



## Savage F.A.

**Luton Town start the season on minus 30 points**

**Vol. 3, No. 1, August 2008**

The Football Association this week upheld the 10 point penalty imposed upon Luton Town FC for financial irregularities carried out by the previous administration. This is on top of the 20 point penalty imposed by the Football League (and the 10 points they were docked last season).

So what? You might ask. What has this got to do with my Sunday morning football? In fact, whether you support Watford or Wimbledon in Milton Keynes, you should be disturbed by this draconian penalty. Any club outside the Premier League could be next. Football in England is now completely split between the money-soaked Premier League, where clubs can do virtually what they want (remember that the FA would not impose a 3-point penalty on West Ham for blatant breaches of the rules because that would have meant relegation for Sir Trevor Brooking's team) and between all the rest.



The footballing authorities in this country merely pay lip service to grass roots football: the Charter Standard scheme is poorly administered and papers over the cracks of a lack of interest in clubs which don't generate cash. The new National Strategy for grass roots football will result in another load of glossy publications from the FA and no action. Our own club has, since February, been trying to set up a coaching scheme to encourage girls to take part in our Club. The County FA has failed to carry out the simplest of promises to make this happen and we will now have to wait another year to establish a girls team.

Over many years in local football I have seen standards of play and behaviour decline alarmingly. Referees are leaving the game in droves and most local leagues are a fraction the size they were years ago. This is a result of a lack of respect from players and spectators for officials and the football authorities. The FA have to realise that respect has to be earned and is a two-way process. Until the FA show respect for all clubs outside the Premier League I can only see the decline in local football continuing.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/news-and-comment/the-nick-townsend-column-this-penalty-wont-bring-sunshine-into-murky-waters-872325.html>

*These are the personal opinions of the Editor and do not necessarily represent the views of the Club. If you have any comments or wish to reply to the above, please e-mail secretary@lpspg.co.uk.*

### Committee Gears Up for the New Season

This year the Club will be running ten teams. A list of committee members is given below—for full details check the website at [www.lpspg.co.uk](http://www.lpspg.co.uk) and click on 'Contacts'.

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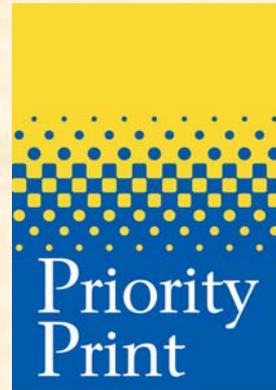
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## Forecast—Hot Showers

**Lottery Grant for Clubhouse Improvements**

**Vol. 3, No. 2, September 2008**

After a wait of nearly three months, the Sports & Social Club has learned that its application for funding to renovate the showers has been successful. Awards for All, which is part of the Big Lottery Fund, has awarded the Club just under £5,000 to replace the hot water tank, pipework and shower heads on the ageing system. It is expected that the work will take place around the end of October.

### **SUCCESSFUL END TO THE MONTH**

**- First XI take the Premier Cup. Under 14s win the Flitwick Tournament**

The First Team ended their pre-season preparations undefeated. In the final match of August they played out a 3-3 draw with Premier Cup holders Leaside: the point thus gained was enough to take the trophy for the first time since 1995. Iain Temple, one of the scorers for Lea Sports the last time they won the trophy, appeared for Leaside this time around, but could not prevent his old club taking the lead through Richard Knock. Leaside scored a tremendous equaliser before the home side went ahead again through a penalty converted by Richie Bevan. Leaside equalised again before Andy Van Hoof scored Lea Sports' third. A Leaside penalty ensured a nervous last few minutes before the celebrations could begin. (Full details are available on the website at [www.lpspg.co.uk](http://www.lpspg.co.uk)).

A great performance from the u14 side saw them collecting the winners trophy in the Flitwick Eagles pre season tournament at Redborne School on Saturday 30 August.

They managed to go through the tournament without conceding a goal. Defenders Eliot, Andy, Sam & Jack kept most threats at bay and in form keeper Warren produced some fine saves. The midfield players Brad, Matty, Adam Tom & Yusuf worked hard helping out at the back & pushing forward on attacks, Strikers Cameron & Enrico provided some excellent shots on goal. After five wins against, Shillington- 2.0, Dunstable- 2.0, Flitwick- 4.0, Beds Park Rangers- 1.0, And Luton Leagreave- 2.0. Lea Sports PSG found themselves in the final against Bedford Town. This was a very closely contested final highlighted by two great saves from Warren who turned a long range shot over the bar and then pushed another round the post. Matty nearly clinched the match in the last seconds of normal time with great effort denied by the Bedford keeper. End of extra time still saw both teams level. It was down to a penalty shoot out to decide the victors with Yusuf, Sam, Jack & Brad all scoring and Warren saving Bedford's third & forth this gave Lea Sports a 4-2 win.

A great day and a well deserved win which should give them confidence for the new season. See photo overleaf—for more pictures go to [www.lpspg.co.uk](http://www.lpspg.co.uk) and click on 'Special Occasions'.

### **Under Eights, Elevens and Twelves Start Life With A Defeat**

Playing their first ever match—in brand new kit sponsored by Priority Print—the Under Eights went down to a 3-1 defeat away to Luton Borough Dragons on Saturday 16th August.

The squad of Alex Seago, Kieran Jones, Luke Breacher, Louis Lomas, Luke Nar-roway, Archie Medlock and Ryan Quinn found the going tough in their first ever competitive match and a goal from Louis Lomas was not enough on the day.

Nevertheless, it was good experience for the lads and they are now looking forward to their league season in the Filmergraphics League.

The Under 11s and Twelves both played their first 11-a-side matches but fared no better. The Under 11s lost narrowly to Toddington Rovers (2-3) with goals from Jake Edwards and Curties O'Connell, while the Under 12s played well at Ampthill but were caught out by there being no linesmen and eventually lost 5-1. George Calvert scored their consolation goal.



## Under Tens Struggle for Players

The Under Tens Saturday side has been forced to pull out of the Chiltern Sevens League because of a lack of players. Paul Cutler only had five players signed on as the league deadline for registrations approached. It is hoped that by combining the Saturday and Sunday teams, we will have enough players to continue.

Anyone interested in playing for the Under Tens should contact Head of Youth Football Phil Toyer (01462 711211).

