing in defence as someone we can rely on to attack the ball, clear the lines and concentrate on his positioning for the whole game.

Harry started out as incredibly dependable in defence and always happy to put in a shift in goal, but as the season has progressed he's added some deft drag backs and dribbling skills to his repertoire too. One of our most consistent performers.

Hector started out in defence but found his feet in midfield as the season progressed, and could often be found making marauding runs through midfield before unleashing a terrifyingly hard shot at a petrified goalkeeper. Our third highest score with 18 goals over the course of the season.

Theo is another player to show real development this season, playing in both defence and midfield. Much more comfortable on the ball and more assertive in the tackle than at the start of the season, and regularly seen making good runs with and without the ball.

Thomas has been a stalwart in defence for the whole season and has shown real maturity from the outset with his positional play and tackling. He's got us out of trouble a few times (per game) and this has recently extended to stints in goal where he has continued his good work.

Will developed an early knack for making great runs into the box and has continued as an established midfielder all season. Always looking to get into a good position and give his team-mates options.

Well done to all the players, it's been a pleasure coaching such a great group of kids this season.

MJ and Martin

The 200 Club – Players with 200 Appearances or More 75 Players.

674	Phil Thompson	21.11.82 (3 rd XI)	262	Steve Baggett	08.09.91 (3 rd XI)
645	Archie Conway	11.10.81 (3 rd XI)	262	Steve Close	10.12.89 (2 nd XI)
596	Bobby McGrath	15.09.91 (3 rd XI)	261	Ben Alderton	28.08.05 (1 st XI)
592	Kelvin Callow	1973 (1 st XI)	260	Simon Jackson	09.08.00 (Sat 1 st XI)
572	Rick Vipers	26.10.80 (3 rd XI)	259	Gavin Campbell	13.08.91 (2 nd XI)
528	Phil Clarke	1974 (1 st XI)	257	Steve Moorhouse	22.11.81 (3 rd XI)
439	Paul Gatherern	11.09.88 (2 nd XI)	256	Pete Mather	30.11.86 (3 rd XI)
432	Keith Lee	27.08.78 (2 nd XI)	255	Geoff Richardson	04.09.77 (2 nd XI)
430	Dave Blake	16.09.79 (3 rd XI)	254	Dave Newman	06.11.83 (1 st XI)
429	Jamie Richards	26.01.97 (U/14)	243	Bruce Bonfield	1973 (1 st XI)
416	Andy Shiers	15.09.91 (2 nd XI)	241	Chris Castle	1973 (1 st XI)
407	Al Mayman	17.10.82 (2 nd XI)	241	Steve Moreton	04.09.77 (2 nd XI)
403	Alan Dawson	14.09.80 (3 rd XI)	240	Russell Sheppard	15.11.87 (1 st XI)
381	Richard Knock	13.04.97 (U/11)	240	Oliver Scott	11.09.10 (U/7)
378	Neil Hebron	02.10.88 (3 rd XI)	237	Mark Williams	25.04.99 (3 rd XI)
365	Andy Thompson	1973 (1 st XI)	236	Kevin Connolly	15.10.89 (3 rd XI)
351	Trevor Taylor	23.10.83 (2 nd XI)	236	Mark Turner	23.09.84 (2 nd XI)
350	Dave Pymont	1973 (1 st XI)	235	Ashley Burgess	13.08.92 (1 st XI)
345	Greg Whelan	02.03.03 (2 nd XI)	231	Jim Gahagan	18.09.77 (2 nd XI)
343	Jonathan Whitehead	02.09.01 (2 nd XI)	230	Steve Goldsmith	23.09.90 (3 rd XI)
341	Alistair Hearn	1977 (1 st XI)	229	Andy Bownes	07.04.88 (1 st XI)
341	Richard Randall	11.01.04 (1 st XI)	228	Chris Gatherern	25.10.92 (U/13)
332	Charlie McNerney	04.12.77 (2 nd XI)	227	Bill Hind	16.10.77 (2 nd XI)
318	Ed Thomson	27.08.00 (1 st XI)	226	Teddie Rowe-Trelford	11.09.10 (U/7)
317	Tony Riley	1975 (1 st XI)	225	Graham Carter	04.11.90 (3 rd XI)
316	Ben Thomson	16.09.01 (2 nd XI)	224	Marek Diduszko	10.08.08 (1 st XI)
314	Matt Day	01.09.04 (U/13)	218	Henry Huxley	08.10.11 (U/8)
306	Mick Marsh	01.02.81 (1 st XI)	217	Ben Bayley	11.09.10 (U/7)
298	Gavin Bidgood	31.08.95 (U/18)	217	Dan Little	17.10.12 (2 nd XI)
298	John Darley	18.09.77 (2 nd XI)	213	Phil Holmes	1973 (1 st XI)
295	Phil Hudspeth	1973 (1 st XI)	211	Steve Bingham	13.08.91 (2 nd XI)
293	Alan Palmer	25.11.84 (3 rd XI)	210	Liam Brooks	11.09.10 (U/7)
291	Mark Booth	13.10.96 (Vets)	207	Sam Tonge	11.09.10 (U/7)
283	Jack Baggett	05.09.02 (U/12)	206	Brian Langley	11.04.76 (1 st XI)
280	Matthew Morton	11.09.10 (U/7)	203	Oliver Palmer	07.09.08 (2 nd XI)
276	John Temple	13.08.92 (1 st XI)	201	Lewis Manning	11.09.10 (U/7)
270	Paul MacLennan	21.12.03 (2 nd XI)			
266	Colin Bradley	10.04.88 (2 nd XI)			
263	Scott Morgan	30.07.00 (Sat 1 st XI)			

MINI-SOCCER TOP SCORERS

All others fewer than 25. Only goals in mini-soccer games are counted.