## Friendlies Cancelled

For the first time ever, we have had a friendly match in August cancelled because of the weather! The First Team game at Crawley Green, scheduled for August 14th, was cancelled after heavy rain all afternoon. Meanwhile, the Reserves turned up at Caddington for their friendly on August 24th—only to find that the home side could not field a team!

## Reserves Get A Shock!!

The Reserves got a bit of a surprise in their first pre-season warm-up match against Mark Hill's Under 18s. The youngsters raced into a 3-0 half-time lead, with Jordan Murray scoring twice and Roan Wedderburn grabbing a third. The Reserves steadied the ship in the second half and recovered with goals from Mark Williams, Ollie Palmer and Phil Thompson to snatch a 3-3 draw. Jordan added a further 3 goals in the Under 18s' friendly vs. Bushmead—unfortunately it wasn't enough as the lads lost 3-6.



Under Fourteens take the Flitwick Tournament Honours.

More pics at [www.lspsg.co.uk](http://www.lspsg.co.uk) in 'Special Occasions'

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## Reserves Hit Top Spot

### 5-3 Win Over Nearest Rivals

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Phil Thompson notched another hat-trick as the Reserves swept past unbeaten Hexton to move into top spot in Division 4. Ben Thomson scored a penalty and Mathew Hill scored a well-taken goal as the Reserves maintained their excellent unbeaten start to the season. Latest tables are on the website at [www.lpspg.co.uk](http://www.lpspg.co.uk).

The hat-trick gives Phil 5 goals so far this season as he tries to defend his Golden Boot. He is under serious threat, however, from James Hirst from the Under 12s. Last week, when the Under 12s beat Leighton United 5-0, James notched four of the goals. This week he did twice as well! The Under 12s overpowered Bedford FC 'C' by a massive 16-0 and James scored 8 of them.

For the Under 11s Thomas Boggon and Curties O'Connell have scored six times each as the Under 11s

maintain their good start to the season (7 points out of 9 in the league and a County Cup win over Brady Maccabi by four goals to nil). The Under 12s have also taken 7 points from 9 and have a goal difference of plus 21!

The First Team, after winning the pre-season Premier Cup tournament, have had a mixed start to the season with a win, a defeat and a draw, although eight players were missing from the side in the 2-2 draw with Woodstock.

The Under 18s struggled without their regular keeper in an opening day defeat to Toddington Rovers, but bounced back with a 2-1 win away to Limbury Saints, while the Under 14 have also recorded a win, a draw and a defeat in their opening three games.



### County Cup Focus

Although the Under 11s have already opened their County Cup campaign, the other youth teams will join the competition on October 5th.



The Under Eighteens have a tough tie vs. Hitchin Town at Pirton at 2 pm and at the same time the Under 14s face Comets Sports Club Hawks from Hemel Hempstead.

The Under 12s play in the morning against London Maccabi Lions.

The Reserves are away to Green Dragon in Bushey on October 12th and a week later the First Team also have a journey to make—to Tring Royals in the Intermediate Cup.



## Mixed Start for the Mini-Soccer Teams

After an advert in the local papers failed to attract new players, the Under 10s began the season with just one team playing on Sunday mornings. Although the squad has only just come together they have put in some good performances, narrowly losing their three opening games. The Under 9s have fared better, winning two of their 3 games, although they did suffer a 5-1 defeat at the hands of Kempston Colts. The Under 8s have won 2 of their 3 grading games, losing 8-4 away to Leighton Town at the end of the month after wins against Leighton United 'B' and Sandy Colts. Edward Clarke, Joshua Evans and Louis Lomas have all scored three times for the Under 8s, while Sam Boggon has four for the Under 9s.

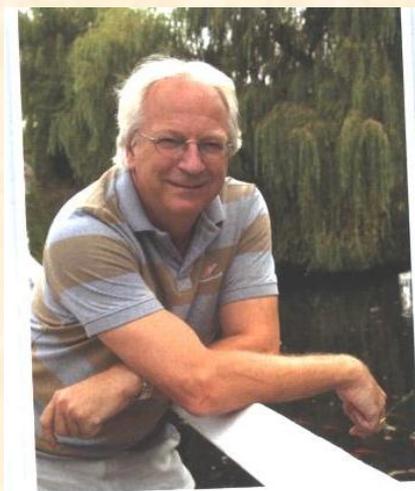
(Under 10 goalscorers unknown at time of writing).

The mini-soccer teams will be competing for the Mini Golden Boot this year—presented to the top scorer across the seven-a-side teams.

## Club Gets A Mention in 'Hertfordshire Life'

Lea Sports PSG got a mention in the September edition of Hertfordshire Life when the magazine published an article on the village of Pirton.

Apart from a good write-up I think they managed to capture my good side.....



Left Steve Smith at Blacksmiths pond, plus two of the village's football teams



'Scratch the surface  
and you will find a  
host of activities'

— Steve Smith, Pirton Sports and Social club

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## County Cup Round-Up

### Firsts Win 2-0 in First Visit to Tring

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The first team eased past their opponents Tring Royals in the first round of the Sunday Intermediate Cup. In their first visit to the town, the Firsts took an early lead and could have made the game safe by half time. In the end they had to survive some awkward moments against a very ordinary Tring side before making the game safe with a second goal after half time.

The Reserves, meanwhile, had high hopes of maintaining their tradition of long cup runs in the Hertfordshire Junior Cup. The omens looked good when they raced into a 3-0 half-time lead at Borehamwood against Green Dragon. The second half was a different story, however, as a flood of goals took the game into extra time, with Lea Sports eventually succumbing 5-6.



There were plenty of goals in against Hitchin Town too—who scored them all as our Fourteens made amends in Sports Club from Hemel

the Under Eighteens' match and unfortunately it was Hitchin lads went down 8-0. The Under their home game against Comets Hempstead winning 14-0.

In similar fashion to the Reserves, the Under 11s took an early substantial lead in the League Cup away to Sundon Park Rangers. In the end though it was the same story as they too went down 6-5 after extra time. A week later the lads came up against Letchworth Garden City Eagles in the County Cup. Despite holding their own early in the match, the Under 11s couldn't maintain their pressure and in the end Letchworth ran out 9-0 winners. The victors did give credit to our Under 11s on their website, praising the 'superbly prepared pitch' and thanking their 'gracious hosts'.

## Mini-Soccer Round-Up

The Under Tens started the month well with a 1-0 victory over high-flying Houghton Regis. Kane Pope scored the all-important goal, but it was Kyle McCaffrey who made sure of the points with an amazing double-save in the very last minute. Unfortunately, the Under 10s haven't been able to maintain their winning ways and have gone down to two narrow defeats since then: 4-5 at home to Wilstead Harriers, despite leading 2-1 in the second half; and 2-3 away to Bedford FC 'C'.

The Under 9s have had a tough October. They lost away in the rain to Langford on October 5th by a 1-5 scoreline and the following week conceded 12 against Celtic, scoring just one in reply. The home game against Leighton Town provided no relief as the lads went down 1-6. Two new players have just joined the squad, however. Older club members will hope that Will Spain-O'Leary will emulate the goalscoring feats of his Dad Will O'Leary; whilst Lewis Hargreaves has joined us from Stotfold to bolster the midfield.

The Under 8s played their final two Group D grading games in October. They went down 2-4 at home to Mid-Beds Tigers 'B', despite goals from Louis Lomas and Alex Seago, before rounding off their grading matches with a 3-1 win away to Bedford Panthers. They now find themselves grouped with the teams listed on the right for the season's fixtures staring in November.

- AFC Dunstable Youth 'A'
- Caldecote Youth
- Langford Youth
- Lea Sports PSG
- Mid Beds Tigers 'B'
- Templefield Old Boys
- Toddington Rovers



## Merry Christmas...

### There's no 'I' in 'Team'...

Vol. 4, No. 4, December 2008

Following a couple of disappointments in Cup competition, PSG U11's enter December in 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the league unbeaten in 7 games. Full credit to the boys and girl, who have really pulled together as a team and put in some great performances in what has become a very competitive Chiltern Youth Division Two.

The keeper and the defence have, so far, produced 3 clean sheets and currently have the league's best defensive record with only 7 goals conceded. The midfield players have battled hard both supplying the forwards with great service and also by adding to the goal tally themselves. Finally the forwards have taken their chances well and begun to develop a positive partnership. Well done to them all, the effort and teamwork is bringing rewards.

The U11's would also like to thank new sponsor, Sue Worboys and Manor Farm Fishing, who have supplied (very welcome) rain jackets for the squad and also thank the club for their new drill tops.



### Boxing Day Fun Run—Still Places Left

The Boxing Day 'Fun Run' at the Recreation Ground now attracts up to 500 runners and is well-known in the local area amongst aficionados of running knee-deep in mud in the freezing cold. If this sort of activity floats your boat, there are still places available. The closing date is **December 5th** so get your skates on (or your running shoes..). Visit <http://www.boxingdayrun.co.uk/> for more information.

Members of the Sports & Social Club will be providing hot soup, tea, coffee, etc and volunteers are welcome to work selling these items to the lunatics who take part in this annual self-flagellation. If you want to lend a hand between 9.30 and 11.30 please get in touch—I would welcome the help..

### High-Jinks at Half-Term



Following the great success of the recent half term coaching courses, future courses will definitely be offered.

Even with the changeable weather, over 40 children attended over the four days, many coming for more than one session and all had a great time.

The courses are designed for children of all abilities and are led by Head of Youth Football, Phil Toyer. The days are designed to be fun, using stimulating games that allow the children to learn through play rather than through rigid drills. All games are age- and ability-appropriate so that everyone can get involved, with enjoyment being the key.

Details of upcoming courses will be displayed on the web site.



## One Hope Left For The County Cup

The First Team and Under 12s both bowed out of their respective County Cup competitions on November 16th, leaving just the Under 14s to carry the flag. The First Team put in a below-par performance in the rain against Bradmore Rovers. Trailing 3-1 at half-time, there was some improvement in the second-half, but not enough to prevent the visitors winning 4-2. The Under Twelves had key players missing for their trip to Cassiobury Rangers, near Watford. Despite putting up a brave fight and scoring three excellent goals they finally went down by a 5-3 scoreline. The Under 14s put in a tremendous performance to win 4-2 at Hammer Youth and progress to a Third Round tie away to London Maccabi Lions on December 14th.

## NEWS SNIPPETS

### Heaven's Kitchen!

Go to any U8's home game and you are in for a real treat! Not only will you see some exciting football but you will also be able to enjoy the culinary delights of a hot bacon roll and a good Cuppa.

The U8's have raised an astounding £120 in just a few weeks by offering this service to cold and bedraggled supporters and Anna Jones and the Club would like to say a huge thank you to Suzy Narroway, Julie Ensbury and Julie Clarke for giving up their time – Gordon Ramsey watch out!

### Under 14s Recognised

Five of our Under Fourteen team have been selected for the Bedfordshire County Team. The players to achieve this recognition are: Warren Bell, Tom Hignell, Yusuf Mushtaq, Matt Baxter and Bradley Turner. Well done to all the boys.

### Speedy Recovery...

Whilst we're on the subject of the Under Fourteens...everyone at the Club wishes a speedy recovery to Cameron Alexander who tore knee ligaments while playing rugby. The injury will keep Cameron out until the end of the season, but we all wish him well and hope to see him back in the red and black stripes soon.

### Pavilion

The changing room project is inching forward. The latest stage is an application to North Hertfordshire for £1,000 grant towards the planning application costs. Plans should be submitted shortly for a new changing room block to be built between the existing club-house and the shed.

### Showers

At long last the hot water tank supplying the showers has been replaced, along with new shower heads and pipework. The new thermostat, valves and pump should also make the water temperature much easier to control and ensure hot showers for all.

### Car Parking/Lighting

We are still finalising prices for moving the posts to extend the car-park. At the same time as the posts are being moved we will install some lighting to create a training area next to the garage. Hopefully we will be able to secure grant funding for the project.

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## ...And A Happy New Year

### Golden Boot Race Hots Up

Vol. 4, No. 5, January 2009

At the half-way point in the season, it looks as though the prestigious Golden Boot award for the top scorer in the Club will be heading towards the Under 11s, although the eventual winner is still in the balance.

Curties O'Connell scored five against Celtic Youth in an 8-2 away win on December 21st and all four in the 4-0 home win over Aylesbury Athletic on November 16th to leap-frog Tom Boggon into pole position. Both players have only failed to score in 4 of their 13 appearances so far. Chris Littlejohn and Phil Thompson lead the way for the adults with 10 goals apiece—both having made 9 appearances.