Lea Sports over the Years

In advance of Lea Sports' 50th anniversary season in 2022-23 here's a glimpse of how they've preformed over the years. Each year's record includes all forms of the game.

Year	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
1973-74	25	7	1	17	47	86	30.0%
1974-75	28	14	1	13	83	76	51.8%
1975-76	35	16	5	14	100	63	52.9%
1976-77	28	14	4	10	92	58	57.1%
1977-78	75	18	9	48	92	149	30.0%
1978-79	67	23	11	33	126	212	42.5%
1979-80	73	25	18	30	168	178	46.6%
1980-81	73	15	8	50	143	254	26.0%
1981-82	71	23	14	34	158	209	42.3%
1982-83	73	25	7	41	164	196	39.0%
1983-84	81	34	15	32	194	174	51.2%
1984-85	83	41	11	31	224	193	56.0%
1985-86	86	45	16	25	294	202	61.6%
1986-87	81	39	11	31	234	189	54.9%
1987-88	86	27	10	49	192	288	37.2%
1988-89	86	34	6	46	256	321	43.0%
1989-90	89	30	17	42	203	240	43.3%
1990-91	89	30	20	39	199	213	44.9%
1991-92	96	43	17	36	241	195	53.6%
1992-93	173	54	20	99	374	558	37.0%
1993-94	198	107	20	71	620	446	59.1%
1994-95	233	139	25	69	771	561	65.0%
1995-96	224	87	30	107	551	700	45.5%
1996-97	135	58	14	63	369	397	48.1%
1997-98	167	89	16	62	541	399	58.1%
1998-99	221	103	23	95	657	648	51.8%
1999-00	169	76	16	77	458	541	49.7%
2000-01	145	49	15	81	348	455	39.0%
2001-02	192	83	18	91	519	621	47.9%
2002-03	176	61	17	98	437	543	39.5%
2003-04	140	77	13	50	434	299	59.6%
2004-05	149	69	16	64	376	394	51.7%
2005-06	163	74	21	68	442	420	51.8%
2006-07	109	46	18	45	295	245	50.5%
2007-08	117	64	15	38	315	198	61.1%
2008-09	216	109	35	72	602	446	58.6%
2009-10	204	75	25	104	453	543	42.9%
2010-11	277	145	33	99	720	569	58.3%
2011-12	255	136	37	82	646	498	60.6%
2012-13	253	101	38	114	620	647	47.4%
2013-14	246	112	26	108	662	725	50.8%
2014-15	244	97	23	124	647	877	44.5%
2015-16	214	84	20	110	641	758	43.9%
2016-17	295	151	32	112	1320	1059	56.6%
2017-18	309	156	26	127	1121	1061	54.7%
2018-19	317	137	42	138	1073	1031	49.8%
2019-20	229	104	24	101	683	659	50.7%
2020-21	255	125	35	95	865	654	55.9%
TOTAL	7350	3271	894	3185	20770	20448	50.6%

Overall Club Record (To June 2021)

11-a-Side	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
First XI	1233	532	172	529	3149	3041	50.1
Second XI	1031	452	141	438	2478	2456	50.7
Third XI	684	259	88	337	1805	2014	44.3
Fourth XI	209	113	21	75	685	479	59.1
Saturday XI	531	263	81	187	1410	1091	57.2
Saturday Res.	96	32	11	53	187	279	39.1
Tours	8	2	2	4	16	33	37.5
Veterans	76	33	13	30	229	224	52.0
Ladies	23	3	1	19	45	155	15.2
Under 18	150	70	19	61	432	412	53.0
Under 17	104	56	4	44	306	330	55.8
Under 16	162	68	17	77	434	517	47.2
Under 15	219	66	25	128	503	708	35.8
Under 14	350	143	37	170	931	1153	46.1
Under 13	310	123	34	153	885	1067	45.2
Under 12	211	101	26	84	661	519	54.0
Under 11	111	64	14	33	364	273	64.0
Under 10	30	21	0	9	112	61	70.0
	5,538	2,401	706	2,431	14,636	14,812	49.7

Mini Soccer

Nine-a-Side	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Under 12	148	57	12	79	335	432	42.6
Under 11	246	113	26	107	805	731	51.2
	394	170	38	186	1,140	1,163	48.0

Seven-a-Side	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Under 11	37	15	5	17	62	92	47.3
Under 10	384	208	41	135	1191	993	59.5
Under 9	374	177	49	148	1178	1084	53.9
Under 8	115	63	11	41	288	233	59.6
Under 7	44	11	9	24	73	118	35.2
Under 6	2	0	0	2	1	3	0.0
Girls Under 12	3	1	0	2	14	8	33.3
	959	475	115	369	2,807	2,531	55.5

Five-a-Side	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Under 8	233	102	18	113	1057	991	47.6
Under 7	226	123	17	86	1130	951	58.2
	459	225	35	199	2,187	1,942	52.8

GRAND TOTAL	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
	7,350	3,271	894	3,185	20,770	20,448	50.6