The Mini Golden Boot for the Seven-a-Side teams also looks to be heading for the Boggon family, with Sam having scored 18 for the Under 9s. His nearest rival is Louis Lomas who has scored 11 times for the Under 8s. Alex Seago has scored 6 for the Under 8s, while Alex Barnes is second-top scorer for the Under 9s with 5. Thomas Cutler and Jake Keech each have five goals for the Under 10s.

<b>First XI</b>	
<b>Chris Littlejohn</b>	10
<b>Greg Whelan</b> (inc 2 for Res)	7
<b>Second XI</b>	
<b>Phil Thompson</b>	10
<b>Tom Newlands</b>	3
<b>Ben Thomson</b>	3
<b>Under 18</b>	
<b>Sam Tompkins</b>	5
<b>Jordan Murray</b>	5
<b>Under 14</b>	
<b>Matthew Baxter</b>	7
<b>Jack Stanton</b>	5
<b>Under 12</b>	
<b>James Hirst</b>	14
<b>Lyas White</b>	9
<b>Under 11</b>	
<b>Curties O'Connell</b>	20
<b>Tom Boggon</b>	17

### It's Like Riding a Bike...

The Reserves are trying to remember what it's like to play together as they prepare for their first competitive match since the 2-0 win over Luton Borough on November 9th. A combination of postponements, opponents' cup fixtures and the bizarre fixture lists issued by the North Home Counties League mean that the Reserves won't have played a competitive fixture in eight weeks as they go into their Challenge Cup Quarter Final with Toddington Rovers on January 4th.

The First Team are looking to consolidate second place in Division 2 as they entertain Crawley Green Reserves on January 4th. Houghton Town enhanced their claim to the Champions' spot as they won 4-0 in Pirton before Christmas, but the race for Runners-up spot is wide open.

The Under 11s and Under 12s look to have the best chance of silverware among the youth teams. The Under 12s are still unbeaten in Division 2, although 5 of their 7 league games have been drawn. The Under 11s, meanwhile, are sitting on top of Division 2, having won 7 and drawn one of their eight games. January 4th brings a home game against the only other unbeaten side, Bromham Youth, who have won 6 and drawn 3 of their 9 games so far, so a real six-pointer is in store.



## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SPONSORS..

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Form IT Solutions, formerly Premier Computer Supplies, have been a Sponsor of Lea Sports since 1991—in those intervening 18 years they have pumped thousands of pounds into the Club, supplying at least one new kit every year, as well as many ancillary items, such as the binders and covers for the annual magazine. Owner Hugh Byrne would be the first to admit that Rugby is his first love (Form also sponsor Luton Rugby Club), but he did turn out in a Lea Sports shirt for ten years between 1988 and 1998 and earned a reputation as a fearsome tackler (although usually playing to Union rules!)



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Let Form assist you to reduce your costs, add real value to your IT and allow you to make informed decisions.

### Boxing Day Fun Run a Big Success

The Boxing Day Fun Run at the Rec attracted a full house of about 500 runners, who enjoyed a bright and dry morning. The bar and kitchen both did a roaring trade selling tea, coffee, hot soup, mulled wine, chocolates, crisps, etc, etc. and the whole event went off very well.

I even got a spot on Three-Counties Radio to talk about the event, although at 9 a.m. on Boxing Day I think the audience was probably about a dozen people!

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## Reserves Through to the Semis

### Great Win over Toddington Rovers

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In their first competitive match since November 9th the Reserves recorded an outstanding win over Division 3 front-runners Toddington Rovers on a heavy pitch at Lea Manor in the Quarter-Final of the Challenge Cup on January 18th. The Reserves started slowly and Toddington missed a couple of early chances. Ed Thomson's team battled their way into the game in the difficult conditions, but had goalkeeper Gav Bidgood to thank as he made some excellent saves in the first half. With seconds left until half time Phil Thompson scored the 620th goal of his Lea Sports career to put the lads one up at half time. Toddington fought back in the second half and it looked as though they were back in the game as a penalty was awarded against Andy Shiers. Gav Bidgood had other ideas, however, and pulled off a great save from the penalty to keep the lads' noses in front. Ed made two substitutions in midfield to take control of the game and late on it was our turn to be awarded a penalty after Phil Thompson was brought down and Ben Thomson made no mistake from the spot. The win takes the Reserves through to a semi-final against Flint United.

A week later the team were back in league action against bottom side Ashcroft Athletic. Despite not playing their best football on another rain-soaked pitch in Pirton, the Reserves were far too strong for Ashcroft and ran out 5-1 winners. Phil Thompson was on the scoresheet again, along with contributions from Luke Day, Tom Newlands and a brace from Mark Williams.

On a day which saw many postponements after heavy rain the night before, the Under 14s romped to a 4-0 away win at league-leaders Leighton Town, to make up for the disappointment of an extra-time exit from the Herts Cup the week before.. The Under 11s dropped their first points at home in a 0-0 draw against a determined AFC Kempston, while on the junior pitch, the Under 8s came back from a 1-0 half-time deficit against Bedford Town with a second-half strike from Louis Lomas and an own goal which gave our lads all 3 points. Later on the same pitch the Under 9s were involved in a topsy-turvy cup tie against Flitwick Eagles. The home side took a 2-1 lead, but couldn't hold on and ended up on the wrong end of a 4-3 scoreline. Despite postponements the Under 12s title challenge is still on track after they squeezed past Barnfield Colts 1-0 at Pirton on January 18th—Sam Fletcher got the all-important winning goal.

### End of Season Presentation Night to be Held in Pirton

At its recent meeting the Club Committee decided that the annual presentation evening would be a joint 'do' for the whole club and would be held at the clubhouse in Pirton. The aim is to attach a marquee to the clubhouse and provide all members of the club with an enjoyable evening. Who knows, there may even be some silverware on show.....

Meanwhile the youth teams have the chance to earn the club some cash by packing bags at Tesco's in Skimpot Lane Dunstable on the weekend of May 16th and 17th. We hope that all the lads will take part and bring in loads of cash!!



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## 600 Up—and Still Going Strong!

### Phil joins the exclusive '600 Club'

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Phil Thompson (left) became only the second player, after Archie Conway, to make 600 appearances for the Club when he turned out for the Reserves against Ashcroft Athletic at Lothair Road, Luton on 1st February. The team did Phil proud, winning by 10 goals to 1 with Phil bagging four himself to take his Club goal tally to 625. Phil was on 587 appearances at the start of the season and made one appearance for the Firsts in the pre-season Premier Cup competition. So far his dozen games for the Reserves have brought him 16 goals—all we need now is a Championship medal and a Cup Winners medal to finish off the season.

Not too much football played in the early part of February thanks to the snow and subsequent meltwater. This was the main pitch on February 15th—looks like it's time to bring on the sub...

Things got back to normal later in the month: the Under 11s and Under 12s maintained their unbeaten league records with a 2-2 draw away at Bromham and a 3-1 win at home to Leighton respectively. The First Team also recorded a 3-1 win, over Magnum (ABC). The Under 9s followed a 6-1 defeat at Leighton Town with a 4-3 win at Bedford Panthers 'B', whilst the Under 8s lost at home to a Toddington side run by Lea Sports old-boy Andy Briggs. The Under 10s also went down to Toddington Rovers by 4 goals to 1. The Under 18s managed a 2-2 draw when they finally got to play their away game with Bedford Park Rangers.



Pirton Rec 15th February 2009

### Representative Honours for one of our Under Nines



Will Spain-O'Leary from the Under 9s has been selected to play for Luton Town and has so far turned out against MK Dons, Southend United, Rushden & Diamonds and Cambridge United, with another fixtures against Norwich City to come (weather permitting!)

Will is pictured on the right of the group in his Luton Town shirt.



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Andy's son Louis is also leading the way in the goalscoring stakes for the Under 8s with 13 goals from 11 appearances so far this season.

This month we highlight the sponsors of our Under 8s: Priority Print, run by Pirton residents Andy and Lisa Lomas.

Ex-professional footballer Andy has also brought his coaching skills to the Club in helping the Under 8s in their first season of mini-soccer.



## NEW SPOT THE BALL COMPETITION.....



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## Fixture Pile-Up!

### Chiltern Youth League Chaos

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The Under 12s and Under 18s face a fixture pile-up after the Chiltern Youth League reversed an earlier decision to do away with the 'third fixture' in their divisions. After the bad weather in February the League took the decision that teams who were due to play each other three times would only now play each other twice. This was particularly annoying for the Under 12s whose top-of-the-table clash against Crawley 'C' was allowed to go ahead 4 days after the decision was made. Despite taking 3 points from the game in a hard-fought clash, we reluctantly agreed with the decision because of the large number of games outstanding (Crawley 'B' have 16 games to play in the same division). However, following complaints from some Clubs, the league have decided that they would probably lose a formal appeal and have now reversed the decision. This means that at present the final game of the Under 12s season will take place on May 31st—the day after our annual Presentation Evening.

### The Push for Future Players Reaps Rewards!!



After Steve Baggett announced that he had recently become a grand-dad, the trend seems to have continued. Congratulations to First Team Goalkeeper Scott Morgan whose wife Ellie gave birth to a baby boy, Charlie, on March 6th, while former Golden Boot winner Lewis Smith and his partner Valentina became the proud parents of Jessica on February 25th.

Left: Scotty celebrates with First Team colleagues Danny Davis and Simon Jackson.

### Could the new Changing Rooms Really be Built After All?

March has seen some activity in the quest for new changing rooms at the Recreation Ground. A further meeting has taken place between representatives of Lea Sports, Pirton Cricket Club, the Parish Council and the Chairman of the Pavilion Sub-Committee, at which the decision was taken to go ahead with the application for planning permission.

Paul Boggon and Steve Smith also attended a meeting with Anne Knapp of the North Herts Volunteer Service to discuss the funding which was achieved for the new changing rooms and pavilion at Whitwell. The committee there raised over £400,000 with donations from the Football Foundation and Sport England, along with a number of smaller grants. There may well be a fund-raising event later in the year (in conjunction with the Cricket Club) possibly in the form of a Race Night, so watch out for further information in due course.

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### Reserves Make it Through to Challenge Cup Final

The Reserves booked their place in the Challenge Cup Final after a 5-2 victory over Flint United at Silsoe Park on March 8th. After winning the toss Flint took the fateful decision to kick against the wind in the first half—and found themselves 5-0 down at half time after goals from Luke Day, Phil Thompson, Paul MacLennan, Jon Whitehead and Ben Thomson. Although Flint rallied in the second half with two goals of their own, the Reserves booked their final place against Bird and Bush at Kents Club on April 26th with a 5-2 scoreline. The league meeting between the two teams a fortnight later also brought seven goals. This time it was a much closer affair with Flint going 2-0 up inside 15 minutes. Although the Reserves clawed a goal back, Flint went 3-1 ahead after Andy Shiers put through his own goal. The Reserves showed their fighting spirit, however, and preserved their unbeaten league record with three further goals to run out 4-3 winners. The First Team are chasing hard for runners-up spot in Division 2 after 3 impressive away wins on the trot. A 5-3 win over Luton Wanderers was followed by an amazing win over Macom Eagles. After storming into a 3-0 lead inside the first 3 minutes, the Firsts were 5-0 up inside 20 minutes, only to finish 5-1 winners. This was followed by a 3-2 victory over Magnum on March 22nd.

The final Sunday of March brought more crucial wins for our teams. The Firsts came back from a 1-0 half-time deficit in their final home game vs. a muscular Crawley Green Reserves. Second half strikes from Richard Knock and Chris Littlejohn gave the First Team 3 more valuable points in their quest for the runners-up spot.

The Reserves maintained their Championship push with an emphatic 10-0 win away to Dynamo Old Boys: Phil Thompson and Jon Whitehead both notched hat-tricks and there were goals for Ed Thomson, Tom Newlands, Pat McAneney and goalkeeper Gavin Bidgood. The Reserves Cup Final vs. Bird & Bush has now been set for Ampthill Town's ground at 2 pm on April 19th, so come along and support the lads.

The Under 12s also notched a valuable win; 3-2 away to one of their rivals Bedford FC 'B'. James Hirst scored 2 and Sam Fletcher scored a penalty as the Under 12s maintained their unbeaten league record and kept up their Championship aspirations. The Under 11s, however, lost their unbeaten league record with a 3-2 defeat away at Bedford Panthers. Tom Boggon and James Hart scored but to no avail. Meanwhile the Under 14s were winning 10-1 vs. AFC Kempston Colts to finish the month on a high.

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7, 14, 21, 28 August	4, 11, 18, 25 September

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## CHAMPIONS!!!

### The Reserves Take the Division 4 Title

Vol. 3, No. 10, May 2009

All Season long the Reserves have had to play catch-up with runaway leaders Hexton. A month ago the Reserves found themselves some 14 points behind Hexton with five games in hand.

Winning all the games would be a tall order with tough away fixtures outstanding vs. Magnum Reserves, cup semi-finalists Flint United and Hexton themselves in the penultimate game.

The game against Magnum, on Easter Sunday, proved as tough as expected and finished with the same scoreline as the home game—a 3-3 draw. The crucial away game with Flint United followed four days later. The Cup semi-final against the same opponents had been a windswept affair with Lea Sports making the most of the conditions to lead 5-0 at half-time, before conceding twice in the second half. The home match at the end of March had been a much closer encounter, with the Reserves having to come from 2-0 down to really show their championship credentials in a 4-3 win.

The midweek game was also to produce seven goals, but this time the Reserves made no mistake running out 7-0 winners with a superb display of passing football.

The small matter of a cup final vs. Bird & Bush got in the way before a mid-week game vs. Dynamo Old boys, who had been swept away 10-0 just a month beforehand. Despite not producing their best football of the season, the Reserves were still far too strong for a poor Dynamo team and another hat-trick from Phil Thompson contributed to a 6-2 win. On the same night Hexton dropped points in a 1-1 draw vs. Flint. This meant that the Reserves needed just one point from their last two games vs. Hexton and FC Toddington to be sure of the title, as their goal difference was far superior. In the end, one game was all it took as yet another goal from the prolific Phil Thompson settled the game at Hexton on April 26th.



All that remains now is the unbeaten record and the only team that can spoil it is FC Toddington who visit Pirton on May 3rd. As with the First Team, the Reserves finish their program against the team they played in the first game—that match finished 3-0 to Lea Sports and a repeat of that score would do very nicely...a win would give the lads the second best record for any Lea Sports team in the Club's 32-year history, surpassed only by the Under 11s in 2005-06, who won 22 of their 29 games in league and Cup and finished Runners-up!

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## The End of a Busy Month

### A Championship, A Runners-up Spot and a Cup Final

#### Diary of the Month. April 2009

**1st**

**Under 12s:** It was April Fool's Day for Memorial Park as the Under 12s grabbed a 1-0 win, thanks to a last-minute winner from George Calvert.

**Under 14s:** The Under 14s faced a tough away trip to County Cup Winners Barnfield Colts and went down 3-0.

**2nd**

**5th**

**Under 9s:** As Luton Town travelled to Wembley, the Under 9s visited Sandy Colts and returned home with a 7-1 win.

**Under 8s:** The Under 8s enjoyed a day out at Caldecote and went goal-mad, winning 12-4. Louis Lomas scored 8 to strengthen his bid for the Mini Golden Boot.

**Under 11s:** The Under 11 reinforced their position as league leaders with a routine 3-0 win at home to Shefford Saints. Tom Boggon scored twice and Liam Panton once.

**8th**

**12th**

**Firsts:** Easter Sunday saw the First XI slump to a 4-1 defeat to Woodstock Wanderers in one of their worst performances of the season.

**Seconds:** The Reserves also found the going tough, but maintained their unbeaten record with a 3-3 draw away at Magnum Reserves.

**Under 18s:** After many attempts the U18s finally played their league cup tie vs. Bedford PR—and it was abandoned after 71 minutes with the lads winning 2-1.

**Under 18s:** Two days later the lads put in a battling performance at Pirton, but eventually went down 1-0 to a strong Toddington Rovers side.

**14th**

**16th**

**Seconds:** The Reserves swept aside Flint 7-0 in a potentially tricky game. It was the third time in a month the teams had shared 7 goals—and we won all three.

**Firsts:** The Firsts bounced back from the Woodstock result and made sure of promotion as runners-up with a fine 3-1 win at FC Houghton.

**19th**

**Seconds:** The Reserves faced Bird & Bush in the Challenge Cup Final at Ampthill Town but fell 0-2 to two late goals on a hot afternoon.

**Under 18s:** The U18s travelled to Bedford PR again for a league match—their cup tie had been abandoned after an injury to the Bedford keeper. No mistake in a 9-4 win.

**Under 14s:** The Under 14s came up against Luton Borough 'A' in the first of 5 consecutive home games and confirmed their mid-table position with a 3-0 win.

**Under 12s:** The Under 12s maintained their unbeaten record with a 1-1 draw at home to an aggressive Crawley Green 'B' side, despite conceding a late equaliser.

**Under 10s:** The Under 10s had a tight struggle in their home game vs. AFC Shillington and could not repeat their 5-0 win from March 8th, going down 1-0 to a very late goal.

*Continued overleaf...*

#### Time to Go Back to Beds...

The Hertfordshire FA and the Football Association Sanctions Committee have agreed that the Club can re-affiliate to Bedfordshire. This will mean no more journeys to Enfield or Watford in the County Cup, plus the Beds authorities are more proactive in developing girls' football and fund-raising through FA channels. We have agreement from the Beds FA that we can play our home County Cup ties in Pirton from next season.



## 20th

**Under 8s:** On Monday evening the Under 8s played their penultimate game and recorded a 4-3 win over Langford, thanks to a hat-trick from Louis Lomas.

**Under 14s:** The under 14s put in a tremendous fighting performance in a 0-0 draw at home to high-flying Bedford Town, despite an injury to Captain Matty Baxter.

## 21st

## 23rd

**Seconds:** The Reserves hammered a poor Dynamo side 6-2 with a hat-trick from Phil Thompson. One more point from their final two games would give them the title...

**Under 18s:** The Under 18s switched their league game vs. Markyate away from Pirton so the Reserves could play, but ended up on the wrong end of a 10-1 scoreline.

**Under 14s:** With their Captain out through injury, the Under 14s played their first and last league cup tie of the season, losing 2-3 on penalties to SKF after a 2-2 draw.

**Under 12s:** Another unbeaten league record went, as the Under 12s lost a tight match 1-0 to Bedford FC 'B' on Saturday morning, despite hitting a post in the first half.

## 25th

**Under 9s:** In the afternoon, the Under 9s entertained Bedford Panthers 'B'. A goal from Samuel Boggon and two from Alex Barnes gave the lads a 3-2 win.

## 26th

**Firsts:** The First XI completed their league program as they had begun, with a game vs. Luton Old Boys. This time there was no happy ending as the lads lost 2-1.

**Seconds:** Hexton's slim chances of pinching the championship from the Reserves evaporated as Phil Thompson scored the only goal at Hexton to clinch the title.

**Under 18s:** With three games left, the Under 18s entertained Celtic Youth. The result was a repeat of the game on the 15th March as the teams shared four goals.

**Under 14s:** The Under 14s played their penultimate league game, at home to Leighton United 'A'. They took all three points with a 3-2 win.

**Under 11s:** Like the Reserves, the U11s played the team in second place. Unlike the Reserves they went down to a 3-2 defeat, despite coming back from 3-0 down.

**Under 10s:** At the end of a tough season, the Under 10s played their last game at home to Beecroft Youth. A goal from Jake Keech and an own goal gave them a 2-1 win.

**Under 8s:** The Under 8s last game was a rearranged game at home to Templefield. Despite showing great improvement the boys fell to a solitary goal.

**Under 14s:** In the Club's 31st game of the month, the U14s played their last match, at home to Crawley Green 'A', but it was no fairy-tale ending as they went down 1-0.

## 29th

### Golden Boots Get Tight !

Competition has never been tighter for the prestigious Golden Boot award for the top striker in the Club. Phil Thompson scored his 32nd goal for the Reserves with one game left. For the Under 12s James Hirst has only scored in 8 games but is 10 goals behind with 7 games to go, while Curties O'Connell has two more games for the Under 11s to make up a 3 goal deficit.

The Mini Golden Boot, for the teams playing seven-a-side football, has also provided a tight contest: despite rattling the bar in his final game Louis Lomas couldn't find the net for the Under 8s, leaving the way clear for Samuel Boggon from the Under 9s to take the trophy.

### Get Well Soon...

Under 11s full-back Daniel Breacher has broken his toe and injured his ankle and is in plaster from just below his knee. Everyone at the Club wished him a speedy recovery.



## **Lea Sports Annual Presentation Night**

- **Saturday May 30th at Pirton**
- **Light Buffet**
- **Disco**
- **Marquee**
- **Awards**
- **Club Photo**



Although there will be a small ticket charge, the event is heavily subsidised by the Club and we hope everyone will attend what promises to be a memorable evening

### **Lea Sports PSG Football Club Annual General Meeting**

At the Clubhouse, Walnut Tree Road, Pirton

Monday, June 1st 2009 7.30 pm

This is your chance to express your views on how the Club is run—or even to get involved yourself in the Club's administration.

Any items for the Agenda, amendments to the Constitution, etc, must be made in writing to me, Steve Smith, by Monday May 18th. A copy of the current Constitution is on the Club website at [www.lpspg.co.uk](http://www.lpspg.co.uk).

A reminder to all Saturday morning footballers that there will be no session at the Recreation Ground on May 2nd. Normal service is resumed on Saturday May 9th.

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## Golden Boot Goes Down to the Wire

### Decided on Last Game

Vol. 3, No. 11, June 2009

Phil Thompson thought it was done and dusted. On his 44th birthday on May 3rd he scored two goals against FC Toddington to take his season's tally to 34. James Hirst, however, had other ideas...

The Under 12s needed one win from their last two games—at home to Flitwick Eagles and the notorious Crawley Green 'B' - to secure the Runners-Up spot in the league. Meanwhile James Hirst was four goals behind Phil in the race for the Golden Boot.

A hat-trick from Hirsty in a 6-0 thrashing of Flitwick set up an intriguing final-day encounter with Crawley Green 'B', who had inflicted a 4-2 defeat on the team, in unpleasant circumstances, just 18 days earlier.

The first half was a tight affair with few chances for either side and the teams turned around goal-less.



The second half started in the same fashion, but with twenty minutes to go a free-kick was parried by the Crawley goalkeeper and James Hirst was on hand to turn home the rebound.

This was enough to unsettle the Crawley side and when Tom Boggon was brought back on to provide some fresh legs up front there was only going to be one winner. Crawley Green were unable to stem the tide and two further chances were converted by James, both after strong running and challenging by Tom Boggon. Crawley's frustration was completed when a defender received a yellow card for dissent—a decision which prompted disgraceful questioning of the referee by Crawley supporters after the final whistle.

The win was sweet revenge, but left Lea Sports wondering what might have been if luck had been more on their side. They finished the season on 52 points—just two points behind Crawley Green 'C', against whom they had enjoyed a victory and two draws. Nevertheless, it was a fitting end to a great first season of eleven-a-side football for the lads and they can look forward to next season with confidence. Well done one and all!!

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## NEW UNDER SIXTEENS NEXT SEASON

We have been contacted by Hitchin Town Under Fifteens who wanted to join Lea Sports PSG. After consideration by the Committee, we have decided to accept their application, so next season we will have an Under 16 team playing in the Chiltern Youth League.

Any prospective players (Under 16 years old on 31st July 2009) should contact me or Manager Mike Payne on 07969 217280 ([under16@lpspg.co.uk](mailto:under16@lpspg.co.uk)).

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### Dan's the Man at the Annual Awards

Magician Dan Rogerson amazed the parents and players who came along to the Club's Annual Awards Evening, held in Pirton on May 30th. The event covered all nine teams and was held in a marquee donated by the village pub The Motte & Bailey, who also provided the buffet.

While Dan toured the tables showing off his sleight of hand, Chris Littlejohn wheeled out his karaoke machine and kept everyone singing and dancing until midnight.



Photo by Chris Ryan

Any youth player who was unable to attend the event should contact me or their Team Manager to arrange collection of their campaign medal.

Many thanks to everyone who helped the evening go off without too many hitches! Thanks too to those who donated raffle prizes (Paul Boggon, Chris Steer, Andy Lomas and anyone I've forgotten). Thanks also to Suzy and Julie for sorting out the raffle and selling tickets.

Most of all, thanks to all the players for a great season. Here's to next year...

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	Top Scorer:	Phil Thompson (34)
	League Division 4 Champions	
<b>Under 18s:</b>	Players' Player:	Nathan Croke
	Manager's Player:	James Newton
	Most Improved Player:	Chris Goodrum
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	Top Scorer:	Sam Tompkins (10)
<b>Under 14s:</b>	Players' Player: (joint)	Kieran Brasier
	Players' Player: (joint)	Matthew Baxter
	Manager's Player:	Matthew Baxter
	Top Scorer:	Matthew Baxter (11)
<b>Under 12s:</b>	Players' Player:	Jarred White
	Manager's Player:	Ross Embleton
	Clubman:	Jack Kirkwood
	Top Scorer:	James Hirst (36)
	League Division 2 Runners-Up	
<b>Under 11s:</b>	Players' Player:	George Goldsmith
	Manager's Player:	Jacob Tavener
	Clubman:	Daniel Breacher
	Top Scorer:	Curties O'Connell (29)
	Special Award:	Louise Baxter
	League Division 2 Champions	
<b>Under 10s:</b>	Top Scorer:	Thomas Cutler (13)
<b>Under 9s:</b>	Players' Player:	Lewis Hargreaves
	Manager's Player:	Joshua Wright
	Most Improved Player:	Alex Barnes
	Top Scorer:	Samuel Boggon (36)
<b>Under 8s:</b>	Players' Player:	Louis Lomas
	Manager's Player:	Kieran Jones
	Top Scorer:	Louis Lomas (28)
<b>Golden Boot Winner:</b>	James Hirst (36)	
<b>Mini-Golden Boot Winner:</b>	Samuel Boggon (36)	
<b>Two Hundred Appearances:</b>	Greg Whelan Mark Williams	
<b>Four Hundred Appearances:</b>	Andy Shiers	
<b>Six Hundred Appearances:</b>	Phil Thompson (and North Home Counties League Top Scorer (28))	
...and to anyone else who pulled on a PSG shirt this year.		



## AGM's Bring More Awards

### Trophies from Chiltern Youth & North Home Counties Leagues

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In addition to the North Home Counties' Division Four Championship trophy (pictured left) and the Chiltern Youth League Under Elevens Championship Shield, the Club picked up a number of further awards at the Annual General Meetings of the two leagues, held in early June 2009.

Phil Thompson not only picked up the award for the top goalscorer in the Division 4, but also the cup for top scorer in the whole of the North Home Counties League, with his 28 league goals this season. The league also recognised his record of over 600 goals in 600+ games for the Club in awarding him the Ron Cox Trophy for outstanding achievement.

In addition, the Club was awarded the Sportsman's Cup to reward its achievements of finishing Runners-Up in Division 2 and Winners of Division 4, with an unbeaten record. Unfortunately the league couldn't find the Cup—it was later discovered that Club Lewsey had failed to return it and have now lost the base anyway!

At the AGM of the Chiltern Youth League, the Under 12s received the Sportsmanship Award for the Under 12 section. The awarding of this trophy is based on the sporting marks awarded each week by opponents for reception, hospitality and sportsmanship by players, officials and spectators.

The Sportsman's Cup—as presented by the North Home Counties Sunday

### The Secret's Out! Under Eights Finish Fifth

A new website launched this month by Football Mitoo has obviously not been made aware of the FA Regulations concerning publishing League Tables for Under 8s. Published below is the league table the Football Association did not want you to see!!

Teams	Home							Away								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts Adj	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts Adj		
1.. Toddington U8	7	6	0	1	35	10	18	0	7	5	0	2	29	6	15	0
2.. AFC Dunstable A	7	5	1	1	23	12	16	0	7	5	1	1	43	14	16	0
3.. Bedford Town U8	7	5	1	1	39	13	16	0	7	5	0	2	29	10	15	0
4.. Templefield U8	7	5	1	1	33	13	16	0	7	3	2	2	21	12	11	0
5.. Lea Sports U8	7	4	0	3	11	13	12	0	7	2	0	5	24	25	6	0
6.. Mid Beds Tigers B	7	3	0	4	14	43	9	0	7	1	0	6	10	39	3	0
7.. Caldecote U8	7	0	2	5	9	30	2	0	7	1	1	5	10	28	4	0
8.. Langford U8	7	1	0	6	5	42	3	0	7	0	1	6	10	35	1	0

ALL THE RESULTS AND FIXTURES AT: [www.lspsg.co.uk](http://www.lspsg.co.uk)

WEEKLY RESULTS AT:

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=p6R-zcdrBhhlwk0bN1GwAaQ&hl=en>



## Club Submits its Application for FA Charter Development Status

The Club will submit its application to the FA for FA Charter Development Status in June 2009. The status will confirm the Club as a centre for coaching for the local area. The application describes the plan the Club has for developing coaching, girls' football, links with local schools and its marketing and promotional aspirations for the next three years.

The application is detailed, listing all current coaching and first aid qualifications, as well as details of the Club's Codes of Conduct and Constitution. In this regard, the Club's website has been updated to reflect the new guidelines contained in the FA's 'Respect' campaign to encourage better behaviour amongst players, supporters, parents and managers alike.

The new Codes of Conduct may be viewed by going to the Club's website at [www.lpspg.co.uk](http://www.lpspg.co.uk) and clicking on the 'Codes of Conduct' button on the right-hand side. Also at the top of the index page is a link to the FA's new Respect presentation for parents, so why not take a look.



### RESPECT GUIDE FOR PARENTS

As part of its Respect programme, The FA has launched a new free Respect online parent guide - a replacement for Soccer Parent. The online module features film content to showcase unacceptable parental behaviour and its consequences on young players. There is also commentary from well-known and grassroots football figures, including Stuart Pearce and Howard Webb.

## Code of Conduct for Parents & Spectators

*We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. Lea Sports PSG supports the FA's Respect programme to ensure that football can be enjoyed by everyone in a safe and positive environment. Parents and Spectators should play their part and observe the FA's Respect Code of Conduct at all times.*

### *Parents and Spectators will:*

- Remain outside the Field of Play and behind the designated Spectators' Area*
- Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.*
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.*
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success in a game.*

### *In addition, when attending youth games Parents and Spectators will:*

- Remember that children play for fun.*
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do.*
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials.*
- Never criticise a player for making a mistake – mistakes are a part of learning.*

**Comments, Suggestions, Complaints, Articles, Photos, etc.....**

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